

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday June 3rd there will be a Special Service to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and we would like to invite everyone in the parish to come along on this occasion to help make it special.

The Parish Council, Brenda Jennings our County Councillor and other dignitaries are invited.

Friends of Soulbury Church would like to thank the Ridgeway Chorale and all those who came along to the concert held in the church on Saturday 28th April. The concert was a sell out and the Church was full. The total raised was £880.

Soulbury Breakfast : The last breakfast raised £260. Many thanks for the many people who give up their Sunday mornings to make the breakfasts a great success, both those who help and those who come. We will be having a rest for the summer but will be back in the Autumn.

Message from the Rev. Philip Derbyshire:

Dear all,

In this Jubilee month as we remember 60 years of Queen Elizabeth on the throne maybe it's appropriate to consider something of what it might mean to be British, or possibly more usefully British-ness. It's certainly about buying into certain unspoken values but also about being open enough to accept tolerantly those who might hold a different but potentially complementary set of values: a sense of fairness, of justice for all, of even-handedness. A bit like our constitution, not written but acknowledged somewhere deep in our national psyche. Even though we are aware of human frailties we are genuinely outraged by overweeningly greedy corporate leaders continually feathering their nests as more and more people fall into the poverty trap. Or openly corrupt politicians, even though we've always known they exist---we just never knew on what scale. Subscribing to a Christian foundation and heritage for our society whilst acknowledging the right of others to believe in God and worship in their own way (or indeed no way). Conversely we feel aggrieved when it's only Christians and Christian values which become the butt of foul-mouthed comedians and cynical columnists whilst these individuals lose their bottle when it comes to those of other faiths---this is of course a form of patronising behaviour.

Possibly at root it's all about the fact that a teenage girl called Ashleigh and a dog called Pudsey can win Simon Cowell's 'Britain's Got Talent'. We may not go for OTT shows of emotion but we sure love a cute sentimental dog story with loads of 'Ah! factor'!

God Bless you all, Philip.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The trustees would like to express their thanks to Mike Rutter of Mount Pleasant who has been mowing the short grass area and the paths for 5 years or more, as a much appreciated volunteer. He has recently decided to retire from this work and has handed over to the Perry family, also of Mount Pleasant. Thank you so much Mike and welcome to Claire, Mick and Aidan Perry who have taken on the task and certainly seemed to enjoy bombing around on the sit-on mower when I saw them the other day.

SCHOOLS FESTIVAL: This will take place on the Millennium Green on Wednesday JUNE 20TH from noon till 3pm. Children from local schools will perform songs or a dance or a dramatic piece to celebrate the summer. It is open to the public so everyone is welcome to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 21st May at 19:00. The next meeting is on Monday 18th June at 19:30. All are welcome.

Annual Assembly: The annual Parish Assembly meeting took place at 8:00pm after the regular Parish Council meeting. The chairman gave his report and thanked all the parish councillors for their hard work and efforts over the past year. He recollected some of the work that had taken place during that year, not forgetting their involvement with the Paul Newman Homes proposed development of 900 houses, and the Dorcas Lane proposed wind turbine development. For the next year, Victor Wright was elected as Chairman of Soulbury Parish Council and Maurice Cross was elected as Vice Chairman of Soulbury Parish Council.

Jubilee Beacon Lighting: In celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we will meet at the beacon on the village green on Monday 4th June between 21:30 and 21:45 to toast Her Majesty, The Queen. The beacon will be lit at 22:01, which is our official lighting time. All are welcome at this occasion.

Jubilee Gift: Currently the Jubilee mugs are scheduled to be delivered after the Jubilee weekend. However, this situation may change and we may be lucky to receive them just prior to the weekend. Either way, we will endeavour to distribute them as soon as they are received. We will have some surplus available so if you would like to buy one, please email jubilee.gift@btinternet.com with your name, address and telephone number. Alternatively, phone 01525 270537 and leave your name, address and telephone number. Although we have not had a sample, the mugs appear to be very pleasing, a neat size, bone china and bearing the official Jubilee emblem. The cost is £5.50 per mug and offered on a first come basis.

Bus Shelter: You may have noticed that the bus shelter has been newly painted and soon it is to have a new roof fitted too.

Children's playground: The new playground equipment has been delivered. Although we have some volunteers listed to help with the installation, we are still looking for more. Please offer your help. The more people, the quicker the job and it will be very much appreciated. Call Cllr Alan Stevens on 01525 270213 if you are able to help with any part of the installation.

Thames Valley Police: We have been informed by Thames Valley Police that Soulbury parish is a very low crime area. This is good news and it would be nice to keep it that way, so do not forget to lock your car and garage/shed doors. Thames Valley Police would be interested in any information about the "rave" near the by-pass on the weekend of 19th/20th May. If you have any information please contact them by dialling 101. If you are not already aware, 101 is the new number which goes straight through to your local Thames Valley police.

THE GRAND JUBILEE PICNIC: This will take place on the Millennium Green on Saturday June 2nd from noon till 4 o'clockish.

We are hoping of course for good weather otherwise it may well turn out to be a bit of a damp squib. Bring your own picnic, gazebos, blankets and chairs and find a good place to sit on the grass in the sunshine! Bring your own food for cooking on the Barbecue. There will be a few games for children, flags and possibly a dog show.

A Spitfire will fly over the Millennium Green at 3.10pm. Thanks to Michael from Manor Farm Close for arranging this.

SOCIAL GROUP This group will meet on the following days in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm.

Wednesday June 6th; Thursday June 21st; Wednesday July 4th

New members are very very welcome. We talk and chat some of the time, have a nice cup of tea and a couple of slices of cake, sometimes play whist or beetle. Come along, meet your neighbours and see if you like it.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 3 members of the W.I. for getting through to the Final of the Inter-County Quiz at Northchurch on 20th June. We wish them every success.

VAL HAMMOND - as many of you will know, Val has now left Soulbury and moved to Hanslope to be nearer her family. She has asked if, on her behalf, we would thank all those who have sent cards, and best wishes, plus support over the last 12 months. She has thoroughly enjoyed being part of Soulbury, particularly the W.I. over the last 30+ years, and will continue to remain in contact with all her friends.

OVERSTONE SCHOOL will be holding an open evening from 6pm to 7:30pm on Thursday 28th June. As well as tours of the school, you can also find out what clubs and societies there are for children in your local community. All welcome!

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The Club started the 2012 season with a win at Great Brickhill, despite the VERY COLD conditions. See www.soulburyvcc.org.uk for match report and all club news. Our village ground is still too damp to play on, hence the match on Sunday 27th May has been switched to an away fixture at Whitchurch.

Matches during June: (all matches commence at 2:00 pm)
 Sunday 3rd June away at Stoke Hammond
 Sunday 10th June home v Stewkley
 Sunday 17th June home v Chearsley
 Sunday 24th June no match

The Club wish to send their best wishes to Janet French, currently in Milton Keynes hospital, and hope she will be back home again soon.

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Sunday	10th June	11:30am	Parish Communion - Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday	17th June	11:30am	Parish Communion - Rev. Derek Wittchell
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Thursday 21st	& Saturday 9th		AVDC Refuse Collection
	6th, 21st, 4th July	2:30pm	Social Group (Parish Hall)
Tuesday	12th	8pm	W.I. - Games Evening
Monday	18th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall)



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