

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

Dear friends (if I may be so bold!)

I'm sure we'd all agree that love and friendship are really precious and special things. Close reliable friends are a very rare commodity. Like love, friendship is a much overused word in the media and showbiz---and we know what familiarity breeds.

The very repetition of the words, devalues them and can mislead us as to where we stand with someone. I guess reliability is the acid test of both. Saying words is easy. Following through is a whole other matter, but when we do experience them, it is truly wonderful and life-enhancing. The experience can lift our spirits, transform our lives like few other things.

After the resurrection appearances of Jesus, His disciples (friends/followers) were still a bit doubtful about exactly what had happened. Once they trusted and accepted, their attitudes and behaviour changed, both towards one another and towards those outside the 'infant' Church.

They began to see that Jesus' love and friendship is transformative::they no longer needed to worry about who was best, who top, and who 'in' and 'out', as some of our Sunday newspapers do.

God's love in Christ can be accepted or rejected; the choice is ours. All I know is that to reject is a negative thing and to accept positive and both have consequences we need to learn to live with.

At bottom true love and true friendship are about reliability and nothing can beat that. God Bless, Philip.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 6th May, followed by the Annual Assembly of the Parish. At the meeting the chairman gave his report and thanked all the parish councillors for their hard work and efforts over the past year. Election of Officers for this year - Victor Wright was elected as Chairman of Soulbury Parish Council and Maurice Cross was elected as Vice Chairman of Soulbury Parish Council.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 16th June at 19:30, where all are welcome.

RADAR SPEED SIGN: We would like to thank our local County Councillor, Janet Blake, for organising a sum of money from her councillor's allocation to be used towards a radar speed sign. The Parish Council will meet the remaining cost and the sign will be located in the village in co-ordination with local police.

OPEN GARDENS: On Saturday and Sunday June 21st and 22nd, there will be 8 gardens open in the village for you to visit. Let's hope the weather is good and we attract lots of visitors. The church will be open for people to see the newly restored Grinling Gibbons monument which looks splendid now and teas will be served in the Old Vicarage garden, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Crack. Do come along and support this event and have a pleasant, relaxing afternoon.

MAURICE CROSS: CONGRATULATIONS! Maurice has lived in the village for 48 years but unless you go to his workshop or to the Parish Council meetings, you probably won't have met him. He's a Parish Councillor but quite a retiring man and an extremely clever engineer.

This year he has been featured in two editions of the CLASSIC BIKE magazine, one in January and another in March in articles about Bill Higginson's classic Norton Superior 1000 bike. Here in Soulbury, Maurice makes lots of Morgan engines and parts for Morgan cars. But for the Norton he made new cylinder heads and a brand new Matchless MX2 Engine. Bill Higginson says "Every part, every casting is made by Maurice - only the pistons, valves and bearings are bought in"

Maurice's bike was chosen as one of the classic bike of the year finalists in January and eventually went on to win first prize in the competition. If you would like to know more details about the bike, buy the magazine Classic Bike or go on-line www.classicbike.co.uk.

"I cannot over-emphasise what a brilliant engineer Maurice is" says Bill. Congratulations again Maurice.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: On SUNDAY JULY 20TH A FAMILY MUSIC AFTERNOON is planned to take place from 1pm, on the Millennium Green. The event is to be called SOUL FEST featuring The Misfitz playing live and there will be a barbecue, beer tent and games for children, along with the chance to win some top raffle prizes. More details to follow in next month's newsletter. "Putting the soul back in Soulbury"

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

What a great day for local cricket! The sun shone all day for the 150th Anniversary re-match of Soulbury v Stoke Hammond. The first record of Soulbury cricket team appeared in the Leighton Buzzard Observer where a report of the match was published. This was played on 6th September 1864 when the team played at Liscombe Park. On that occasion - a two innings match - Soulbury won by 12 runs. This time round Stoke Hammond batted first in this 50 over match, in difficult, early season batting conditions making runs very difficult to come by. Stoke did however manage to score 115 runs before they were all out. In reply Soulbury found the conditions a little easier as the wicket had dried during the afternoon sunshine. Soulbury batted steadily and safely to reach the required 116 runs for victory with the loss of only 5 wickets. So to summarise, history repeated itself and Soulbury won by 5 wickets. A great start to the season and some fine entertainment for all the many friends who came to help celebrate. Thanks to Umpires John Hall & Dave Tysom, and especially Martin "the chef" French, who all worked hard to make the day such a special occasion. Score-sheet and full match report available at www.soulburycc.org.uk

Fixtures in June:

Sunday 1st June 14:00 away @ Stony Stratford

Sunday 8th June 14:00 home v Stewkley

Sunday 15th June no match, but please support charity Cream Teas courtesy of Gena & Ele Parrott. See back page for details.

Sunday 22nd June 14:00 away v Ebury Stollers @ Chesham

Sunday 29th June 14:00 14:00 home v Eaton Bray

Diary date: Sunday 27th July Chairman's XI v Captain's XI

PARISH HALL: As from 1st June 2014 booking for the parish hall will be administered online. If you would like to make a booking please email SoulburyParishHall@gmail.com for further information, and to check availability.

EXERCISE CLASS: Would anyone be interested in an exercise class for older people. If enough are interested, a class could start in The Parish Hall. Contact in the first instance to jaquister@aol.com or 'phone 01296 681191

W.I. NEWS

Our resolutions evening went very well, we all enjoyed the Champagne Reception, we had quite a few guests and hopefully some new members. The resolution was to get more people to go on the organ transplant list. Our next meeting is on June 10th with a talk by Peggy Verrall Botanical Painting

It is with sadness we announce the death of Sheila Morgan, and Doreen Edwards. Sheila had been living with her daughter in Bristol, and Doreen with her husband Geoff in Farnham after moving from Soulbury. Our sympathy is extended to both families.

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Sun. 1st June - 11:00am	FAMILY WORSHIP	Family Services start at 11am with Refreshments	
Sun. 8th June - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Whit Sunday	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 15th June - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Trinity Sunday	Rev. Robert Wright
Sun. 22nd June - 11:30am	Parish Communion		Rev. David Hemsley
Sun. 29th June - 10:00am	Team Communion	STEWKLEY (note time)	

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Tuesdays	10th & 24th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	3rd & 17th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	10th	7:30pm	W.I. - Peggy Verrall - Botanical Painting
Thursday	12th	2:30pm	Social Group
Sunday	15th	3-6pm	Cream Teas at the Cricket Ground
Monday	16th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat/Sun	21st/22nd		Soulbury Open Gardens



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