

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message



Dear friends, I for one think it's really great that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called all Churches to pray for people to engage with faith in Jesus Christ. They have done this because they rightly assessed the damage which has been done to our society by cynical undermining of wholesome and traditional values in almost every area of life. This is nothing to do with PC attitudes, which although often laboured, are generally a civilized move forward in our attitudes and behaviour. In the middle of May we celebrated the great gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when the promise that Jesus made to His disciples about not leaving them comfortless was fulfilled. This gift is for the world, bringing life and hope to all willing to listen and collaborate with the will of God. With all the matters that we seem determined to fight over, a message of reconciliation and collaboration can only be good. Have a lovely June and have some time to just sit and give thanks for all the good stuff and not just worry about the dreadful things we see and hear about. God Bless, Philip.

The **concert** given by The Ridgeway Chorale from Tring, which took place in the church on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> was a great success. Over 90 people attended and £1100 was made for church funds. Many thanks to all those people who supported the event and special thanks to Jax and Tony Crack and Richard Onslow for all their help. We hope to have another concert later in the year.

**OPEN GARDENS:** This event will take place over the weekend of Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teas will be served at the Old Vicarage, courtesy of Tony and Jax Crack. We would much appreciate gifts of cakes for the teas. Please contact Jax on 270279 if you can give a cake or two! There will also be a book stall and we would much appreciate donations of books. Rita Marks has kindly offered to collect the books beforehand, so please take them round to Hillcroft in Stewkley Road or phone Rita on 270687 or bring them to the stall in the Vicarage on Saturday morning July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS:** People who have been to the Millennium Green lately will have noticed how nice it is looking with new flower beds and raised vegetable and herb beds near the chicken run. This has been accomplished by the joint efforts of Georgette Sunderland, Phillipa Weeks, the boys doing Community Service, Richard Caplan, Jon Sheppard and of course Alan Stevens and Vic Wright. Thanks are due to all these people, especially to Georgette and Phillipa

The shipping container which was decorating the entrance has now been installed on its concrete base near the old shed. It was transported with ease to its resting place with the help of local farmer Robert Bone and his tractor, two workers from GRC at Hollingdon Depot and chains, and Alan Stevens and Jon Sheppard. Now we dare to hope that thieves will not be able to steal our mowers in future. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped secure this container.

Those people who are interested in birds may like to know that the spring migrants the chiffchaff and blackcap are singing every day on the Green; that two song thrushes are holding singing competitions regularly; that the goshawk, red kite, sparrow hawk and buzzard all fly over regularly; that a pair of bullfinches are nesting somewhere. If you spot an interesting bird let us know 270377.

**\*SUPERFAST BROADBAND NEWS ON PAGE 2\***

**SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB** had their first league victory over Milton Keynes 2<sup>nd</sup> XI on 14<sup>th</sup> May and were also winners of friendly matches at Drayton Parslow & Stepingley. The latter is a lovely ground not visited by the club before. At the time of writing the results of the Tri-Village Twenty20 tournament, which is taking place on Bank Holiday week-end is not known – watch this space!

Saturday league matches:

4 <sup>th</sup> June	13:30	Home to Great Brickhill 3rd XI
11 <sup>th</sup> June	13:30	Away at Stewkley
18 <sup>th</sup> June	13:30	Home to Eggington 2nd XI
25 <sup>th</sup> June	13:30	Away at New Bradwell 2nd XI
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	13:30	Home to St Andrew's

Sunday friendly matches:

5 <sup>th</sup> June	14:00	Home to Ebury Strollers
12 <sup>th</sup> June	14:00	Home to Drayton Parslow
19 <sup>th</sup> June	13:30	Away at Buckingham 2nd XI
26 <sup>th</sup> June	14:00	Away at Simmons
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	14:00	Away at Stewkley

New players are always welcome. Please contact our Club Captain, Nick Mead 07771 738546.

*All old spectacles and hearing aids can be recycled through the local Lions club. Please pass on to Vic Wright or Chris Bryant.*

**SOULBURY BREAKFASTS:** Over the last six years there have been thirty breakfasts. At these breakfasts approximately 2656 meals have been served, either Full English, a sausage or bacon roll, or a Continental, plus tea or coffee. Approximately £9,300 has been raised for the maintenance of Soulbury Church. A big thank you to everybody who helps, and those who come to support us. The next one is in September, please do come and join us.

**GENTLE REMINDERS:** Before lighting a bonfire would residents please take into consideration the type of material being burnt and also the direction of the wind. A little thought for your neighbours goes a long way. Also, please keep dogs on leads when walking through fields (and remember to pick up!). Thank you.

Our daughter Xanthe was given a gift by the Parish Council for being the youngest girl resident of Soulbury on the occasion of the Queen's 90th birthday. Unfortunately the presentation ceremony was

past her bedtime so she couldn't collect it in person, but we thought Soulbury residents might enjoy this picture of her showing her appreciation!! We know that in future years it will be very special to her. Kind regards, Ellie and Mal Wilson.



**W.I. NEWS:** Our meeting this month was held in the Parish Hall with Jean Housley presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed and matters arising dealt with. The quiz team were congratulated on coming second in the recent B.F.W.I. quiz finals. We will be holding a Bring & Buy evening (scarves and jewellery only) at our June meeting, and a croquet afternoon has been arranged for June 9th. at Stony Stratford. Also we will be holding a barbecue in August at the home of Gay Henrick. As the main topic for the evening was to be the discussion of the resolutions to be voted on at the A.G.M to be held in Brighton in June, we did not have a speaker. There were two resolutions; one concerning appropriate hospital care for people with dementia, the other, avoiding food waste and addressing food poverty. This latter one was passed unanimously but the resolution dealing with hospital care for dementia patients, while being a very desirable cause, feelings were that it would be difficult to implement, so with regret it was not passed. It was then time for the highlight of the evening, the chocolate tasting. We had six different types to sample with a variety of textures and flavours. Inevitably the results varied according to preferences for milk or dark chocolate but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Savoury refreshments were then served bringing the evening to a close. Our next meeting is on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> when the speaker will be Paul Heley, whose topic is "We think it rains here - try New Zealand".

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:** A Meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday May 16th 2016. **Apologies:** Mr John Day, Mr John Blake, Mrs Janet Blake. **Parish Council Election:** Mr Victor Wright elected Chairman, Mr Maurice Cross Vice Chairman. Finances were approved. After some discussion it was agreed to purchase a Christmas Tree for the Green at a cost of £300 **Planning:** An Application has been received for the Three Locks Pumping Station. Office and workshop renovations No objection **Children's Playground:** ROSPA has booked inspections for playground and Millennium Green. Grass cutting continuing. Reports from District and County Councillors were read out. **Parish Devolution Scheme:** Contract has been signed and received by Bucks CC. **Parish Hall:** Nothing to report. **Millennium Green:** The storage container is now on site and Robert Bone has moved it into its position. The raised flower beds are looking excellent and good work in progress. **Public Participation:** 5 people attended **Any Other Business:** The Schools Festival date has been changed from June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>. Newman Homes Planning Application has gone to appeal. There was a concern regarding bonfires. Can you please be aware when you light a bonfire that the wind is not blowing into your neighbours' garden. Allotments There are still a few left at a price of £17 up to October. The price will be £20 after October **Date of next Meeting:** June 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**ELE & EMMA:** Three years ago they cycled John O'Groats to Lands End and this June Ele Parrott (from Hollingdon) and best friend Emma Beasley (from Stewkley) will be running "Coast to Coast" from St. David's Head in Wales to Clacton-on-Sea in England. This is a total of 322 miles which they will

cover in 13 days, running approximately half a marathon a day each. They are doing this challenge to raise much needed funds for Action This Day Kenya, a charity in Mombasa, Kenya helping to educate some of the worlds' poorest children. Ele visited the school last year and saw the great work they are doing to help the children change their lives.

Every single penny raised in sponsorship will go directly to the school (Ele and Emma will be meeting the cost of the run themselves). If you would like any further information or to sponsor them please check out [www.actionthisday.org](http://www.actionthisday.org) or contact Ele on 07784 229046 or [eleparrott8@hotmail.com](mailto:eleparrott8@hotmail.com). And if you see them running through the village give them a beep to support them on this challenge.

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Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Parish Communion, 11:30am		Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Parish Communion, 11:30am		Rev. Roger Hale
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Parish Communion, 11:30am		Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Family Service, 11:30am	Refreshments from 11am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire



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Tuesdays	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesdays	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm W.I. : "We think it rains here - try New Zealand"
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm Parish Council meeting
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Referendum day

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