

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It is anticipated in the near future that the minutes of the Parish Meeting each month will be posted on the Soulbury village website - www.soulbury.org

UNSUNG HEROES

AVDC has launched its annual search for the District's **unsung heroes**. The prestigious Volunteer of the Year award aims to recognise individuals who have given their time and energy, on a voluntary basis, to benefit their local community.

The award scheme, now in its 10th year, is open to anyone who lives or works in Aylesbury Vale. **Nominees don't have to be well known or involved in major events**, just as long as their efforts benefit local people. AVDC is asking people to nominate anyone they feel fits the criteria and deserves recognition. Anyone can get involved, from teachers to neighbours, from community workers to residents - **you don't have to be part of a voluntary group to nominate someone**.

AVDC is committed to raising the profile of volunteers and celebrating their good work across the District, so if you know somebody who you feel makes a real difference to the community, and would like to take this opportunity to say a big **"thank you"**, put their name forward for this award.

The closing date for nominations is 31st March. For more information or to request a nomination form, contact Alice Fisher on 01296 585041 or afisher@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

COUNCIL TAX

Despite the slowdown in the housing market, which has resulted in dramatically reduced income from planning fees, and a much lower income from investments, due to falling interest rates, AVDC has agreed an increase in its share of the Council Tax of just 2% - the smallest increase for many years.

CHURCH NEWS

During the service on Sunday 7th March the two recently erected plaques, which commemorate the generous gifts donated to All Saints Church by Marcia Lloyd Hart and John Richens will be dedicated. We would be delighted to see members of the two families at the service and friends. Everyone welcome.

RECYCLING

It has been AVDC's intention to increase its recycling and composting rate to meet, and exceed, its current targets by the introduction of a twin bin scheme collecting kitchen waste, garden waste, and cardboard for composting. This relied on Bucks CC providing an **"Animal by-product compliant in-vessel composting plant"** (IVC) at a suitable location. As the County Council is currently re-evaluating its approach, the District Council is not in a position to introduce the collection scheme as planned, and is currently reviewing options.

SWIMMING

From 1st April, people aged over 60 will be able to swim at AVDC leisure facilities FOR FREE during all public swimming sessions. More information is available on 01296 488555 (for Aylesbury's Aqua Vale) or 01280 8175000 (for Buckingham's Swan Pool)

SNOW

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Robert Bone for clearing the main roads and side roads with his snow plough. Also to Graham Ashburnes for clearing the paths in front of the houses on the Green. It was very much appreciated.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

The editorial committee would be grateful for any offers on sponsorship for future editions of this newsletter over the coming months. Please contact Pam Norman on 01525 270483

If you would like to receive your monthly edition by email then please contact soulburynews@btinternet.com

(Please note the new email address)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Advance notice that the April meeting on Tuesday 14th April will be an OPEN meeting. All welcome, including non-members and gents. There will be a small charge for admission for non-members. The title is Local Crime: Community Sentence. The meeting is to be run by Thames Valley Police and a Magistrate and the Probation service will be there to run a mock court session. 8:00 pm in the Clubroom.

Also, mini-bridge classes are to commence. Initially there will be 3 sessions: Monday March 23rd, March 30th and April 6th from 2pm - 4.30. The classes are for complete beginners and at the moment open to members only. Please contact Val Hammond on 270604 to register your interest.

DOG WALKERS

We have been asked by land owners to remind the public, and especially dog walkers, that there are now sheep and lambs in the fields. Please can you keep to the footpaths and keep dogs on leads. If any dog or dogs are found to be worrying or attacking sheep then they are liable to be shot. It is also a good idea to keep dogs on leads where there are cattle or horses in the fields. Thank you.

CLEANER REQUIRED

Need a little extra cash? How about helping the village by cleaning the church and/or clubroom? Hours and rate by agreement. For more information please contact Mrs Chris Bryant on 270607.

All Saints Parochial Church Council would like to thank Lin Lugsden who has kept the church spick and span for the last six years, but has had to give up due to family commitments.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Soulbury Millennium Green Trust is putting together a programme of events for the year. The Pruning Weekend on the Millennium Green, which had to be postponed when the snow fell down, is now scheduled for Saturday 7th March from 10am till 12pm, and all hands will be very welcome.

There will be a Quiz Night in the Clubhouse on Saturday 25th April, doors open 7:30pm for a prompt 8pm start; tickets £10 each to include hot supper; bring your own booze/glasses. The last Quiz Night was enjoyed by all, so make sure to put your team together and come along to dazzle and win a fabulous prize.

The Trust is also planning a Barn Dance for September – date and further information to follow.

The 100 Club is going strong, with 66 members to date this year. The winning numbers for last year were : 26,47, 52, 42, 39, 34, 61, 48, 69, 09, 56, 17

Why not join this year's list and have a chance at a cheque? Remember, you have to be in it to win it! Contact Elizabeth Caplan on 01525 270838 to join.

STEWKLEY PLAYERS

Present their 101st production

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|--------|------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday | 1st March | 11:30am | FAMILY SERVICE |
| Sunday | 8th March | 11:30am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 15th March | 11:30am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 22nd March | 11:30am | Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday) |
| Sunday | 29th March | 10:00am | Benefice Service |
| Sunday | 5th April | 11:30am | FAMILY SERVICE |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Tuesdays | | | Lollipops Toddler Group | Clubroom |
| Wednesdays | 4th & 18th | 11:15am- 11:35am | Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop | |
| Thursdays | 12th & 26th | | Youth Club | Clubroom |
| Tuesday | 10th March | 8:00pm | WI - History of Windsor Castle with Ann Leaver | Clubroom |
| Thursday | 12th March | | AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass |  |
| Monday | 16th March | 7:30pm | Parish Council Meeting | Clubroom |
| Thursday | 26th March | | AVDC Collection for Recycling |  |

Full details of Refuse Collection dates can be found on the AVDC Website : www.aylesburyvale.gov.uk

TO LET

Self contained annexe (fully furnished/newly decorated) in detached house in Soulbury

Large bedsitting area with separate bathroom and patio

Off road parking for 1 car. Gas hob, fridge, microwave, TV/video

Suit professional person (non smoker) working away from home occupying Sunday/Monday - Friday

(short term let, occupying all week, also considered for right person!)

Contact Diane/Graeme Lowes on 01525 270752/07702 996744



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