

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## PARISH NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 21st February. The next meeting is Monday 21st March 2011.

Paul Newman new homes planning appeal: Public enquiry starts on **7th July 2011, more information in next month's newsletter.** In the meantime, anyone who wants to add further comment needs to write before 8th March, sending 3 copies to the Planning Inspectorate, 4/02 Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN quoting their reference APP/J0405/A/10/2143343.

Alternatively, email your comments on line at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs) quoting the above reference.

Temporary Closure of By-pass: We have had notification from Buckinghamshire County Council that the A4146 Linslade Western By-pass, Soulbury, which commences at its junction with Wing Road and continues to its junction with Leighton Road, will be temporarily closed whilst cable repair and replacement works take place. It is anticipated that the works will commence on 9 April 2011 and be in operation on the following dates:

9th-10th April (with back up dates of 16th-17th April)

14th-15th May (with back up dates of 25th-26th June)

18th-19th June (with back up dates of 25th-26th June)

30th July

It is anticipated that the works will be completed in 4 nights and will take place between 22:00 hours and 06:00 hours each night.

AVDC Barn Owl Project: The project is to highlight the plight and falling numbers of the Barn Owl within Aylesbury Vale and at the same time site nesting/roosting boxes with the agreement of landowners on farmland or open spaces within Aylesbury Vale itself with a long term view of trying to raise their numbers and at the same time create a suitable and sustainable habitat.

The Heritage Lottery Fund, WREN and the Vale of Aylesbury Community Chest are funding all of this over three years. As part of the project agreement AVDC need to pursue and make contact with the Parish Councils from within Aylesbury Vale and to offer their services with a view of possibly being able to site a nesting/roosting box(s) within the parishes. They are able to come along and talk to councillors and landowners about the Barn Owl, the project and how they may be able to help some landowners with a small amount of funding.

If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact Dave Short, Barn Owl Project Officer at AVDC. His contact details are:

Tel nos: Office – 01296 435134 Mobile – 07879 046221 Email – [dshort@aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk](mailto:dshort@aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk) or [daveshort@sky.com](mailto:daveshort@sky.com)

Alternatively, if you feel a meeting is worthwhile, please contact June Wright on 01525 270537. If there are enough people I will pass this information to the Parish Council for them to set up a meeting.

Andrews Close: It has been reported to the Parish Council that the grass area in front of Andrews Close has evidence of deep tyre tracks and is being spoilt. It appears that someone is continually driving a vehicle over the pavement and grass, although it is an offence to drive on the pavement and over public grassed areas. The Parish Council has agreed to install bollards either end to prevent this happening.

Potholes in roads: Our District Councillor has advised us that The Highways Department have been allowed a certain amount of funds for the repairing of roads damaged by the recent adverse weather conditions. However, this will not be enough to cover the actual amount of repairs to potholes in Buckinghamshire. You are advised to report any potholes that require repair direct to The Highways Department. Although onerous, one needs to keep on **at them continually.** It is a case of **'those that shout the loudest'** unfortunately. Then, perhaps we can get them to spend some money in our part of Buckinghamshire.

Contact for road repairs: Tel no: 0845 230 2882 Email: [winslow@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:winslow@buckscc.gov.uk) or use the [Bucks County Council website](http://Bucks County Council website) to report and track it.

Jubilee Fountain: Saturday 19th March at 10:00 - this is the first working party of the year and we could do with some help. If you are able to spare an hour or two, please don your wellies and bring your tools for an early spring tidy up.

## VILLAGE CLEAN UP

There will be a village clean up on Saturday March 26th. There will be litter pickers and bags available at the Stone at the top of Chapel Hill at 10.00. Every one is welcome for as long or as short a time as you can give.

If you see any rubbish dumped around Soulbury, you can report it by ringing 01296 585235 or going on line to [AVDC](http://AVDC) and following the links for Environment. AVDC are very good at picking it up quickly.

## HS2

The Government seems intent on pursuing the idea of constructing a high speed rail line between London (Euston) and Birmingham and beyond (HS2) at a cost of over £30bn. The preferred route will pass through some of the most attractive countryside in south east England, will involve the construction of viaducts, cuttings and tunnels and will blight thousands of properties along the route. Bucks. County Council is opposed to the preferred route through the Chilterns but would appear to be supportive of the idea to use the West Coast Main Line as a basis for HS2. This would have a devastating effect on our area as the route would pass to the west of Leighton Buzzard then south of Great Brickhill on its way northwards to Birmingham. There will be no stops on the way and trains will travel at speeds of up to 225mph.

AVDC has taken a much firmer stance on the proposals by arguing that none of the proposed routes is acceptable due to the fact that **the business cases don't stack up and that the damage to important countryside designations is unacceptable.** The cost of constructing the line would equate to £60m. being spent in every constituency in the country. Just think what that sum of money could be spent on in North Bucks. We are setting up a fighting fund to oppose the schemes and are working with other authorities along the route to persuade the Government to think again and abolish its plans. If, like me, you think that this is a foolhardy scheme then please write to the minister responsible, Phillip Hammond, or contact me ([Cllr. Neil Blake](mailto:Cllr. Neil Blake)) and I'll be quite happy to pass on your comments.

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Your 2011 Census questionnaire arrives by post sometime in March, in good time for 'Census Day' – Sunday 27 March. You can complete it and return it by post (reply-paid) or absolutely securely on-line. Either way, it's compulsory for everyone in the country to complete the census.

The Office for National Statistics is running the 2011 census a bit differently. You will see census field staff knocking on doors, but only calling at addresses where the ONS tracking system shows that no completed questionnaire has yet been received within a week and half or so of census day.

There's lots of help for people who need it, so no reason for anyone to be left out. Help's available on-line from [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk), or via the census telephone helpline on 0300 0201 101, or eventually from the census staff mentioned above.

If you are aware of someone who you think might benefit from help, maybe because they are vulnerable or disabled, you could easily suggest they call the helpline if need be and make an appointment for a member of the census staff to visit and help them complete the census. Census officers are fully trained to assist people in any way necessary, they carry clear photo identification, and will be known to the police – just so everyone can feel secure.

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ASH WEDNESDAY - Not in Soulbury but in St Michael's Church Stewkley, there will be a meditation morning, led by the Rev. Siv Tunnicliffe, based on a Mothers' Union idea. Everyone welcome.)

MOTHERING SUNDAY : Again not in Soulbury, we are invited to St Michael's in Stewkley for a special service, which will be conducted by the Archdeacon, Karen Gorham. A special lunch, prepared by the MEN!! of the parish, will be served in the Methodist Hall for those who book, to take place after the service at 12.30pm. Please phone for details and tickets, which cost £7.00 for adults and £3.00 for children on 242253 or 240013.

LENT COURSE: This will begin on Thursday March 17th in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start. The session will be led by the Rev. Ian Ogilvie and is entitled "Belief in God". Over five weeks the basic principles of the Christian faith will be explored. If you cannot make all five sessions, this will not matter. Everyone is welcome to come whenever they can.

The second session will take place in Stewkley Methodist Hall on Wednesday March 23rd and will be led by the Rev. Jim Gorringer and the third session is at Aston Abbots Parish Hall on Wednesday March 30th, led by the Rev. Laurence Meering.

The current vacancy for Team Rector has been re-advertised recently. Interviews will take place late in March. See [www.oxford.anglican.org/vacancies/clergy-vacancies/teamrector-designate-archdeaconryofbuckingham.html](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/vacancies/clergy-vacancies/teamrector-designate-archdeaconryofbuckingham.html).

It is to be hoped that this time we will find a suitable candidate and all our worries will be over.

**JOYCE DOROTHY KELLNER** a communicant of Soulbury Church for some 60 years, suddenly passed away on January 19th 2011. Joyce was born in London in 1922, an only child of Reginald & Dorothy Helbing. She was a lady of many talents, learning to become a hostess at an early age whilst accompanying her father to many of the functions he hosted as works manager for Standard Telephone & Cables. Having been taught to sing by Ivor Novello, Joyce would entertain at many functions including the Magic Circle, where even she could not persuade them to divulge their secrets! During the war years she occupied her time by taking up the duties of an ARP warden. During this time she became engaged to Ron, a Lancaster Bomber pilot. Shortly before her 21st birthday Ron's plane was shot down over Gafhost, a small town in the Netherlands. Ron managed to avoid the plane coming down on the town by ditching it in a nearby dyke.



Unfortunately, none of the crew survived. Having left her employment at a solicitor's office, Joyce took up a job with Cable & Wireless in London. Joan, one of her best friends there, took her home to meet her brother John whom Joyce then married in December 1948. Following their marriage, they moved to & began farming Upper Hollingdon Farm. There they spent many happy years & raised their two sons Martin & David, aka Pickle. Joyce would often quote that on first going to the farm, a farm hand said to her 'I'll give you a week missus'. This, of course, made Joyce even more determined to succeed as a farmer's wife! On the death of her beloved John in 1991, Joyce moved to Stewkley where she remained for nearly 20 years. Over the years Joyce had been an active member of the local WI, President of the NFU Ladies Club & was a member of the PCC for Soulbury Church, to name but a few of her activities. As well as Martin, Caroline, Pickle & Debbie, Joyce leaves behind many grand-children & great grand-children, all of whom would like to thank everyone for the enormous 'send off' at Soulbury Church & their generous donations in aid of All Saints Church Soulbury.

It was the most amazing funeral All Saints' Church has ever seen, I suspect. But then what else would you expect from Joyce Kellner? She never did anything by halves and was a truly remarkable person. Getting on for 350 people were squashed into the church, with people standing down the nave and down both north and south aisles. It was a good funeral service with apt, solemn moments and also laughter, as episodes of Joyce's colourful life were recounted. The Rev. Ian Ogilvie gave a short account of her life, her sons, Martin and David gave a tribute each and daughters-in-law, Caroline and Debbie, gave a reading. There was a communion service as well, which Joyce had requested and Neil Gurney, a special, favourite man of hers played the organ. The flowers were beautiful, white lilies, white roses and white carnations. Many thanks to everyone who helped make it such a fitting occasion, including those ladies who contributed to the purchase of flowers, for such a generous, kind-hearted, thoughtful, unselfish, remarkable lady. I'm sure you will join with me in sending our deepest sympathy to all her family and close friends.

The money donated in Joyce's memory so far is over £1,800 which, when the Gift Aid tax reclaim is taken into account, will total over £2,000. The PCC and the Kellner family thought it would be a fitting tribute to her to provide the Church with a Hearing Aid loop system. That, together with a sum set aside from previous fund raising event should go a long way to providing this facility.

### SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

As summer approaches, we hope, this is advance notice of a fund raising Race Night to be held on Saturday 19th March at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets £10, to include a 2 course hot supper and horses £3 each in advance - £4 on the night. Further info from Chris Bryant on 01525 270607.

### THEFT OF METALS

Over the past 12 months we have seen a huge increase in metal (Lead & Copper) thefts from houses & commercial premises. In order to increase awareness, encourage reporting and lower the level of these crimes we are contacting all home owners, tenants and business premises who have Lead or copper on their properties or who are having construction work carried out.



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- Put sensor security lights up.
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By following this straightforward advice, and working together, we can ensure that this type of crime starts falling.

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### MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

WORK PARTY: Saturday March 5th from 10am till noon and from 2pm till 4pm is the day we will be working on the Green, cutting back the hedge on the western side, having a bonfire and generally tidying up as much as we can. We welcome anyone who would like to come along with secateurs, pruners, gloves to help for an hour or so. The more people we have, the more we get done. Hope to see you there.

Apologies to those who were looking forward to the Bake Day. It will be re-scheduled for another time. We had to cancel because we had trouble acquiring the flour.



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Sunday	6th March	11:30am	Family Service
Wednesday	9th March	10:00am	Ash Wednesday - STEWKLEY
Sunday	13th March	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	20th March	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27th March	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	3rd April	11:00am	Mothering Sunday - STEWKLEY

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Wednesdays	2nd, 16th, 30th	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Thursday	3rd, 17th, 31st		AVDC Refuse Collection
Tuesday	8th March		W.I. Group Meeting at Stoke Hammond
Thursday	10th March		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection including Glass
Saturday	19th March	7:30pm	Cricket Club Race Night
Monday	21st March	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	24th March		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection
Sunday	27th March	09:30am	Soulbury Breakfast

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