

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS

Hello again from all at All Saints Church. We would like to give you the opportunity again to let us know how you feel, and what you might like, etc. We therefore ask you to spend a few moments thinking about this, and answering the following questions / ideas:

1. **I/We would like to have a Family Service once a month.** Y/N
2. **I/We would attend this if offered.** Y/N
3. **Preferred time am/pm**
4. **Questions and/or suggestions**

We look forward to hearing your responses which can come to me direct (revphil5@btinternet.com or 01525 240287) or to one of the churchwardens; Christine Sheppard on 270377 or Jane Luxton on 270493.

There is a Lent course running over the next few weeks, sessions run from 8pm to 9:30pm.

1st March - Stewkley Rec Pavilion (Mark 1:15), 8th March - St. Nicholas Cublington (Mark 8:34), 15th March - Soulbury Parish Hall (John 2:19), 22nd March - Aston Abbots Village Hall (Psalm 107:1), 27th March - Stewkley Methodist Chapel (Psalm 51:12)

SOULBURY SOCIAL GROUP: We've had several good meetings now in the Parish Hall and would very much like it if you could join us for another one this coming Wednesday, 29th February for a cup of tea or coffee, biscuits and cakes, and a good natter. There will be books for a book exchange and if any of you would like it, we could consider card or board games. For £1 a head just to cover expenses, this is a really pleasant way of getting out and spending an afternoon, for any and all ages. If you would like a lift to the Parish Hall, please contact someone on the list below.

For your diary, we plan on having fortnightly meetings at 2:30pm, usually on a Wednesday but sometimes that's not possible. The next few dates are Wednesday 29th February, Thursday 15th March and Wednesday 28th March. Please come along to the Parish Hall for a very enjoyable afternoon.

The following people have offered to give lifts to those who need to go shopping, to go to the doctor's, hospital, dentist or wherever:

Elizabeth Caplan	Phone	270838
Brenda Jennings	"	270610
Christine Sheppard	"	270377
Isobel Wright	"	270322
Rita Marks	"	270687
Anne Bridges	"	270114

If you find that the person you have contacted can't give you a lift at that particular time, try someone else on the list.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

We had a very good Work Party day on Saturday February 4th - bonfire and all, with 4 people from the village coming to help. Many thanks to all who were there. Tree clearing (courtesy of Jon Sheppard) is progressing well and thanks to Dave Miller and Rory Morrisey from LetsBuzz, we have a nice new little pond-dipping platform; let's hope we get some frogspawn this year. There are still jobs to do though and it would be lovely if you could help with the above and add anything else you think important.

We'll be having an Easter Egg Hunt on the Green but haven't yet set the date in stone; it could be 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th April - watch this space and keep an eye open for our posters and fliers!! The Parish Council have said they hope to install the new younger children's equipment in our new and improved Playground during March, so maybe the Easter Egg Hunt will coincide with the reopening of the Playground. The Parish Council are looking for volunteers for the enlargement and installation, so any help will be much appreciated.

The 100 Club is due to restart in April and there's a separate sheet in the Newsletter detailing this with an Application Form.

Future SMG dates and events: The Schools' Summer Festival will be held on 20th June and we are looking at the possibility of having a Diamond Jubilee Barbecue on the Green during the celebration weekend. There will be another Quiz Night on 13th October.

Any Would Be Trustees out there? We really could do with a new infusion to bring freshness and originality to the current mix. It's not a big deal; a couple of hours meeting in the evening every two or three months just about covers it, and we all share the organisation of the events so nobody gets too bogged down and it's fun to do. Please phone Christine Sheppard (270377), Liz Miller (376198) or Bob Beaumont (370250).

PARISH NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 20th February.

The next meeting is Monday 19th March at 19:30. All are welcome.

The Parish Council welcomed nine members of the public whose interests and comments covered various issues - proposed wind farm at Dorcas Lane, proposed large dwelling in Chapel Hill and the urgent need for yellow lines at Stockgrove Park entrance.

Proposed Wind Farm at Dorcas Lane: It has been suggested that the Parish Council organise a meeting for parishioners to air their views regarding the proposed wind farm at Dorcas Lane, inviting Force 9 Energy to attend. It seems the criteria for Force 9 Energy to accept an invitation is to install an independent chairperson. Previously a meeting was held for parishioners with regard to the Metmast application, which had a high attendance. However, there has not been the same opportunity with regard to the Wind Turbine application, whether one is in favour or not. There is very little time to organise this and to find an independent chairperson. We are not sure that details will be ready to include in this month's Newsletter, so please check the Parish Hall notice board regularly for further information.

Children's playground: We thank the two people who have volunteered to help with the installation of new playground equipment. We were expecting that more people would be interested in the improvements that we are trying to make to the Parish, especially for our younger members. If we have to pay for the installation of the equipment, this will take us over budget and it may not be possible to proceed. It has taken a lot of time for the Millennium Green Trustees and the Parish Council members to work out how the playground can best be sited, maintained, insured etc. and to research the equipment that we can afford. The equipment is up to date and the playground will be an extension to the existing play area on the Millennium Green. The whole play area will have new groundwork and new fencing. We felt that siting it on the Millennium Green was an easier route for mothers with younger children and the thought that mixed age groups use the Millennium Green may make it a sociable place for all. Remember, if these fields had not been secured as a green area, it would have been a housing estate, so let us use and enjoy it. Surely this is worthy of a little of your time and support. Please do not be afraid to volunteer. However little or however much you are able to do will be appreciated. This can be a sociable time too, where you may meet people you do not yet know. Please call Councillor Alan Stevens on 01525 270213.

Jubilee Fountain: We are fortunate to have found a qualified structural engineer willing to inspect the footings of the fountain.

Jubilee gift for children in the Parish: We would like to give each child in the Parish a memento for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. However, we need to know who the children are and their names. If parents would like to register their child/children (16 years or under) to receive a gift/memento, please email their name(s) and your telephone number to the below email address. If you would like to include your address then we can deliver any that are not collected. Email: jubilee.gift@btinternet.com Alternatively, phone Councillor Alan Stevens on 01525 270213

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Beetle Drive : Liscombe Park House , in aid of Church Funds, 7pm on Friday 27th April. £8 including hot supper. Family Tickets (2 adults and 1or2 children) £20. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Concert in Church - On Saturday 28th April, The Ridgeway Choir will be putting on a concert in the church to raise money for the fabric of the church. The cost is £5 and the concert should appeal to everyone with a varied program of light, modern and classical music. Wine and nibbles will be available.

We are hoping to **open gardens** in Soulbury on 26th & 27th May. If anyone has a garden they would like to open please Jane Luxton on 270493. We do need more gardens to make the day successful. Your garden can be any size and doesn't need to be perfect, it could be a garden under construction, a work in progress.

Cricket Club Events

Saturday 10th March: Race Night. £10 per person, includes hot supper. Horses £3 in advance, £4 on the night. Form available on website, or contact Chris Bryant 01525 270607. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Saturday 31st March: Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper. £10 per person. Teams of about 4 - but don't worry - teams will be arranged on the night if necessary! Alternative to fish available on request. Numbers limited, so book your place by contacting Martin French 01525 240771 asap. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Please support your only local team sports club. New players and supporters always welcome.

Children's Column

I have lived in Soulbury for just over a year now and it is a great place to live.

I love playing football in the park with the new goalposts, going to the Millennium Green, playing with Sam and Ben and going to the cricket pavilion to watch Soulbury play. I even had my birthday party in the park and then went to Soulbury village hall afterwards.

Sledging down by the church and going really fast was great fun in the snow in early February. Everybody's really nice in Soulbury and it is a great place to be.

By Rhys Nicholas, Age 7

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Dave Hammond Memorial Walk : Departing Soulbury Parish Hall at 10am on Sunday 1st April. The first leg is a gentle stroll to Great Brickhill via Rushmere Park, which is 4.6 miles and will take approx 2.5 hours. At the cricket club the bar will be open and hot drinks will be available. Dogs are welcome. The second leg leaves Great Brickhill via Stoke Hammond and Dean Farm Lane. This leg will take approx 2 hours. The Boot will be open to serve hot and cold drinks on return to Soulbury.

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Sunday	18th March	11:30am	Mothering Sunday - Holy Communion - Rev Ian Ogilvie
Sunday	25th March	11:30am	Holy Communion - Rev Philip Derbyshire
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Thursdays	8th		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection
Thursdays	22nd		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection including Glass
Tuesdays	Every Week	10-11:30	Baby & Toddler Group
Tuesday	13th	8pm	W.I. - A Royal Marriage (Elizabeth & Phillip)
Monday	19th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall)
Saturday	10th	7:30pm	Cricket Club Race Night
Sunday	25th	9:30-12	Sunday Breakfast - Parish Hall
Saturday	31st		Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper
Friday	27th April	7pm	Beetle Drive - Liscombe House
Saturday	28th April		Ridgway Concert Choir in the Church - Tickets £5

Report Fly Tipping:

The number to call to report any fly-tipping around the Parish or the Vale is **0845 330 1856** or a report can be made through the AVDC website. You do not have to provide your contact details. However, it is useful if the Council need to contact you to obtain further information about the location of the fly-tipping, especially if you call out of hours. The Council is very efficient at removing the offending items quickly if they are made aware. Keep a note of the telephone number.

This month's edition is paid for from funds.

If you would like to sponsor an issue, or submit items for publication please contact:

Mrs. Bunyan 270461

Mrs. Norman 270483

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SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST – 100 CLUB

Registered Charity No: 1070738

A decade on and many of you have been lucky winners. The Club has an annual membership of 50-80 members each year and the Trustees thank you for your past support and hope you will take part in the 2012-13 monthly draw - **the more funds we can generate through subscription, the bigger the monthly payout to a lucky winner**. The 100 Club is a fun way of raising funds for the Millennium Green's continued upkeep for everyone's enjoyment - walking dogs, enjoying a stroll, peacefully sitting and enjoying the view, and even for a summer BBQ.

The cost is £12 for the year; each month a number is drawn at the monthly Millennium Green meeting and a cheque is sent to the winner. The first draw will take place in April 2012.

Please return the form to Elizabeth Caplan at 4 The Mead, Soulbury with your subscription payment by the end of March 2012. You can include as many applicants' names as you wish along with correct payment. If all the existing club members can get one more person to join, then we will double the membership which would enlarge the pay out. Here's the list of the 2011-12 winners to date:

April	45	R Carter
May	30	Oliver McCabe
June	51	Graham Catchlove
July	50	Pat Catchlove
August	22	Don Haines
September	34	Joy Maunders
October	29	Evie McCabe
November	06	Rebecca Miller
December	35	Mr Chris Bryant
January	05	Hazel Smith

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