



CRICKET FIXTURES

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Saturday	3rd May	Away	Elstow 1st XI	League
Sunday	4th May	Away	Ebury Strollers	Friendly
Saturday	10th May	Home	Edlesborough	League
Sunday	11th May	Home	Wingrave	Friendly
Saturday	17th May	Away	Open University	League
Sunday	18th May	Away	Shenley Church End	Friendly
Saturday	24th May	Home	Old Bradwell 1st XI	League
Sunday	25th May	Home	Ivinghoe & Pitstone	Friendly
Saturday	31st May	Away	Stewkley 1st XI	League
Sunday	1st June	Home	Whitchurch	Friendly



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Sunday	4th May	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	11th May	11:30am	Whit Sunday - Holy Communion
Sunday	18th May	11:30am	Trinity Sunday - Holy Communion
Sunday	25th May	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	1st June	11:30am	Holy Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesdays	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	10am-11:30am	Lollipops Toddler Group	
Thursdays	8th, 22nd	6:30pm	Youth Club	Clubroom
Fridays	2nd, 16th, 30th	1:00pm	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
FRIDAY	9th May		AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	
Tuesday	13th May	8:00pm	WI - Resolutions with added entertainment (Lorna Stephen)	Clubroom
Wednesday	14th May	7:30pm	Meeting in the Church	
Monday	19th May	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Thursday	22nd May		AVDC Collection for Recycling	
Saturday	24th May		Millennium Green working party	
FRIDAY	30th May		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Wednesday	4th June	7:30pm	Millennium Green AGM	Clubroom

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If you would like to sponsor an issue, or submit items for publication by 25th May, please contact:

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CHURCH NEWS

On Wednesday 14th May at 7:30pm an Open Meeting is to be held in the church to discuss the present state of the church's fabric, the repairs that need doing etc. and also the financial position of the church. We welcome everyone to come along, to listen and put forward their views. We are fortunate enough to be able to welcome Charles Luxton, the architect, (some of you may have seen him on television fronting programmes on buildings and modern architecture) and he will give us his opinions about the church and be able to present an expert's view. Charles is the youngest son of Michael and Jane Luxton who live in Manor Farm and he was brought up here and is a son of Soulbury village. He sculpted the monument on the Millennium Green for us some 10 years ago. Come along and meet him.

BARN DANCE : A reminder about this event which is planned to take place on Saturday 14th June at 7pm at Ridge Farm, Michele and Graham Wilde's home in Dean Farm Lane. Many, many thanks to Michele and Graham. Tickets are £15 each and are available from Christine Sheppard on 270377, Margaret Owen on 270305 and Debbie Kellner on 07738 220986.

VILLAGE BUSES

I would like to ask if anyone would like to start a petition to get our number 70 bus back? If so please can they contact me at :

louisemjames@hotmail.co.uk

I have put a notice in the LBO but hopefully it will get a lot more people's attention in the Soulbury Newsletter, thank you very much.

from Louise James (aged 12)

PARISH PLAN UPDATE

The steering group have been working very hard with the Parish Plan questionnaire and are pleased to say that it is in its final stages.

We are planning on distributing to every household in the Soulbury Parish at the beginning of June. This is your chance to have your say about the future of your parish so we would welcome as much response as possible.

We are also looking for volunteers to distribute the plan. If you are able to help please contact Sam Mardlin on 01525 270292 or email sammardlin@aol.com

SOULBURY SAFARI SUPPER

It is intended to hold this event on Saturday 10th May. If you have not taken part before this is a very popular village event that lets you meet people whilst enjoying a great evening out in the village. You will visit one house for starter, another for main course and then everyone meets for deserts in the Barn at the Cottage, opposite The Boot (courtesy of Mr & Mrs Pargeter). Please come along, the cost is £15 per head and all proceeds are in aid of the Friends of Soulbury Church. We also require volunteers to provide a starter or main course for 4-6 guests. The last event we held was supported by over 80 people so please do join us for a fun and sociable evening with good food and fine company.

To reserve a place please contact Sam Mardlin on 270292 or email sammardlin@aol.com. Please also let us know if you are willing to provide a starter or main course.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

The Editorial team would like to thank all those who in the past have sponsored the newsletter. We have now exhausted our list and would like to ask if anyone would be willing to sponsor in the future. The cost is currently £57 per month, and 300 copies of the newsletter are distributed, as well as being published on-line. It is possible to share a month between two sponsors.

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MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The public meeting 14th April was well attended and there was a good mix of views and feelings toward the Green. The outcome of this meeting has since been wonderful, people have come forward with offers of help and to be available when volunteer groups are needed to help Liz Miller. A work sortie is planned for 24th May and is hoping to do some trimming, weeding underneath benches and other light work.

The weeds are very soft to pull and the gravel does make it easier. So if you would like to note this on your calendar that would be great. Liz can be contacted on 376198. The Trust has also secured a secretary and a gentleman has kindly offered to be our grass cutter and maintenance man and another will keep the small car parking area tidy. The Trustees are delighted with this response which shows there is a desire to keep the Millennium Green as it is and as the saying goes, many hands make light the work.

There are some who understandably feel the area could be put to a better use for the local community, like it being the site for the proposed new Club Room, but also there are those who do not agree but wish to see the Millennium Green stay as is and be used and kept for the purpose it was intended. Fantastic!

Lastly there was concern as to what the Trust would do if it ran out of money, well we do not see this happening because fundraising events will take place, and there are options that were not explained at the meeting which could be pursued like other "Green" Organizations Greensand Trust, Private Sponsorship and aid from local authorities and grant funding bodies...like Entrust.

When the Parish Plan gets circulated it will be interesting to learn the views of the many and not just the few on this issue and if it is, that the majority in the village want and agree to a new Village hall being built then its location will have to be seriously considered. But an awful lot of work and money would be involved. As Wanda said, never say never! The Millennium Green has again produced a wonderful display of primroses and now the Bluebells are coming through. The Fritillaries have increased and are covering quite an area now near the pond bench, these were planted a few years ago and seem to like the area and are thriving! I have begun to hear the summer visiting birds arrive and the sparrow hawks are making life miserable for a few, I believe they themselves maybe nesting very close by. The short grass area has had its first cut and this will make life easier for shorter legged dogs, when the sun shines we hope the children will come and play too and that the Youth Club will use the area for their game of rounders, it was great last year to see so many youngsters enjoy themselves. Dog walkers please be mindful of others and do what you know you need to do.

The Millennium Green AGM meeting will be on Wednesday 4th June in the Clubroom at 7.30pm. There you will be able to read the full notes and minutes of the public meeting held on 14th April. We hope to see many of you as again this is an opportunity for you to ask the Trust questions, make comments and have your say, also, you can meet the Trustees whom some of you may not know. Refreshment will be served after the meeting. Hope to see you there.

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