

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following the recent Parish Council meeting, objections to the housing development can still be submitted to AVDC even though the official deadline has now past.

It has been requested by a resident asking for anyone noticing any rubbish around their vicinity to remove it, to help keep the village tidy.

We have been asked to publish the following open letter...

This month your Parish Council came under severe attack and was called to task over several issues. The main one being the planning application for a new development at Linslade (land between the new bypass and Derwent Road).

Apparently some of you have received letters urging you to object on an individual basis, but several of those present at the meeting had no idea this letter existed.

The Parish Council has already indicated that objections would be lodged, but that was not good enough for some people. Questions were asked for, specific reasons, wordings of letters and even personal views of individual councillors. The latter, in my opinion, was totally out of order. We are a Parish Council and we speak with one voice. We had previously pointed out to these individuals that objections cannot be made until applications are made. This we have adhered to, despite the panic created at Bossard Hall.

However, the Parish Council intend to put the strongest objections, as do AVDC and Bedfordshire CC, but hasten to point out that it could all be overruled by Central Government. Not very democratic! I must pay tribute to our clerk Jon Spires and District Councillor Neil Blake, who did much to explain the technicalities of the objection process.

Moving on we were again chastised for not attending a recent group meeting, and the question was asked, WHY? Councillor Brenda Jennings spoke up to say that she was there, but the reply came back "yes but you were chairing the meeting". Does that mean that Brenda does not count?

I would like to point out, that we all have day jobs and families and about four or five years ago Soulbury almost lost its Parish Council through lack of willing participants. Were it not for a couple of people who responded to requests then the Council would have been absorbed into Stewkley. Where were these complainants then? If they would like to put themselves forward to attend to street lighting, dog bins, litter, salt bins, Club room, grass cutting, children's playground, the village plan, etc etc. Let us know!

Mr Ian Houseley presented minutes of the Parish Plan Committee and complained of apathy among said group. How well we know the story.

For 353 days of the year some people are happy to "let someone else do it" but when it comes to NIMBYs well...

Let us see "who casts the first stone"

Alan Stevens (Parish Councillor)

## CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday May 17th, which is Rogation Sunday, (three days before Ascension Day) when it is traditional to have a procession and make supplications and requests of God, there is going to be a special event - a long Sunday Walk starting at St Michael's Church, Stewkley at 11.00am and coming to Soulbury for a grand picnic at All Saints', outside, if the weather permits, or inside the church if not. After the picnic, people will walk back to Stewkley for Evensong at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to join in for the whole day or part of the time, whatever fits in with your plans. It should be a good day and certainly good for your health, so come along if you can.

Services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday were just right for the occasion, meaningful and moving. About 60 people attended on Easter Sunday which was good to see, but on Maundy Thursday for the Stripping of the Altar Service, there were very few people - perhaps because we have never had this service before. On Good Friday there were only three people who attended the Seven Last Words from the Cross Service and yet it was a very moving occasion which should have been witnessed by many more of us. The candles, the music and the silent processions out of the church at the end lent a special and most fitting atmosphere to these two services. Many thanks to the Reverend Michelle Morton and to Andrew and Lesley Berry.

On Saturday April 18th the church was full of family members, friends and well-wishers celebrating the occasion of Sam and Paul Mardlin's Thanksgiving Service for their Marriage and the Birth of little Poppy. Sam and Paul renewed their marriage vows and Poppy was welcomed into the family of the Church and baptised. It was a truly joyous event.

If anyone would like to attend the Benefice Service at Stewkley on May 31st and needs a lift, please contact Christine on 270377 and she will help. Benefice services are a great opportunity to get to know other Christians from our other parishes in Aston Abbots, Cublington and, of course, Stewkley.

## PUB OF THE YEAR

Pub goers in Aylesbury Vale have the chance to nominate their local for a prestigious award.

The 2009 Village Pub Competition, organised by AVDC, aims to reward the best rural pubs in the district. As well as the overall title of Aylesbury Vale Village Pub of the Year, prizes for best pub food and community pub are also up for grabs. Previous winners of the title include the Unicorn at Cublington, the Queens Head at Wing and the George and Dragon at Quainton. **The council is looking for two local residents to join this year's judging panel.** If you are interested in joining, email [leisureservices@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:leisureservices@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk) stating in less than 40 words why you would be a valued addition to the panel.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/pubcomp](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/pubcomp) or from pubs across the district. The closing date for entries is 31<sup>st</sup> May.

## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

We had a great evening on Saturday April 25th at the Quiz and Hot Supper do. About 40 people attended and the food was marvellously delicious. There was a choice of two chillies - hot and very hot, chicken casserole, lentil and broccoli bake, shepherd's pie, broccoli cheese bake, lentil salad, baked potatoes and rice. And for dessert, there was a choice of apple pie, cheesecakes, trifle or strawberry pavlova, all with cream. The quiz was good, a bit hard for me who knows nothing about cars or pop music. We made about £500 for the Millennium Green Trust. Many thanks to everyone who came to support the event, (more people came from Soulbury than usual which was good to see). Special thanks to the organisers and to the cooks. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Now that spring has truly arrived, the Green is looking particularly lovely. The snowdrops, fritillaries, primroses, bluebells and fruit blossom have been a pretty sight. The chiff-chaffs and blackcaps are back from their migration to southern countries. They are difficult to see, now that the trees are in leaf but you can hear them singing. The swallows and house martins are also back, flying overhead - more swallows than usual but fewer house martins. I saw my first swallow on April 8th. Birds of prey are much more common than they used to be. If you keep your eyes peeled you can see kestrels, sparrow-hawks, buzzards and the goshawks which nest up at Brickhill woods. There was also a red kite flying very low over the cricket pitch this week.

We are in the process of making a list of people who would be willing to help do jobs like strimming and weeding on the Green. So far 4 people have volunteered to help. If you would like to have your name added to this list and are prepared to help when you can, please phone Christine on 270377.

## PUB QUIZ

There is another opportunity to take part in a quiz at The Boot on Sunday 3rd May starting at 7pm. The last two have been well attended and seem to be enjoyed by all. There is a prize for the winning team so why not pop along with a few friends and have a go?

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Sunday	3rd May	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE - 4th Sunday of Easter
Sunday	10th May	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	17th May	11:30am	Holy Communion - Rogation Sunday
Sunday	24th May	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	31st May	10:00am	Benefice Service - STEWKLEY (NO service at All Saint's)
Sunday	7th June	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE - Trinity Sunday

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesdays			Lollipops Toddler Group	Clubroom
Wednesdays	6th & 20th	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Thursdays	7th & 21st		Youth Club	Clubroom
** FRIDAY **	8th May		AVDC Collection for Recycling & Glass	
Tuesday	12th May	8:00pm	WI - Business with Pleasure - Resolutions with Tapas & Sangria	Clubroom
Monday	18th May	8:00pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Thursday	21st May		AVDC Collection for Recycling	
** FRIDAY **	29th May		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Thursday	4th June		County Council Elections	

## CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday	2nd May	Home	Studham	League
Sunday	3rd May	Home	Ebury Strollers	Friendly
Saturday	9th May	Away	Shenley Church End	League
Sunday	10th May	Home	Wingrave	Friendly
Saturday	16th May	Away	Olney Town	League
Friday	22nd May	Away	Little Gaddesden	
Saturday	23rd May	Home	Biddenham	League
Sunday	24th May	Home	Ivinghoe & Pitstone	Friendly
Saturday	30th May	Away	Caddington	League
Sunday	31st May	Home	Whitchurch	Friendly

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