

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL

Speeding : The Parish Council are actively looking into purchasing a mobile speed device, this will be shared between four parishes and we will be offering people the chance to be trained to use it.

Minutes : Parish Council minutes can now be found online at the Soulbury website - www.soulbury.org

Jubilee Fountain : For the first time in many years the Victorian fountain on Leighton Road, Soulbury, has water spouting from the **lion's head**. It has been the wishes of residents of Soulbury Parish that restoration work should be undertaken to preserve this once functional working fountain. However, a feasibility study shows that the costs of such restoration are unrealistic currently. Instead, residents got to work on cutting down and clearing out years of overgrowth to expose the fountain. The original sump, which is fed by three natural springs, was located back in the field and a new pipe was laid to take the water from the sump to the fountain. The clean spring water now runs constantly into the trough below.

The fountain, which makes use of natural water springs, would have been the watering hole for horses, as they drew their loads up the hill on their way to Leighton. Then, a much needed resource. Today, it is a testament to land workers who used available resources at very little cost. Then and now, it is a monument to commemorate Queen Victoria's jubilee.

We should preserve this monument to the best of our ability. Restoration is not possible, but we can aim to keep the fountain clean and in working order. This is achievable, if anyone has a few hours on a Saturday morning, now and again to don their 'wellies' - bring a spade, fork or shears. Date of next workout is Saturday 8th May at 10:00 at the fountain, for turf laying and tidying up.

Thank you to the residents of Soulbury Parish who have worked on the fountain clean up to date. Also, thank you to Daniel Axtell-Powell and Vic Wright who have spent some cold, wet and muddy hours to get the water running again.

SOULBURY BREAKFAST

The next Soulbury Breakfast will be held in the Clubroom on Sunday 23rd May from 9:30am to midday. This very popular event is raising much needed funds for the church so please do come along to show your support and enjoy the atmosphere.

Dear Everyone,

The four people who do our Newsletter could do with some help. There are not enough contributors, so we do not know much about what is going on in the village. There is a thriving Toddlers Group but we never hear what is going on or who runs it. We have a Cricket Club but who is in the Club from Soulbury and how are they doing? We have a W.I. but unless you are in the institute you don't know what they do, whether they need new members or not. There is occasional news from the Book Club, but it's not regular enough and then there is no news about people. Freda Lines, our oldest resident recently fell, I'm sure you will join with me in wishing her a speedy and full recovery. The Parish Council does a great deal of work, which, unless you go to the meetings, you do not know about.

I know we have a website which is great but not everyone has a computer and anyway news should surely be in the newsletter too? The people who do regularly contribute are all knocking on a bit (except James and I hope the others are not offended by me saying so!) and that includes me who IS knocking on a bit!! Where are our youngsters - anyone from 20 to 60yrs old? If you feel you could help in any way, please phone Pam on 270483 or Margaret on 270461 or me on 270377. Yours faithfully, Christine Sheppard

CHURCH NEWS

The Rev Ian Ogilvie has been away these last three weeks in South America and our organist Andrew Berry and his wife, Lesley have also been away in Spain, so we have been very lucky to have Peter Lymbery who has taken Holy Communion and Colin Smart from Wingrave to preach for us. Colin brought some friends from America on Sunday April 18th when the congregation were delighted to hear Rev. Ron Jackson and his wife was called Patti. He is Chaplain to the students at Trinity College in Bristol, the world renowned Theological Training Centre where part of his duty is to help train the next generation of priests for the Anglican Church. He told us his students come from all walks of life and he loves his job. Many thanks to Colin for inviting Ron and his wife to our church.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on Monday April 26th at 6.30pm in the church. It has been a difficult year because of the reorganisation of the parishes in the deanery and because of Michelle's illness and retirement. It appears we will only have one churchwarden this next year which puts an added burden on Christine but the members of the P.C.C. are very supportive. Thanks are due to Harry Ayris who has found it increasingly difficult to carry out his duties because of his wife's illness and is therefore offering his resignation. He has been Churchwarden here in Soulbury for well over 20 years and I can't imagine what things will be like without him. Thanks are due to our secretary, Nadine Bonsor for her tireless work in dealing with English Heritage over the grant for repairs to the roof. Anyone who has had experience of working with official organisations who give grants will have an idea of how much work this entails. It is not easy at all. The church wardens would like to thank everyone who gives freely of their time to help the church run well - members of the P.C.C., the Treasurer, Christine Bryant, the Sacristans, Brenda Howell and Hilary Ashburner, the flower arrangers and sides people. Mostly, of course, we must thank our Priest-in - Charge the Rev. Ian Ogilvie, the Rev. Peter Lymbery, Colin Smart and Andrew and Lesley Berry. I'd like to give a special mention to James Fairbairn who has helped us with grant applications.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Trust held another popular Quiz Night and Supper in the Club Room on Saturday April 17th. Many thanks to Bob Beaumont for devising the questions, to all those who provided the delicious food and to everyone who came along to support the event. We had a good few people from the parish this time which was very nice - 6 people from Hollingdon and 11 from the village. The table of people who won come from Linslade - Rory and his wife Doreen and Andrew and his wife Gill. Congratulations! We made £487.10 for Millennium Green funds.

The Green is looking lovely now the spring has arrived. The chiffchaffs and blackcaps are back singing in the tree plantations and swallows are flying overhead. The snowdrops were beautiful, as were the fritillaries and the blossom on the fruit trees is lovely too. There have been a good number of queen bumblebees and also unfortunately queen wasps, which I have been busily swatting. I know wasps prey on garden pests but I don't think people really want lots of wasps later on in the summer so that's why I swat them.

The trustees would like to thank Ian and Jean Housley for the gift of a white-beam tree which Ian planted on the Green recently. The Bucks Community Action organisation presented the tree to our Parish Action Plan Committee in recognition of the all the work they have done organising the opinion poll about the future of Soulbury and classifying the results (which I understand will be published shortly). This has taken a great deal of time and effort on the part of a few hard- working residents who have given their time voluntarily. The Parish Council offered the tree to the Millennium Green and we were delighted to accept the gift.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Many thanks to all who supported the Race Night. The final total was a magnificent £725, which will go a long way towards keeping the Club going.

Despite putting a claim in straight away to the insurance company when the mowers were stolen last autumn, the Club has yet to receive a cheque. We do not know how much this will be, or whether it will cover the full value of the equipment stolen, but we hear that it is on its way!

The Club has had to withdraw from playing League cricket on Saturdays, mainly due to lack of volunteers to work on the ground. So it was with sadness that it was decided to restrict matches to friendlies on Sundays only. The bar will be open from 6pm on home match days - all welcome. Players and volunteers willing to help with any aspect of running the Club more than welcome! Please ring Brian Mead on 01525 376606

Cleaner required: to clean the pavilion between HOME matches. Hours and rate by arrangement. Please contact Chris Bryant, 01525 270607.

W.I. NEWS

At the May meeting this year's resolution concerning Food Labelling (with the correct country of origin) will be discussed along with refreshments themed "Naughty, but Nice".

2010 marks the 90th Anniversary of WIs in Buckinghamshire and a number of celebrations are taking place throughout the County. As part of this Soulbury WI will be asking members to "Bring a Friend" to the June meeting. The speaker will be Susannah Marshall with a talk entitled "Wickedly Naughty Ladies". If you would like to come, but have not been asked yet, please call our secretary, Jean Housley on 01525 237654.

General Garden Maintenance for Senior Citizens

Regular or one off tidy ups by
mature lady gardener.

Contact Elaine on 07724 167160

STEWKLEY OPEN GARDENS

An Open Gardens Weekend will be held in Buckinghamshire's "Best Kept Village 2009", Stewkley, on Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th June from 2-6pm.

A dozen delightful Gardens will be showcased through the length of the village, with something for everyone, including delicious Refreshments, an Exhibition and Sale of Paintings by local artists, Plants for sale, and visits to our unique Norman Church throughout the weekend.

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Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery : 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard. Tel. 371235



Sunday	2nd May	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Lymbery & Colin Smart)
Sunday	9th May	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	16th May	11:30am	Family Service (Andrew and Lesley Barry)
Sunday	23rd May	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	30th May	*10:00am*	Benefice Service at Aston Abbotts (no Soulbury service)
Sunday	6th June	11:30am	Family Service (Andrew and Lesley Barry)



CRICKET FIXTURES

www.soulburyvcc.org.uk

Sunday	9th May	Stoke Hammond	Away
Sunday	16th May	Mursley	T.B.C
Friday	21st May	Eaton Bray C.Cup	Home
Sunday	23rd May	Ivinghoe	Away
Sunday	30th May	Whitchurch	Home

Hollington Safari Supper

Our 15th Hollington Safari Supper raised £520 towards maintaining the fabric of the church. Thank you to everyone involved. A great time was had by all - many thanks to all contributors!

Soulbury Litter-Sweep

Thank you everyone who helped and to Jane and Andrew for the coffee and bacon rolls! A good turnout enabled us to make a real difference to the amount of litter in the village - as this picture shows!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesdays	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th		Toddler Group	
Wednesdays	12th & 26th	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Thursdays	13th & 27th		AVDC Refuse Collection	
* Friday *	7th May & 4th June		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection including Glass	
Saturday	8th May	10:00am	Jubilee Fountain Clean-up	
Tuesday	11th May	8:00pm	W.I. Resolutions - Naughty but Nice	Clubroom
Monday	17th May	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm	Clubroom
Thursday	20th May		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection	
Sunday	23rd May	09:30am - midday	Soulbury Breakfast	Clubroom

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