

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH NEWS

The Book Club : will meet on Wednesday May 4th at 2.30pm at the home of Mrs Margaret Owen at The Old Vicarage to discuss "The Mitfords – Letters Between Six Sisters", edited by Charlotte Mosley.

St. George's Night : A very enjoyable evening was had by all at this recent event organised by the W.I.

Parish Meeting : The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th May. This is also the date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting which we try to get as many people as possible to attend.

This year we have managed to obtain the services of Malcolm Oliver from the Greensands Trust. He is coming along to talk about [Rushmere Park](#), which as you may or may not know, falls partly within our Parish. Together with Stockgrove it will form a 400 acre site, and the new owners are looking for participation in the development of the park.

This is the time to have your say!!

Please make the effort to come along
at 8pm to the Parish Hall

(you never know, there might be cheese and wine!)

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

On Thursday April 21st we had a delightful afternoon on the Green hunting for Easter eggs. It was a gorgeous sunny day and people were able to sit on the grass, newly mown, thanks to Mike Rutter. There were children of every age, toddlers to 12 year olds and lots of parents too, helping to solve the treasure hunt type clues. Many thanks to Liz Miller and Bob Beaumont, trustees of the Green, who live in Leighton Buzzard and Linslade for organising the event and especially to Mary MacGillivray, who lives here in Soulbury for providing the refreshments, drinks, biscuits and cakes.

People who have walked over the Green will no doubt have heard and possibly even seen returning migrant birds. It's been an early season and we saw our first swallow on April 5th, the earliest ever. We have heard the chiffchaff, willow warbler and blackcap and seen resident bullfinches, greenfinches and goldfinches, as well as two pairs of song thrushes. Are these relatively rare, though once common, birds on the increase? Let's hope so. The snowdrops were the best ever and the fritillaries looked great too.

We are cutting some willow poles to give to a lady in Stewkley who helps organise Mother Earth Lodges with a native American spiritual advisor from the Ojibwa Nation. The lady, called Dancing Trees needs the willow to build a traditional sweat lodge. If you are interested in spiritual cleansing, purification and healing, please phone Dancing Trees on 07851 220 355 or visit www.journeytospirit.org.uk

Advance Notice: There will be another Quiz and Buffet Evening on Saturday June 18th in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Please put this date in your diaries.

CHURCH NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICAR FOR STEWKLEY AND SOULBURY

We are pleased to announce that Revd Philip Derbyshire has been selected as the new Vicar for our Benefice, and will commence his appointment as from Monday 18th July 2011. For legal reasons his title will initially 'Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Stewkley & Soulbury with the Parishes of Cublington and Aston Abbots attached.' However, the legal process of creating a new Team Ministry to incorporate the Parishes of Aston Abbots, Cheddington, Cublington, Mentmore, Soulbury, Stewkley, Wing & Wingrave will follow and Revd Derbyshire will then be the Rector of the new team. In this role he will be supported by Revd Derek Witchell from Wing, Revd Robert Wright from Cheddington and Revd Siv Tunnicliffe from Wingrave.

Revd Derbyshire is aged 61 and has over thirty years' experience in the Church. For a number of years he served as a Prison Chaplain and more recently has been the Vicar of Thornborough and adjacent villages. He and his wife Joy, who works as a School Behaviour Manager, will be moving into Stewkley Vicarage.

The Induction Service for the Rev. Philip Derbyshire will take place here in All Saints' Church on Monday July 18th. We are expecting a lot of people to attend. Everyone is welcome to come to the service but I suggest you come early to make sure you get a seat. There will be refreshments served after the ceremony at Liscombe House, courtesy of Sir Nicholas and Lady Bonsor. More details will follow later.

A short service was held for the burial of Joyce Kellner's ashes on the farm, which the family ran and lived on for so many years in Hollingdon, in early April. The Rev. Ian Ogilvie took the service, which was attended by Joyce's two sons Martin and David, otherwise known as Pickle, and their families. Her ashes were buried near those of her husband, John, under an ash tree along by a hedge, two or three fields away from the farmhouse. It was a lovely, sunny, spring day and, although a sad occasion, a fitting goodbye to Joyce, a lady we will never forget.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

You may recall in last month's Newsletter, we requested people to attend a meeting in the Parish Hall to discuss organising a celebration for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Sadly, only a handful of people made the effort to attend and, as a result, we have decided not to proceed with this event.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 18 April. The next meeting is Tuesday 17 May at 19:00-20:00 with the AGM starting at 20:00.

Tony Kimble: Tony has retired as a Councillor and we would like to thank him for his hard work and valued advice over the years he has sat on the Parish Council.

Children's Playground: Jon Sheppard attended the PC meeting on behalf of the Trustees of the Millenium Green and it is now confirmed that the new playground equipment can be sited on the MG, having sorted out legalities and finance matters. It is expected to take a couple of months to organise the installation and hopefully it will be some time during the summer months.

Jubilee Fountain: Although we have done our best to carry out small amounts of repair with very little money, it is apparent that the fountain is in a very bad state. Another bad winter could see the collapse of this monument. The choices are (1) We take the fountain down, because to allow it to collapse would be dangerous. (2) We carry out a temporary repair, which would cost in the region of £3,000 (3) We try to get funding from grants, relevant organisations or a means that perhaps we are not yet aware, in order to have the fountain properly restored. However, it could possibly necessitate rebuilding, as the only solid part is the trough.

We have had a survey carried out by a qualified surveyor, who has given her services free of charge. Therefore, the state of the fountain is documented and we can use this to apply for grants. If anyone out there is aware of any organisation that would possibly aid funding, please let us have the details. We will try to achieve option (3) however, it will take a lot of money. We have a couple of channels already, but will need more. If you have any information that will help, please phone Vic Wright on 01525 270537.

Fly-tipping: May we please remind all residents of Soulbury Parish that fly-tipping is illegal.

At this month's PC meeting, three instances of fly tipping were reported. Garden rubbish including cut down trees and shrubs are on the grass verge on Great Brickhill Road, Soulbury; household rubbish including ladders and other DIY rubbish has been deposited on farmland behind the houses in Mount Pleasant; and grass cuttings are being tipped onto Soulbury allotments. It is alleged that these deposits are from properties immediately adjacent to the rubbish ie being tipped over the fence.

Fly-tipping of waste is illegal and constitutes a serious offence for which a person can be prosecuted. There are several pieces of legislation relating to fly-tipping. In England and Wales the main legislation is the Environmental Protection Act 1990, ss.33, 34 and 59.

According to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Flycapture Database, the most common types of fly-tipped waste are (starting with the greatest quantity): general household waste; white goods (fridges, freezers and washing machines); construction rubbish (demolition and home improvement rubbish); garden rubbish; and rubbish from businesses.

Your rubbish belongs to "you". Please dispose of it in a proper and legal manner. All of the above mentioned can be taken to your Local Household & Recycling Centre at the following locations:

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If you have deposited waste outside the curtilage of your own property, perhaps you would be kind enough to clear it. Should we continue to get reports of fly-tipping, we will pass on the details to the Environment department for them to take action.

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Sunday	1st May	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	8th May	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Sunday	15th May	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	22nd May	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	29th May	10:00am	Benefice Service at Cublington

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Friday	13th & Thursday 26th		AVDC Refuse Collection
Thursday	5th May	7am - 10pm	District Council Elections (Parish Hall)
Tuesday	10th May	8pm	W.I. - Resolutions Meeting (Parish Hall) (Celebration of the Royal Wedding)
Tuesday	17th May		Parish AGM (7pm) Council Meeting (8pm) (Parish Hall)
Thursday	19th May		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection
Sunday	22nd May	9:30am - midday	Soulbury Breakfast (Parish Hall)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CRICKET FIXTURES

1st May - Ebury Strollers (H)

8th May - Gt. Brickhill (H)

15th May - Mursley (H)

22nd May - Ivinghoe (A)

29th May - Whitchurch (H)

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