

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Message from Philip:

Dear Friends, For some reason (lighter days, better weather?) May is often called merry. Either way, in the past it was associated with feasting, new clothes, new schemes etc. Certainly animal and plant life are completely reinvigorated and everything seems generally busy! Last year May was not very merry. In fact it began a whole series of months which were 'the wettest on record!' What cheered us up was the Queen's Jubilee in June and then the Olympics/ Paralympics with all their glitz and talent. Even they were pretty wet and windy but nevertheless uplifting.

People looked to 2013 with some trepidation and rightly so. The world is in a huge recession and billions are suffering as a result. It's very easy to just blame bankers and politicians but we've all been a bit involved in the 'micky mouse' economics of the end of the 20th century. We have, as my mother used to put it, got ourselves in a 'bit of a pickle' and there seems no painless way out. We definitely need some hope as well as some strategies for dealing with things. We can no longer believe in the 'urban myth' of perpetual growth, so we have to look for deeper more satisfying ways of being. We are after all more than just flesh and blood, we are spirit also.

Maybe if we can get back to some of those nurturing concepts of family, community and society, we can begin to deal with the external difficulties more creatively. As Schumacher put it (in economic terms) often Small is Beautiful. Have as merry a May as you can.

God Bless, Philip.

**Harry Ayris :** Lots of people will know Harry. He was churchwarden here in Soulbury for many, many years and lived up at Liscombe with his wife and family when it was a farm, before it became a leisure centre. He was greatly honoured recently for his enormous contribution to the local community, when he went to Christ Church, Oxford, on Maundy Thursday and was presented with a superb collection of silver Maundy money by Her Majesty, the Queen at a magnificent service in the cathedral – a beautiful big £5 coin and a collection of smaller denominations, commemorating the years Queen Elizabeth has been on the throne. Many congratulations Harry and thanks for bringing the coins to church to show us.

**John Linney:** Many people will also know John Linney who has been in hospital now for 3 weeks and had his right leg amputated from below the knee. We wish him a speedy recovery and our thoughts are with him. He has a blue budgie which I am looking after at the moment but I am going away on May 7th and am wondering if anybody would look after the bird while I am away, please. Phone Christine on 270377 if you can do this.

### Soulbury Fete - Sunday 14th July

Please start looking in your cupboards, bottom drawers and loft for items that you could donate to the fete, details will appear in next month's newsletter about how/where to contribute.

If you are able to help run a stall, First-Aid, or assist with setting up or tidying up, please contact the Soulbury News email address. The plans are coming together - be part of it!

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 15 April 2013. Please note the next Parish Council meeting is on a different day of the week. It will take place on Wednesday 15 May 2013 at 19:15, followed by Annual Assembly of Parish at 20:00. All are welcome.

**Parish Hall:** We would like to thank Steve Mitchell, who advertises in the newsletter, for his prompt attention in fitting a new boiler and vent-axia in the Parish Hall recently. He has done an excellent job.

**Soulbury Litter Pick:** We need more volunteers for just 1-2 hours – can you help? If you cannot make it on the day, are you able to work an allocated patch beforehand? Please phone June on 01525 270537 to arrange. Date:- Saturday 18th May – meet at the rock in Chapel Hill 10am start.

**Soulbury Parish Allotments:** Two half allotment plots have become available. If you are interested, phone June on 01525 270537 for details.

**SOCIAL GROUP** The next meetings of the Social Group is on Wednesday 22nd May at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. New members always welcome. Phone Christine if you need a lift on 270377.

## CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Despite With the promise of spring and some better weather the cricket season is upon us. All welcome at home matches. Licensed bar and refreshments available. Anyone who would like to play, please contact the Chairman, Brian Mead on 01525 376606.

Fixtures for April/May so far:

Sunday 28th April 2:00 pm away at Stoke Hammond

Sunday 5th May t.b.a. see below

Sunday 12th May 2:00 pm away at Drayton Parslow

Sunday 19th May t.b.a. see below

Sunday 26th May 2:00 pm at home v Whitchurch

(tba - please refer to fixture secretary, Kevin Rolls 01525 382738)

## LET'S CELEBRATE

It is 60 years since the Coronation and your Parish Council plan to mark the occasion with a party. An evening of song, laughter and memories, and a supper of course.

Saturday 1st June at The Parish Hall, 7 for 7:30pm.

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**W.I. NEWS :** Colour in the Garden was the theme of the evening at our meeting last month. Our guide through the subject was Peter Bird. He is originally from New Zealand where he worked for some time before coming to England in 1989. Here he established his own company and designs gardens in the Bucks/Beds/Oxon area. He explained to us that choice of plant colour can lead to different effects. We should also consider how borders will appear when the flowers have died down, and try to create an interesting area using, perhaps, different foliage plants.

At our next meeting on 14th May we will discuss the WI resolutions and also have a recipe swap. The theme is "Here Comes Summer"!( If anyone sees it please let us know!)

**Roll up ... roll up ... the circus is coming to Stewkley**

St Michael's C of E School, Stewkley, are proud to host Happy's Circus, on Friday 10th May. Gates open at 5pm, with the show starting in the bright red and yellow Big Top at 6pm. The Friends of St Michael's School have organised the event to raise school funds, Happy's Circus is a small professional show touring the UK, dedicated to bringing the enchanting world of the circus to schools and charities. There will be lots of laughs from The Randelle Clowns, magical illusions and daring aerialists. Tickets are on sale now at £8.50 each, or £10 on the door. Under 2's are free. Tickets can be bought at the Community Shop, High Street North, Stewkley, or [www.wegotickets.com/event/213723](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/213723)

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Sun. 5th May - 10:00am	Team Eucharist	CHEDDINGTON
Sun. 12th May - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 19th May - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Derek Witchell
Sun. 26th May - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 2nd June - 11:30am	Morning Worship	Andrew & Leslie Berry

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Tuesdays	7th & 21st		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
	13th & 1st June		Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Tuesday	14th	7:30pm	W.I. - Resolutions Meeting & Recipe Swap
Wednesday	15th	7:15pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish hall)
Saturday	18th	10am	Litter Pick - meet at the rock in Chapel Hill
Sunday	19th	9:30am	Soulbury Breakfast
Wednesday	22nd	2:30pm	Social Group



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This month's newsletter is sponsored by a kind gentleman from Hollingdon.

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The day will be packed with some of the best livestock and animals from the county, a wide range of attractions for all ages, craft, trade and food stands, action in the main ring, floats and young farmer competitions including tug of war, cookery, a flour and water fight, flower arranging, crafts and much more!

Visitors will also get the chance to see some of the most spectacular flower arrangements and creative crafts in the county, by talented local young farmers.

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