

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS **Family Worship** has been very well attended so far, which is very gratifying for those of us who have helped to launch it. Many thanks to the Revd. Philip Derbyshire and his wife, Joy, who have led the services and printed the posters and organised the publicity. We have had 3 services now and at the last one, we had 9 children and 18 adults – a great start. Thanks to all the families who have attended.

Church Cleaning : The restoration of our Grinling Gibbons monument is coming to an end. It is looking wonderful but the rest of the church is not. Please come and spend a couple of hours with us on Friday, 23rd May at 10am to dust and Hoover. To help will be cake and coffee. Rosemary Fopp 270067.

Soulbury gardens will be open on June 21st and 22nd to raise money for the church. Teas will be at the Old Vicarage. If any one would be willing to open their garden or could help with the teas and cakes could they ring Jane on Soulbury on 270493? Thank you to all who have supported us in previous years.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 22nd April. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th May at 19:15 and will be followed by the Annual Assembly of Parish at 20:00. All are welcome.

Rural Neighbourhood Police Team: PC 6464 Rachel Ingram and PCSO 9458 Natalie Hall attended the meeting and updated us on policing operations for the next few months. The rural team will be patrolling beauty spots as well as car parks to promote awareness of vehicle security. With the improved weather more people will journey in vehicles and leave them in areas that can make them more vulnerable to crime. Local PCSO's will patrol these areas, engaging with the public to offer crime prevention advice. The team are also concentrating on rural crime and awareness regarding Springtime offences such as burglaries and thefts regarding garden sheds, garages, tools and gardening equipment. They will continue to work throughout the Spring. However, they cannot do it alone, so please help by deterring criminals from even considering stealing from you. Put your tools away. Fit tamper proof screws to your sheds. Use security lights and so on. Together we can further reduce the levels of crime in the places we live. The Rural Neighbourhood Police Team Newsletter is displayed on the notice board outside the Parish Hall for a limited time, should you wish to read the whole content.

Crime Prevention Advice : The Aylesbury Vale local policing team would like to raise awareness of deer and hare coursing. These offences are not only considered to be a form of cruelty inflicted on animals, but also raise concerns and health risks in relation to food hygiene preparation, when animals are used for human consumption. The police rely on people in the countryside to report the finding of any deer remains no matter how insignificant it may seem. If it can be determined where poaching is happening and to what extent, the chances increase of catching those responsible. It also allows police to determine whether the animals are being hunted for sport, food or trade. Listen to the podcast: <http://bit.ly/1dlDsgm> to find out more about why hare coursing and poaching is a problem for rural communities and what to look out for.

Speed Watch: PC Ingram has approved sites for the speed watch and PCSO Hall is attending the training sessions on a date to be advised. The Speed Indication Device equipment has been requested and we await a date when the speed watch can take place. Thank you to the residents who have volunteered to help with the speed watch. We have noted your names and contact details and will be in touch as soon as we have a date for the speed watch. If there are residents out there that have not already volunteered and can contribute a few hours of time to cover a couple of two hour shifts per week, please call Cllr Vic Wright on 01525 270537 or send an email to junewzone-speedwatch@yahoo.co.uk

Litter Pick: Thank you to residents that helped with the litter pick. You did an excellent job, despite only being a few people.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS The Trust has been disbanded and it is hoped that the Parish Council will take over the legal responsibility for the site. We are asking for volunteers to help do the maintenance on the Green, so do please phone Christine on 270377, if you feel you could help. So far we have 6 people but need more, so we can take it in turns and lighten the load. Sitting on the ride-on mower and cutting the grass is really quite fun, I assure you and I'm 73 years young!

The Easter Egg Hunt was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The weather was absolutely lovely – and all the children who participated went home with a chocolate egg or a prize of some sort. We would like to thank Michelle and Erin who went to a lot of trouble to organise it and made it such a success. Thank you very much and thanks to those who came along to support the event.

We have been advised that the groundcover and drainage work to the Children's playground will commence on Monday 28th April.

SOCIAL GROUP This very dynamic group have cooked themselves another great meal which they consumed on Wednesday April 16th in the Parish Hall with much relish and enjoyment. Everyone contributed a dish. The lamb boulangere was delicious, cooked by Elizabeth Caplan and everything else was very good too. Thanks to all the members who contributed.

The next meetings are as follows: Wednesday April 30th at 2.30 pm in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

Thursday May 15th same time, same place

Wednesday May 28th same time, same place but at this meeting, we are expecting a talk by a local policeman/woman about safety and protecting yourself and your property. This is an open meeting, open to everyone, so do come along if you are interested.

This invitation to everyone in the village, also applies at another meeting on Thursday June 12th at 2.30pm in Parish Hall when we are welcoming Senior Shop to show us fashion clothes, men's and women's which you will be able to buy if you so desire. Come along and see what it's like.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS The recent Race Night raised just over £500, which will be great help towards the cost of getting prepared for the season. Many thanks to Stoke Hammond Sports Club for their hospitality and Martin French for great food! The pre-season Golf Day at The Three Locks Club was held on a beautiful spring day and was enjoyed by all attended. The overall winner was Dan Mead, grandson of our chairman Brian, who himself won the "nearest the pin" trophy. The whisky raffle was won by Gordon Mason, secretary of the Marrant Four Counties Cricket League.

Sunday 4th May: 150 year rematch v Stoke Hammond. The match is due to start at 12:00. Refreshments available.

Sunday 25th May: Tri-village Twenty20 tournament, between Soulbury, Stoke Hammond and Drayton Parslow. It is hoped this will become an annual event, and will start at 11:00. Refreshments available.

Regular Sunday fixtures, all commencing at 2pm:

11th May home v Drayton Parslow

18th May home v Bletchley Printers

1st June away v Stony Stratford 2nd XI

Bus Service: The Parish Council received a response from two households in the village, so it appears that an improved bus service would not be supported. We are unable to present this information to any bus company and will not be going forward with this project.

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A very interesting and informative talk. Our next meeting on May 13th is Resolutions evening and Champagne Reception.

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Gena Parrott of Soulbury is a trustee and spent 8 months at the Kookaburra Community School. She (and some friends) will be hosting a Cream Tea event

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Sun. 27th April - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Sun. 1st June - 11:00am	FAMILY WORSHIP
Sun. 4th May - 11:00am	FAMILY WORSHIP		
Sun. 11th May - 11:30am	Parish Communion		
Sun. 18th May - 11:30am	Parish Communion		
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Tuesdays	13th & 27th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	6th & 20th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	6th	7:15pm	Parish Council Meeting & Annual Assembly
Tuesday	13th	7:30pm	W.I. - Resolutions Evening & Champagne Supper
	30th, 15th, 28th		Social Group
Thursday	22nd	7am-10pm	MEP Elections
Sunday	1st June	9:30am	Soulbury Breakfast

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Dorcas Lane Wind Farm Update

Dorcas Lane Wind Farm Appeal to be decided by Eric Pickles MP

The Appeal against AVDC's refusal of planning consent for the Dorcas Lane Wind Farm will now be decided by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP. Pickles' office recently wrote to both AVDC and our MP (and SDLT President) John Bercow and confirmed that Mr Pickles will now make the final decision regarding the Appeal.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has decided to extend the temporary change to the appeals recovery criteria and continue to consider for recovery appeals for renewable energy developments for a further 12 months. Dorcas Lane will now be one of approximately 30 additional developments under Appeal that will be decided by him.

The developers of the wind farm, Force 9 Energy and EDF, had appealed against AVDC's refusal of planning consent. The Appeal is scheduled to be heard by Planning Inspector Ms Jessica Graham in late June and early July. The Inspector will now prepare a report and recommendation which will be submitted to Mr Pickles who will then make the decision in accordance with the planning merits of the case.

The SDLT action group, supported by John Bercow, had lobbied hard for this Appeal to be recovered, so we are delighted at the news. It is important to remember, however, that this does not mean that the Appeal will necessarily be rejected by Pickles – not every Appeal that he has recently recovered has subsequently been dismissed - but the Secretary of State has clearly said that where communities strongly object to such inappropriate development, they should not be forced to have them and that it was vital to give local people more say over wind farm applications. The planning case against this development is overwhelmingly strong given the immense harm which would be caused in respect of blighting our local landscape, making people's houses uninhabitable, and the impossibility of creating acceptable access to the site. The Secretary of State has also now recognised our serious concerns about aviation safety, which we understand to be the reason for agreeing to recover this Appeal.

Importantly, this decision does not change any of our preparations for the Inquiry in June/July – we still need to raise the same amount of money to pay our legal and expert witness costs and our fund-raising activities remain as critical as ever

Fund-raising

Here are the upcoming event dates for your diary:

SDLT FUND RAISING EVENTS 2014

- **A Comedy Night on Friday 16th May at the Three Locks Golf Club.**
- **WoodStoke Revisited on Saturday 5th July behind the Community Centre**

This article has been written by Stop Dorcas Lane Turbines action group. If you would like to find out more or make a donation please visit www.stopdorcaslaneturbines.com or www.facebook.com/SDLTurbines. You can contact us via email stopdorcaslaneturbines@hotmail.co.uk.