

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message

Dear Friends - The clocks went forward one hour and the weather seemed magically to warm up, a lovely foretaste hopefully of a long and sunny Summer. I know not everyone enjoys the heat and sun but most of us do relish the 'longer' days and evenings to sit outside and enjoy a meal and a drink especially with family or friends. The early Christians met almost daily to share in prayer, singing and the 'breaking of bread' in memory of the Last Supper of Jesus and His disciples. A special form of fellowship developed--the widows and orphans were looked after by 'deacons' appointed by the apostles, otherwise they would have had to join the great numbers of the destitute who roamed the wilderness places of the middle east, always at risk of physical danger. As we reach yet another General Election all the talk is of hard work, reward, tax and cuts with very little interest shown by any party in the most needy and vulnerable who are portrayed as scroungers and shirkers when in reality they might be the victim of ill-health, disability or the inadequacies of the 'market'. There are certainly those who fiddle and sponge but they are certainly not all common or ordinary and they are very much the people who Jesus called His neighbour (and are therefore ours' also). I wonder what any party's view or policy is on Food Banks, soup kitchens etc.

Let's pray for all our parliamentary candidates to use their hearts as well as their brains when asking for our X in the box on May 7th. God Bless, Philip.

## W.I. NEWS

Members and guests were welcomed to the April meeting by our president, Jean Housley. As well as being the centenary of the NFWI this year, it is also the 40th anniversary of the formation of Soulbury WI next month. To mark both occasions we hope to plant a tree in the churchyard adjacent to the bench dedicated to Joyce Kellner, a devoted past member. This month's topic was "Alice Hawkins, Suffragette" which proved to be fascinating. Our speaker was Peter Barratt, the great grandson of Alice. which made the subject much more personal. Peter had collected facts and anecdotes from his mother and grandmother and still had memorabilia which had actually belonged to Alice. She was born in 1863, in Stafford although she spent most of her life in Leicestershire. After an elementary education she left school aged 13 and went to work in a shoe factory. She joined a workers' co-operative and went to her first Suffragette meeting in 1907. Deciding that this was a cause that fired her, she went on to become a leading figure in the movement and became acquainted with the Pankhurst sisters. She spent five periods in gaol during her time in the movement, but with the outbreak of war in 1914, the movement came to an end. Alice died in 1946 aged 83. Peter was thanked by Gay Henrick and refreshments were served. Our next meeting is on May 12th when the speaker will be Linda Gransby, "Digital Cameras-Taking better Photographs" Members were asked to bring a plate of refreshments. It is also hoped that Linda will judge a photographic competition, the theme of which is Wild Life.

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT DOG FOULING IS CAUSING CONCERN ON THE VILLAGE GREEN AND MILLENNIUM GREEN, ALSO ON PRIVATE GRASSED AREAS AND FARMLAND. WE URGE ALL DOG OWNERS TO BE AWARE THIS IS AN OFFENCE AND IF WITNESSED THEY CAN BE PROSECUTED.

## CRICKET CLUB NEWS

- The Club is pleased to report that the Race Night made £650. Many thanks to those from the village who supported this event. This has gone towards some of the major pre-season expenses such as insurance, equipment maintenance and the pavilion. The 2015 season has already started with a friendly match v Leighton Town at the Bell Close ground on a lovely sunny day. I'm pleased to report that Soulbury won! Later on in May Soulbury will be defending their title at the Tri-Village Twenty20 tournament, this year hosted by Stoke Hammond. The third village in the competition is Drayton Parslow. Last year this was a great day.

Sat 2nd May 13:30 away v Buckland & A. Clinton 2nd XI (league)

Sun 3rd May 14:00 away v Cublington

Sat 9th May 13:30 home v Stoke Hammond 2nd XI (league)

Sun 10th May 14:00 away v Stony Stratford 2nd XI

Sat 16th May 13:30 away v Old Bradwell 2nd XI (league)

Sun 17th May 14:00 away v Drayton Parslow

Sat 23rd May 13:30 home v Thurleigh 2nd XI (league)

Sun 24th May from 10:30 Tri-village Twenty20 tournament

Sat 30th May 13:30 away v Little Horwood (league)

Sun 31st May no match

## NEWSLETTER FUNDS

The newsletter is looking for sponsors. If you would like to help in this way, or get together with a friend/neighbour to share the cost of £57 for one month, please contact Mrs.P.Norman on 01525 270483 or email [soulburynews@btinternet.com](mailto:soulburynews@btinternet.com)

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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS** The monthly Meeting took place on Monday April 20th. Apologies were received from Alan Stevens and Neil Blake. There were about 15 members of the public present including several Soulbury parishioners. Councillor Janet Blake attended and she updated us on various issues in the area : A pilot Broadband Scheme being undertaken in North Marston and Oving. AVDC hope to set up an Energy Consultancy Service. As all large energy companies are to have an energy audit this could generate an income for them. Ofsted looked at children's services. More qualified Social Workers are needed. Foster parents are required urgently. HS2 glimmer that the case is found wanting.

Planning : The Council looked at 3 Planning Applications : Liscombe House/Three Locks Pump House/14 Chapel Hill. All plans were passed

The road marking outside the Parish Hall and side turning were discussed and the Highways Engineer have been asked to speed up the installation of the marking. The Parish Council are going to have a meeting about the potholes in the road in the Parish of Soulbury with Highways Engineer David Smith and we will be looking at the roads on the 26th May, So if you have any large pot holes in your Road/Pavements or other issues let The Parish Council know.

We will not have a Parish Council election as only 6 people filled in the Election papers so we will be advertising a vacancy after the 7 th of May, The lack of people willing to stand for election is very disappointing as the Parish Council have taken a lot of flak of late.

We have reported the appearance of Japanese Knot weed in Stewkley Road to AVDC Highways as it is on the grass verge, but I gather this has been there for years. The Millennium Green is looking good and the grass seed has just been sown, please visit the MG and use the BBQ. At the meeting an offer to pay for next year's Christmas was made which the Parish Council are very grateful as last year we only raised £30 towards the tree which cost £175.

A complaint was made that dogs should be on leads on the Millennium Green as they are going into the field next to the MG and this is causing issues with the livestock, so can dog owners look after their dog while walking on the MG.

The defibrillator has been installed at Hollingdon Industrial estate and will be ready for use soon.

The issue with the Kissing Gate in Church Lane has been reported to the AVDC Footpath Officer and is waiting for a visit to see what to do about the gate. The Soulbury Bypass, the opinion of the experts seems to be that it was badly constructed and this the reason for the road surface breaking and potholes appearing regularly, not sure what the plan is at the moment to fix the issues.

The Parish Council were disappointed that the petition that was produced by Rita and Richard Marks and Alan Howell was not presented to the Parish Council in its final format with all the relevant information in ,as we had various report of people being not given forms or the way the forms were filled being questioned and a certain amount of harassment while collecting the data this was reported at the Parish Council Meeting by some of the people involve and by information collected while the Parish Council were on other business.

The next Parish Council Meeting is the 18th May this starts at 7pm for the Annual meeting and 8pm for the Parish Council Meeting.



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Is anyone in the Parish willing to collect information from the local clubs such Millennium Green/Book Club/Cricket Club/ etc. and send it to the Leighton Buzzard Observer once a week? Much can be copied from this newsletter if that helps!

### **Millennium Green Race Night 9th May 2015**

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**FUTURE EVENTS : Soulbury Soulfest - 6<sup>th</sup> June**

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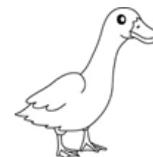
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Sunday 3rd May	FAMILY SERVICE	11am for refreshments	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 10th May	Parish Communion	11:30am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 17th May	Parish Communion	11:30am	Rev. Ian Ogilvie
Sunday 24th May	Parish Communion	11:30am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 31st May	TEAM SERVICE	10am - <b>STEWKLEY</b>	



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Tuesdays	12th, 26th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Monday 11th	Saturday 30th		Garden Waste (Brown Bin)
Thursday	7th	7am	GENERAL & COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Saturday	9th	7:30pm	Millennium Green Race Night
Sunday	10th	9:30am	Soulbury Breakfast
Tuesday	12th	7:30pm	W.I. Linda Gransby "Digital Cameras- Taking better Photographs"
	14th & 27th	2:30pm	Social Group : phone Christine on 270377 for details
Monday	18th	7pm	Parish Council Meeting



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