

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message



Dear friends, It seems amazing that as I write this we are towards the end of the Easter season and yesterday we had a mini snow storm followed by a beautiful late period of afternoon sunshine! All this is why we can cope with a certain level adversity even if we might moan a bit at the same time. In former times we called it the Dunkirk spirit which we now have to explain the meaning of if it should pop out of our mouths.....

Although we live in villages they themselves have changed and will continue to change as new housing is put in place and more of our old established families die off to be replaced by people who may never have lived in a small community before. It's not only our Churches and pubs which are affected by this relentless march of 'progress' but also our theatres, football clubs (other than premier ones maybe) and all sorts of other activities we once took for granted. For those of us with a faith the one thing which doesn't change is God at the heart of all we hold dear and gives meaning to life in the midst of a great deal of crazy stuff. Enjoy the lovely sunnier days and longer evenings. God Bless, Philip.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS: Our new container should be installed on 25th April. It will be sited just inside the gate for the time being. It will be moved when the ground improves. We apologise for any inconvenience.

New flower beds are being created, as well as a herb and vegetable garden. All this is down to our recent new residents and volunteers.

The Eco Toilet is obviously being used, BUT NOT being left "as you would wish to find it". Cleaning materials are available on the shelf, so please???

Our new mower has been purchased so grass will be under control. Unfortunately, rats still create a problem, but then that's part of living in the country. Please don't keep ringing to tell us they are there. We know!

The next event on The Green will be the children's music festival, and the new marquees will be most useful if the weather is inclement. Following that will be Soulfest, which we hope will be even bigger and better this year.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY A resounding success, that is the opinion of The Parish Council and, it seems, all of you who attended. It really was a concerted team effort, including the Community Payback Team, who assisted with the erection and dismantling of the marquee, as well as local residents. Putting up the marquee raised a lot of interest. Some people asked what is was for? Obviously not readers of this newsletter! Anyway the whole evening was brilliant, the food was outstanding. Thanks to Sainsbury for their contribution, to Margaret, Valerie and Vic for getting it all there on time. Thanks also to Sir Nicholas Bonsor for reading Prince Charles' words for us, to Daniel for electric and lighting, and to Ian and daughter. The list goes on, but mostly thanks to you all for attending.

SOULBURY TOURISM? A meeting will be held in The Parish Hall on 11th May at 7:30pm to see how we can capitalise on the attention "The Stone" has been attracting to Soulbury, with a view to raising funds for local projects and the church.

SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB First of all, a big THANK YOU to all those who supported the Race Night. Even though numbers attending were very low, the sum raised was £656. Thanks to Margaret Rowe & Martin French for delicious food. As I write this, it is snowing – just the weather for cricket! If the weather ever does improve, Soulbury will be playing in the Marrant Four Counties Cricket league again this year in Division 5 on Saturdays throughout the season with friendly matches on Sundays.

Saturday league matches:

7 th May	13.30	Home to Thurleigh 2nd XI
14 th May	13.30	Away at Milton Keynes 2nd XI
21 st May	13.30	Home to North Crawley 3rd XI
28 th May	13.30	Away at Lidlington
4 th June	13:30	Home to Great Brickhill 3rd XI

Sunday friendly matches:

1 st May	14.00	Home to New Bradwell
8 th May	14.00	Away at Drayton Parslow
15 th May	14.00	Away at Steppingley
22 nd May	14.00	Home to Stewkley
29 th May	TBA	Away at Drayton Parslow, tri-village Twenty20
5 th June	14:00	Home to Ebury Strollers

New players are always welcome. Please contact our Club Captain, Nick Mead 07771 738546.

All old spectacles and hearing aids can be recycled through the local Lions club. Please pass on to Vic Wright or Chris Bryant.

The Queen's 90th birthday celebration

There have been so many comments during the past few days from residents who attended the Queen's 90th birthday celebration which took place on the village green. There was an approximate count of 170 people. There was a definite buzz about the place with people commenting on the plentiful selection of delicious food, a very efficiently run bar, and commemorative medals being sold, to mention just a few. Also remarks on how well the event was run and their appreciation to the Parish Council. So many of our residents have said how they enjoyed themselves and what a wonderful evening it was. Positive remarks and comments are still coming through.

(on behalf of residents)

**THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH COUNCILLORS
FOR AN EXCELLENT EVENT AND ALL OF YOUR
HARD WORK TO MAKE IT HAPPEN
IT HAS BEEN APPRECIATED**



The Parish Council is entering Soulbury for this June's Best Kept Village competition. Please help as much as you can!

W.I. NEWS: The April meeting of Soulbury W.I. took place in the Parish Hall with Jean Housley presiding. After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and various matters arising were dealt with. We all agreed that our speaker last month had been most entertaining, and the members who attended the Group Meeting at Bow Brickhill had a most enjoyable evening. After completion of the business, our speaker for the evening, Geoffrey Dudgeon, was introduced. His topic was "writing and other Lunacies" and as an author he proceeded to tell us of all the steps involved in trying to get a book published. Initially he had tried to combine a regular career with his writing, but his writing finally took over and the long process of writing his novel and getting it published began. It took several years but finally all the hard work paid off and his first novel was published. He was thanked for a most entertaining talk, by Tricia Meera, after which refreshments were served. Our next meeting is on Tuesday May 10th when N.F.W.I. Resolutions will be discussed (followed by chocolate tasting!)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS: A meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 18th April 2016. There were apologies from Neil Blake. Minutes and finance were approved.

Planning: The White House, Soulbury. There were several objections to this application including the Parish Council, and has been referred to the Planning Officer at AVDC. **The Forge, Stewkley Road :** extension - no objection. **Hollington Grange :** 120 solar panels to be erected in a field. The Parish Council would like more information on the application.

Children's playground – The rent has been paid for this year. **Parish Devolution** – The Parish Council has agreed to sign this document, and will receive £1300 per year until 2020 when payment will cease.

Two teams from the community payback scheme erected the marquee on the Green in awful weather, and litter picked as well.

Public Participation : The transport company at Hollington depot has now moved. There was concern regarding the removal of part of the hedge, and access to the field by the builders in High Road. Residents in the Wickets (off The Mead) were very concerned about the effects of contaminated soil. John Spiers will inform the Environment Agency again.

Any other business: We are going to enter the Best Kept Village Competition in June. We have informed Highways regarding water running down the A4146. They contacted Anglian Water who investigated on Thursday 21st.

Date of next meeting – Monday 16th May. At 7:15pm followed by the AGM at 8pm and the Millennium Green AGM at 8:30pm.

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Sunday 1 st May	Family Service, 11:30am	Refreshments from 11am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy
Sunday 8 th May	Parish Communion, 11:30am	Sunday after Ascension	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 15 th May	Parish Communion, 11:30am	Pentecost	Rev. Robert Wright
Sunday 22 nd May	Parish Communion, 11:30am	Trinity Sunday	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 29 th May	Parish Communion, 11:30am	1 st Sunday after Trinity	Rev. Philip Derbyshire



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Tuesdays	10 th , 24 th	Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Sunday	8 th	9:30am Soulbury Breakfast - Parish Hall
Tuesday	10 th	7:30pm W.I. - "N.F.W.I. Resolutions & chocolate tasting!"
Wednesday	11 th	7:30pm Public discussion re Soulbury Tourism & Fund Raising
Monday	16 th	7:15pm Parish Council, AGM 8pm, M.Green AGM 8:30pm

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