

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 18th October. The next meeting is on Monday 15th November at 19:30.

Parish Hall: The recent improvements and building work are almost finished. Next, we will be looking at some refurbishment and decorating to the inside of the hall.

Jubilee Fountain: The next working group is on Saturday 20th November at 10:00am. If you have an hour to spare, please come along with fork, spade and gloves for a general tidy up and weeding.

Christmas Event, Friday 11th December in Parish Hall: The Parish Council is thinking of organising an event for the festive season to bring people together. Perhaps something like a fish & chip supper (and mince pies) followed by carols. We would like to get an indication of numbers to see if it is feasible. If you are interested, please respond as soon as possible by telephoning Alan Stevens on 01525 270213.

Parish Plan : We shall be reviewing the action plan relating to the above at the next Parish Council Meeting on the 15th November.

If there are any items relating to the plan which you would like to be raised at this meeting, can you please contact Ian Housley on 01525 237654 or email housley2@tiscali.co.uk.

Found : A ladies bicycle has been found in the village between 19th & 20th October. For more information please telephone 270324.

Macmillan Coffee Morning : **This year's coffee morning** raised the sum of £210. May thanks to all who contributed.

Welcome : We would like to welcome Ian & Jo who have come to live in Manor Close.

OVERSTONE SCHOOL - WING

Early Years Open Morning, Thursday 25th November, 9.30 - 11.00. An opportunity to see how much our children (and staff!) enjoy both Nursery and Reception classes at Overstone. Current and prospective parents welcome.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

Work Party : On Saturday November 13th we are proposing to have a BIG CLEAR-UP and obviously, subject to the weather, a bonfire to burn the brash. Do please come along from 10.30am with secateurs, loppers, snippers, cutters and a strimmer if you've got one, gloves (though we have spare ones) and enjoy an hour or so working on your green. If it's nice, bring some potatoes to cook in the fire and eat. Then, if this doesn't work for whatever reason, we will have another go at doing a clear-up on Saturday November 27th. Put these dates in your diary and try and come along on one of these days or BOTH!

CHURCH NEWS

Shoe Box Collection : On November 7th we will be collecting up shoe boxes, as we have done for the last few years. This collection is part of Operation Christmas Child - www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk for more information.

All you have to do is find a shoe box, decorate it with Christmas wrapping paper, the bottom and the lid, then fill it with suitable gifts for a child, boy or girl, aged 2-4years, 5-9years, 10-14years. Suggestions for gifts are felt tips, pens, pencils, picture or puzzle books, chalk, rubbers, sharpeners etc. toiletries such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, hair slides, bar of soap, flannel etc. or sweets that have a sell-by date at least to March 2011, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles or necklaces. Please do not include chocolates, medicine, no war-related toys, such as guns or soldiers, no glass items, no liquids such as shampoo or bubble bath and no books written in English. It sounds a bit complicated but when you remember the children who receive the gifts, live all over the world and some of them are traumatised by what they have witnessed in war zones or they are deprived and under-nourished, just use your common sense about what is suitable.

If you need a shoe box and the proper label to stick on your box, phone Christine on 270377. We have lots of boxes and leaflets in the church.

Remembrance Sunday : Please note the time of this service. We gather around the war memorial at 10:50, lay poppy wreaths at the foot of the memorial and hold a minute's silence at 11:00 and then have a short service inside the church. Everyone is welcome to come along. It is surely appropriate that we remember our servicemen and women, both those who are no longer with us, but also those who are still fighting in Afghanistan today.

New Team Rector : After putting an advertisement in the Church Times for two weeks, at a cost of £830 a week! we were informed recently that there had been only one applicant for the post of Team Rector for the benefice of Stewkley, Soulbury, Cublington and Aston Abbots. It is now proposed to re-advertise the post in the New Year and we hope we will get more than one suitable candidate. This is very disappointing news and means we will have to muddle along, possibly for another 3 to 6 months. The Rev Ian Ogilvie has agreed to carry on coming to All Saints' twice a month for the first three months in 2011 and we are so very grateful to him for all he does for us and for the other three parishes in our benefice. Without Ian and a few dedicated volunteer helpers, including the Rev. Peter Lymbery, our church would simply have to be deconsecrated, I expect, and become a museum. Is this perhaps the future for a great number of rural churches? I hope not, but it looks more and more likely as time goes on, sadly.



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Curate : Rev. Peter Lymbery : 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard. Tel. 371235



Sunday	7th November	11:30am	Holy Communion & Shoe Box Collection (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	14th November	10:50am	Remembrance Service starts at the War Memorial (Rev. Peter Lymbery)
Sunday	21st November	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	28th November	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Lymbery and Colin Smart Preacher)
Sunday	5th December	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE (Andrew and Lesley Berry)

ART IN CHEDDINGTON: TOWN FARM OPEN STUDIO

Exhibition of high quality, handcrafted gifts, Christmas decorations and cards. Nine artists showing paintings, prints, sculpture, ironwork, woodcarving, textile art and jewellery. See www.townfarmopenstudio.blogspot.com

Friday 26th - Sunday 28th November, 10am - 5pm

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Tuesdays	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th		Toddler Group	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Wednesdays	10th & 24th	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Thursday	4th November		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection	
Sunday	7th November	9:30 - noon	Soulbury Breakfast	
Tuesday	9th November	8pm	W.I. - AGM	
Thursday	11th & 25th		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Monday	15th November	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Thursday	18th November		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection including Glass	

This month's newsletter is kindly sponsored by a lady in the village.

If you would like to sponsor an issue, or submit items for publication by 24th November please contact:

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