

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 17 October. The next meeting is Monday 21 November at 19:30 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Children's playground : We are hoping to upgrade the playground in Mount Pleasant for the older children and intend to site equipment for the younger children on the Millennium Green. We are already in the process of installing new goal posts on the Mount Pleasant playground.

Currently, we have funds around £7000, but this is not enough to equip the two playgrounds. We have been trying to get match funding to allow us enough money to buy the equipment. We have approached several banks to find that some will fund match for this type of project. However, they will only consider this if a resident from the parish is an employee of their bank. So, are there any persons living in the parish who work for the big banks. If there is, can you please contact Parish Councillor Alan Stevens on 01525 270213 to discuss the possibility of obtaining match funding from your bank.

Jubilee Fountain : We need your help with tidying up the fountain. Please come along on Saturday 5th November between 10:00 and 12:00.

Soulbury allotments : There is an allotment available. If you are interested, please contact June Wright on 01525 270537.

Christmas Tree : We are looking for sponsors for the Christmas tree which is located on The Green each year. We can also do with some help getting it installed into the beacon, which will take place on Saturday 10th December. If you are able to oblige with either of these, please contact Vic Wright on 01525 270537.

The Soulbury Sing-along

Due to the unprecedented and resounding success of last year's event we propose to hold another stupendous production.

Saturday 10th December is the date
Soulbury Parish Hall is the place
7pm for 7.30pm is the time

Fish and chips is the menu
Chicken and chips is an option

£10 per person is the cost

Alan is the person to book your tickets from

01525 270213 is the number you need

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

A BURGLARY has been reported on The Green Soulbury, between 8am and 6pm on Friday 21 October. Offenders forced a kitchen window to gain entry and stole items of jewellery from inside. Also a burglary was reported at midnight on Saturday 22 October on Main Road, Drayton Parslow. Cash was stolen from the location. Please remain on your guard and ensure any suspicious activity is reported immediately to the Police. Where possible, obtain a description of any persons, along with the make, model, colour and registration number of any vehicle. Officers would also like to hear from anyone that may have witnessed anything in relation to these crimes. If you have any information please call the 24 hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505 and state that you are responding to this message. Alternatively, if you don't wish to give your details you can call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to help raise £171 at The Macmillan Coffee Morning - well done!

CHURCH NEWS

Our Patronal Festival is being held on Sunday, November 6th because there was a Benefice Service on October 30th. It is because our church is called All Saints' that we have a special service as near All Saints' Day, November 1st, as possible.

On Remembrance Sunday, we shall, as usual, gather round the war memorial at ten minutes to eleven for the laying on of wreaths and a minute's silence. After this, we go into the church for a short service of remembrance.

CONCERT IN THE CHURCH ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26th AT 7.30PM: An Evening of Festive Music to put you in the right mood for Christmas ! will take place in the church on the above date. The highly regarded STEWKLEY SINGERS are kindly coming to perform for us. Tickets cost £5.00 and include a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles, provided by the W.I. Tickets are available from W.I. members Val Hammond or Linda Plowright or from Christine Sheppard on 01525 270604, 270016 or 270377 respectively. Proceeds will go towards church funds. Join us for a great evening of seasonal music to sing along to and to appreciate.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR DEPRIVED CHILDREN: Once again we are collecting shoe boxes in the church for the charity Operation Christmas Child. What do you have to do? Find an empty shoe box. We have lots already in the church if you need one. Phone Christine on 270377 and I'll deliver it to you. Cover the box in Christmas wrapping paper, (lid separately from bottom part so it can be opened.) Decide if the present is for a girl or boy and of what age, say from 5yrs to 9yrs or 10yrs to 14yrs. Then fill the box with things chosen from the following suggestions: Soft toys, balls, finger puppets, yo-yos, trucks, cars, dolls, hair-slides, ribbons, pens, felt tips, colouring books, puzzles, toothpaste, toothbrush, combs, bar of soap, gloves, scarf sunglasses, sweets (sell-by date March 2012). Please no food, no medicine, no books in English, no war-related things like toy guns or soldiers, no chocolate, liquids or glass. **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH** is the last date to bring them in. It is a bit early but the boxes are travelling long distances to children all over the world to places like Afghanistan, Turkey, Kosovo and Africa. We hope to get a good number of boxes this year, so make a poor child happy by doing a box. It is a fun thing to do and does not need to cost too much.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

The Green looks as though someone has been doing some tidying up and the tree plantation on the right is in the process of being thinned. The work is on-going and there will be another work party sometime soon.

The Bake Day held on Saturday October 8th was quite well attended and some cooks worked so hard, kneading dough all morning (which requires a good deal of muscle power!) and baking some delicious smelling loaves of white, wholemeal and granary bread. Liz Miller is amazing. She organised it all, cooked all the cakes that were on sale, demonstrated the process of bread-making and helped beginners learn what to do. Many, many thanks to Liz. Thanks to all the other helpers, Pat Jones and Pat Catchlove and specially Margaret Owen and Jackie Ridley for the loan of their ovens and to everyone who supported the event by coming for coffee and buying cakes and bread.

QUIZ AND SUPPER EVENING: We are holding another popular quiz evening in the Parish Hall on Saturday November 12th at 7.30pm. There will be tables of four people but if you are not a foursome, it is possible to join in with others and mix and match. Please phone Elizabeth on 270838 or Christine on 270377 to book a place. The food is always delicious so make sure you put this date in your diary.

The STAPLEFORD TRUST provides Christmas hampers to anyone who has lived in the village for more than a year, is over 65, and would like to receive one. The Trustees are concerned that they may be unaware of some villagers who, due to their youthful looks, may be missing out. - If so, please contact Ian Parrott on 270234 or Greeba Cochran on 270271.



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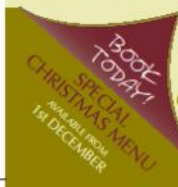
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Sunday	6th November	11:30am	Patronal Service - Holy Communion (Rev. Philip Derbyshire)
Sunday	13th November	10:50am	Remembrance Sunday (note time)
Sunday	20th November	11:30am	Holy Communion
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Thursday	3rd November		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection	
Saturday	5th November	10am- noon	Tidy Up Jubilee Fountain	
Tuesday	8th November	8pm	W.I. AGM & 50/50 Bring and Buy	
Thursdays	10th & 24th		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Monday	14th November	8pm	Soulbury Village Cricket Club AGM (Parish Hall)	
Thursday	17th November		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection including Glass	
Monday	21st November	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall)	
Saturday	26th November	7:30pm	Christmas Concert (Church)	
Sunday	4th December	9:30am	Soulbury Breakfast (Parish Hall)	
Saturday	10th December	7pm	Soulbury Sing-along (Parish Hall)	

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