

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message Dear friends, Great experiences at Harvest this year - service in a barn, family workshop on produce, scarecrows and angels (a good mix!) and the famous Cublington Traffic Light Soup as well as Harvest bring and share lunches and sit-down suppers. What a wonderful time for good memories for us, whatever age, to look back on. November is traditionally the month for remembering - All Saints/Souls, Guy Fawkes (ask your parents/grandparents) and Armistice Day when we remember the end of World War I and the hope that all war might end..... Memory is a really important thing for us humans - we all make jokes about 'senior moments' when we temporarily forget a name or piece of information. But, of course, there is a very serious and sad side to this which many of us have seen or lived with in a loved one. I remember visiting my maternal Gran in hospital where she lived and eventually died in a locked ward (only 30 years' ago). It was tragic that she knew none of us and she was also potentially very aggressive. It struck me particularly, as I had lived with her for two years when I was a child and my Mum was in hospital seriously ill and my Dad was overseas with the Royal Marines. These are bitter-sweet memories of someone very loving, kind and gentle somehow lost in a dark wood with no secure way through. The one thing she clung to to the end was the view out of the ward of the cross on the chapel roof which she would occasionally point to and smile, as though the love of God in Christ broke through just momentarily.

November is a good time before the mayhem of Christmas to review memories and give thanks for that gift, however mixed. God Bless, Philip.

CONCERT: On Saturday November 22nd at 7.30pm in the church. We welcome the Pulloxhill Singers who will entertain us with familiar songs from musicals and well known tunes. Tickets cost £7.00, including refreshments, home-made mince-pies and mulled wine and fruit juices. Phone Christine or Jane to book a place on 270377 or 270493.

ORGANIST: Unfortunately we have had to say goodbye to our organist Andrew Berry whose health is not good. We would like to thank Andrew and his wife Lesley for all they have done to help us in the last few years. We will miss them and wish them all the best for the future. If you play the organ or know of anyone who might play for us, on a temporary basis or regularly, we would be so grateful. Phone Christine on 270377 if you can help.

W.I. NEWS This month's meeting had a recycling theme. Our speaker was Alison Pickard whose talk was entitled "Make do and Mend: Clothing in the Second World War". Alison explained how she and her husband became interested in the second world war period some time ago This had resulted in their home becoming fitted and furnished with items from the period even down to the light fittings! She then went on to tell us how "make do and mend" became the motto for the war years which meant that items no longer useful were converted into more useful garments. The government at the time also introduced the "Utility" mark for wartime products. This interesting evening ended with a "Swishing" session with members exchanging superfluous items with one another. Our next meeting will to be the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Tuesday 11th November. The new committee will be introduced and there will be cheese and wine and a crafty activity!

SOULBURY SINGALONG Space is limited, as you all well know, so don't be disappointed and miss out. Phone me for your seats, as you know I always try to do something different and this year is no exception. As usual it's Bring Your Own Drinks. So ... Do It Now!! Ring me on 270213. Thanks Alan.

MANY THANKS to all those who attended the Harvest Supper. A delicious meal of steak pie with vegetables followed by a selection of desserts was provided by Margaret Rowe and her helpers, followed by an auction of the Harvest produce courtesy of auctioneers John Rowe, Vic Wright and Tom Henrick. A total of just over £400 was raised for Church Funds. The raffle raised £107 which will be sent to the agricultural charity RABI.

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

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MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

BONFIRE NIGHT: We are holding a Bonfire and Fireworks Night on Saturday November 1st at 6pm on the Millennium Green. There will be refreshments, a barbecue and chilli, I think!, and other appetising delights. Entry is free but we hope you will donate generously to help the upkeep of the green. There is a competition with prizes for the best carved pumpkin and Guy Fawkes guy as well. If anyone would like to donate some fireworks to add to the display, that would be much appreciated. Please phone Alan Stevens on 270213 for further information or to donate fireworks. Why not come along to the working party during the day to help us prepare? Thank you.

Recently Alan Stevens contacted Stewkley Parish Council and was referred to their chief environmental worker Alan Dickson who looks after the Nature Reserve as a volunteer in the village. Three of us went to see Alan and look round the nature reserve. It was a very useful meeting and we learnt about the maintenance plan that Stewkley uses to produce their lovely wild flower meadow. We hope to follow their example and reduce the fertility of the top meadow in order to encourage flowers such as knapweed, yellow rattle and ragged robin to grow. This means we will cut the long grass twice a year and remove the hay. Alan Dickson a lovely kind man, gave us some seeds of a lovely wildflower, sheep's bit scabious, which we have sown in pots and hope one day to transfer to the Green.

A SPECIAL EVENT: On Saturday November 8th we are holding a special tree planting event at 10.00 am on the stage area of the Millennium Green. Nicole Taylor who lives in the village with her partner Phil and two daughters has arranged this occasion, because, very, very sadly she has an inoperable brain tumour. The Brain Tumour Research charity for whom Nicole works will put up a plaque under the tree in memory of Nicole – though maybe she might be lucky and the tumour will go away!

The tree has been donated by Dobbies Garden Centre and will be planted by Lady Nadine Bonsor accompanied by her husband Sir Nicholas Bonsor and possibly their daughter Sacha, who marvellously has recovered from a brain tumour. The Bonsor family have been extremely kind and supportive of Nicole. Everyone is welcome to attend this event and we are invited afterwards to The Boot for bacon butties!! which will be really great, especially if it's cold, wet and horrible. Many thanks to Nicole and everyone who has helped organise this.

Contributed by Christine

SOULBURY BREAKFAST - The next breakfast is on Sunday 16th November.

SOCIAL GROUP: The next meeting is to be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday November 13th at 2.30pm. We shall be practising our short mat bowls skills but we could do with some expert advice. Any offers? Everyone welcome

BOOK CLUB: The next meeting is on Wednesday November 12th at 2.30pm at the home of Mrs Rita Marks, Hillcroft, when we shall be talking about the book (which I haven't read yet!) "Waiting for Columbus" by Thomas Trofimuk (who?)

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Sun. 2nd Nov - 11:00am	All Saints' Day	Family Services start at 11am with Refreshments	
Sun. 9th Nov - 10:50am	Remembrance Sunday	Meet at War Memorial	Rev. Robert Wright
Sun. 16th Nov - 11:30am	Parish Communion		Rev. Roger Hale
Sun. 23rd Nov - 10:00am	Christ the King Service	STEWKLEY	
Sun. 30th Nov - 11:00am	Parish Communion	1st of Advent - Rev. Philip Derbyshire	

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Tuesdays	11th & 25th		Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	4th & 18th		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
	13th		Social Group
Saturday	8th	10am	Millennium Green Tree Planting
Monday	24th	8pm	Cricket Club AGM in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	11th	7:30pm	W.I. - Parish Hall - AGM, Cheese & Wine
Monday	17th	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	16th	9:30am	Soulbury Breakfast in the Parish Hall (until midday)

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

As from 1st June 2014 booking for the parish hall is now administered online. If you would like to make a booking then please email soulburyparishhall@gmail.com for further information, and to check availability. The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 20th October. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 17th November at 19:30, and all are welcome.

Property Marking Event : Saturday 15th November at 14:00: The police will be in The Boot car park to mark up possessions/equipment that you bring along. This can include bicycles, pushchairs, wheelchairs, garden equipment such as lawn mowers, leaf blowers etc, horse riding tack and saddles. To reduce the payoff to the thief – traceable property may be more difficult to sell on.

Speed Watch Training: Having waited several months, we are advised that training for the Speed Watch that we tried to organise last Spring is now available to us. We have a list of people who volunteered earlier this year and will be contacting you to confirm whether you will be available and willing. We would like to encourage more volunteers to take part in the training ready for when the actual Speed Watch can take place. It is likely that the training date will be sometime in November and it will take place on The Green and the Millennium Green entrance. If you can take part in the training session, please call Cllr Vic Wright on 01525 270537 or send an email to junewzone-speedwatch@yahoo.co.uk with your name and contact details and we will advise you as soon as the date and time is confirmed. **MVAS (Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs):** Residents may have noticed small white posts by the roadside around the village. These are markers for the location of moveable posts to which will be fixed a MVAS device. These locations have been pre-agreed with the police. The Parish Council is already in possession of the MVAS device and are currently organising the appropriate posts which will enable the device to be moved around the village. MVAS will be set to display the speed limit when approached by a vehicle travelling above a pre-determined speed (typically 33mph in a 30mph speed limit), acting as a reminder to drivers exceeding the speed limit. The aim of this is to encourage a safer driving speed and improve road safety.

Soulbury Parish Allotments: A few allotment plots have become available. We are now offering these out to Stoke Hammond residents as there seems to be little take-up from Soulbury residents. If you are interested in an allotment, please contact June Wright on 01525 270537.

Christmas Tree for The Green: The Christmas Tree has become a popular landmark of the season in Soulbury and it would be good to continue this festive spirit. However, we are respectfully looking for sponsorship and if you feel that you can help out with a donation towards the cost of this year's tree, please contact Cllr Vic Wright on 01525 270537. Many thanks. We are also looking for volunteers to help erect and light the tree. Please meet on The Green at 10:00am on Saturday 29th November.

SuperFast Broadband: SuperFast Broadband will only come to Soulbury if BT thinks we want it! The more Soulbury residents that register an interest in SuperFast Broadband, the more likely BT will install the technology to make it a reality.

Register at: www.connectedcounties.org/check-availability/register and www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/expression-gen.aspx

This is especially important for those households that are connected directly to the Soulbury exchange.

Volunteer to write a few notes: Two hours, once a month is all that is required to write a few sentences for the Parish Council column in this Newsletter. Can you help out please? Contact Vic Wright on 01525 270537.

Contact numbers: Chairman - Victor Wright 270537; Vice Chairman - Maurice Cross 270503; Councillors - Alan Stevens 270213; Margaret Rowe 270355; Ian Culley 07787 784750; David Kempster 270080; Valerie Redbart 270246

MORE DIARY DATES

Wednesday 12th : Book Club

Thursday 13th : Social Club

Saturday 15th : Property Marking, The Boot

Saturday 22nd : Pulloxhill Choir Concert, All Saints' Church

Saturday 29th : Erect and light Christmas Tree, The Green

Saturday 6th December : Soulbury Sing-a-long

Town Farm	Paintings, Illustration Ceramics, Glass, Woodcraft Woodcarving, Stonecarving Printed Textiles, Jewellery www.townfarmartshow.blogspot.com
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