

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Jubilee Fountain : The P.C. would like to thank those who helped tidy up the Jubilee Fountain. A further tidy up is planned for Saturday 7th November, when once again help would be appreciated.

Summer Ball : Thanks also go to Sam Mardlin and the Summer Ball Committee for their donation towards new play equipment for the children's playground.

Cycling : It has come to the attention of the P.C. that children are riding their bicycles on the footpaths in the village and causing annoyance to residents. Would parents kindly ask their children to refrain from doing this.

Age Concern : The Age Concern Bucks Befriending Scheme is available throughout Bucks. If you think that you may be able to volunteer to help anyone in Soulbury - something as simple as popping round for a game of cards and a cup of tea can make all the difference, then please contact Mike Brooks on 01296 431911.

Keeping Warm This Winter : As winter rapidly approaches an Affordable Warmth helpline has been launched in the Aylesbury Vale. Anyone who is struggling to heat their home or meet the spiralling costs of domestic fuel bills can call for free, impartial advice on national and local government grants. Call 0800 1070044, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. If your heating system is broken then you may be eligible for a Warm Front Grant. The grant can provide a package of insulation and heating improvements, even if you have had a grant in the past. Call 0800 316 2805 and quote MK995 or email networking@eaga.com

Road Works : Please note that the railway bridge on the Great Brickhill road is being reinforced and there are likely to be delays with traffic lights over the next few weeks.

THE GREAT SOULBURY BREAKFAST

The date for the first Soulbury Breakfast in aid of the Friends of Soulbury Church Fund has been changed from Saturday to Sunday 11th October from 09:30am to 12:00 in the Clubroom. The cost for a full English breakfast is £5 (£2.50 for children), Continental breakfast will also be available.

SAFARI SUPPER

Don't forget the Safari Supper on Saturday 24th October. We still have places so telephone Jane 270493, Margaret 270305 or Sheila 270175 to book your place.

CHURCH NEWS

Samaritans Purse - Operation Christmas Child

The FAMILY SERVICE on 4th October at 11:30 will be focusing on this charity giving details of what it does and where and how YOU can be involved in this year's appeal. It would be good to see how not only as a church, but as a village, we can be involved and help those who are less fortunate than ourselves around the world. Please make sure that you are there.

The closing date for the return of all SHOE BOXES is 1st November, when, at the Family Service on our Patronal Festival, all the boxes we have collected will be blessed and in the following week taken to STEWKLEY SCHOOL who are also supporting the project again this year. Please help us to improve on our total of 50 boxes from SOULBURY last year. Thank you.

Peter's Celebration

On Sunday 11th October there will be a little celebration for the Rev. Peter Lymbery. The Archdeacon the very Rev. Karen Gorham will be coming to preach and Peter will celebrate Holy Communion. It is now 10 years since Peter was ordained and has been a minister for our church. This service is to thank him for his dedication to the parish of All Saints' and to other parishes in the benefice. There will be lots of people coming, the Rev. Norman Cotton and the Rev. Paul Drake, Peter's large family, people from Stewkley and other parishes in the benefice and we hope lots from Soulbury village. So if you have been married or baptised by Peter and would like to show your appreciation for all he has done, do come along to thank him.

The Reverend Ian Ogilvie who is coming to see us and take the service on October 18th is a retired priest who has been authorised by Bishop Alan of Buckingham to be our temporary priest while Michelle is given time to sort her life out. It has been more than difficult without Michelle so the P.C.C. and the churchwardens are delighted to have Ian. He has said that he would like to meet as many people as possible when he comes, so once again we ask you to come to church on that day to welcome him.

He will come again on November 1st, All Saints' Day to take our Patronal Service. Families are asked to come as well with their children and bring their Christmas shoe boxes to be blessed.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who supported and helped at the two recent fund raising events. The "Evening with Peter Baxter" was a great success and when all funds have been received, will have raised over £1,000 which we hope to put towards a Public Address/Hearing Aid Loop system. The Harvest Supper was the usual chaotic fun, with delicious food provided by Margaret Rowe with help from other members of the WI. Thanks to trainee auctioneers Vic and Tom. The evening raised just under £600 for the church and £120 for the charity RABI that supports farmers and agricultural workers.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS BOOK CLUB

The Barn Dance which took place on September 5th at St Barnabas' Church Hall in Linslade was a great event but very poorly supported by the village. It was very disappointing for the trustees who worked their socks off arranging it all and had hoped to make a bit of money towards funds. Apart from the trustees and their families, only two people from the village came. We made a profit of £90 odd which of course is better than a poke in the eye with a burnt stick but was, nevertheless, a disappointment.

About 30 people came; the food was excellent, a buffet of salmon, chicken, ham and beef, lentil salad, pizzas, potato salad and coleslaw, quiches, olives and cheeses and delicious desserts, pavlovas, chocolate gateau, strawberries, plums and grapes; the band was excellent with a very engaging caller who got everyone on their feet and there was a bar. What more could you want?? It was a very happy, jolly evening and everyone there had a good time.

Was it the venue? Was it the event itself? Was it the price? How can we attract more people? We are appealing to residents to give us suggestions and advice about how we could raise more support and interest in the events we organise. Please write to the newsletter with your ideas or phone Elizabeth Caplan on 270838 or Christine on 270377.

FOUND

A ring was found on the pavement at the bottom of Mount Pleasant several months ago. Please phone Christine on 270377 if you have any idea whose it might be.

The very popular Book Club meets this Wednesday October 7th at Hillcroft, the home of Rita Marks at 2.30pm. We shall be discussing the contemporary American author Jody Picoult's book "The Pact" though while I come to think of it, I won't 'cause I haven't got a copy yet!!

STAPLEFORD TRUST

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.

THANK YOU

Len Selby (Wizard's Dad) would like to thank; on behalf of the Mari Curie organisation, all the people from the village green who kindly donated towards their funds. A total of £76 was donated during my Sunday collection.

The organisers of the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf coffee morning would like to thank those who supported the event. A total of £252.73 was raised for this worthy cause.

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



Sunday	4th October	11:30am	FAMILY SERVICE (Shoe boxes to be distributed)
Sunday	11th October	11:30am	Holy Communion - Peter's Celebration
Sunday	18th October	11:30am	Holy Communion - The Rev. Ian Ogilvie
Sunday	25th October	11:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	1st November	11:30am	Patronal Family Service with Holy Communion and the Rev. Ian Ogilvie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesdays	6th, 13th, 20th & 27th		Toddler Group	
Wednesdays	14th & 28th	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop	
Thursdays	8th & 22nd		Youth Club	Clubroom
Thursday	1st October		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Thursday	8th October		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection	
Sunday	11th October	9:30am	Country Breakfast	Clubroom
Tuesday	13th October	8:00pm	W.I. - Talk on Border Collie Training - Gerry Foster	
Thursday	15th October		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Monday	19th October	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clubroom
Thursday	22nd October		AVDC Refuse, Recycling & Glass Collection	
Saturday	24th October		Safari Supper	
Thursday	29th October		AVDC Refuse Collection	
Saturday	14th November	8:30am	Country Breakfast	Clubroom

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If you would like to sponsor an issue, or submit items for publication by 25th October please contact:

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