

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH NEWS

The Parish Council Meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Monday 20 September. Unfortunately, there were no members of the public in attendance. If you would like to know what goes on or would like to participate, please come along to the next meeting on Monday 18 October at 19:30. **Children's Playground:** Discussions regarding children's play equipment are ongoing with the Millennium Green Trustees. Parish Hall: Improvements are progressing and we hope to have these completed shortly. Jubilee Fountain: The next working group is on Saturday 2 October at 10:00am. If you have an hour to spare, please come along with fork, spade and gloves. Our District Councillor reported that in line with Government policy, planning decisions are to be withdrawn from central government and handed back to local councils in order that local communities control planning powers. Post Office Services: The Outreach Service for rural areas was outlined in the September Newsletter and the Parish Council need to know if this will be supported before a case is put to the Post Office. There was no interest reported from residents last month. However, in case this was missed, we are reminding residents that if they feel this would be of value, please contact Alan Stevens on 01525 270213 to let him know. Charity Golf Day: To take place on 22 October at Three Locks Golf Club in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. If you are interested in participating, please contact Neil Blake on 01525 261288. Allotments: There are a few allotments available at a cost of £10 per annum (including water rate). Enquires to Vic Wright on 01525 270537. Allotment holders must not erect any buildings on allotments without prior permission of the Parish Council. Buildings should not exceed 6ft x 4ft and details should be submitted for approval. We are in need of topsoil for the driveway to the allotments. If you have any good quality soil that can be donated, please contact Maurice Cross on 01525 270503.

CHURCH NEWS

The building work on the church is progressing well. There is now no roof, so, you could say it's a bit draughty, but in a week or so, a temporary roof will be in place. Certainly by Christmas, and hopefully, by the time we get cold weather, we hope to be able to put the heating on. Please don't let this deter you from coming to our services. We are soldiering on, in spite of loads of dust and rubble which cover the pews and floors during the week. Thanks to a few hard-working people, who did a grand job hoovering and dusting and washing floor tiles on Saturday September 25th. The Harvest Festival went ahead as usual, mostly up in the chancel. There were only about 25 people who attended, which was a bit disappointing but the main part of the church was clean and the few flowers and produce decorating the altar and window sills gave a cosy attractive feel to the place. It was a weeny bit parky though, I have to say! The Harvest Supper raffle raised £160 for R.A.B.I and £580 for the general church fund. Thank you to all who supported this event.

The Benefice Service on the last Sunday of the month is at St Michael's in Stewkley on October 31st at 10 o'clock. We had a good turnout at the last Benefice Service at Cublington, so it would be marvellous if the same number of Soulbury residents could come to Stewkley. The service will include a tribute to the Rev. Ian Ogilvie who will be finishing his duties here soon. He has been so supportive and helpful to all parishes in the benefice and I don't know how we would have managed without him -- badly, I think.

CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday October 10th we have a Christening as well as a Holy Communion Service, to be taken by both the Rev. Ian Ogilvie and the Rev. Peter Lymbery. Little William Bates who lives at Home Farm up at Liscombe with his parents, Oliver and Annabel Bates and siblings is being baptised, so come along and welcome him into the Church.

Until our new priest is appointed and resident in Stewkley, we are in an interregnum, which means we will need to ask retired priests to take our services on an occasional basis and rely on Peter to take some too, if he is well enough. We are really grateful to Peter for his indomitable service to Soulbury and pray that we get a new priest very soon.

Date for your diary: On Saturday November 13th, the P.C.C. is planning a clear up of the churchyard in time for Remembrance Sunday, the following day. We are appealing for helpers to weed, pull ivy off walls and gravestones and do a general tidy up. It's usually a fun type of morning, starting at 10am so we'll see you there !!

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

From an ecological point of view, the Millennium Green is doing very well. This summer we saw a new skipper, a silver spotted one, loads of grasshoppers and a couple of grass-dwelling bush crickets on the long grass at the top. We are planning a work party to do a tidy up on Saturday November 13th and would welcome any help from residents to weed, cut back blackthorn and untidy grass etc. We hope to have a bonfire to burn the large branches, so bring your wellies, secateurs, gloves and some potatoes to cook and eat. It will depend on the weather, of course. If it looks wet and rainy, please phone 270377 to see if it's still going ahead. We are still hoping for new trustees to join the board.

We meet about 5 or 6 times a year, so it is not a huge commitment but we'd love to welcome new people to our very friendly group. If you are interested, please phone Elizabeth on 270838 or Christine on 270377.

A reminder to dog walkers: Please pick up your dog's mess when you exercise your pet. The majority of owners are very good, but just occasionally, somebody is inconsiderate and breaks the law by leaving the mess behind. Nights are drawing in and it's difficult to see sometimes where they have been in the dark.

So we are asking you to be extra careful.

FOUND: A TABBY TYPE CAT with a white front has turned up in Chelmscote. It has a blue collar and is very friendly. Please phone 01525 270416 if it is yours or you know who owns it.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

All too quickly another season has come to a close, but despite only playing Sunday friendly matches 2010 was an enjoyable, friendly season. The final match was played on a very damp & cold Sunday and was a tied match v Printers CC, played in the true spirit of the game despite the weather! Advance notice of AGM: Monday 22nd November 2010 at 8:00 pm in the Clubroom. Cricket Club dinner and Quiz, now fully booked - sorry.

CHARITY MOUNTAIN TREK

Lauren Williams of 41 High Road is off to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa, on 2nd December, fundraising for The Anthony Nolan Trust. Mt. Kilimanjaro is the worlds highest free standing mountain (5895m) and the trek is set to take 10 days to complete. Lauren has successfully completed her 'High Altitude Training' in Snowdon and is all set for the challenge ahead. The Anthony Nolan Trust helps children and adults who need a bone marrow transplant to survive leukaemia and other fatal conditions. Lauren has set a target of £3750 for this charity and is asking for as much support as possible. If you would like to sponsor Lauren she has an online fundraising page www.virginmoneygiving.com/laurenwilliams or should you prefer to pay by cash then please call by 41 High Road where a sponsor form will be ready and waiting.



The Boot is offering a prize for the best carved pumpkin. Simply make sure yours is delivered to the pub by 5pm on Sunday 31st October for judging.

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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.

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The sixth Soulbury Breakfast was held on Sunday 19th September in the Club Room. £280 was raised for the Friends of Soulbury Church. A full English breakfast including tea or coffee costs just £5 - a bargain! Why not bring some friends and come to the next one which is on Sunday 7th November, 09:30am to 12 noon and enjoy meeting new people at this very sociable occasion?



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Sunday	3rd October	11:30am	Family Service (Andrew and Lesley Berry)
Sunday	10th October	11:30am	Holy Communion and Christening (Revs. Ogilvie and Lymbery)
Sunday	17th October	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Lymbery)
Sunday	24th October	11:30am	Holy Communion (Rev. Ian Ogilvie)
Sunday	31st October	*10am*	BENEFICE SERVICE at St. Michael's, Stewkley



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Tuesdays	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th		Toddler Group
Wednesdays	13th & 27th	11:15am- 11:35am	Mobile Library - Stewkley Road Bus Stop
Thursday	7th October		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection
Tuesday	12th October	8pm	W.I. - Around the Vale of Aylesbury. Mr R Bignell
Thursday	14th & 28th		AVDC Refuse Collection
Monday	18th October	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	21st October		AVDC Refuse & Recycling Collection including Glass
Wednesday	27th October	2:30pm	Book Club - 'The Road Home' by Rose Tremain.
Sunday	7th November	9:30 - noon	Soulbury Breakfast

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