

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message



Dear friends, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me" ----so the old saying goes. But I beg to differ!

We see on an almost daily basis what cruel, often lying, words can do to people's lives via Facebook, Twitter etc etc. There is nothing wrong with so called 'social media' per se but there is no doubt that a few well-honed and well-aimed words can do a whole lot of damage to someone's self-esteem and haunt them for years to come. Indeed they can scar for life just like a burn or a knife wound do.

Inadvertent hurt or upset is one thing but deliberate and vicious negativity is something else altogether and is never justified. Sometimes we do have to say hard and difficult to hear things, but even they can usually be couched in a civilized way to avoid hurt.

In the Epistle of James in the New Testament the writer says: "the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person".

Jesus Himself said it was what came out of a person which corrupts rather than what goes in, which is the opposite of what we might usually think. Maybe we all from politicians and the media onwards, need to be a little more careful with what we say and how we say it.

God Bless, Philip.

HARVEST: Please bring any gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers or other produce along to the service when you come. Anything you donate will be much appreciated and will be auctioned at the HARVEST SUPPER on Monday October 5th in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. It would be very nice if families could have little gifts for the children to bring up to the altar at the Harvest Festival Service. Tickets for the Harvest Supper are available from Christine Bryant on 270607 at a cost of £12.50 per person.

BOOK GROUP: We shall be meeting next on Wednesday October 14th at 2.30pm at the home of Rita Marks, Hillcroft, when we shall be talking about the American contemporary novel "The Crying Tree" by Naseem Rakha, a book about a man on death row for murder in Oregon.

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CRICKET CLUB NEWS

As the 2015 season draws to a close, we look back and reflect. Our return to Saturday league cricket was a success, coming third in Division 6 of the Four Counties league, only four points behind the joint leaders, Thurleigh & Lidlington. Also Vice-Captain David Chamberlain has been awarded the bowler's award for that division, taking 36 wickets in league matches during the season. Well done DC! The mixed weather has also taken its toll cancelling matches and putting a dampener on our Captain's v Chairman's match at the end of August. We were also plagued by a number of friendly matches being cancelled (when the weather was good) as the opposition could not get enough players to make a team.

When faced with the old wooden windows falling to bits, we applied for and got a small grant from the Aylesbury Vale Community Chest fund which helped towards the cost of new UPVC windows – a great improvement! AGM date to be announced.

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS The Committee is looking for anyone in the village to take on the care and planting of one of the little flower beds round the base of the fruit trees in the orchard. Some people have already chosen their patch and put their names on. If you would like to be involved and look after a flower bed, please phone Christine on 270377 or Richard on 270838 and you will be able to choose where you would like to go and plant whatever you like.

Bonfire Night will be on Saturday 7th. There will be a Bar B Q, Pumpkin carving competition and a guy competition. All this for free but we would appreciate donations of fireworks and there will be a cash bucket on the night. Last year's event was well supported and we would like to see as many of you as possible this year.

SOCIAL GROUP: We went for a pub lunch on September 16th at The Ship Inn in Linslade. It was very good and the food excellent. We thought we might go again!! at Christmas.

Next meeting is on THURSDAY October 15th at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall.

SAFARI SUPPER - 14TH NOVEMBER

Thank you to those people who have already expressed an interest in taking part in this event. Diners start in one house for a starter, a gentle walk to another house for a main course and then everyone meets back at the Parish Hall for a delicious selection of puddings! All are welcome.

We already have a small number of willing hosts - but we will need a few more.

For a very reasonable £12.50 per head for an enjoyable evening of dining and socialising, pickup the phone now! Please email soulburynews@btinternet.com or contact James on 01525 270585.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday September 21st 2015. There were 7 Soulbury parishioners present. Apologies were received from Ian Culley and Neil Blake. Minutes of Meeting on Monday July 20th 2015 were approved. Various accounts were paid. We received a VAT refund of £3.500 .

Applications: The Dower House Stockgrove Park (No objection) : Land adjacent to The Cottage Church Lane, Soulbury (No objection) : The Rowans. Grove Farm Lane Hollingdon Soulbury (No objection)

Childrens' Playground: We have no security with AVDC as there is a three months notice on it.

Cricket Club: Thanks to Janet Blake's assistance new windows were installed, the building is warmer and more attractive.

Vehicle Activated Signs have been installed at various sites thanks to Maurice Alan and Vic .

The Police Federation have offered up to £1000 for a community project such as events on the Millennium Green. We are considering all options .

Millennium Green is coming on very well with the help of the lads from the Community Project who are a good group .

At last the Council have installed white lines on the corner of the Parish Hall . We received thanks from Jackie and Lindsey who live at the Larches and Leylands thanking the Parish Council for their efforts.

The Parish Clerk informed us that the Parish Precept will have to be increased for 2016.

Dave Smith (Highways) wants to have another meeting. Date of the next Meeting Monday October 19th 2015

A big **thank you** to all those who supported me in my "Ride London" for the Peace Hospice in Watford. I am pleased to report that I raised over £1,000 and completed the ride in less than 6 hours. I really did appreciate the support given by all my friends and family. Knowing everyone was cheering for me really made a difference. Thank you again, sincerely, Bob Hamilton

ELEANOR CUT HER HAIR OFF FOR PARKINSON'S UK! To all in the Parish who have supported Eleanor (from The Green) and her Haircut Challenge. Having set a target of £250, with your help, she has reached over £1300. A big Thank You from Eleanor and her family (Carla, John, Amy, Jess and Jacob). We have now updated her page and, if you have not already seen her in the village, you can see the before and after photos there. If you would still like to donate, her page will be open a little longer at <https://www.justgiving.com/Eleanor-Bennett>



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W.I. NEWS Members of Soulbury WI were welcomed to the September meeting by the president, Jean Housley. As we did not have a meeting in August, there was a considerable amount of business and correspondence to deal with. The barbecue held at the home of Gaye Hendrick in July had been a great success, helped by the lovely weather, and a most enjoyable day was had by everyone. A Fun Day was held in August, at which some of our WI members provided much appreciated help with catering and running stalls. Also during August, Jean Housley visited the WI Exhibition at Milton Keynes Museum held to celebrate 100 years of the N.F.W.I. Members were also reminded that nominations for a new committee would be taken next month.

After completion of the business our speaker, Jane Cutler, was introduced. She is the Science Representative for B.F.W.I., and her talk was entitled "Fun with D.N.A. She initially concentrated on a condition known as Williams Syndrome, which is caused by several missing genes in a person's D.N.A. giving rise to a number of traits in the sufferer. She was thanked for her interesting talk by Jean Housley, after which refreshments were served.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th October when the speaker will be Alice Home with a talk entitled "Travels in MyanMar (Burma).

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Sunday 4th October	FAMILY SERVICE	11am for refreshments	Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy
Sunday 11th October	Parish Communion	11:30am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 18th October	Parish Communion	11:30am	
Sunday 25th October	Parish Communion	11:30am	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
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Tuesdays	13th & 27th	Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	6th & 20th	Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	13th	W.I. - Travels in MyanMar (Burma)
Thursday	15th	2:30pm Social Group
Monday	19th	Parish Council Meeting

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