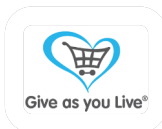


# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message



Dear friends, I wonder how you cope when you feel someone/some people are just being difficult for the sake of it, or reacting in a frankly, not very grown up way, to something you have said or done? Disagreements on points of principle are inevitable of course and are entirely normal, but sometimes we can overreact and not deal with things directly. It is sometimes easier, or so we can think, to avoid a face-to-face and just gossip whisper in corners and studiously not speak to the person we have a problem with. This is always unproductive and indeed can positively be destructive of relationships.

When Jesus encountered issues in his travels around the holy land he met them openly and indeed often very strongly. He never refused to deal with issues and I think we can learn so much from this straightforward approach. An honest disagreement is good and fine; unnecessary unpleasantness is never so. Jesus used to say in such cases, 'Let your yeah be yeah and your nay be nay'. All else would appear to be unhelpful.

May the God of peace bless you now and always, Philip

**BOOK CLUB:** The next meeting of the Book Club will take place on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm at Hillcroft, home of Rita Marks, when we shall be discussing Daphne du Maurier's "Jamaica Inn", a real menacing, cracking good story.

**SOCIAL GROUP:** The next get-together for this friendly bunch of people is a trip to the pub on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Meet at The Queen's Head in Wing, at 12.15 for 12.30pm. We meet at the Stone at the top of Chapel Hill. On Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>, we shall meet in the Parish Hall at the usual time of 2.30pm. We would really like some new members to join us and to whet your appetite, I shall give you a bit of an idea of what we do. Sometimes we just have tea and cakes in the Parish Hall and a chat. We have visited several local garden centres and had lunch out; and we also try out local pubs and savour their lunchtime menus. We have played bowls and done easy quizzes and played cards. We have had visitors who gave talks on their travels, a fashion shop and a lady who showed us what exercises we ought to be doing! Members can make suggestions about what they would like to do.

When people need lifts to hospitals or for doctor/dentist appointments, other members offer to drive them there and we have visited one another in hospital or when someone is housebound. It is a great support for us all to have someone in the village you can rely on. It doesn't matter how old you are; ages range from young, 28yrs old to 80 something and we'd also like some more men! COME ALONG AND MEET US. Phone Christine on 270377 for more info.

## SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

The Club are pleased to report a very successful season, culminating in promotion from Division 5 to Division 4 of the Marrant Four Counties Cricket League. The team finished 2nd in the Division, which was determined by the very last match of the season. Captain Nick Mead won the bowling award for the Division taking 34 wickets for 267 runs in 120 overs (38 maidens). We also enjoyed many Sunday friendly fixtures with local teams.

The recent Quiz Night was very successful and enjoyed by all who attended. Approximately £250 was raised for club funds. As well as the usual "putting the ground to bed" tasks, which shuts things down for the winter, the club have started preparing the ground to erect some more substantial cricket nets to allow practice shots and bowling practice without endangering spectators!

Fund Raising Reminder – all old spectacles and hearing aids can be recycled through the local Lions club. Please pass on to Vic Wright or Chris Bryant.

**THANK YOU:** It was noticed recently that David Kellner has been restoring the wooden cross on the Gravestone/Memorial to the Gaul family in the corner of the Churchyard nearest the Vicarage. David and his wife Debbie have undertaken this on their own without prompting and have done a wonderful job. The Parish's thanks go to both.

Thank you to everyone who helped the last **Soulbury Breakfast** raise an impressive £515. The next one is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. Please do come along, enjoy a breakfast with friends and neighbours and support the church.

On one of the last (or maybe actually the only balmy summer nights) in September, the Parish Hall was packed for a fabulously entertaining evening with Dr Michael Fopp. He presented a fascinating talk on the **Battle of Britain**. We heard about so many intriguing facts which he brought to life such as Dog Fights only lasting less than a minute as the fighters only had 15 seconds of ammunition. The audience was clearly engaged as there followed a lively question and answer session. To give a talk with such passion and emotion whilst knowing your topic so thoroughly is a gift itself. An auction was held for a print of Michael's Father's plane, moments before it was shot down which sold extremely well and in fact a second print was offered successfully to the underbidder. (Happily, Mr Fopp Senior lived to tell the tale). £575 was raised for the Church and huge thanks go to Michael and to all who were involved in making the evening happen.

Are you interested in SuperFast Broadband being installed in Soulbury?

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

The Parish Council met on 19<sup>th</sup> September and the meeting was well attended by over 20 parishioners. After the minutes of the last meeting were approved we were addressed by Paula Boston, our local PCSO. She told us that since January the parish had suffered 8 burglaries (4 attempted and 4 actual) and 1 motor theft. This is pretty much on a par with surrounding villages. Her comment to us was that Soulbury does not report any strange or unusual occurrences. So if you see or hear anything out of the ordinary or that strikes you as odd, do please report it. You never know it may prevent a crime and a trauma to one of your neighbours. Another warning, or piece of advice was to be more vigilant at this time of year, particularly as the nights draw in. If you're going out leave a light on and perhaps a radio. If you live in a remote location consider CCTV. This can be a good deterrent or provide crucial evidence in the event of a felony.

Two planning applications were considered, one being accepted and one rejected.

Comments were raised about AVDC's lack of information when it comes to notifying us of decisions. Councillor Neil Blake then informed us that the system at AVDC was changing and the receptionist at the Planning department is to be a trained person and will be a single point of contact, who will know what they are talking about and be able to direct your call to the right person. Bucks County Council have debated and proposed the possibility of there being one new unitary authority, but there are those who consider that the county is too big geographically for this system to work. The debate goes on. Moving on, it was announced that the High Speed broadband was rolling out now to include 10 villages within the vale. We also heard that fibre optic cable is being blown up to the new occupiers of a unit in Hollingdon Depot, so watch this space. As far as future plans are concerned we learned that the Vale has a target of 28000 houses over the next 20 years.

Public participation produced some lively comments. Residents of Andrews Close are concerned about the amount of light they are losing through the growth of the maple trees on the green. It was agreed they could be removed, so we need to speak to the planning department or the tree officer before we can proceed to remove them. The street lights around Andrews Close are being fixed too. Another resident of the close has urged all residents to check their water bills!! After watching Rip Off Britain, he discovered he has been charged for drainage of surface water by Anglian Water and yet his surface water goes to a soak away, nothing to do with Anglian so he has had a refund. The message is to check your bill!! Any Other Business brought to light a complaint about horse riders using the footpath across the Green from Dean Farm Lane to Stewkley Road. Please don't do it!! Thank you.

The Scores for community work for the last three weeks is: - Community Payback 246 man hours, Residents..4

**W.I. NEWS:** Our president, Jean Housley, welcomed members to our September meeting, after our summer break. As there was no meeting in August, a considerable amount of correspondence had built up which was dealt with along with the business. It was agreed that the barbecue held in August at the home of Gay Henrick had been a great success. The weather was kind to us and a most enjoyable time was had by everyone. The event resulted in a boost to our funds and grateful thanks was extended to Gaye and everyone else who assisted with preparing and serving the food. It was then time for our speaker, and members were transported back to their childhood as Peter Barrett relayed the origins of the Punch and Judy show! The first recorded appearance in England was in 1622 when Samuel Pepys observed an early version of the show by an Italian puppeteer in Covent Garden. The show was originally aimed at an adult audience but over the years became adapted for children. We learnt that the puppeteer is known as a "professor" and originally was assisted by a "bottler" who collected the money, but his role has now died out. Peter was inspired to become a Punch and Judy man by a chance broadcast by Robert Peston who was inviting people to try using the "swazzle", a device used to reproduce the unique voice of Mr Punch. We were then treated to a shortened Punch and Judy show, with members participating by calling out warnings and well remembered responses to the puppets. Peter was thanked for producing a most entertaining evening, by Jean Housley, after which refreshments were served. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October when our speaker will be Charlotte White who will show us some Gift Wrapping Techniques.

**STEWKLEY PLAYERS** is offering an opportunity to anyone in or around Stewkley who might be interested in theatrical stage lighting, to participate in our lighting workshop. There is no obligation to be a member of the Players, and it is free. The goal of the workshop is to be educational and interesting, and hopefully all participants will learn something about lighting stage productions, and enjoy themselves whilst doing so! The workshop will be staged over 3 weekends, and Part 1 will be held on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 1pm. Anyone interested, or thinking they might participate, is asked to contact the Players via [www.stewkleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.stewkleyplayers.co.uk); Facebook; or [info@stewkleyplayers.com](mailto:info@stewkleyplayers.com), via any Stewkley Player, or turn up on the morning. Everyone is welcome. Minimum age 14, no maximum age but climbing ladders will be required! Light refreshments will be available.

**Part 1** includes learning the basics about the type of lights used by the Players, how they are hung in the Stewkley Village Hall, and how best to use them to light the village hall stage.

**Part 2** will be held one week later on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> during the afternoon, when the lights will be rigged for the Autumn Players' production 'Are You Being Served' Participants will get hands-on experience of hanging the lights and programming the lighting desk for the play.

**Part 3** will be held towards the end of the year, and details will be available later. It is possible to participate in any or all of the three sessions.

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Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parish Communion, 11:30am		Rev. Roger Hale
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parish Communion, 11:30am		Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Team Eucharist, *10am*</b>	<b>CHEDDINGTON</b>	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
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Thursdays	6 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>		Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> October	7:30pm	W.I. : Gift Wrapping Techniques, Charlotte White
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> October		Kruger to Capetown : Wendy Taylor's African Adventure
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> October	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
	<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Join friends at The Boot for the monthly quiz</b>

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