
Soulbury Parish News



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Dates for your diary



March 2017

Garden waste (brown bin)		Mon	10th, 24th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)		Thurs	13th, 27th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)		Thurs	6th, 20th
W.I.		Tues	11th
Social Group	2:30 pm	Thurs	4th and 19th
Book Club		Weds	12th
Soulbury Breakfast		Sun	14th May
Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Tues	18th
Copy date for articles		Fr	21st

Soulbury Millennium Green and village events 2017

Easter Egg Hunt	Sat 15th April
Schools Festival	Weds 14th June
Soulfest 2017	Sat 8th July
Music on the Millennium Green	Sun 23rd July
Church Fete	Sun 6th August
Bonfire Night	Sat 4th November

Church News - Philip's message

Dear friends,

Happy Easter to you all! It is quite late this year.

As you probably know the date of Easter wanders back and forth because it is tied to the celebration of Passover, the great Jewish festival of liberation from slavery in Egypt, many hundreds of years before the earthly life of Jesus recorded in the New Testament.

Christmas is the 'lovely' season of our faith but Easter is the real heart of the matter and also the real challenge to our attitudes and behaviour.

Aside from being tasty and possibly fun, eggs, chicks and rabbits have nothing to do with the season other than as symbols of new life. Sadly this connection is rarely made and are just a great commercial opportunity for many already extremely rich people, but I guess that's what makes the world go round....or is it?

Enjoy the longer (and hopefully) warmer days of Spring/Summer.

God Bless.

Revd. Philip

Help please

As some of you may have noticed, the Church can no longer afford to offer 4 services a month so we only have 3 services a month now. It costs money to have a reserve vicar take a service when Philip has to go to one of his other 8 parishes and can't come to Soulbury. The congregation is too small to warrant a costly fourth service.

In fact the church is in a pretty bad state at the moment. Christine Sheppard is moving away from the village shortly and we are desperate for a churchwarden. Jane Luxton cannot do all the jobs on her own so IF there is anyone out there, who would offer to be a churchwarden or at least to help Jane, we would be so grateful. Please phone Jane on 270493 if you think you might be able to help. What is the long term future for the church if we don't get help? Well your guess is as good as mine. The worst outcome, I suppose, is closure. That would be such a pity!

Friends of Soulbury Church

On Sunday 19th March, 107 people were served a Soulbury breakfast in the Parish Hall and £440 was raised. It was a very sociable morning when everybody enjoyed a good breakfast and chatted to friends, old and new.

Why not come along to the next one on 14th May, 9:30 am to 12 noon, where a full English breakfast including tea or coffee will only cost you £6. The money raised helps to keep the church in good repair. Please come along and support us. You never know when you might need the church for a match, hatch, or dispatch!!

All Saints' Church Services

Team Rector: Rev. Philip Derbyshire, The Vicarage, Stewkley. Tel 240287

Team Vicar Wing & Wingrave : Rev. Helen Barnes

Team Vicar Cheddington with Mentmore : Rev. Gill Rowell

Sunday 2nd April	Little Saints	10:30 am
LENT 5 PASSIONTIDE	Coffee	11:00 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	Family Service	11:30 am
Sunday 9th April	Parish Communion	11:30 am
PALM SUNDAY		
<i>Roger Hale</i>		
Thurs 13th April	Stripping the altar and Holy Communion at Stewkley	7:30 pm
MAUNDY THURSDAY		
<i>Rev Philip Derbyshire</i>		
Friday 14th April	Meditation at Stewkley	2 pm
GOOD FRIDAY		
<i>Rev Philip Derbyshire</i>		
Sunday 16th April	Family Communion	11:30 am
EASTER SUNDAY		
<i>Ian Ogilvie</i>		
Sunday 23rd April	No service at Soulbury	
Sunday 30th April	Parish Communion	11:30 am
3rd after Easter		
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>		

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Social Group

The Social Group met up twice in March. The first meeting was as usual in the Parish Hall and good fun was had by all 10 of us as Alan Stevens brought along a general knowledge quiz through which we failed with half-mast colours. Hilary Ashburner provided lovely cakes and biscuits which, to continue the marine metaphor, disappeared at a rate of knots. It was good to welcome back Marion McCutcheon after her recent illness and to see how well she's looking.

Some of us met up again on the 22nd whilst, unbeknown to us, Westminster was happening (my new Facebook profile pic is 'WE ARE NOT AFRAID' tube sign) and played Whist badly.



Next meeting is on 4th April when we're going to lunch at Dobbies and then back in the Hall on 19th April.



Millennium Green News

One of the joys I have found by being involved in the Green Project, is that of meeting people, who otherwise I would not have come across. Living where I do, down by the Three Locks, I don't see many people in passing. So it was a great pleasure to see Pete last Saturday on the Green. I don't even know his surname, but I know him to talk to and I know his dog. Pete has been ill of late so I was really pleased to see him and have a chat. Community is what the green is all about, I have got to know a lot more people in the village since being involved. If you would like to get involved, why not just come along on a Saturday morning and you will always find some of us there doing bits to maintain the grounds. There is always plenty to do and willing hands are always welcome. We would like to thank the donator of our last lot of topsoil, much appreciated! Just a reminder that we have a lot of logs waiting for new homes if you are interested.

www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk

Easter Egg Hunt - 15 April 2 pm at the Millennium Green

Arrangements for the above are well in hand. Easter eggs, competition forms, grass cutting and, of course, the tea tent. However, we are a little short of manpower (or should that be person power) and so we are asking for volunteers to run the tea tent for a couple of hours. We are also asking the parish bakers to make some cakes and cupcakes for the tea tent, please. Please let anyone on the Millennium Green committee know if you can assist at all - contact details at the beginning of this magazine.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Women's Institute

Our President, Jean Housley, welcomed members to this month's meeting and we were pleased to see Daphne Reeves with us for the evening. After the singing of "Jerusalem" the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed and matters arising discussed. It was agreed that our Pudding Club evening had been a great success and a healthy sum was added to our funds. Several members had attended the Group Meeting held at Great Brickhill and found the talk for the evening, "Tiller

girl to Vernon Girl" most entertaining. Also two of our members had a most enjoyable day at the Investigation and Discovery day held in Aylesbury.

It was then time for Jean Housley to introduce our speaker for the evening, Tony Eaton, whose talk was entitled "The Glenn Miller Story". Anybody expecting a musically-themed talk were in for a surprise. It was apparent from the outset that this would not be a wander down memory lane with Glenn Miller hits! Instead the focus was on his mystery disappearance in December 1944. By 1942 Glenn Miller had a most successful career as a band leader when he decided to join the war effort. He headed up the US Army Air force band and in 1944 he came to England where he played to numerous audiences. He then learned that the band were to perform in Paris. This is where the the mystery begins. According to press reports Glenn then boarded a single-engined plane which came down in the English Channel with no survivors. However, no trace of the plane was found and his disappearance remained a mystery. Various documents appear to throw doubt on this version of events and the theory is now that he flew to France by a different route, where he was badly injured and then flown to a hospital in Ohio where he died. However, this has not been authenticated so the mystery still has not been solved beyond doubt.

Tony Eaton was thanked for a most thought provoking evening after which refreshments were served.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th April when the speaker will be Celia Feetam whose subject will be "Modern Medicines from your Garden".

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 20 March 2017. There were 7 Soulbury parishioners present. Apologies were received from Alan Stevens and Maurice Cross. Minutes of meeting on Monday 16 January 2017 were approved. There were no matters arising. Various accounts were paid.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the one-off installation charge to have fibre broadband supplied to the parish hall. The parish hall will not be charged for usage. It was thought ideas could be developed for its use in the hall such as teaching those not so savvy with computers and the internet, particularly as some services can only be accessed via the internet these days.

It was also agreed to fund the prizes (6 x £50 prizes) for the Schools Festival on 14 June on the Millennium Green.

The quote for grass cutting was agreed, amounting to a total of £4,000 for the year.

The usual council business carried on and our new Welcome Pack was on show for the first time. This is full of local information for new parishioners.

3 planning applications were discussed:

1 Oakwood Cottages, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury
The Stables, Ivy Lane, Great Brickhill
4 Rock Lane Farm, Liscombe Park, Soulbury

17/00722/APP
17/00166/APP
17/00535/APP

No objections raised for all three.

Neil and Janet Blake were present. Neil talked about unitary and the various issues surrounding it. Janet advised of the increase from £599 to £630 pa for home to school transport for those not eligible for free transport. Janet also reported on the problems trying resolve the poor construction of the A4146 bypass. Both advised on situation re housing over the next 20 years.

Re. AV Broadband, Neil said he would ensure that all works to install the fibre broadband were finished to correct standard and the village sign (broken by the workman) is replaced to same specification as the broken sign.

Soulbury Parish Council were about status on pollarding trees on The Green.

Date of the next meeting: **TUESDAY** 18 April 2017 at 7:30 pm. (Change of day due to Easter Monday.)

Please note: the Parish Council meeting is always held on the third Monday of each month except August when no meeting takes place.

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Soulbury Village Cricket Club

Well, the cricket season is almost here! Matches in April and early May as follows, weather permitting!

Sat 30th April 14:00 away at Eaton Bray (friendly)

Sat 6th May 13:30 away v Wing & Wingrave @ Ascott House cricket ground (league)

Sun 7th May 14:00 away v Drayton Parslow

Sat 13th May 13:30 away v Wilden (league)

Sun 14th May 14:00 no match

Preparations are well underway for the 2017 season including work on the ground and pavilion, and players are attending practice net sessions. Anyone interested in playing or helping the Club in any way, please contact the Captain on 07771 738546.

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Mentmore Road Pavillion - Mentmore Road	Beginners	18:00	1 hour	Thursday nights from 6th April 2017
Soulbury Parish Hall - Soulbury	All Levels	10:30	1 hour	Friday mornings from 26th May 2017

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Greensand Country Landscape Partnership

£1.66 million from Heritage Lottery Fund awarded to help preserve the character of the Greensand Country landscape in and around Bedfordshire.

The Greensand Country Landscape Partnership (GCLP) is delighted to announce that it has secured £1.66m National Lottery funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support an array of exciting projects which will help us raise awareness of the hidden heritage of the Greensand Country and to reverse the gradual decline in the distinct character of this beautiful and loved landscape.

‘Greensand Country’ is an island of higher ground, which is made up of the Greensand Ridge and the surrounding river valleys. It stretches from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay, rising out of the flatter clay vales. The area’s sandy soils were not suitable for agriculture, so by medieval times the land was mainly used for grazing, woodland, deer hunting and keeping rabbits. Much of this ‘poor’ land had been used to support the foundation of monasteries, but when these were dissolved under Henry VIII, the land was given away to those in the king’s favour, who built their manor houses and parks up on the former monastic estates. As a result of this history, the area contains all of Bedfordshire’s remaining lowland heathland, more than half of its woodland, and more surviving historic parkland than any other landscape in the country.

However, the landscape’s very distinctive character has been weakening over decades due to modern development and changes in land use. Valuable habitats are becoming fragmented; views of and from the area are being lost or impaired and traditional heritage skills are dying out.

If you would like to learn more or get involved please see <http://bedsrcc.org.uk/rural/greensand-country-landscape-partnership/> or contact Claire Poulton on clairep@bedsrcc.org.uk



Local Policing

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Neighbourhood Supervisor:	PC 7280 Philip Duthie	
Contact Numbers:	Non emergency	101
	To talk to officers	101
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Local Police Office:	Wing Police Office, Leighton Road, Wing	

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