

Soulbury Parish News



April 2018



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Dates for your diary - April 2018



Dates for your diary April 2018

Brown bin		Mon	9th, 23rd
Food bin and general waste (green lid)		Thurs	12th, 26th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)		Thurs	5th, 19th
W.I.		Tues	10th
Social Group	2:30 pm	Weds Weds	4th 18th
Book Club		Thurs	11th
Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Mon	16th
Copy date for articles		Mon	23rd

Soulbury Millennium Green and Village Events 2018

Soulbury Breakfast	22nd April
Chorale Evening with Ridgeway Chorale, Soulbury Church	Sat 28th April
Soulbury Open Gardens	Sat/Sun 30th June/1st July
Soulfest 2018	Sat 14th July
The Battle's Over End of WWI celebrations	Sun 11th November



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

Services for April 2018

Sunday 1st April	EASTER DAY	11:30 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	Family Communion	
Sunday 8th April	Coffee	11:00 am
	Family Service	11:30 am
<i>Rev. Philip and Joy Derbyshire</i>		
Sunday 15th April	No service	
Sunday 22nd April	Parish Communion	11:30 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>		
Saturday 28th April	Concert:	7:30 pm
	Ridgeway Chorale in aid of the church	
Sunday 29th April	Parish Communion	11:30 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>		

Need peace and quiet?

I will be at All Saints Church, Soulbury every Monday from 12th March between 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

Do drop in, light a candle if you wish. They say 'silence is golden'. Here is your opportunity.

Ann

Church News - Philip's message

Dear friends,

Happy Easter to you all and here's hoping goodbye to the end of wintery weather!

March saw the death of two great Englishmen:

Sir Ken Dodd and Professor Stephen Hawking.

Ken Dodd was one of the greatest comedians our country has produced and Professor Hawking was a great theoretical physicist responsible for four areas of development.

I have seen Ken Dodd perform twice in a theatre (both times his act lasted more than three hours and I ached from laughter for days after!). I also had the privilege of hearing him address the Prison Chaplains' Conference in the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool in 1997 and his comments were incredibly apt and hilarious as well as insightful.

I have seen Hawking on The Big Bang Theory and The Simpson's and he also clearly had a rich sense of humour. I never heard him lecture (I probably wouldn't have understood very much, like most of us) but I did buy 'A Brief History of Time' when it was published and read a whole 50 pages before I gave up the unequal struggle. Much of Hawking's work will remain theoretical and even be superseded by other discoveries in the next few years. That doesn't downgrade its importance for now.

Two great Englishmen - who was the greatest, who gave us most? Not possible to say I think because one fed our hearts and spirits and dealt with issues of everyday life and the other challenged our intellect to greater enquiry on a literally cosmic scale.

One had a belief in God, one did not but either way both have given a lot and can prompt us to thank God for their time with us and especially at this time when we remember the great gift of hope which Jesus gives us through His resurrection at Easter time.

God Bless.

Rev. Philip

Soulbury Breakfast

The breakfast on 25th March made a fantastic £465. Thank you to all who helped. The next breakfast, and last one before the autumn, is on 22nd April.

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Soulbury Village Cricket Club

As I write this there is still snow lying in corners of the garden, but the cricket season is less than a month away. The team gained promotion to Division 3 of the Four Counties Cricket League, which will set them quite a challenge for the coming season. Generally league matches are played on Saturdays, with Sundays reserved for friendlies. Later in the season the Tri-Village T20 tournament will take place between Soulbury, Stoke Hammond & Drayton Parslow. This year is to be hosted by Stoke Hammond. When the weather improves, why not join us to watch some true village cricket?

Fixtures for April and early May:

Sat 14th April 13:00 away v Eaton Bray (friendly)

Sat 28th April 13:30 home v Buckland & Aston Clinton (league)

Sun 29th April 14:00 away v Leighton Town, Bell Close (friendly) (TBC)

Sat 5th May 13:30 home v Stoke Hammond (league)

Sun 6th May 14:00 away v Ebury Strollers, Chesham (friendly)

Anyone interested in playing or helping the Club in any way, please contact the Captain on 07771 738546.

Social Group

The social group is trying to arrange a presentation in The Parish Hall for an evening in May. The presentation will be about Greatmoor. All the non recyclable waste generated in Buckinghamshire is processed at the Greatmoor Energy from Waste facility at Woodham near Aylesbury. The site has the capacity to process approximately 900 tonnes per day, some 300,000 tonnes per year. This alternative treatment of waste will result in a saving of approximately £150 million over the next thirty years, and save the waste going to landfill. Guided tours are available but not suitable for all ages or some disabled persons. There are several flights of stairs to negotiate as well as grated walkways (including at a height of 75 feet). The tour includes a visit to the turbine hall, where the generator creates a magnetic field which may potentially affect devices such as pacemakers. Thus we are seeking to arrange a presentation in the Parish Hall. Should you be interested in attending then please let Alan Stevens or a member of the Council or the Social Group know.



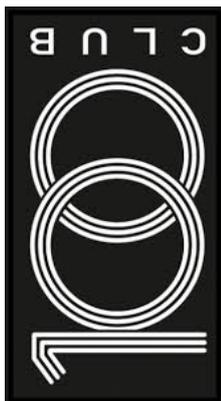
Millennium Green News



Just a few lines this month as the weather has been against us. During the violent storms and winds, prior to the snow, a large conifer was brought down by the winds.

A couple of good weekends with the Sunday crew and most of it was cleared and the log store was replenished. Be warned that the fir tree logs do contain a lot of resin and need time to dry out. In the meantime, the soil by the front gate is yet to be totally dispersed and this is where we miss out Saturday gang. You may have read our 'to do' list in last months news, and that seemed a complete and utter waste of time as not even a murmur or even a hint that anyone was coming forward. I some times wonder why I bother!

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100 Club

Winners in 2018

January	Gilly
February	Isobel Wright
March	Jacqueline Crack





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Millennium Green 'To Do' List for 2018

The list below is already being worked on and some tasks are either in progress or completed (in italics). This list also highlights what it takes to maintain such an area for the enjoyment of everyone. Several appeals have gone out for help but we haven't been specific in what is needed. This may be the reason for lack of response because you don't really know where you can help. Reading this list may highlight what you can do. Just a few hours from a lot of people will help immensely those doing a lot of hours. We also require items like grass seed, plants, etc so if you cannot help physically a donation to things such as this would also be greatly appreciated.

Soil

Fill all pot holes and level areas

Shift soil to annex

Level pond edges (see pond)

Level chicken area/surrounding pathways

Level pond/playground bottle neck

Work Area

Rebuild-rear/side and annex pathways

Fix mower and barrows

Main Park Area

Fill pot holes and tracks

Re-seed carpark area

Clear and re-seed willow fence area

Continuous seasonal mowing

Annex

Remove top layer of turf for extended poppy beds (shape/size to be decided)

Replace top soil and compost

Plant Poppies/Foxgloves/Hollyhocks

Cut back Hazel (Spring)

Clear up rear woodland/remove dead wood

Chop down extra trees

Side Ponds

Clear side pond area

Remove extra willow

Dig new pond holes (digger?)

Reseed new walkways

Main Pond

Level and shape pond edges

Clear under trees

Remove final stumps

Fix picnic bench to bottle neck pond edge

Tidy inner pond edges and remove debris

Hope for a liner! Pray if so inclined!

Bottleneck

Raise and level

Clear area under trees between play zones

Repair and repaint exercise zone fence

Dig drainage pipe to pond

Either:

 Create new path between play area and exercise zone

 Join play area and work zone into one large area

Meadow

Annual mowing

Maintain pathways

Cutback intruding Blackthorn and brambles on left hand side

Consider moving bonfire site 30 foot up meadow and reseed old bonfire site with British meadow flowers.

Clear dead wood and pathways in righthand woodland

Build new pathway on left hand side through Blackthorn area/clear original drainage channel

Stage Area

Weed stage

Clear memorial tree on right side

Clear and prune rear tree area

Plant conifers/Christmas tree on right hand side?

Woodlands

Clear and maintain pathways

Rebuild and add wood chippings to pathways

Clear out old wood

Remove over seeded trees

Maintain woodland zones

Greenhouse Area

Build Greenhouses

Run water piping to area

Cutback overhangs

Rebuild pathways

Orchard

Annual mowing

Maintain and rebuild fruit beds

Level ground by toilet area

Replace a fruit tree or two (to be decided)

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Womens' Institute

Soulbury W.I. were the hosts for the spring group meeting of the Brickhill group of W.I.s held in the parish hall this month when we welcomed representatives from Great Brickhill and Little Brickhill. The meeting was chaired by our group co-ordinator, Andrea Hamilton, and opened with the singing of Jerusalem. The minutes of the last group meeting were read and signed and reminded us that we had enjoyed a good range of speakers and activities last year. It was suggested that we hold just one group meeting a year and this idea met with general approval of all present.

Andrea then introduced Cantlos, a duo consisting of James McCaffrey and Kirsty Morris Selley, our entertainment for the evening, Cantlos, who between them, play the harp, cittern, guitar, melodeon and bodhran. They specialise in traditional songs of the British Isles and we were treated to a most entertaining selection of songs interspersed with instrumental items played on the melodeon by James and the harp by Kirsty. The selection ended with a rendition of 'The Boar's Head Carol' ably assisted by all the audience.

The evening ended with delicious refreshments provided by members of Soulbury W.I.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th April when the speakers will be John and Diana Sturgess who will be telling us about The Food Cupboard.



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Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 19 March 2018. There were 4 members of the public present. Apologies received from Cllr Maurice Cross. Minutes of Parish Council previous meeting were approved. There were no matters arising. Various accounts were paid. Expenditure for repair of finger sign formally approved: £300 inc VAT for enamelling plus £120 for sandblasting.

Cllr Stevens advised that the meeting with TfB regarding LED lighting the parish was arranged for the previous week but TfB rep never showed - puncture. It has been rearranged for 22 March. There are apparently 27 lights in the parish.

PCSO Tina Hobson attended. Advised of only one incident since February. Tina also wants to run an equipment marking event. We were also advised that the local area now has its own Facebook page and Tina asked if the village hall could be used for a local forum meeting covering all the local villages. This was agreed.

Planning:

18/00597/APP: Leylands, High Road, Soulbury - extension of kitchen window. No objection.

Planning application for Oaklands has gone to appeal and is on website.

Childrens playground: RoSPA inspections to be carried out. They will do both play areas. Clerk to go ahead with Tenure at Will and confirm cost.

Grass cutting: starts March. Contract in place until 2018. Quotation process needs to commence for 2019 onwards.

No attendance from AVDC or Bucks CC councillors again.

Parish hall: Water leak in main hall - will be checked. No Smoking/Vapping notices have been put up.

Soulbury Millennium Green: still very wet which is limiting the work. Clerk has applied to Land Registry to establish actual owner of land known as SMG.

Public participation: Moans about rubbish and parking on The Green. Parking is making a mess of the green and as it is common land parking is strictly prohibited anyway. Concern expressed about very large lorries carrying rubbish loads through village and being overweight on weight restricted roads.

AOB: Cllr Wright asked for approval of £300 for Schools Festival prizes to be added to next meeting's agenda. Cllr Rowe observed the road from Soulbury to the bypass is failing badly and needs a lot of work to make safe for motorists and cyclists. Cllr Stevens asked for a road name sign for the road beside the hall. General discussion then took place that it should have its own name such as Old Post Office Lane rather than be High Road as it is now. Cllr Taylor suggested we should attend the Local Area Forum (LAF) and agreed to contact Simon Garwood for the date of the next. Cllr Day asked for status on fountain. Papers are with solicitors to apply for possessory title. Cllr Day also asked about the open drain on the road to the bypass. It has been like it has for a year now. Cllr Culley will see what he can do. Cllr Culley raised issues around the work at 7 The Mead and the impact on neighbouring gardens. He will make some enquiries.

Date of the next meeting: 16 April 2018.

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Local Police Office: Wing Police Office, Leighton Road, Wing

You can also email the team at:
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Is your shed secure?

Spring is approaching, with the clocks going forward this weekend and Easter the following weekend.

Many residents in Aylesbury Vale will start working in their gardens, tidying up after the winter. In the past, burglaries to sheds and outbuilding, start to increase in the spring and summer months.

Thames Valley Police is asking residents to take a moment to review the security of their sheds and outbuildings:-

- Make sure your sheds, outbuildings and garages are locked when not in use, by using strong padlocks.
- Consider fitting bars or locks to the windows.
- Use anti-tamper screws, to prevent doors being removed.
- Use a battery or mains operated shed alarm, which can be bought from most DIY stores or garden centres.
- Consider using a strong box, anchored to the floor, to store smaller tools and lock bigger items, such as lawn mowers, bicycles etc. to each other, or to the shed.
- Mark all your tools and equipment with your postcode, or you can purchase property marking kits, which uniquely identify property as being owned by you (further details on our website).

- Make sure that anyone acting suspiciously is reported **immediately** to the police. Where possible get a description of them, along with details of any vehicle they are using.
- If you are working in your garden make sure your doors are secure (both front and rear) when they are not in your direct view.

Further crime prevention advice and information can be found on www.thamesvalley.police.uk website.

Please make sure that opportunist criminals are not benefiting from your work in your garden!

Equipment marking

Thames Valley Police, more specifically PCSO Tina Hobson, wants to run an event where she can mark garden tools, general tools, anything of value, laptops, etc. Wendy Taylor will be there to assist with her Horsewatch hat on so if you have any tack, saddles, yard implements which also need marking then bring them along. It is to be held outside The Boot and will be on 12 May, 2018. Please see the TVP article on shed thefts - hopefully it will encourage everyone to support the event.

The Village Green

It has been brought to the parish council's notice that a lot vehicles are being parked on the village green. The village green is common land and as such parking on it is strictly prohibited. Quite apart from the damage caused when the ground is soft creating unsightly mess all year round the deep ruts makes it very difficult to mow.

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