
Soulbury Parish News



August 2018

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Very successful events -
read all about them inside



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Dates for your diary



August 2018

Brown bin		Mon	13th, 1st Sept*
			*due to bank holiday
Food bin and general waste (green lid)		Thurs	2nd, 16th, 30th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)		Thurs	9th, 23rd
W.I.			No meeting in August
Social Group	2:30 pm	Thurs	9th,
		Weds	22nd
Book Club		Weds	8th
Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm		No meeting in August
		Mon	16th
Copy date for articles		Thurs	23rd

Soulbury Millennium Green and Village Events 2018

Parish Breakfast		Sun	16th September
Bonfire Night		Sat	3rd November
The Battle's Over End of WWI celebrations		Sun	11th November



Church News - Philip's message

Dear friends,

Trust you are coping with all this amazing tropical weather - unless you are one of those poor people who really struggles with the heat and humidity.

We are really fortunate to have differentiated seasons with a real contrast in heat and cold, growth and decline. Each season has its own beauty and we have a real relationship with the rhythm of nature. No wonder discussions centre on the weather so much!

However every environment has its own beauty: apparently the Inuits of the Arctic zone have dozens/hundreds of words to describe snow. Also the Arabs/Berbers of the middle East and north Africa can write wonderful poetry about the 'variety' of feelings they feel about the desert. Both quite difficult for us to comprehend I guess.

The world of Jesus and the early Church was almost entirely one of wilderness with patches of green and expanses of water and yet when Jesus wanted to pray alone to His heavenly Father He went to a 'desert place' to do it - either there or to an exposed and windswept mountain top. He interestingly avoided places of ease and comfort, knowing that He would be distracted from the task in hand. Maybe this is where we sometimes go wrong - seeking comfort rather than the disturbance of the Spirit to deepen our understanding of God our wonderful creator, whatever our physical surroundings and seasons.

God Bless.
Revd. Philip

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. Vacant

Services for August 2018

Sunday 5th August	Coffee followed by People's Praise and Baptism	11:00 am 11:30 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>		
Sunday 12th August	Parish Communion	11:30 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>		
Sunday 19th August	No service	
Sunday 26th August	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.

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Advertising Rates

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Social Group

This month the group met twice. The first meeting was in the parish hall over a delightful selection of cakes to go with the numerous cuppas. As most of us were involved with Soulfest, discussion ensued on final arrangements for the tea tent. We also made the final arrangements for lunch at the Inn on the Lake. Eight of the members met for lunch at the 'Inn' and what a good lunch it was. Some of us were good in terms of what we chose and others, well I can only say they pushed the boat out by having a sweet after an enormous main course!! The food was excellent and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We have decided we will definitely make a repeat visit in the not too distant future. So, if you would like to join us at our meetings feel free to come along. Dates are in this magazine.

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Have you considered using the Soulbury Millennium Green for events and functions? There are many facilities on the SMG to make your event a success which includes a 12m x 6m white marquee. To hire this marquee is £50 per event. So please consider the SMG for parties, children parties, birthdays, barbecues, wedding blessings, etc. Contact Alan Stevens or Wendy Taylor to discuss.

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The Battle's Over!

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Evening of Remembrance

Sunday 11th November 2018

Soulbury Parish Council is joining the national tribute marking the centenary of the ending of the First World War with a commemoration event which will consist of:

- **Lighting of the village Beacon** at 7:00pm [All welcome]

1000 Beacons will be lit at 7pm throughout the United Kingdom. The Beacons will symbolise the 'Light of Hope' that emerged from the darkness of war.

- **Buffet and 'bring and share your memories' at the Parish Hall.**

5:15pm to 7:00pm

Come along with photos or other memorabilia of family or friends from WWI to share with everyone.

The Buffet will be **limited to 60 people** due to the capacity of the hall. There will be no charge, but in order to arrange the catering and to avoid overcrowding, we would request that you register your interest. Places will be on a first-come first-served basis.

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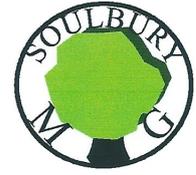
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Millennium Green News



The Soulbury Millennium Green committee held its AGM on 23rd July for which there was a poor turn out. However, there were enough present to re-elect Alan as Chairman and Wendy as Treasurer/Secretary. The following is an extract of Alan's annual report for the AGM:

This year we have managed to hold our own financially and our final accounts have been audited by Andy Wood and I thank him for supporting the 'Green' in this way.

The Bonfire night went with a bang, crowds were delighted and the burger bar was very welcome. The weather was kind too.

A great deal of the work carried out on the Green is by the Community Payback teams. In general, they are very willing and Soulbury is one of their favourite venues. This past year has seen a lot of the willows moved from around the pond and has seen some water, and even ducks in the pond area. Keeping a permanent level is still an issue and we may be looking at purchasing a liner, but that is all ongoing. Grass still has to be cut on a regular basis and I believe our new mower is proving its worth, albeit we had trouble just the week before Soulfest this year. The hazels were well and truly coppiced this year and the annexe is receiving attention.

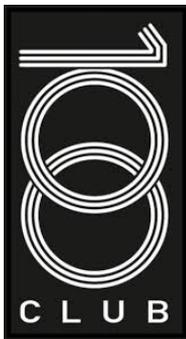
As a charity we have joined the Fields in Trust and we are still awaiting info on the Centenary fields project. The 100 Club was relaunched as usual in January, but we could still do with a little more support from the village. Our quiz night in February was very successful and boosted our funds.

One of the things we have done this year is to put a 'to do' list together and I thank Richard for that. In fact, I thank Richard for most of the day to day running of the Green. I would also like to thank Gilly for his maintenance of the children's play area.

As a charity we are in a situation where all Trustees are vulnerable should litigation arise so to this end, for our protection, Vic is investigating CIO status.

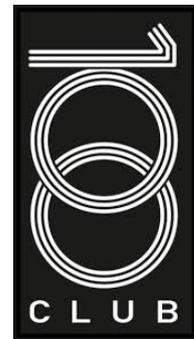
I have mentioned the quiz night, so should mention the Easter Egg Hunt and, of course, Soulfest, but most of all I should say a massive Thank You to the whole team who put in the time and effort to keep this project alive for the village.

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Winners in 2018

January	Gilly
February	Isobel Wright
March	Jax Crack
April	Mrs Chris Bryant
May	Tony Crack
June	Jemima Storey
July	Doug Smith



The Soulbury Millennium Green 'To Do' list for 2018

We will continue to leave this list in the Soulbury Parish News and as items are completed they will be crossed off. There is not a lot of crossing off just now due to vagaries of the weather. However, please offer any support you can. You will be welcomed with open arms.

Work Area

Rebuild-rear/side and annex pathways
Fix mower and barrows

Main Park 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
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
Collect and store dead wood at rear of ponds

Soil

Shift soil to annex
Level pond edges (see pond)
Level chicken area/surrounding pathways

Stage Area

Clear memorial tree on right side
Clear and prune rear tree area
Plant conifers/Christmas tree on right hand side?
Ash tree to be pollarded

Woodlands

Clear and maintain pathways
Rebuild and add wood chippings to pathways
Remove over seeded trees
Maintain woodland zones

Greenhouse Area

Build Greenhouses
Cutback overhangs

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

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

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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Soulbury Open Gardens

What a wonderful weekend we had for the village Open Gardens. Visitors had 11 gardens to explore and then enjoyed a delicious tea in the Old Vicarage. £3,137 was raised for the church and heartfelt thanks go to the gardeners, the cake makers, the tea ladies and all the people who contributed their time and effort.



Soulfest 2018

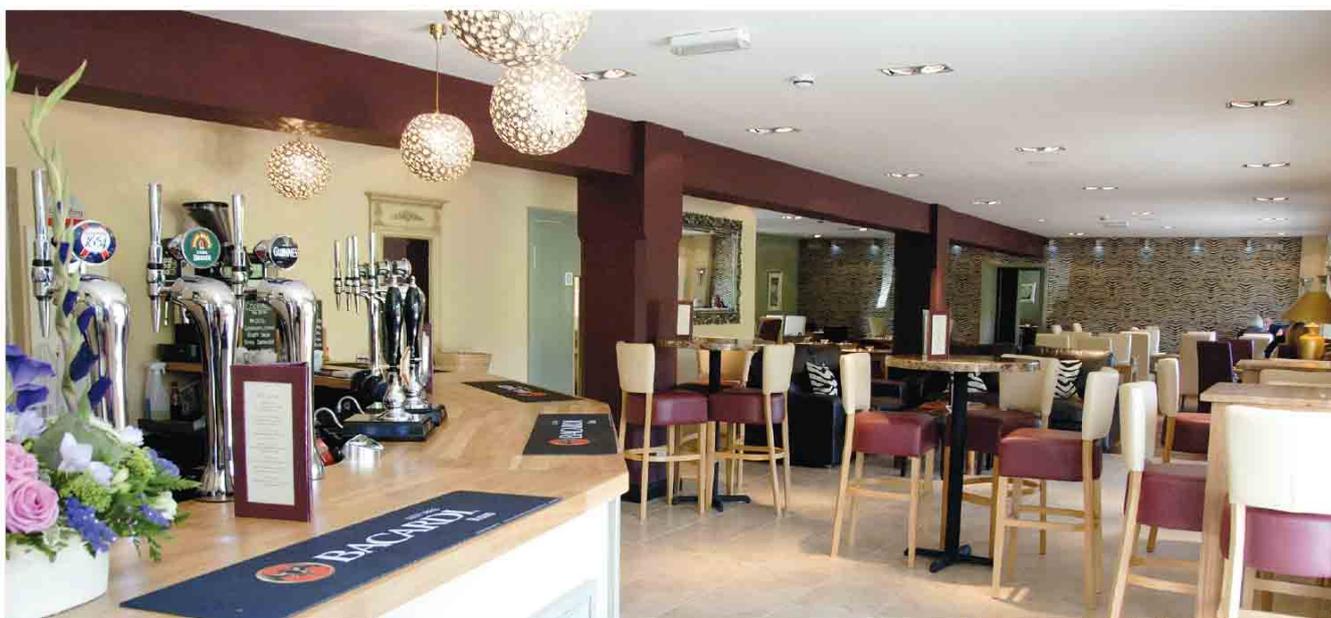


Soulfest took place on 14th July - a big day for the village. Hugely successful this year - again - and two new genres of music were included. The afternoon started with Anthony, solo singer with guitar. Difficult to start such an event but well received by those arriving at the opening. Soulbuddies sung their hearts out to the crowd and also encouraged the kids to join them on stage. Richard Stark, a classical singer, sang and entertained us with well-known classical pieces and a classical rendition of some pop classics such as American Pie. The afternoon closed with two slots from The PommyGranites (+2 this year) which certainly got the crowd dancing but an excellent version of an ACDC classic would, wouldn't it?

The evening concert provided by the Heath Band was a fitting finish to a successful day. The crowd waved flags and sang Land of Hope and Glory in true Proms style.

There was a huge team of Soulbury people who worked so hard to provide this lovely day employing the assistance of as many family and friends as they could. Thanks go to all of them. The charities support this year were PTSD Resolution and Young Minds. Final profit figure not available just yet but certainly these charities and the Soulbury Millennium Green will have a boost to their coffers.

A huge thank you must also go to our sponsors. They have continued to support Soulfest over the years which has enabled us to be generous to the charities. They are Gigaclear, Buttles, and FixRight together with all those who donated prizes to the very successful raffle.



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Women's Institute

Jean Housley presided at the July meeting of Soulbury W.I. which was held in the village hall. After the singing of 'Jerusalem' the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and matters arising dealt with. Moved by last month's speaker, who was from a group who help to raise funds to provide water containers for the Ingwavuma region of South Africa, one of our members has started to raise funds for the cause. Members were thanked for all their help with providing cakes and helping with the refreshments for the Open Gardens event held recently which raised over £3,000.

Instead of a speaker this month we held a hobbies and craft evening, which gave members a chance to show us examples of the range of talents within our group. These included beautiful photographs, intricate crocheted items, quilting, patchwork, scrapbooks and string bags! What a gifted group we are! After admiring the variety of items displayed we all relaxed and refreshments were served.

On 10th July members, accompanied by friends and family, enjoyed an outing to Peterborough where we were treated to a trip on the Nene Valley Railway. Our train was due to be hauled by a steam loco, but due to the very dry conditions, it was felt it would be safer to use a diesel engine. Nonetheless, we all enjoyed the trip and saw the countryside at a fairly leisurely pace. After indulging in some refreshments in the railway tearoom, we were then taken to Peterborough Cathedral which proved to be a lovely end to the day.

As there is no meeting in August, our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th September, when the speaker will be Andy Harding and the talk is entitled "What's Flying Tonight?"

**Are you looking for a baby
sitter?**

Emily Stevens

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Parish Council News

The meeting of the Parish Council took place on 16th July 2018. There were 4 members of the public present. Apologies received from Cllr Ian Culley. Minutes of Parish Council previous meeting were approved. No matters arising.

Various accounts were paid. Poppy wreaths have arrived for Remembrance Day. It was agreed to go ahead with the acquisition of LED street lights via EON. Funds already set aside for the project.

Planning:

Stable block, Stewkley Road, Soulbury: Planning application for moving the gate 30m further back into the site. Council queried this as it is essentially for getting a trailer and towing vehicle off the road while the gate can be opened. It was felt 30 ft more appropriate. Parish Clerk asked to raise this with the Planners together with issues around the types of windows used in the stable block as they are not appropriate for horses. There are four stables in this development but not the land to support 4 horses. There should be 2 acres for the first horse and an acre for each after that. There is, therefore, concern over the use of this area.

Childrens playground: Area OK now and issues around parking in front of access gate addressed.

Grass cutting: Grass cut but was a waste of time and just produced quantities of dust. Parish Clerk asked to approach Mr Keel to say that in situations like this perhaps strimming untidy areas was a better use of time.

District Councillors: Cllrs Neil Blake and Janet Blake were not present.

Parish Hall: Cllr Wright will chase the acquisition of a fire door. Post meeting note: Cllr Stevens has organised for someone to check whether the one we have can be used with modification or need a new one.

Soulbury Millennium Green: Soulfest was an excellent day, enjoyed by many. The Community PayBack company is in disarray at the moment as we ended up with two teams in the build up to Soulfest. Not complaining though. As always they were a huge help.

Public participation: Caravan stolen from Stockgrove area. Oaklands appeal dismissed on environmental grounds. Oak tree on village green is not well. Tree Officer suggested getting somebody to check it and deal accordingly.

Any other business: The Battles Over, end of WWI celebrations: tickets printed and 30 of the 60 already allocated.

AVDC agreed to pay invoices for repair of finger signpost. Refurbishing the post now under discussion.

The next meeting is on Monday, 17 September 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Please note: there is no August meeting.



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A fund raising Race Night took place in early July. A very successful evening, but I have no idea how much money was raised!

Fixtures for late July, August and to the end of the season:

Sat 28th July 13:30 away Cranfield (league)

Sun 29th July 14:00 home Stewkley

Sat 4th Aug 13:30 home Milton Bryan (league)

Sun 5th Aug 14:00 home Mursley

Sat 11th Aug 13:30 home MK Warriors (league)

Sun 12th Aug 14:00 home New Bradwell

Sat 18th Aug 13:30 away Buckland & Aston Clinton (league)

Sun 19th Aug 14:00 away Drayton Parslow

Sat 25th Aug 13:00 home Old Bradwell (league)

Sun 26th Aug 10:30 Tri-village Twenty20 this year at Stoke Hammond CC

Sat 1st Sept 13:00 away Sharnbrook & Bromham (final league match of 2018)

Sun 2nd Sept 13:00 home Wing

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Join us on Saturday 18 August at our Training Centre in Sulhamstead, near Reading (post code RG7 4DX) between 10am and 4pm. There will be something for everyone as stalls showcase what TVP has to offer. Some of the highlights include:

- Arena displays, including the public order team combined with the mounted section
- Children's fancy dress competition – come dressed in a police themed costume to be in with the chance of winning a fabulous prize
- Pat and chat with the mounted section – A chance to meet officers and their horses
- See the force helicopter and meet the pilots
- Learn about different departments such as the Forensic Investigation Unit and FISO (Force Intelligence and Specialist Operations)
- Visit the police museum
- Hear about what it is like to be on the other end of 999 and 101 calls in our specialist talks, also including how it feels to be at the centre of complex major crime investigations

As at past events, TVP will be raising money for two worthy charities. This year, these are Mind Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, and the Police Dependants Trust.

After the record breaking 8,000 visitors last year, organisers have been working hard to improve access to the event. This year there will be two entrances for visitors at South Drive and White Lodge. Due to this, it is important that visitors follow the signs to the event. The roads will be busy and narrow country lanes can make it difficult to turn around if you go the wrong way.

Car parking is available on a first come, first served basis and will open from 9.30am. Only assistance dogs are permitted, visitors who arrive with dogs will be turned away and dogs must not be left in cars.

On entry to the event bag searches will be taking place.

The event, which has free entry, starts at 10am with last entry at 3.30pm for a 4pm finish.

We look forward to welcoming you to the event and celebrating 50 years of TVP.