
Soulbury Parish News



February 2017

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Dates for your diary



February 2017

Garden waste (brown bin)		Mon	13th, 27th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)		Thurs	2nd, 16th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)		Thurs	9th, 23rd
W.I.		Tues	14th
Cricket Club AGM	8:00 pm	Mon	6th
Social Group	2:30 pm	Thurs	9th
Book Club		Weds	8th
Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Mon	20th
Copy date for articles		Wed	15th

Soulbury Millennium Green and village events 2017

Quiz Night, Parish Hall	Sat 25th February
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat 15th April
Schools Festival	Weds 14th June
Soulfest 2017	Sat 8th July
Church Fete	Sat 6th August
Bonfire Night	Sat 4th November

Church News - Philip's message

Dear friends,

Recently there have been a few prominent individuals speaking about feminism and feminist icons. As a mere male, it's always a dangerous area to venture into! But we believe that Jesus was/is about 'people liberation' not about one gender over the other. We also have to acknowledge that women are still very much in second place in much of the world today and those situations need addressing by all those who have the power to do something.

We also need to remind ourselves that strong women have always been around. Despite the popular portrayals of Mary ,the mother of Jesus, she was far from a doormat or of no significance: why else would God have chosen her?

February commemorates two other strong women: 6th February marks the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne in 1952.

The 10th.is the feast day of Scholastica, twin sister of St.Benedict. She was herself Abbess of Plombaruola in Italy in 6th.century. She was a considerable scholar and religious leader and certainly not the only one in an otherwise pretty unenlightened era.

Whatever our young women today choose as careers they deserve to be taken seriously and equally. The book Genesis tells us that God created us in His own image: male and female. Equal but not identical, complementary but different. Let us rejoice in our shared humanity.

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. Gill Rowell

Sunday 5th February	Little Angels' Sunday School	10:30 am
	Refreshments	11:00 am
	<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy</i>	
Sunday 12th February	Parish Communion	11:30 am
	<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	
Sunday 19th February	Parish Communion at Stewkley	10:00 am
	<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	
Sunday 26th February	Parish Communion	11:30 am
	<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	
Sunday 5th March	Little Angels' Sunday School	10:30 am
	Refreshments	11:00 am
	Family Service	11:30 am
	<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire & Joy</i>	

Church News

Services over the last few months:

Remembrance Sunday was well attended and it was a pleasure to see the children laying their poppies at the war memorial. The Christingle Service also went very well. There was no Midnight Mass but the Christmas Morning Family Service was well attended with lots of children.

There have, sadly, been three deaths in the village over the last few months. The Reverend Peter Lymbery, a well-known figure in Leighton Buzzard and long time devoted minister of All Saints' Church, was buried, after a Requiem Mass on Wednesday 14th December.

Margaret Bunyan's ashes were buried in the churchyard on Monday 9th January after a Memorial Service held on Friday 16th December.

And then on Boxing Day 26th December we learnt of the unexpected death of Don Fountaine whose funeral was held at Milton Keynes Crematorium on Wednesday 18th January.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of all these people.

Date for your diary: CHURCH FETE SUNDAY 6th AUGUST at 2pm in the gardens of the Old Vicarage, courtesy of Jax and Tony Crack. There will be a dog show, teddy parachuting from the church roof and many other attractions.

The new Bishop of Oxford, the Right Reverend Steven Croft, is coming to the Mursley Deanery on Wednesday 29th March. There will be an opportunity to meet

him in the evening at about 6.30pm to 7.00pm. Further details will be posted next month.

Friends of Soulbury Church

Hollingdon's 22nd Safari Supper was held on Saturday, 7 January 2017. This was earlier in the month than usual but it was still attended by 31 people. It was a very enjoyable evening and £406 was raised for the Fund.

A Soulbury Breakfast was held on Sunday 22nd January 2017. 114 breakfasts were served between 9:30 am and 12 noon and £540 was raised for this fund. This is a very enjoyable occasion and a good way to meet people. You don't have to have a full English breakfast; you can have a Continental one or just a bacon roll and a cup of tea. The next one will be on 19 March and we hope to see you there.

Social Group

This group meets next in the Village Hall, usually on a Wednesday, but this time on Thursday 9th February at 2.30pm, when we will be entertained by Alice Horne from Linslade, formerly from Stewkley, who is extremely well-travelled and will tell us about her recent trip to Iran. There is plenty of room for new members so just come along and meet us all. We are a very friendly group and have recently started playing party type guessing games, doing a short session of exercises, sitting down, stretching arms, turning neck, spine and wrists, and we hope to play cards soon in the future. We are always open to new ideas and new members of any age.

Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will take place on Wednesday 8th February when we are going out for our annual pub lunch to the Betsey Wynne in Swanbourne. We will be discussing the book "Five Quarters of the Orange" by contemporary author Joanne Harris, who wrote "Chocolat", or, at least, we are supposed to be talking about this book, but I expect the main topic of conversation might well be food and drink!! If anyone would like to join the club do please phone Rita Marks on 270687 because I think there may well be room for another member.

Soulbury Village Cricket Club

It may only seem a short while since the end of the 2016 season, but the club is now looking forward to the 2017 season. The Club AGM will be on Monday 6th February at 8:00 pm in Soulbury Parish Hall. The team are holding regular indoor practice nets sessions in Milton Keynes. Anyone interested, or want to find out more about the Club can contact the Captain, Nick Mead on 07771 738546.



Women's Institute

2017 got off to a very good start with our first meeting of the New Year being very well attended. Members and guests were welcomed by our President, Jean Housley. After the singing of Jerusalem, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. Last month we all enjoyed our Christmas meal held at Three Locks where, once again, the service was excellent. We also held a social evening in December at which members made a donation in lieu of Christmas cards, the proceeds of which were forwarded to a charity chosen by one of the members.

After completion of the business Jean Housley introduced the speaker for the evening, Chris Ward, whose talk was entitled "101 Things You Never Knew About Garden Birds". After testing our recognition skills of garden birds, Chris regaled us with many interesting and surprising facts about the lives of our garden visitors including their nesting, feeding and mating habits. He was thanked by Andrea Hamilton for a most entertaining talk. After the serving of refreshments the meeting then discussed and voted on the resolutions to be presented at the N.F.W.I. Annual Meeting to be held later in the year.

Members were given a copy of the programme of talks for 2017 which include The Glen Miller Story, Modern Medicines from your Garden and The History of Shiatsu, to mention but a few. If any of these interest you why not come along to one of our meetings? We meet on the second Tuesday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th February when the speaker will be Paul Rabbitts and the topic will be "A History of London Royal Parks".

Stapleford Trust

I am sure everyone who received the marvellous hamper of groceries from the Stapleford Trust will join with me in thanking the Trust for their generosity. It is always a lovely surprise.

Thank you so much.

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 16 January 2017. There were 14 Soulbury parishioners present. Apologies were received from Maurice Cross. Minutes of meeting on Monday 19 December 2016 were approved. Various accounts were paid.

Planning applications:

Broad Oak Farm, Soulbury		
Erection of garden building	No objection	
Three Locks Farm, Partridge Hill, Gt Brickhill		
Erection of barn	No objection	
Alders Farm Trout Hatchery, Ivy Lane, Gt Brickhill		
Erection of multi-purpose barn and conversion of existing barn to toilet/shower block	No objection	
Land adj to Oakland, Gt Brickhill Road, Soulbury		
Residential development of 4 dwellings	Objection	
Boot Field, Soulbury		
Outline planning for 10 dwellings	No decision, more information required	

Childrens' Playground: no issues **Parish Hall:** no issues

Vehicle activated signs: consideration given to purchasing a third sign but agreed two was enough.

Millennium Green is coming on very well. The Community Payback team are still working hard.

Many thanks to John Day for sponsoring the Christmas tree on the village green this Christmas.

One of the two dog bins on the Millennium Green has now been moved to the village green at the Dean Farm Lane end.

The Parish Clerk informed us that the Parish Precept for 2017 will be the same as for 2016.

Date of the next meeting: Monday 20 February 2017 at 7:30 pm.

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



Millennium Green News

Work on The Millennium Green is gathering pace, as those of you who visit will have noticed. The Pond area has been exposed and is being opened up. Many of the trees surrounding it have been cut back. Hopefully by the spring we may have a decent water feature. Most of the hard work and physical labour is being carried out by the Community Payback teams and to them we are eternally grateful.

What we need now is a bit more input from the Community itself, particularly at weekends, to open the Parish Hall in the mornings mainly. This is being done by just a few at the moment, but a few more would make it so much easier. So, if you feel you could give us an hour or two some weekends then please get in touch.

At the Singalong event at the beginning of December, a raffle was held for the Millennium Green. Many thanks to those who donated prizes, particularly Karen. The sum of £80 was raised towards the upkeep of the Green.

Funds also are always in need and to that end we are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 25th February in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (includes a hot supper) and tables are for four. We promise a lively and entertaining evening.

To further increase funding we also run the 100 Club - for just twelve pounds a year you could be a lucky winner of our monthly draw. If we reach our target of 100 members, that would be £50 per month.

Christine had a lovely surprise present at Christmas time from the Soulbury Elves. I don't know who they are and I can't guess who they are, but I would like to thank them very, very much. It was so kind.



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Burglary Non Dwellings:

We did have a small rise in burglary non dwellings end of December, beginning of January but due to high visibility and police operations the number has reduced. Please ensure that all outer buildings are secure. This can be achieved by:

- using tamper proof screws or coach bolts together with a good quality pad bar/hasp and staple and close shackled padlock. This will make it harder for the would-be thief.
- bonding any window glass in, with mastic to prevent easy removal and cover windows so no-one can see the contents of sheds and outbuildings.
- ensuring all tools and equipment is locked away when not in use.
- using high-quality locks on doors. Windows can be fitted with a grille or, as a cheaper alternative, chicken wire, to slow a thief down.
- installing a shed alarm
- post-coding or indelibly marking all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA or Smartwater or engravers.
- installing security lighting as a deterrent, and plants, such as thorny shrubs, to act as a barrier at potential access points.
- If building a shed, putting it where it is most visible to you and neighbours

Theft from motor vehicles:

Although this has reduced please make sure you are taking tools out of your vehicle and doing the following:

- Empty expensive power tools from the van overnight.
- Consider fitting a deadlock or additional external locks so that offenders can't get in if they have unlocked the van.
- Consider fitting good quality CCTV which works well day and night (this will help us catch offenders.)
- Consider fitting security lighting.

- Mark your tools, we have recovered hundreds of tools over the last year and have only been able to get a handful back to the owners as most had no markings on them or serial numbers registered.
- Note your tools serial numbers.
- Park up against something such as a garage, if you park on the street try to park in a well light area.

If you see anything suspicious no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, if you think it's not right or someone looks out of place please call us on 999 if it is a crime in progress or 101 if you have information.

You can also email the team at:

greatbrickhillwingivinghoeNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Control of dogs

It has been noticed that dogs are being allowed to run over fields containing livestock, in particular, sheep. At this time of the year sheep are lambing and are at serious risk if worried by dogs. Farmers have the right to shoot dogs if they worry their animals. The law changed recently and the offence of dogs dangerously out of control covers both private and public land. If your dog does not come to you when you call it you must put it on a lead.

Whilst there has been an improvement in the incidents of dog mess being left and the disgusting habit of hanging full bags of it on a local tree has diminished, it does still exist (see photo below). Please use dog bins provided. If there are not any around then take it home and use the general waste bin. Picking up after dogs applies to farm land as well, as the diseases carried in dog poo can give sheep, cattle or their offspring serious ailments and abortions in pregnant animals. You can imagine the cost of veterinary care and lost of stock is a huge burden to farmers.

If you need to know the impact to human health please read the Thames Valley Police Dogwatch signs on the Soulbury Millennium Green gate and those dotted around the village.

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