
Soulbury Parish News



June 2017

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999

Non Emergency

101

Dates for your diary



June 2017

Garden waste (brown bin)	Mon	5th, 19th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Thurs	8th, 22nd
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Thurs	1st, 15th, 29th
W.I.	Tues	13th
Social Group	2:30 pm	Thurs 15th Weds 28th
Book Club	Weds	?th
Soulbuddies	Sun	11th
Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Mon 26th
(Note: one week later this month)		
Copy date for articles	Sun	21st

Soulbury Millennium Green and village events 2017

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,

It hardly seems possible that it is 50 years since the Six Day War of June 1967. Having always been interested in the near east and the relationship between Israel and her neighbours Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt in particular I followed the news daily and with great concern. Surely the odds were stacked against the tiny Jewish state, especially as Syria and Iraq piled in as well against it.

However determination and great strategic planning, as well as sheer bravado, paid off with a clear victory for Israel.

This, of course, was not the end to the strife in the region and huge enmity still exists in and around the 'Holy Land' as it is called. Sadly many unholy things have occurred on both sides of the ethnic/religious divide and there is no legal recognition of Israel's existence.

Like the 'troubles' in Ulster this cannot go on forever if wrongs are to be righted, whoever committed/commits them.

Jesus spoke also to a fractious, divided world: Jew, Roman, Greek, Arab, Egyptian, Samaritan and many other groups besides. He taught that each person, whatever their origin, deserves respect and love in order to be able to grow into the fullness of the humanity we share but seem to find it so hard to overlook.

As we prepare for the General Election let's pray for all parties and candidates that they may truly put the good of the country before sectional interests.

God Bless.

Rev. 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 4th June	Little Saints	10:30 am
Whit Sunday	Refreshments	11:00 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	Family Service	11:30 am
Sunday 11th June	Parish Communion	11:30 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>		
Sunday 18th June	No service at Soulbury	
	Parish Communion at	
	Stewkley	11:30 am
Sunday 25th June	Parish Communion	11:30 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>		
Sunday 2nd July	Little Saints	10:30 am
<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	Refreshments	11:00 am
	Family Service	11:30 am

Social Group

The Social Group has so far held two of the three May meetings. Your correspondent couldn't make it to the Parish Hall on the 7th but 9 other stalwarts were there and apparently made quite a hash of Alan's Anatomy quiz – apparently our group doesn't know it's posterior from its elbow! On the 22nd 10 of us managed to fail pretty spectacularly on Geography – at least we're consistent! Then we got down to the serious stuff, tea, cakes and gossip, the latter mainly concerned with some nimby fellow villagers who, having made their insular views on house building clear at the Parish Council meeting two days earlier, have since withdrawn their offers of help at Soulfest if AVDC give planning consent to the new houses in question. That decision is of course out of the Parish Council's hands so these threats are pretty toothless and their places have already been filled by kinder folk.

Our next meeting is in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 31st May and the June meetings are on THURSDAY 15th and Wednesday 28th. New faces are always welcome.



Millennium Green News



The Green is getting ready for it's big event of the year, I mean SOULFEST!

This takes place on the 8th July from 1 o'clock onwards till about 8 o'clock. We have an array of five bands for you this year, so we hope there is something for everybody. As usual we shall have a tea tent, a beer tent, a BarBQ and fun for the children. Entry is free to all but I must warn you there will be donation buckets about the place and there will be a tremendous raffle with some outstanding prizes.

Obviously these things don't happen without a lot of work, so if you would like to help out, in any way shape or form then please let us know, via our Editor. Many Thanks and See You There!!!

Don't forget the AGM for the Soulbury Millennium Green on 24th July at 7:30 pm in the parish hall.

www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk



Women's Institute

After the singing of 'Jerusalem', our president, Jean Housley welcomed members to our May meeting. The minutes were read and signed, and matters arising dealt with. Once again both teams who took part in the B.F.W.I. quiz did very well. Several members attended the Annual Council Meeting held in Aylesbury where the main speaker was Gyles Brandreth and, according to feedback, he provided a most entertaining afternoon! Following the successful croquet afternoon held last year, a similar event will possibly be held later this year.

As the main topic for the evening was to be discussion and voting on the two resolutions to be presented at the A.G.M. of N.F.W.I. to be held in Liverpool next month, we did not have a speaker. The first resolution was concerned with loneliness in our society. Although much of the focus with loneliness is directed at the older generation, it was suggested that loneliness can affect people of all ages. The second resolution raised concerns about the microscopic fibres which are shed by synthetic fabrics when washed, which are causing a 'plastic soup' in the world's oceans. Although research into the problem is still in its early stages, it was felt one way in which the W.I. could influence the situation was to draw attention to the problem.

A Bring and Buy sale was then held after which refreshments were served.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th June when the speaker will be Joan Cooper speaking on Shiatsu - History and Benefits.

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Tuesday 15 May 2017. There were 30 Soulbury parishioners present. Apologies were received from Ian Culley, Janet Blake and Neil Blake. Minutes of meeting on Monday 18 April 2017 were approved. There were no matters arising. Various accounts were paid.

Two planning applications were discussed:

Siting of a temporary mobile home on Three Locks Farm, Partridge Hill, Great Brickhill. Approved for a period of up to three years.

Green Farm, Soulbury: outline permission for development comprising 16 properties varying from 2 beds to 4 beds with landscaping. Public participation discussion raised issues such as a) Soulbury's quota for housing amounts to 16 which is already covered in the Boot field so is there a need for this development, b) views from conservation area, c) what is classified as the edge of the settlement, d) traffic issues with the access road planned to change the 'T' junction with Stewkley Road into a crossroads. However, the basic issue at this stage is that the area, at present, is for agricultural use so would need a change of use to residential. The present asked the Parish Council to vote on whether

they object or otherwise to a change of use. A vote was taken and the majority vote was against change of use. The Clerk will advise ADVC Planning of the views of the village.

The above did open discussion on a village plan. One was done years ago. It was therefore put to those present that, as the issue had been raised by them, was there anyone willing to complete another plan. It requires a lot of dedicated work. No-one came forward so it was suggest the request be put into the Soulbury Parish News.

The Wickets, The Mead, Soulbury: the issues surrounding the non-completion of the site is now going to court - in January 2018.

Grass cutting: it was observed that during each of the last two cuts, debris (stones/wood) have been hurled by the mower and broken a car and a kitchen window. Repairs are in progress. Grass cutting company will address this with operator.

Parish Hall: Roof repaired over Ladies toilets. Split in roofing felt. Gutter cleaning being organised.

Soulbury Millennium Green: work continues. Organisation of Soulfest well underway with volunteers needed to up run it, ie BBQ.

AOB: Great Brickhill Road sign is off its wooden support.

Date of the next meeting: MONDAY 26 June 2017 at 7:30 pm. Please note, this month the meeting is a week later than usual.

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

Annual Parish Meeting - 15 May 2017

Minutes of the annual assembly held on 16 May 2016 were approved.

Chairman's Report: The chairman briefly summarised activities which had occurred in the last year. The devolution of services, i.e. maintaining grass cutting, hedging etc is working well. Broadband is now in the village. AV Broadband were first to finish laying the fibre, Gigaclear are now doing the same. He commented that he felt we had not be best served by TfB re potholes and that AVDC Planning department is a nightmare to deal with. He asked if we can take ownership of the fountain so we have a chance to apply for funding to repair it.

The Chairman thanked all the Parish Councillors for their commitment and work during the past year and thank Janet Blake (County Councillor) and Neil Blake (District Councillor) for all their work on behalf of the village.

Village Organisations: W.I. big increase in numbers, very active, lots of trips, excellent speakers, learning and enjoying.

Thames Valley Police (TVP): We still live in a low crime area but we should not be complacent. Plenty of crime prevention information so make use of it. Cyber crime becoming increasingly an issue. TVP are undergoing a very radical change to the way they operate which takes effect on 1 June. Information on this will be published via all the various media channels.

Soulbury Millennium Green: improved no end in the last 12 months. Solar panel on the EcoToilet needed work on it but is fine now. Pond exposed - needs a plan to complete project. Always needing volunteers.

Jean Housley thanked the councillors for all they have done.

Village Plan

As you can see from the report of the Parish Council meeting, a member of the public suggested that a village plan should be in place to help fend off developers wanting to build on land within the parish. Those present were asked by the Parish Council to come forward to commence this project. It also suggested that an appeal for people to come forward be put in this publication. So, if you feel you would like to be involved in such a project please contact any member of the parish council whose details are on the inside front cover.

Soulbury Village Cricket Club

The season started very well with a win over Eaton Bray in the first friendly game of the season and an excellent 30 point win in the first league match v Wing & Wingrave, although results since have been mixed! The team have worked hard with their preparation of the ground and pavilion which all looks very good. Anyone interested in playing or helping the Club in any way, please contact the Captain on 07771 738546.

Sat 3rd June 13:30 home v MK New City 2nd XI

Sun 4th June 14:00 home v Ebury Strollers

Sat 10th June 13:30 away v Elstow 2nd XI

Sun 11th June 14:00 home v Drayton Parslow

Sat 17th June 13:30 home v Olney Town 2nd XI

Sun 18th June 14:00 home v Buckingham 2nd XI

Sat 24th June 13:30 away v MK Warriors

Sun 25th June 14:00 home v Stewkley

Sat 1st July 13:30 home v Eddlesborough

Sun 2nd July 14:00 away v Simmons

Sat 8th July 13:30 home v Wing & Wingrave

Sun 9th July 14:00 home v Stony Stratford

Frances Burnett

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the death of Frances Burnett on Tuesday 23rd May. Although she lived in Linslade, Frances supported Soulbury in many ways including being a scorer for Soulbury Village Cricket Club for many years. She was also a member of the WI and together with husband John, enjoyed attending the Breakfasts and Harvest Supper. Condolences to John and also Mary and Paul.

Frances' funeral is on Monday 5th June at 13:15 in the Oak Chapel at Milton Keynes Crematorium and afterwards at the Southcott Community Centre, Grasmere Way, Linslade.

FBUGS - The Fibre Broadband Users Group Soulbury

This new User Group to monitor and discuss the installation, speeds and service of the new fibre broadband installations in our village. The Facebook Group can be accessed with the following link:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/302293426869150/>

At present we have decided that the group should be private. We may take soundings in the future to allow it to go public because the benefit of that is the suppliers of our broadband/telephone service can monitor our comments as well. Hopefully that will give them an incentive to keep up standards.

Please sign up for the Facebook Group and post anything you feel may help either **AVB, Gigaclear and Vonage** customers and those considering suppliers. The user group has a single purpose:

For people contemplating or receiving a fibre broadband/telephone service in our area (Soulbury Parish) to be able to obtain and share information on levels of speed, service and reliability of all suppliers of fibre broadband and VOIP services

As you can see, I think it would also be helpful for those of us moving to VOIP (internet telephone) using Vonage, or any other company, to keep tabs on them as well.

Finally, I have no axe to grind in setting up this group. I think we are exceptionally lucky to be in a rural location and have two competitors for a fast broadband service. I am full of praise and congratulations for all the hard work put in by various people to achieve this result and to the two companies who are taking the financial risk. Having suffered appalling service from nearly all the data/telephone service providers I have ever dealt with in the past, I believe that local community intelligence about service delivery and speed will help us to ensure we do not become victims of the traditional suppliers' ways of doing things.

Please sign up and tell your neighbours about the group. The more subscribers we have the more we can ensure we get what we pay for.

Dr Michael Fopp

Fibre Broadband

	AV Broadband		Gigaclear	
Activation	£150	Cost for 15 months with DIY install	£100	Cost for 15 months with DIY install
Installation	DIY or start from £95		DIY or start from £129.99	
30Mbps	£30/month	£600	n/a	n/a
50Mbps	n/a	n/a	£41.30/month	£719.50
100Mbps	£38/month	£720	£46.85/month	£802.75
200Mbps	n/a	n/a	£54.30/month	£914.50
300Mbps	£135/month	£2175	n/a	n/a
1Gbps	n/a	n/a	£76.60/month	£1249
AV Broadband has a 12 month contract			Gigaclear has a 15 month contract	

We are very fortunate, in Soulbury, to have the benefit of two providers of fibre broadband. Above is a table showing the costs for the first year (subsequent years with the same provider will not include the installation charge) to help you make a judgement for your particular circumstances.

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Location	Level	Start Time	Duration	Start Date
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Billington Hall - Billington	All Levels	18:00	1 hour 15 minutes	Tuesday nights - started Jan 2017
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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Action Fraud has received the first reports of Tech-Support scammers claiming to be from Microsoft who are taking advantage of the global WannaCry ransomware attack. One victim fell for the scam after calling a 'help' number advertised on a pop up window. The window which wouldn't close said the victim had been affected by WannaCry Ransomware.

The victim granted the fraudsters remote access to their PC after being convinced there wasn't sufficient anti-virus protection. The fraudsters then installed Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool, which is actually free and took £320 as payment.

It is important to remember that Microsoft's error and warning messages on your PC will never include a phone number.

Additionally Microsoft will never proactively reach out to you to provide unsolicited PC or technical support. Any communication they have with you must be initiated by you.

How to protect yourself

- Don't call numbers from pop-up messages.
- Never allow remote access to your computer.
- Always be wary of unsolicited calls. If you're unsure of a caller's identity, hang up.
- Never divulge passwords or pin numbers.
- Microsoft or someone on their behalf will never call you.

If you believe you have already been a victim

- Get your computer checked for any additional programmes or software that may have been installed.
- Contact your bank to stop any further payments being taken.



Soulbuddies

Broadening horizons, making local connections

Programme 2017

Date	Activity	Organiser
27 th February	Book Club The Broken – Tamar Cohen	Jax
5 th March	Farm Open-Day	Heather
April	Make-up Workshop	Nadine
May	Country Walk/ Pub	Gemma
11 th June	Car Treasure Hunt	Debbie
July	Jam Making	Rosemary
August	Cocktails	Emma
September	Outdoor Cinema	Debbie
October	Murder Mystery	Gemma
November	Card School/Games	Emily & Heather
December	Wreath Making	Jax
January 2018	Cookery Demo	Caroline

FOR MORE INFO CALL **07850 903819** OR VISIT SOULBUDDIES FACEBOOK PAGE

Soulbuddies

Soulbuddies provides an opportunity for local ladies to meet up and take part in some fun events and activities. There is no specified age range and no obligation to attend each event as lives just sometimes get too busy, it's simply a case of 'join in when you're able'. So far this year, we have enjoyed a 'one off' book club, a trip to the lambing sheds and a make-up demonstration and workshop evening. Coming up on Sunday 11th June, 1.30pm we have a family car treasure hunt activity - limited places available so please call if you'd like to take part in this or other events.

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Admission £4.50, children free.

Home-made teas.

All proceeds to Macmillan, Marie Curie and other NGS-supported charities.

Follow us on Instagram at **closecottagegarden**

It's Party Time

Christine and Jon Sheppard are moving out of the village in June to move closer to other members of their family. We are holding a party so everyone can come to toast their good health, thank them both for the mountain of time and effort put in to support the village and to wish them well in the next chapter of the lives.



21st June, 7.30 pm
Parish Hall



Soulfest 2017



The charity to be supported by Soulfest 2017 is Pensions 4 Paws, a charity set up to support retired Police and Fire Dogs from Thames Valley and Hampshire Police and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Soulbury Village Fete

Sunday
6 August
2 - 6pm

Soulbury Village Fete & Scarecrow Hunt

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Clearing up after your dog

Dog fouling is not the most pleasant topic to discuss but it is a whole lot better than having to pick up after someone else's dog! Despite the signage opposite the bus shelter in Stewkley Road dog owners are still leaving the job to the residents in that area. The health implications are very clear on those signs but I give below some more information.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 allows the local authority to prosecute irresponsible dog owners, if they do not clear up after their dog, after allowing it to foul in a designated area. Owners can be fined up to £1,000 if they fail to comply.

Designated areas include:

- all carriageways with a speed limit of 40 miles an hour or less, and adjoining footpaths and verges
- all parks, recreation grounds, sports grounds/pitches and open spaces owned, maintained and/or controlled by the district, town or parish councils
- open grassed areas located adjacent to areas of residential housing
- public rights of way
- canal towpaths and reservoir footpaths
- church yards and cemeteries
- allotments
- public car parks and pedestrianised areas
- plus a number of specially designated areas across the Vale.

A plastic bag such as an old carrier bag or a nappy sack can be used to pick up any dog's mess. There are three easy steps for cleaning up after your dog:

1. Grab it - using a plastic bag over your hand
2. Bag it - turn the bag inside out and tie
3. Bin it - put the bag into a dog bin or take it home. Do not hang it on a tree or bush!