
Soulbury Parish News



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Dates for your diary



March 2017

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| 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 |
| Social Group | 2:30 pm | Thurs | 9th and 22nd |
| Book Club | | Weds | 8th |
| Soulbury Breakfast | | Sun | 19th |
| Parish Council Meeting | 7:30 pm | Mon | 20th |
| Copy date for articles | | Wed | 22nd |

Soulbury Millennium Green and village events 2017

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| Easter Egg Hunt | | Sat 15th April |
| Schools Festival | | Weds 14th June |
| Soulfest 2017 | | Sat 8th July |
| Church Fete | | Sun 6th August |
| Bonfire Night | | Sat 4th November |

Note from the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the kind comments, either to me personally or by message on my telephone, about the new format of Soulbury Parish News. It is always a worry when taking over something that has been running for years and then changing it. I was, therefore, hoping everyone would embrace the change and you all have. Margaret and Pam did a wonderful job for a long time and, quite rightly, decided now was a good time to step down. Chris Bryant, James Mansfield-Sturgess and all the delivery crew are still on board and doing a sterling job.

I do want to stress that this is Soulbury Parish News not Soulbury Village News so I would encourage people to become correspondents for other villages and hamlets to let us know what you are getting up to (as long as it is printable!). Rushmere, Stockgrove, Hollingdon, to name but a few, must have things they want to tell us so get writing and email it to me on wendy.taylor6@btopenworld.com.

I am also open to new ideas for content so if have any good ideas, get in touch. This new format is far more flexible so I can add or take out pages depending on content received.

Church News - Philip's message

Dear friends,

Recently the film 'Denial' was released. It tells the story of the Holocaust denier David Irving suing the historian Deborah Lipstadt for stating the obvious - that he denied the Holocaust and Adolf Hitler's responsibility, with many others, for it.

It is, of course, about the blame game which seems to be very much in the air in so many areas at present. It brought to mind the John Betjeman poem: Blame the Vicar.

"When things go wrong it's rather tame
To find we are ourselves to blame,
It gets the trouble over quicker
To go and blame things on the Vicar."

Blame, accusations, guilt, responsibility - a deadly serious example and a frankly silly and amusing one but both pointing to our human need to lay guilt at someone's door when we are annoyed or frustrated, whether by things or situations or people.

Betjeman goes on in the poem to talk about making allowances for people's foibles and it is important for us all to bear with each other's weaknesses and failures and I believe it is especially true for people of Faith as we enter the season of Lent, leading to the great festival of forgiveness: Easter.
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

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| Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday <i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i> | Holy Communion and Ashing 7:30 pm St Michael's, Stewkley | |
| Sunday 5th March LENT 1 <i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i> | Little Saints People's Praise | 10:30 am 11:00 am |
| Sunday 12th March LENT 2 <i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i> | People's Praise | 10:00 am |
| Sunday 19th March LENT 3 <i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i> | Parish Communion | 11:30 am |
| Sunday 26th March LENT 4 <i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i> | Parish Communion | 11:30 am |
| Sunday 2nd April LENT 5 PASSIONTIDE <i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i> | Little Saints People's Praise | 10:30 am 11:00 am |

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Social Group

A few of us were absent due to illness (we all wish Marion McCluskey a very rapid recovery) and other reasons but we had a very enjoyable afternoon. Many thanks to Peggy Stevens for her fabulous bread pudding much enjoyed by all, and to Alan for all the other goodies and also for organising his version of Pictionary which gave us some good laughs. We discussed the need for lifts to work in LB for one of our villagers as her usual lift from her dad is unavailable for about 3 months, and Christine Sheppard promised to sound out one or two non members to see if they could join the roster we've started to put together; this of course is one of the original reasons we formed the Social Group, apart from having a lovely afternoon each fortnight. Why not come and join us? Enquiries to Christine (270377) or Elizabeth (07875 947662).

LIFT needed for young lady whose dad cannot drive for three months

Is there anyone who travels to Leighton Buzzard at about 9am Mon to Fri and maybe travels home at the end of the day?

This young lady's dad has taken her up till now but health has now stopped him.

John Sheppard has been taking her of late and the Social Group are stepping in to spread the load but a little more help would be appreciated.

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Millennium Green News

The Community Payback teams have been busy as usual. The style at the end of the Village Green has been repaired and on the Millennium Green more earth has been moved from around the pond, which actually has water in it now.

The result of taking trees down means we have quite few logs on the Green, so if any resident wants fuel for their fire please feel free to come along and collect. If collection is difficult then we can arrange a delivery. Some of the logs will need a period of drying out. Regarding the pond, we don't mind your dogs going in it but please be aware of your children!

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Women's Institute

As our president was away the meeting, this month, was chaired by the vice-president, Chris Bryant. After the singing of "Jerusalem" the minutes of the previous meeting were read, signed and matters arising dealt with. There is to be an Investigation and Discovery Day to be held in Aylesbury next month and a Denman Weekend 12th to 14th May.

The B.F.W.I. Quiz will be held in Buckingham next month and a team from our WI will be competing. Arrangements for our outing to Highclere Castle are under way and we are all looking forward to the occasion. Members were also reminded about the group meeting at Great Brickhill on Wednesday 8th March.

Unfortunately, due to no fault of his own, the speaker had to cancel his talk at the last moment owing to a bout of 'flu. However this is the WI, and in no time at all, alternative arrangements were in place. One of our members, Mary Burnett, gave us an impromptu talk on her experiences when becoming a qualified cricket umpire and scorer. This was much appreciated by everyone and we were very grateful to her for rising to the occasion. We then had a quiz entitled "London Through the Ages" which had been put together by some of the committee members. After this we all enjoyed the delicious refreshments.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March when the speaker will be Tony Eaton and his talk is entitled "The Glen Miller Story".

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 20 February 2017. There were 12 Soulbury parishioners present. Apologies were received from Ian Culley. Minutes of meeting on Monday 16 January 2017 were approved. Various accounts were paid.

Soulbury Parish Council had a very interesting meeting this month. Natalie, our local PCSO, gave us an interesting resume of what had gone on in the Parish and other Parishes that she patrols. We are not alone in having houses targeted, although the incidents in Soulbury are quite low. The police are convinced that these are professional strikes and not the work of Community Payback groups. The emphasis is put on vigilance and if you spot any one who you think is acting suspiciously, please dial 101 and ask for the Wing local policing team to respond. She went on to tell us about the number of items awaiting to be claimed at Wing. Recently two bikes were recovered; one was etched with a post code and returned to a grateful and surprised owner. The other, a nice ladies bike in blue and black, remains at Wing. This illustrates the benefit of marking and we shall be holding a marking day soon, so please avail yourself of this service offered by the police free of charge.

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.

Members of the public brought up several safety issues happening at present, one being parking in Stewkley Road where vehicles are parked half on the footpath, not leaving room for pedestrians to pass easily. Vehicles are also parking opposite each other, narrowing the highway. Please spare a thought for your neighbours! Thank you.

The other issue raised was the exit from Laburnham Cottages and we are writing to Transport for Bucks to obtain a mirror to be sited opposite as an aid with vision.

Finally, horse riders are still riding on footpaths from Dean Farm Lane to Stewkley Road. This is illegal and is also very inconsiderate, so would they please refrain!

Date of the next meeting: Monday 20 March 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.

Soulbury Village Cricket Club

The AGM was held on 6th February. The Chairman, Brian Mead thanked all those people who had helped and supported the Club during the year. 2016 was a good season for the Club, gaining promotion to Division 4 of the Four Counties Cricket League and ending in a reasonable financial position.

The Club President, Ian Parrott and all Vice Presidents were voted back in. Club Officers for the coming year are:

Chairman: Brian Mead, Vice Chairman: Roger Rolls, Captain: Nick Mead, Vice-Captain: Chris Baines, Secretary: Nick Carter, Treasurer: Mrs Chris Bryant, Fixture Secretary: Kevin Rolls, Social Secretary: Andy McKinnon.

Awards for the 2016 season:

Batting: James Carter
Bowling: Nick Mead
Man of the Match: James Carter/Nick Mead
Most Improved Player: James Carter
Players' Player of the Season: James Carter
Most Outstanding Performance:

Sag Nazir for scoring 97 runs in a match against Great Brickhill 3rd XI

George Northam Cup (for Outstanding Bowling Performance):

David Chamberlain for taking 6 wickets in 8.1 overs (4 maidens) for only 25 runs in a match against Milton Keynes 2nd XI

Preparations have begun 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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greatbrickhillwingivinghoeNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

First, a huge thank you from the Wing team to all the members of public who assisted Natalie with cutting the tree down in Leighton Road next to Dollar Farm. Great community team work.

The Nottingham knockers visited the village on the 23/02/2017 – persons were stopped by the Police, details were taken and they were told to move on. Should you have such people call at your door, please do not buy anything. They invariably do not have appropriate pedlars licences and their 'identity' cards are not worth the paper they are printed on. The law changed in that they have to get a licence from the county council in which they are peddling goods. It used to be that when you obtained one from your local county council it covered all but that is not the case now.

I think most people will be aware of the burglary in Soulbury village. Enquiries are still ongoing. Fortunately, this sort of crime is rare but no less distressing for those involved. It does behove everyone to be aware of your own security and that of your properties. If you feel you would like a crime prevention survey carried out at your property, be it a house or farm, please call 101 and ask for a member of the local Neighbourhood team who will carry this out for you. We also encourage people to be aware of their surroundings, to know what is normal and should something appear abnormal and suspicious to call 101 **at the time** so the Police stand a chance of dealing with it.

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Broadband Services



On Monday 20th February, Gigaclear held a public meeting in Great Brickhill to present its plans for fibre broadband in Great Brickhill and Soulbury.

The meeting consisted of presentations on the benefits of fibre broadband, the packages (and costs) from Gigaclear and, possibly most importantly, the timescales for installation in the two villages. There were also discussions around the options for installation where houses are accessed via private or un-adopted roads.

Gigaclear have already started Phase 1 which will cover most of Great Brickhill, with Phase 2 due to start soon covering the remainder of Great Brickhill and Soulbury.

Both phases are due to be completed within the next three months.

At the meeting it was announced by Cllr Blake that those Great Brickhill residents who had paid deposits to Aylesbury Vale Broadband would be receiving refunds as AV Broadband had decided not to proceed with its plans for the village.

AV Broadband have now started installing fibre in Soulbury, and with Gigaclear including Soulbury in Phase 2 it does leave open the possibility that Soulbury residents may have the choice of two fibre broadband providers. Some residents have raised concerns about the nature of pavement closures and obstructions in the road. These concerns have been passed to Bucks CC and hopefully AV Broadband will resolve this with their contractor.

There could be some confusion whilst we consider the pros and cons of each of the services possibly resulting in some residents delaying any decision until it becomes clearer as to whether there will be a choice in Soulbury. The good news is, at last, that Soulbury will soon have access to the internet at much faster speeds than ever before!





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