

# *Soulbury Parish News*



*March 2018*



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# Parish Information

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# Dates for your diary - March 2018



## Dates for your diary March 2018

Brown bin		Mon	12th, 26th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)		Thurs	1st, 15th, 29th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)		Thurs	8th, 22nd
W.I.		Tues	13th
Social Group	2:30 pm	Weds Weds	7th 21st
Book Club		Thurs	14th
Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Mon	19th
<b>Copy date for articles</b>		<b>Mon</b>	<b>23rd</b>

## Soulbury Millennium Green and Village Events 2018

Soulbury Breakfast	Sun 25th March
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 March 2018

Sunday 4th March	Messy church	11:00 am
	<i>Rev. Philip and Joy Derbyshire</i>	
Sunday 11th March	Parish Communion	11:30 am
	<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	
Sunday 18th March	No service	
Sunday 25th March	Parish Communion	11:30 am
Sunday 1st April	EASTER DAY	11:30 am
	<i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i> Family Communion	

## Church News - Philip's message

Dear friends,

Yet again the clocks go forward one hour during March: 'Spring - forward, Fall(Autumn) - back' so goes the old wisdom.

The changing of the time, of course, is all to do originally with the needs of the farming community and the journey to and from school by our younger children. Most people now seem to argue that this needs to come to an end and we should just settle down and leave the clocks alone! I guess there are arguments for and against, but whether we'll actually do anything is another matter.

Changes occur quite organically in many cases, others need much discussion with many different angles being considered before any change should occur.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter we are given the opportunity for change which is real and constructive, life-giving and nurturing both personally and also for society as we consider the claims made two thousand years ago by a most remarkable man, Jesus of Nazareth.

I wish you all a blessed Lenten build up to Easter.

God Bless.

Revd. Philip



### **Notice to all who use the Soulbury Parish Hall**

Please note that it has been decided to ban vaping in the hall. A 'no smoking/no vaping' sign will be erected for clarity.

## **Soulbury Breakfast**

The next one is 25th March, 9.30 to 12.00. We hope to see everyone again and welcoming new faces.

## **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

# The Churchyard

If you want your Christmas wreath from the churchyard, will you please collect it as the churchyard will be cleared by 18th March. If you put flowers or decorations in the churchyard it would be helpful if you could remove them when they are no longer appropriate.

## Soulbury Village Cricket Club

Although it doesn't feel much like cricket weather, the season will soon be with us. Soulbury will be in Division 3 of the Four Counties League. Practice nets are underway – anyone interested should contact Captain Nick Mead on 07771 738546.

## Roads, potholes and fly-tipping

After Parish Councillor Alan Steven's plea last month, I wrote to Bucks County Councillor, Janet Blake, to complain about the state of our local roads. That led to some interesting exchanges, including discovering that a petition was underway about the state of the by-pass. I also discovered that the contractors who built the road in the first place, Alfred McAlpine Ltd, was unfortunately part of the now defunct Carillion Group. So can we now claim poor workmanship in the first place in order to get a permanent repair!

I tried out the 'report a pothole' facility on the Bucks County Council website. I was pleased to note that the pothole was being examined recently although there is no guarantee that it will be fixed. To report potholes, go to <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/road-maintenance-and-repairs/potholes/> or go to [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) and search on potholes.

I also reported the fly tipping along the road to Great Brickhill, which had been there for several weeks. Within a couple of days it was removed. To report fly tipping, go to <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/fly-tipping/report-fly-tipping/> or go to [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) and search on 'report fly-tipping'.

As it appears that reporting these issues does actually galvanise Bucks County Council into responding it should encourage everyone to report these things when seen. It only takes a few minutes as well so please report them and don't assume it has been done by somebody else. Invariably it hasn't and several reports are far better than none at all.

# Social Group

Two meetings have been held this month on 7th and 21st. Lots of chat and a general knowledge quiz with Alan Stevens as question master. We always learn something from these quizzes - most important probably that we should read more! We did, however, discuss some ideas for outings and so we are investigating a trip to the Greatmoor incinerator, which treats 300,000 tonnes of waste a year generating 22 megawatts of electricity providing energy for 36,000 homes - see what I mean about learning something at each meeting! We are also investigating a trip to the Houses of Parliament on Prime Minister's Questions day. So, come and get involved with the group. We would love to see you.

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# Millennium Green News



The community lads are doing a great job in shifting the soil from the gateway. Gradually we hope to build up the dip between the play area and the pond and also build up the banks of the pond.

The main grass area is still very wet so we are trying to avoid poaching it. However, I did walk across it last Saturday and I'm afraid old problems are recurring. I refer to dog fouling not being picked up. It has been reported that dogs are being walked on The Green in the hours of darkness. If this is you please keep an ever watchful eye on your dog, or better still keep it on a lead, then you will know where and when it defecates and you can do the right thing and clear up after it. Thank you.

Richard has been doing his homework this month and I would like to put forward all of the tasks we are aiming for. If you feel you could help with anything in particular please let us know.

[www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk](http://www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk)

## 100 Club



### Winners in 2017

January	Don Haines
February	Yvonne Amour
March	Valerie Redbart
April	Miranda Storey
May	Roger Rolls
June	Andrew Wood
July	Sue Cook
August	Valerie Redbart
September	Daniel Storey
October	Debbie Ollie
November	Karen Wood
December	Lorna Stephen



### Winners in 2018

January	Gilly
February	Isobel Wright

# 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  
*Clear/relay BBQ Area (top meadow)*  
Shift soil to annex  
Level pond edges (see pond)  
Level chicken area/surrounding pathways  
Level pond/playground bottle neck

## **Work Area**

*Empty leaf bin into ready compost boxes*  
*Refill leaf bin/rake area*  
*Build small compost boxes/use pre-built boxes*  
*Trailer all rubbish to skip*  
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  
Collect and store dead wood at rear of ponds

## **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

A warm welcome was given to members at the February meeting of Soulbury WI by the President, Gay Henrick. The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem after which the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. Members were reminded of the various upcoming events on the WI Calendar and three teams were put together to enter the annual Three Counties WI Quiz, the first round of which is in March. Several members are going to a special Investigation & Discovery Day in March which will definitely be very interesting. Details of our proposed outing for July were briefly discussed and this will comprise a trip on the Nene Valley Railway and a visit to Peterborough Cathedral and Town.

Gay then introduced our speaker for the evening, Sue Watkins, who is a very distinguished breeder of Alpacas who brought family members who help in their enterprise. From small beginnings of 12 Alpacas, initially brought in to keep her fields clear, Sue now has 300 of these lovely creatures whose wool is very highly prized. She told us all about raising them from the very beginnings of their pregnancies and the very special care they need to make sure they stay happy and healthy. The many rosettes and prizes her herd have won show how successful she has been over the years. Samples of the beautifully soft, silky wool were passed round and the process of shearing and weaving was explained. Sue had brought along lots of beautiful examples of their products, including scarves, wraps and blankets of amazing softness and beautifully coloured. Her continuing enthusiasm was obvious to us all and we really enjoyed her talk. One of our members, Julie, also an alpaca owner, thanked Sue and refreshments were then served.

Our next meeting on 13th March is a Group Meeting when we will be joined by members from Great Brickhill and Bow Brickhill and we will be entertained by the well known musical Duo, Cantalos, who specialize in ancient and mediaeval instruments.

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# Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 19 February 2018. There were 8 members of the public present. Apologies received from Cllrs Maurice Cross and Ian Culley. Minutes of Parish Council previous meeting were approved. There were no matters arising. Various accounts were paid.

## **Planning:**

18/0213/COUAR: Soulbury Ground Farm, Leighton Road, Three Locks, Soulbury - change of use of barn to one dwelling. No objection.

18/02000/APP: Three Blocks Farm, Partridge Hill. Gt Brickhill - siting of temporary mobile home. No objection.

Cllr Stevens asked if the paperwork for a planning application for The Stables, Ivy Lane had been received yet. It had not so will be chased.

Childrens playground: Chairman reported that furniture had been broken and left in the area, litter everywhere, bushes/shrubs needed cutting back. With the aid of the Community Payback team the area has been cleared, tidied and bins emptied. Now looks in reasonably good order.

**Grass cutting:** starts March.

No attendance from AVDC or Bucks CC councillors so questions raised regarding the district plan and broadband roll out could not be answered. Councillors would like them to attend at least once a quarter.

**Parish hall:** It was agreed to ban vaping in the hall. A 'no smoking, no vaping' sign will be erected in the hall for clarity of the point.

**Soulbury Millennium Green:** still very wet. A lot of the soil has been moved, more to be done. Cllr Stevens noted that dogs were being walked in the SMG in the dark so owners could not see where their dogs were fouling and so did not pick up after them. It was decided to be part of the celebrations commemorating the end of WWI in 1918. Help is required for food, bar, church bells, etc.

**Public participation:** Attempt burglary in village. Patio door kicked in. Police called. Dog fouling sign taken down and smashed by footpath. Police informed. Notice and sign replaced.

Public asked to be vigilant in observing what is going on in the village and if there is anything suspicious seen to reported it on 101. Obviously if there is crime in progress 999 needs to be called.

Progress on The Wickets, The Mead, Soulbury: went to Crown Court in January so awaiting deliberation from Judge.

Dean Farm Lane in bad condition with the weather and usage. It is not an adopted road therefore not the responsibility of the parish council or TfB.

**AOB:** finger sign has been sand blasted. Sign of the Times of Tebworth will enamel it and highlight the words for £250. It was agreed to go ahead. Costs should go to AVB but as they are now defunct we will see who will now pay for this damage.

**Date of the next meeting: 19 March 2018.**

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## Keep your home safe and secure

- keep front and back doors locked, even when you're at home
- install a burglar alarm with a visible alarm box
- fit a door chain and spyhole for extra security
- keep all valuables and keys out of sight and out of reach of doors and windows
- store high value items in a hidden safe
- mark your belongings and register them for free with [Immobilise](#)
- fit energy efficient security lighting
- don't leave spare keys in obvious places such as under doormats or plant pots
- keep items that could be used to break into your property such as ladders, tools and wheelie bins stored safely away
- lock side gates to prevent easy access to the rear of the property
- check fencing regularly to keep it in good repair
- use pea shingle on driveways or under windows, as it crunches loudly when stepped on
- trim overgrown hedges and plants to remove hiding places and improve surveillance
- use a timer switch to make your house look occupied, even when it isn't
- consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

## Property marking

Property should be uniquely marked with your house number and postcode.

Popular ways to do this include visible permanent marking such as painting, etching or CRE-mark, or forensic marking with DNA products. You should also photograph each item and make a note of its details, including any serial or model numbers. This is particularly important with jewellery and collectors items.

You should also register your property on [Immobilise](#). Anything with a serial number can be registered with Immobilise for free, and helps the police identify the owners of recovered property.

Marking your property makes it traceable and more difficult to sell on, making it less attractive to thieves. It also increases the chances of stolen property being reunited with its rightful owner if it's recovered.

## Doors and windows

Burglars often gain access to their victim's homes through unsecured doors and windows. Making sure your doors are strong and secure, and that all windows are fitted with a lock is a simple way to prevent thieves gaining easy access to your home. You should ensure any lock fitted is certified by the British Standard Institute.

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# Rubbish!



A Soulbury resident was horrified when she walked to the post box and became aware of the amount of litter in the hedgerows from the Parish Hall to The Green. So she grabbed her wheelbarrow and some rubber gloves and collected what she could. The picture here gives you some idea of what people leave around for someone else to clear up. Guess what? Amongst the rubbish was several poo bags that had been dropped that had not be placed in the dog bins provided!!

## Take part in a TV series?

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What does the above mean in English? Apparently they would like residents of small towns and villages to get in touch to tell them what makes their village so special. Does it have a rich history? Is something or someone famous associated with it? Do we have interesting traditions? Has the community fallen on hard times and is in need of reminding people how special it is?

The parish council's immediate thoughts were 'the Boot' stone, its history and media attention and the rich history around Liscombe Park, the Lovetts, the school house and the potential of an airport which would have obliterated our village. I am absolutely sure I have not covered everything. Anyway, we will be contacting Banijay and will let you know if they are interested. Be good to get Soulbury on TV for the right reasons and not someone driving into the stone blaming the stone for jumping out in front of them!!!



## Visits to Greatmoor Energy from Waste

Do you ever wonder what happens to the things you put in your waste bin? Your recycling is sorted and passed onto recycling companies, but what about your non-recyclable waste?

So far over 2500 visitors to Greatmoor Energy from Waste have found out.

All of the residual (non-recyclable) household waste generated in Buckinghamshire is now processed at the Greatmoor Energy from Waste facility, at Woodham near Aylesbury. Greatmoor is operated by FCC Environment, in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council.

Greatmoor has the capacity to treat 300,000 tonnes of waste a year (approximately 900 tonnes a day), waste which would otherwise have gone to landfill. As a result, it generates a minimum of 22 megawatts of electricity to the national grid - meeting the energy needs of around 36,000 homes. This alternative treatment of waste will result in a saving to Buckinghamshire County Council of approx. £150 million over the 30 year life of the contract.

Guided tours of Greatmoor are available by prior agreement and at no charge. Visiting groups have included WIs, U3As, Rotary Clubs, Scouts, Cubs, Primary Schools, colleges, etc.

If you are not a member of a local group but would like a tour, Greatmoor is also holding 4 public open tour days in 2018 on Saturdays - 17 March, 30 June, 22 September and 24 November. Each day there will be tours at 10 am, 12:30pm and 3pm. These places are strictly on a booking in advance basis. Minimum age limit is 12 on open tours.

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