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Dates for your diary - May 2019



Dates for your diary May 2019

Brown bin		Thurs 9th,	Weds 22nd
Food bin and general waste (green lid)		Thurs 9th,	Weds 22nd
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)		Weds	1st, 15th
W.I.		Tues	14th
Social Group	2:30 pm	Thurs	9th
		Weds	22nd
Book Club		Weds	8th
Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting	7:00 pm	Mon	20th

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Soulbury Millennium Green and Village Events 2019

Parish Breakfast	Sun 12th May
Soulfest 2019	Sat 29th June
Soulbury Fete and Scarecrow Festival	Sun 11th August



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 : Vacant Church News - Philip's message

Services for May 2019

Sunday 5th May Rev. Philip Derbyshire	Messy Church in the Parish Hall		11:00 am
Sunday 12th May Rev. Philip Derbyshire	Parish Communion		11:30 am
Sunday 19th May	No service		
Sunday 26th May Rev. Philip Derbyshire	Parish Communion		11:30 am

Sprucing up the Churchyard

There is a churchyard clean-up on Saturday 11th May and Sunday 12th May. All villagers welcome to come and give a hand. We have a wedding on the 25th May for 2 local people so it would be nice to have the churchyard tidy for that day. Bring your own tools but some can be supplied.

Times for both days: 10:00 -16:00

Church News - Philip's Message

Dear friends,

Once again we put our clocks forward for an hour at the end of March and we will no doubt reverse the process yet again in October! The usefulness of this procedure seems to be less and less obvious to most people and apparently, if we are still in the EU (.....) later in the year, it will be hopefully put a halt to because there is proposed legislation in the pipeline to sort this out at last. If only everything was so easy to sort!

We seem to have so many issues to address in our public life and it's really hard for people to know where to turn for help in such circumstances. In the media we are bombarded with stuff about climate change, about the 'rights' of so many groups and being 'correct' in so many areas in life. Where do we turn when we need to find a way through or out of all these conundrums? Is it surprising that some people seek to run or hide in different ways?

Thomas Merton, the great American Trappist monk (1915-1968) wrote this: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me.....I will trust in you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen".

May God Bless you all.

Rev. Philip.



Soulbury Breakfast

The next one is 12th May, 9.30 to 12.00.

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Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 15 April 2019. There were 8 members of the public present. Apologies received from Cllrs Neil Blake and Janet Blake. Minutes of Parish Council meeting on Monday 18 March 2019 were approved. Matters arising: Cllr John Day was shown as not present at the meeting and he did attend. Under Planning no. 2019/00857 is not for the public house. It is the Pumping Station owned by the Canal & River Trust. Various accounts were paid.

Planning:

Green Farm: Lindsey Russell brought plans to the meeting for taking the development forward. She explained that they were asked to look at a build of 9 houses not 15. With 9 the village would get no s106 monies and there would be no affordable homes. It was felt that the sizes of the resultant gardens may encourage new owners to develop more houses so ending up with more than 9. She asked the Parish Council for their preference in numbers and the original 15 was unanimously agreed. She also advised that as they cannot demolish the barns either side of the farmhouse they proposed to thatch them to ensure they are in keeping with the cottages in the village and develop them into office space which can be rented to anyone needing it. It was suggested that could consideration be given to a new general stores type shop for the village. The development entrance/exit will create a crossroads at the Stewkley junction.

The Boot field: an archeological dig has been carried out. Foundations of 4 houses were located but it is not a show-stopper for the development.

Children's play area: Supply of new gates to be chased. Community Payback teams have tidied up the area. The fencing to the road needs mending or replacing.

Grass cutting: Commenced, major cut has been carried out. Churchyard looks good.

AVDC/BCC: Cllr Ben Everitt attended the meeting. HS2 is at the ripping up stage, hedges are being netted so birds do not nest therefore preventing ripping them up. Expressway: major announcement in the autumn. VALP: housing reduced by 1500 so deficit of 500 now - additional site to be found, might be in MK. Cllr Everett also advised that Cllrs Neil and Janet Blake, whilst still holding their current roles, are now Independent Conservatives. He and Cllr Blake cover our area.

Parish hall: Nothing to raise.

Soulbury Millennium Green: ride-on mower being serviced. Grass needs a cut but the Community payback team cannot do it because they do not have the H&S certificates which cover the use of lawn mowers. Cllr Stevens commented on the disgusting state of the toilet on the SMG which he had to clean up. He did mention that someone is helping to maintain it as loo roll seems to be replaced and there are rubber gloves, etc. left in there. As he did not know who this person is he wants his sincere thanks passed on via the parish news in the hope this person reads it.

Public participation: A fir tree at the entrance to Laburnum Cottages is leaning at an odd angle as a car collided with it. The index number of the vehicle has been taken and authorities told.

AOB: The Parish Clerk advised that there is a review of polling stations and polling places. He asked if we are happy with what we have. It was agreed there are no issues with present arrangements.

Date of the next meeting: 20th May 2019.

**As this is also the Annual Parish Meeting
the start time will be 7 pm.**



Soulbury Village Cricket Club



Sat 4 th May	13:30 home v Gt Horwood (league)
Sun 5 th May	14:00 away v Drayton Parslow
Sat 11 th May	13:30 away v Newport Pagnell 1 st XI (league)
Sun 12 th May	TBA
Sat 18 th May	13:30 away v Cranfield University 1 st XI (league)
Sun 19 th May	14:00 away v Stoke Hammond
Sat 25 th May	13:30 home v Eggington Foresters 1 st XI (league)
Sun 26 th May	14:00 home v Wing
Sat 1 st June	13:30 away v North Crawley 2 nd XI (league)
Sun 2 nd June	14:00 home v Shenley Church End
Diary date: 9 June	14:00 SVCC v The Boot Invitational XI

Contact Captain Nick Mead on 07771 738546



SOULBURY VILLAGE FETE & SCARECROW FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2019 2-6 PM

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Soulfest 2019

29 June

Plans are well in hand for this year's extravaganza. There will be seven bands playing from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm on alternate stages to lessen the set up times between groups. This will mean timings for each will be more precise. Add to that, the Heath Band will be starting at 7:30 pm with a fitting 'last night of the proms' style finale - everything finishing around 9:00 pm.

This year will be a ticketed event. The cost is £5 per person, under 12s go free. However, tickets bought in advance will cost £4 each. Each ticket will be numbered and will automatically go forward into a draw, the prize being a two day break for two including breakfast. Dinner is also included on the first night. This draw is separate from the hugely successful raffle which boasts some very desirable prizes from very generous supporters. Tickets will be available from any member of the SMG committee.

Soulfest is steadily getting bigger and better each year - a testament to the hard work of those organising it. On the day, however, we are looking for support from Soulbury residents to help steward the event. This task gets less onerous for everyone when there is a team enabling each member of the team time of watch the event and have meal breaks. So if your diary has some space on 29 June please come forward. You will be welcomed with open arms. Please contact either Alan Stevens or Vic Wright.

Womens' Institute



The April meeting of Soulbury W.I. took place in the village hall, Gay Henrick presiding. After the singing of "Jerusalem", the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and matters arising dealt with.

Congratulations were extended to the two teams from our institute, who took part in the B.F.W.I. Quiz held in Buckingham. Both teams had a very successful evening and won through to the next round. Our outing to be held in July is in the early stages of planning, and further details will be given at a later date. Preparations are in hand for the afternoon tea to be held in June.

Our speaker for the evening was Alice Horn, a well-travelled lady who came to tell us about "The Golden Road to Samarkand". Also known as The Silk Road, this was a network of trade routes which connected East and West in ancient and medieval times. Merchants used the route to transport silk and many other goods between Asia, Africa and Europe. It first became popular as long ago as 140 BC so is definitely a well-travelled connection! Our speaker had been to Uzbekistan and travelled the route five years ago. She entertained us with a selection of beautiful photographs of mosques and mausoleums which had been built along the route, interspersed with interesting facts about the rulers of the time. It is amazing that so many of these buildings are still standing after all these years. Many were decorated with coloured tiles and ornate decorations illustrating the skills of the builders of the time. Alice was thanked for her informative talk, after which a lovely selection of Easter themed refreshments was served.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th May when we will be discussing the resolutions to be presented to N.F.W.I.

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

Emily Stevens

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Social Group

The Social Group is preparing for the Village Fete in August by getting items suitable for a children's bran tub. Ideas are being put forward and into practice, for instead of bran we shall be filling our tubs with shredded paper, also we have decided to colour code our prizes. Surprising what old people can do, like manning the tea tent for our Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. Thanks to Izzie, Bev and Pat, a brilliant team. Our next outing is to Dobbies for a lunchtime treat in their Restaurant.



Millennium Green News



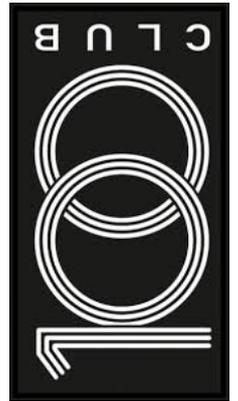
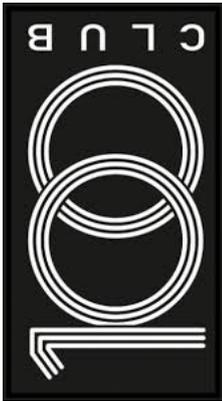
The Millennium Green committee organised the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the green on Easter Saturday. The weather was brilliant; one of the warmest days of the year so far, and the turn out was not too disappointing. We always want more, however, with teas and cakes for sale and one or two plants and seeds, kindly donated we managed to raise just over £90, which I felt was excellent. So, many thanks to Richard, Barbara, Liz, Chris, Pat, Izzie, and Bev and The Bryants for the plants, etc.

Also thanks to the team brought in at the last minute to put up the marquee in the morning as I was relying on the Community Payback lads, but apparently they don't operate over Easter and the same team helped to put the marquee away again on the Sunday.

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100 Club



Winners in 2019

January	Jean Housley
February	Vickly Rolls
March	Peggy Stevens
April	Julia Foulsham

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SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

MAY 1976

COMPETITION WINNERS

We are pleased to announce the results of the Children's Competition on the subject of 'Our Village'. We are extremely grateful to the Bletchley Writers' Society for reading and judging all the entries and extend a warm 'Thank you' to all the children who submitted their very colourful and provocative thoughts.

Group 1 under 8 years - Mark Norman, aged 6 - 'Best overall'

Group 2 8 to 11 years - Timothy Faulkner, aged 11.

Group 3 over 12 years - Julie Camp, aged 12.

This month we are publishing the winning entry from Group 3:

'Our Village'

'Soulbury is quite a normal village but could be made to look much nicer.

I think the Green looks rather dull but if someone or something could restore the village pond it would be much nicer, a chair and paper basket would look nice by it, the Green would have to be cut properly and the horses shouldn't be allowed on it.

Then there's the Church and Church-yard, it would look much nicer if the yard and the Church wasn't damp all the time.

Well! the Clubroom is quite nice but it is a bit dull and it could be painted and made brighter. The playing fields should be regularly cut and tidied.

The bus shelter should be much bigger because when we're going to school and it rains everybody has to get in it and that amounts up to about 30 or 40 people by then we can't move.'

At our recent Annual Parish Meeting, the subject of allotment gardening was discussed. It appears that a number of village people are interested and would like to rent suitable plots.

First, we should need to know how many; then to form an association or club, to acquire a suitable plot of ground, either through the good offices of our Parish and District Councils, or possibly by direct negotiation with one of our local farmers or landowners.

If you are interested, will you please contact either Mr. N. Lake, 4 Laburnham Cottages. Tel: 373; or Mr. H. Austin at 5 The Mead. Tel: 296; who will then arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

If any reader has an acre or so of land that he or she would rent for the above project, please advise Mr. Lake or Mr. Austin.

Would anyone requiring Bus Tokens for the next quarter, please contact Mrs. M. Jones over Lovett House as soon as possible.

We extend a warm welcome to Alan and Barbara Howell and their daughter Catherine, who have recently moved to Church Lane.

CONGRATULATIONS! to the Soulbury Ladies Football Team on their splendid win at the Easter Monday Ladies 8-a-side match held at Aston Abbots. They did not concede a single goal - WELL DONE GIRLS!! Social Circle and Clubroom funds benefitted from the stalls by £16.60 and £11.00 respectively.

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Harriet Mercy, aged 90, who has died at Wellmead Farm, the home of her son, Robert.

We are very pleased to report that Mr. W. Rowe is now out of hospital and back home again.

We wish a speedy recovery to Hilary Walker who was rushed to Stoke Mandeville Hospital shortly after she had prepared the draft of this newsletter.

Don't forget that Elections for the Parish Council and the Aylesbury Vale District Council take place in the Clubroom on the 6TH MAY from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Candidates for the Parish Council are as follows:

Mr. F. Bunyan (Soulbury) Mr. K. Camp (Soulbury) Mr. J Kellner (Hollington)
Mr. W. Rolls (Soulbury) Mr. J. Rowe (Soulbury) Mr. M. Skeels (Chelmscote)
(5 candidates to the elected)

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The Manse, Stewkley, Tel: 251

Sunday	2nd May	10.30 a.m.	Rev. R. Lenton	
		2.30 p.m.	Mr. M. L. Poyser	Family Hour
Sunday	9th May	2.30 p.m.	Rev. N. Burrows	Family Hour
Sunday	16th May	2.30 pm.	Mrs. Green	Family Hour
		6.00 pm.	Mr N. Farmer	
Sunday	23rd May	No services		
Sunday	30th April	10.30 am.	Mr. G Archer	
		2.30 pm.	Mr. C. Dimmock	Family Hour

Bible Study - on Mondays at 2.30 pm.

3rd May at 27 The Green
10th May at 11 The Green

17th May at 10 High Road
24th May at 25 The Green

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Vicar: The Rev. Paul Drake,
The Vicarage. Stewkley. Tel: 287

Every Sunday		11.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	30th May	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday	11th May	8.00 pm.	<u>Women's Institute</u> in the Clubroom. 'Resolutions' with the V.C.O. Refreshments: Cheese and wine. Competition: A vegetable necklace.
Wednesday	12th May	2.30 pm.	<u>Social Circle</u> in the Clubroom.
Wednesday	19th May	8.00 pm.	<u>Women's Fellowship</u> at the home of Mrs. H. Pooley of Church Farm House. Speaker: Mrs. P. Gallimore on Art.

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How do burglars see your home?

With lighter evenings and the daffodils in bloom, now is the time to *Spring into Action* and review your home security.

The best way of doing this is to look at your property through the eyes of a burglar. Think about how you would break in if you locked yourself out. You may be surprised how easy it would be.

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The guide contains lots of hints and tips including:

- a range of physical and digital security measures to protect your home
- how to avoid invalidating your home insurance through poor security
- a handy checklist for when you go away.

Being burgled is a traumatic experience. It's not just the financial cost of replacing stolen items, but also the emotional impact of feeling violated after a stranger has been in your home.

In this short video, Jennifer and Sam talk about how they were affected after their home was burgled. You can watch the video on the Thames Valley Police YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/aY9eBeaQeA0>

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Defibrillator training

The Parish Council organised defibrillator training on 16th April. This was very successful and 17 people turned up. Sadly, I have learned that some residents did not receive their copy of the Soulbury Parish News until 17th April and so did not know of the training. It was published on the village Facebook page and Alan Stevens did put it into the Leighton Buzzard Observer. However, it has transpired that those who did not get their 'News' would have liked to attend. I, therefore, ask that if you would like to be trained to use this equipment, and we get another 17, or close to, (this is a good number as it enables everyone to use the equipment during the training session) we will run another session AND can run it on a Saturday morning, if this helps. Please contact me, Wendy Taylor (contact details under Parish Information on Page 3).

Impetus

Who are they? you might be asking yourself. Impetus is Soulbury's very own and new Rock band, who are beginning to make a name for themselves. They were invited, along with two other bands, to play in Leighton Buzzard's Black Circle Records on Independent Record Store day. Yes, vinyl records are seeing an amazing upsurge in demand and this event was to promote them further.

If you want to go to see them they have been invited back to Black Circle Records by demand. Watch this space for the date.





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