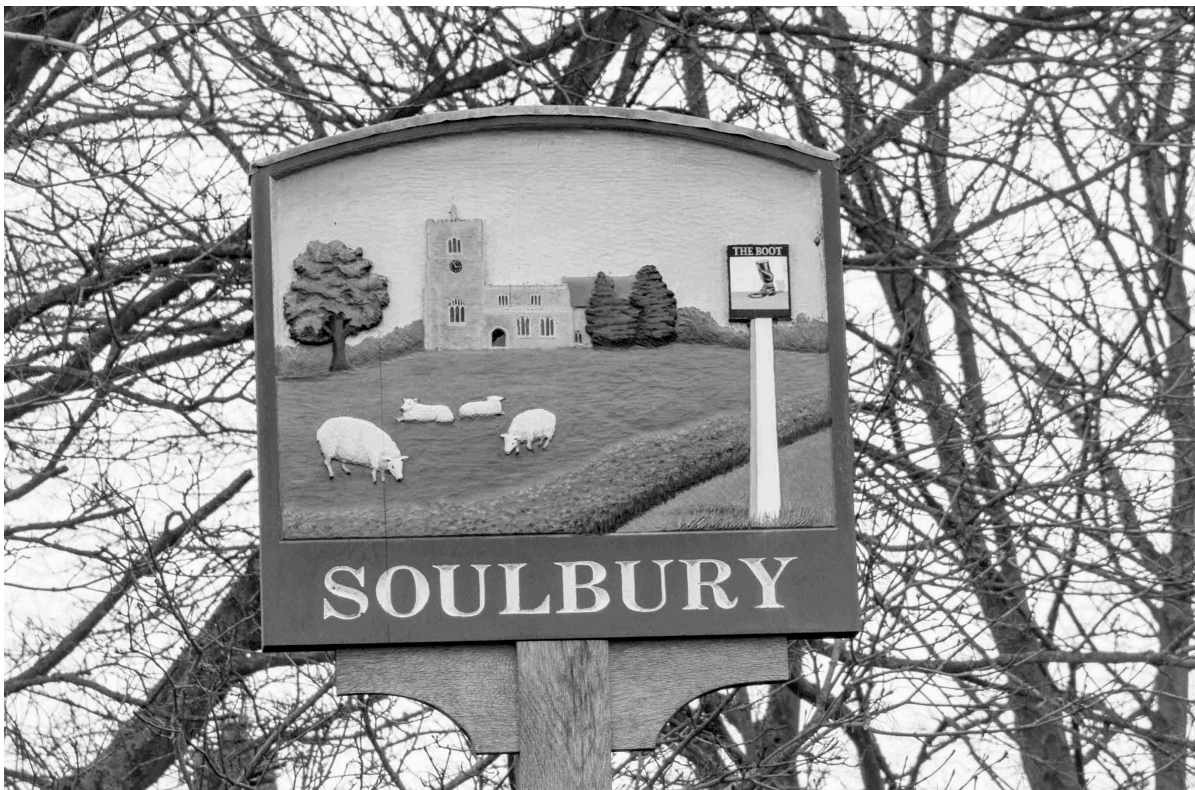


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# *Soulbury Parish News*

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*September 2017*

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# Dates for your diary



## September 2017

Garden waste (brown bin)		Mon	11th, 25th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)		Thurs	14th, 28th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)		Thurs	7th, 21st
W.I.		Tues	12th
Social Group	2:30 pm	Weds Weds	6th 20th
Book Club		Weds	9th
Soulbuddies		Tues	13th
Parish Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Mon	18th
<b>Copy date for articles</b>		<b>Fri</b>	<b>22nd</b>

## Soulbury Millennium Green and village events 2017

Harvest Supper	Mon 25th Sept
Soulbury Breakfast	Sun 1st Oct
Bonfire Night	Sat 4th November
Christmas Singalong	Sat 2nd December

# Church News - Philip's message

Dear friends,

Four years after my father's death in the Naval Nursing Home in Gillingham, Kent I felt it was time to revisit some of my old haunts in that amazing county called the Garden of England.

Being born east of the River Medway I am a 'man of Kent' (the other lot on the west side are 'Kentish men'). Like so many facts the origins are uncertain, but who cares? The four days that Joy and I spent exploring/rediscovering were very special for kindling memories and astounding perceptions brought about by so much change and development but also odd moments of reassuring 'aha, that's still there then!'

The return brought up all sorts of mixed feelings but mostly of a good and warming nature - to cherish and mull over on long cold Winter evenings. Such simple things are beyond price as are true friendship and loyalty.

When we look around the world and see others' lack of these things and what they suffer as a result we can truly give thanks to our loving creator who gives us His all in His Son Jesus.

Finally let us pray for all those working the land and at sea for our food and for all who go without.

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 3rd September <i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	Little Saints Refreshments Family Service	10:30 am 11:00 am 11:30 am
Sunday 10th September <i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	Parish Communion	11:30 am
Sunday 17th September	No service at Soulbury	
Sunday 24th September <i>Rev. Philip Derbyshire</i>	Parish Communion and Harvest Festival	11:30 am

# Social Group

The Social Group met for lunch at the Grove Lock on Wednesday 26th July. 8 of us enjoyed an excellent lunch and it was a pleasure to welcome Margaret Gibbs to the group. Several of us were away on holiday in August but 6 made it to the 10th August meeting and then there were 9 of us on the 23rd to celebrate Phillipa Weeks-Cooper's birthday along with her mother Janet and her adorable new puppy Knox.

The September meetings are on WEDNESDAY 6th and 20th in the Parish Hall. As always, new faces are welcome.



## Millennium Green News



### If only ...

**IF only ...** we had the capability of calling on volunteers as and when we needed them.

**IF only ...** we had a list of such willing volunteers complete with phone numbers.

**IF only ...** we were not so reliant on the Community Payback teams, not decrying all the good work they do.

The problem is that we do rely too much on the teams and when something goes wrong, it all goes wrong.

You may all be wondering where this is leading to. Well, the truth is that following the day of the brass band concert we decided to delay taking the marquee down until the following weekend and use the C P lads to help. As it happens they had problems with illness and accidents and we got no crews at all that weekend. So the marquee remained where it was.

That was fine till Wednesday night when the wind caught it and lifted the whole thing and deposited it on the children's playground, thereby bending poles and damaging the roof sheeting.

What we need is a list of volunteers that would be willing to assist at times like this. That marquee needs at least six and preferably eight guys or girls to put it up comfortably. The Management committee made a large financial commitment when purchasing it and it has proved its worth, especially the Sunday of the band concert, as those of you who came along would agree.

So this is a serious plea for you to get involved in your village. It does not have to be a full time thing - we just need a list of folk who would not object to being asked for help as and when help were needed. If you are willing to be involved please call me on 270213 and thanks in advance!

Stop Press - offers to be added to the list have started - the more we have the less onerous it is for everyone

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

# Parish Council News

As the Parish Council did not meet in August there is nothing to report.

Date of the next meeting:

**18 September 2017.**

## Soulbury Village Cricket Club

All too soon, the cricket season is drawing to a close. The team has had great success in Division 4 of the Four Counties League; at time of writing being top of their league, but by only two points and with two games to play. They are guaranteed promotion to Division 3, but it would be nice to end the year at the top.....

Friendly matches continue into September and there are two fundraising/social events.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 13:00 away at Eddlesborough – last league match for 2017

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 13:00 home v Studham

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 13:00 away v Ebury Strollers

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 13:00 home v Simmons

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 13:00 Intra-club Challenge

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September Quiz Night.** To take place in the Cricket Pavilion. Teams of up to 6 people. Entry fee £5 per person. Winning team receives £50 prize. 7:30pm for 8:00 start. Contact Andy MacKinnon 07969 186749 to book.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September Race Night.** Again to take place in the Cricket Pavilion. Please contact Andy MacKinnon to purchase horses and/or to book your place 07969 186749

Diary date: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Club Presentation Evening at the Three Locks Golf Club

## Soulbuddies

There will not be a meeting in September but if you would like to know more about what we are about, please call 01525 270279/07850 903819.



# Local Policing

Local PCSO: C9458 Natalie Hall

Neighbourhood Supervisor: PC 7280 Philip Duthie

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Local Police Office: Wing Police Office, Leighton Road, Wing

You can also email the team at:

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Theft of farm machinery has been occurring in the rural areas over the last few weeks – make sure equipment is secure and if you see any suspicious activity please call 101.

ARD – issued to the persons for starting the fires in Soulbury.

Joint operations with TVP and Beds Police on the borders - numerous vehicles were seized for being used in crime.

2 x offenders arrested for theft of motor vehicle, theft of a trailer and TWOC (taking without consent).

2 x offenders arrested for theft – property seized and returned to the owners.

Please take time to mark your possessions with a postcode or use Smartwater/ SelectaDNA (obtainable online). Lethargy is the thief's best friend so don't become a victim because 'it will never happen to me'. It may so be prepared.

## 100 Club



January	Don Haines
February	Yvonne Amour
March	Valerie Redbart
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May	Roger Rolls
June	Andrew Wood
July	Sue Cook
August	Valerie Redbart







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If you are able to take part, phone Jane Luxton on 01525 270493 for further information.

# Tea in the church on 9th Sept

There will be teas available in the church on 9th Sept from 2.30 to 5.00. Come and see our beautiful church and have a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

If any one can make a cake please contact Jane on 01525 270493.



## Church Flowers

Calling all flower arrangers on the existing rota and anyone who would be interested in arranging church flowers (no previous experience required)!

You are invited to an informal coffee morning - an opportunity for a chat and catch up with fellow flower arrangers, or to understand what is involved in joining the flower rota.

10 am on 9 September at Close Cottage, Church Lane, Soulbury (the lane opposite the Boot).

Please RSVP to Rachel Belsham ([belshamstorey@btinternet.com](mailto:belshamstorey@btinternet.com))

## Soulbury Breakfast

The first breakfast of autumn will be on Sunday 1st Oct in the Parish Hall from 9.30 to 12.00. Don't forget to put it in your diary and come and join us for a full English breakfast and meet your old friends and make new ones.

## Harvest Supper

This popular event will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the Parish Hall, at 7:00 to commence promptly at 7:30 pm. The cost for a delicious 2 course meal is £13 each – which is the same as last year! There will be a raffle in aid of RABI, the farming charity, and the usual auction of produce.

To book your place please contact Mrs Chris Bryant: 01525 270607  
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Message from a seasoned zipwiring teddy, Rupee: Thank you to everyone who made it such a lovely event for teddy bears as well. I preferred the tub to sit in this year for my journey down 'the wire'. I sped down very fast and landed with a big thud but I got my certificate for being brave! I was a very happy bear and lots of people chatted with me when I sat on tombola table. We bears helped to raise about £60 for the church.



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