

# Soulbury Parish News



## April 2020



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**read all about the scheme inside.**

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# Parish Information

## **Rector**

Vacancy

## **Churchwardens**

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June Wright 270537

## **Thames Valley Police**

**Emergency 999**

Non Emergency 101

# Dates for your diary - April 2020

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Brown bin	Weds	8th, 22nd
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Weds	8th 22nd
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Weds	1st, 16th, 29th
<u>For Hollingdon and Dean Farm Lane only</u>		
Brown bin	Tues	7th, 21st
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Tues	7th, 21st
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Tues	15th, 28th

**Copy date for this magazine will always be 21st of the month.  
Please diarise this as I will not be chasing anymore.**

As you can imagine, clubs and parish council meetings will be postponed for the foreseeable future and events have had to be cancelled. I have left events from September onwards in the list but whether they go ahead depends on the COVID-19 situation which changes daily.

## Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events 2020

Family Bingo Night	Sat 19th September
Bonfire Night	Sat 7th November
Christmas Singalong	Sat 5th December



## All Saints' Church Services

Team Rector: Vacancy  
Team Vicar Wing & Wingrave : Vacancy  
Team Vicar Cheddington with Mentmore : Vacancy

### Church Services

There are no church services at present. However, the church itself will be open from 2.00pm to 4.00 every Wednesday for quiet reflections and if any one would like to visit at any other time, please ring Jane Luxton on 01525 270493 or James Mansfield- Sturgess on 01525 270585.

In such dreadful times as these it is very sad that there will be no church services for the time being, when many need the church's support. Given the age of many of our clergy and the congregation it is absolutely right that this closure should have happened.

This collect seems very appropriate for these times:

The collect for the Fourth Sunday before Lent

God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Kate Maureen Fontaine**

Sadly, we have to report the death of Kate Maureen Fontaine, widow of Donald A Fontaine, late of Andrews Close, who passed away on 16 February 2020. She had lived in the village since her marriage in 1952. She was the last of the Fountaines to live in Soulbury.

## Marquee for hire



Have you considered using the Soulbury Millennium Green for events and functions? There are many facilities on the SMG to make your event a success which includes a 12m x 6m white marquee. To hire this marquee the cost is £150 per event. So please consider the SMG for parties, children parties, birthdays, barbecues, wedding blessings, etc. Contact Alan Stevens or Wendy Taylor to discuss.

For the hire of marquees for functions at other locations, please call Alan Stevens to discuss the cost and logistics.

## Soulbury Parish Hall

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# Soulbury Millennium Green



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

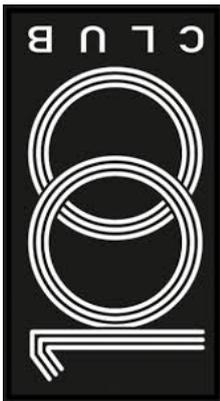
Just briefly to let you all know we have cancelled all events on the Green for the foreseeable future.

This means Easter Egg Hunt, VE Day celebrations and Soulfest will not now be running. It was not the easiest decisions to make as this will severely affect our fundraising!

Meanwhile there is still work to be done and as there are doubts when we will see 'the Boys' back, if you feel like getting out in the fresh air for some light exercise please let us know! I'm sure we can help.

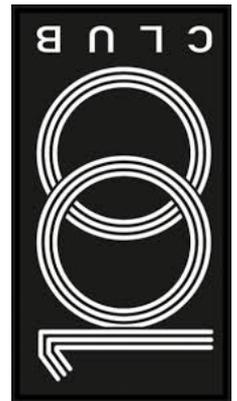
## 100 Club

### Winners in 2020



January  
February  
March  
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June  
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August  
September  
October  
November  
December

James Mansfield-Sturgess  
Tim Collins



### Elizabeth Caplan

As Alan Stevens said in his report in the Leighton Buzzard Observer last week, it saddens us to have to report the death of Elizabeth Caplan.

Many people will know she was an avid supporter and committee member of the Millennium Green project and took over running the social group when Christine Sheppard moved away.

Our condolences go to both James and Richard, her two sons. Richard is also known to many as he virtually runs the Green on his own with the able assistance of the CRC groups.

# Women's Institute



The March meeting of Soulbury W I was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. A warm welcome was given to all members and the meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem. A special visitor this evening was Wendy Taylor, who edits the Village Newsletter and who will be giving us some information on the planned website.

Following the reading of the Minutes, Gay gave us an update on Jean Haines, who has now had her operation and is recovering at home. We look forward to seeing her again before too long. Members were reminded that the ACM at the Waterside in Aylesbury is on May 12<sup>th</sup> with the usual excellent variety of speakers, and if they wish to attend, they should add their names to the list. Chris Bryant told us the Rock Chorus were holding a concert for the Lions on 18<sup>th</sup> April at The Venue, with tickets costing £16 00. All proceeds are going to Charity. We have had an update from the amazing Fancy Stitch (Inguava) charity in Africa who we helped by providing a water tank. They are going from strength to strength and we are very pleased to hear about their progress.

The first round of the County Quiz is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Buckingham and we have entered 2 teams, so fingers crossed! Both teams did well last year and of course would like to do even better in 2020. It was the Investigation & Discovery Day today in Aylesbury and 3 members attended. As usual the speakers were superb and it was a truly interesting day. We have all been reading about Coronavirus and agree it is a terrible time for everyone but that we should keep things in perspective.

Happy Birthday wishes were given to Peggy Stevens and Jean Housley.

Gay then introduced our speaker for this evening, Norman Shepherd, who is a Co-ordinator for BORG – The Bucks Owl and Raptor Group. He has been with the group for 18 years and helped AVDC set up the teams who check on sites and erect nesting boxes for the birds. He told us of the downwards spiral of depletion of the species and how they have helped halt this, and how the numbers are steadily increasing. The prisoners at Springhill Prison helped to make the boxes and this was a win-win for both parties! Members were surprised to hear that owls can be killed on the roads as they swoop over the low rise hedgerows. It is normal for owls to lay 9 eggs but only a small number make it to fully fledged birds. BORG are always looking for eager volunteers to help their work and this needs commitment on approximately 12 days a year. Norman was thanked by Julie Day and we then had refreshments.

Wendy Taylor then gave us a brief update on the plans for the new Village Website, and emphasised the privacy on data which had to be followed. She said it would be an option to have the newsletter delivered online only, rather than paper, but this had yet to be finalized. The website would give all of the village an opportunity of logging on and seeing what's happening and will certainly be an asset. Gay thanked Wendy for coming along and keeping us in the loop. The raffle was then drawn. The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

UPDATE: Sadly, since the above Report was prepared the Covid-19 Lockdown has come into force, and there will be no W I meetings for the foreseeable future. We will keep in touch with members as advice changes. Look after yourselves everyone!

# Coronavirus and Soulbury Helpers

It certainly seems like it is here to stay! I know that is stating the obvious but what can we do about it? Well, the parish has got together and come up with a scheme to help those in self-isolation and in need of assistance. It works like this; leaflets will have been put through your doors by now with the name and contact number of a volunteer near you. Shopping was the biggest item that spurred on the introduction of the scheme, so here are a few of the rules. We cannot expect volunteers to use their own money to buy your shopping, so if you want shopping done you must be prepared to hand over CASH with your order. Needless to say a lot of trust on both sides must be displayed if this is to work. When goods are delivered to your door they will be left on your doorstep for you to take in. The person delivering will stand about 2 meters away and watch you collect your goods, they will not enter your house. Prescriptions are a bit easier - if you have them on a regular basis from a pharmacy in town, it is easy for someone to collect them and bring them to your door. We have a trained counsellor in the village who, I'm sure, would willingly spare the time for a chat. Contact details can be passed on to you if needed.

We need to come together in the current situation and if you feel you too could help then please feel free to make contact, either with the phone number on the leaflet or Soulbury Helpers on 01525 611070.

For your further information I have just been reading details sent from an English teacher in China. She writes:

"We are just finishing our 7th week of E-Learning, seven weeks of being mainly housebound and seven weeks of uncertainty. We are healthy, we are happy, and we are humbled.

As we watch the rest of the world begin their time inside; here are some of my reflections on the last seven weeks:

1. Accept that you have no control over the situation. Let go of any thoughts of trying to plan too much for the next month or two. Things change so fast. Don't be angry and annoyed at the system. Anxiety goes down, and you make the best of the situation - whatever that might be for you. Accept that this is what it is and things will get easier.
2. Try not to listen to/read/watch too much media. It WILL drive you crazy. There is a thing as too much!
3. The sense of community I have felt during this time is incredible. I could choose who I wanted to spend my energy on - who I wanted to call, message and connect with and found the quality of my relationships has improved.
4. Appreciate this enforced downtime. When do you ever have time like this? I will miss it when we go back to the fast-paced speed of the 'real world'.
5. Time goes fast. I still haven't picked up the ukelele I planned to learn, and there are box set TV shows I haven't watched yet.

6. As a teacher, the relationships I have built with my students have only continued to grow. I have loved seeing how independent they are; filming themselves to respond to tasks while also learning essential life skills such as balance, risk-taking and problem-solving that even we as adults are still learning.
7. You learn to appreciate the little things; sunshine through the window, flowers blossoming and being able to enjoy a coffee in a cafe.

To those just beginning this journey, you will get through it. Listen to what you are told, follow the rules and look out for each other. There is light at the end of the tunnel.”

**Hello! Coronavirus got you down. I am here to help!**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Posting Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

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**Phone Soulbury Helpers 01525 611070**



# Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 16 March 2020. There were 7 members of the public present. Apologies received from Cllrs Maurice Cross, Ian Culley and Wendy Taylor. Our Parish Clerk was also absent. Minutes of Parish Council meeting on Monday 20 January 2020 were approved. There were no matters arising. Various bills were paid.

## **Planning:**

20/00623/APP: erection of 2 dwellings and alterations and improvements to existing vehicular and pedestrian access on land adjacent to 89 High Road, Soulbury. Objection as was not in keeping.

Replacement of an outbuilding: no objection.

**Children's Playground:** Further discussion took place which lead to an enquiry about who our contact would be now AVDC is being absorbed into the new unitary authority.

**Grass cutting:** Nothing more at present

**District and County Councillors** were not present. .

**Public Participation:** The suggestion was made that we should set up some scheme to help those in self-isolation whilst all the restrictions are in place. Thanks to Jackie Ridley from Bassett Road Surgery from bringing this up. Post meeting note: the scheme is to be called Soulbury Helpers.

**AOB:** Cllrs Neil Blake and Janet Blake remain our council contacts.

**It was declared that this meeting will be the last Parish Council meeting for the time being.**

## Elections

Please note the government has announced that elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley, Buckinghamshire Council and Town and Parish Councils, due to take place on 7 May 2020, have been postponed until 2021.



In response to the many elderly or vulnerable people who are being advised to self-isolate our online community support hub has now been launched. This will help people to find ways to get involved or find support. The link is: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/>



## 11 July from midday to 9 pm

Arrangements for this year's festival of music are well underway. The organising crew comprise Michele Nicholas, Greg Bard and Jim Whiting. 7 bands are already lined up together with a DJ who will hold the event together.

There will be the usual BBQ, bar, tea tent and street food providers. A small retail 'village' is to be set up so if you know of stall holders wanting to ply their wares at Soulfest please contact Michele.

This year we are offering three levels of sponsorship.

**Bronze:** sponsorship of individual areas such as the BBQ, bar, main stage, childrens activities and tea tent. Sponsors will have their corporate name/logo displayed in the area they sponsor. Use of sponsors lounge at the event with free bar. Cost: £250.

**Silver:** sponsorship of event with corporate name/logo in all public areas plus the use of corporate gazebo (3 sections) plus all Bronze benefits. Use of sponsors lounge at the event with free bar. Cost: £500

**Gold:** title sponsor of the whole event. Corporate logo on signage on all approaches to the stage and outside the event. Area to promote company. Plus all Silver and Bronze benefits. Use of sponsors lounge at the event with free bar. Cost: £1,000.

To discuss sponsorship please contact Nigel Kemal.

To keep up to date with news on the event please see the Facebook page created for the event at 'Soulfest 2020'.

Ticket prices are £5 in advance and £6 at the door on the day.

Again, the tickets will be numbered for entry into a prize draw.

Festival wristbands will be supplied to ticket holders.



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# Cricket Club News



Sadly, pre-season practice nets have had to be cancelled for the foreseeable future and the start of the season is in doubt as well.

## Advertising Rates

To advertise in this magazine the rates are as follows:

Full page (portrait)	£200	£30
Half page (landscape)	£100	£20
Quarter page (portrait)	£50	£10
Small ads (landscape)	£33	£5

Advertisements will appear in b/w in the booklet format and full colour in the ePub format and on the new parish website due to go live 21 April.

**Please note: copy date is 21st of each month.**

## Local Policing

Local PCSO:	C9336 Tina Hobson
Neighbourhood Supervisor:	P5688 PC Matthew Craker
Contact Numbers:	Non emergency 101
	To talk to officers 101
	Emergency/crime in progress 999
Local Police Office:	Wing Police Office, Leighton Road, Wing

You can also email the team at:

[greatbrickhillwingivinghoeNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:greatbrickhillwingivinghoeNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Major Sir Bryan Bonsor, Bt, M.C., T.D., D.L.

We have received the following tribute to Sir Bryan Bonsor who died on the 5th March from Sir Philip Duncombe.

"Bryan Bonsor succeeded his father, Sir Reginald, in 1959, and then moved to Liscombe from Hampshire where he had settled after the war. He was a very keen Territorial Officer, serving with the Bucks Yeomanry before and during the Second World War. He won the Military Cross in Burma in 1945, and maintained his links with the Territorial Army until 1976. He represented the County on the T.A. Council in London, and was a vigorous opponent of the plans to reduce the strength of local T.A. Units some years ago: it was a great source of satisfaction to him to know that this situation was completely reversed by the end of 1976, when both the Aylesbury and Bletchley T.A. Units reached their full establishment.

He believed in going to the top to get his views across, and during the Wing Airport battle it was not unusual for politicians of Cabinet rank to be harangued at Liscombe - an historic house which would have disappeared under the runway of the Third London Airport.

He was a good friend to me and I spent many enjoyable days in his company: his outdoor activities were very important to him. He was a keen fisherman and a good shot. His enthusiasm for racing was boundless and he owned various racehorses, the last one being St. Just, trained by Bruce Hobbs. Bryan Bonsor was a great family man and the arrival of his grandchildren gave him enormous pleasure over the last few years. He will be greatly missed by a large number of people."

We are sure the whole village will join us in extending our sympathy to Lady Bonsor and her family.

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Parochial Church Council The Easter Vestry meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held in the Clubroom on Monday 14th March. This was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Pooley were again re-elected as Church Wardens and the present members of the P.C.C. were also re-elected with the addition of Mrs. Lack, Mrs. Bunyon and Mr. Pargeter, who has been the Treasurer for many years.

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Open Parish Meeting. An open Parish meeting will be held on the 5th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Clubroom to discuss the formation of sub-committees to deal with the following Parish problems:

a) Highways and Footpaths; b) Childrens playing fields; c) The Green  
Parents of children are urged to make every effort to attend this meeting, even if they cannot serve on a committee, to take an interest in the formation of these groups

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Will anyone who wishes to give to a collection for Mr. S. Hall in appreciation of his many years of service to the Parish - please forward donations to Mr. H. Austin at 5, The Mead.

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Ladies Easter Monday Football. Soulbury team will be playing in the first match which kicks off at 1.00 p.m. sharp at Cublington, so do make sure that you are there in good time to encourage our girls from the side-lines. The Jubilee sub-committee will be glad to receive large or small cakes for the cake-stall as well as sale-of-work items about which we wrote in an earlier letter. If you can bring these to Cublington yourselves, we shall be very pleased, but if you wish someone to collect them, please advise Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Kellner or Miss Booth.

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Hairdressing. Mrs. Angela Osborne has very kindly offered to do a day's hairdressing on Wednesday, 20th April from 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. in the Clubroom. She can do trims, shampoo, sets and the charge will be £1.00 for shampoo and set (75p OAP), all proceeds to Jubilee funds. Call Mrs. Osborne on Soulbury 438 for your appointment.

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Bingo £57.00 was raised for Jubilee funds from Bingo held on the 12th March. Many thanks are given to all those who contributed towards this enjoyable evening.

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Soulbury Exhibition The Silver Jubilee Committee are hoping to set up a "Soulbury Exhibition" on the 7th June, but to do this they need items for exhibit. So, if you possess anything vaguely to do with the village which you would be prepared to lend, no matter how small or petty, such as photographs both old and recent, pictures maps, souvenirs of Jubilees and Coronations past, anything made or used in or near Soulbury, even stories of old times, do please tell one of the committee or contact Nick Lake at 4 Laburnum Cottages, Telephone 373. The greatest care will be taken of your property and, of course, the more items lent the better will be the display.

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We extend every good wish to Mr. and Mrs. T. Faulkner and their family, who have moved to Bierton.

We wish every happiness to Mr. Brian Green and Miss Caroline Andrews who are getting married on the 16th April at Tottenhamhoe.

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As from the 1st May charges for the hire of the Clubroom will be £1.00 per hour until further notice.

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Methodist Chapel Minister: Rev. N. Burrows, The Manse, Stewkley  
Telephone: Stewkley 251

Sunday	3rd April	10.30 a.m.	Rev. N. Burrows	
		2.30 p.m.	Mrs. Gregory	Family Service
Sunday	10th April	6.00 p.m.	Mrs. Scott	
Sunday	17th April	10.30 a.m.	Mrs. Rogers	
Sunday	24th April	6.00 p.m.	Mr. Hopkins	

Sunday School 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th April 2.30 p.m.

Bible Study Monday at 2.30 p.m.

4th April - 11 The Green; 18th April - 27 The Green; 25th April - 11 The Green

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All Saints Parish Church Vicar: Rev. P. Drake, The Vicarage, Stewkley  
Telephone: Stewkley 287

Sunday	3rd April	11.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Thursday	7th April	7.30 p.m.	Stewkley: M.U. Corporate Communion
Friday	8th April	12-1	Watch of the Passion
Saturday	9th April	8.30-9 p.m.	Easter Vigil Rite
Sunday	10th April	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
		11.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	17th & 24th	11.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

Coming Events

Wednesday	30th March	8.00 p.m.	<u>Soulbury Gardening Association</u> Seed potatoes, Produce Show, Outings
Tuesday	5th April	8.00 p.m.	<u>Open Parish Meeting</u>
Monday	11th April	1.00 p.m.	<u>Ladies Football</u> - Cublington
Tuesday	12th April	8.00 p.m.	<u>Women's Institute</u> Mr. B. Levitt. National Gemstones and Jewellery. Competition: Decorated egg.
Wednesday	13th April	2.30 p.m.	<u>Social Circle</u>
Wednesday	20th April	10.00 a.m.	<u>Hairdressing</u> . Call 438 for appointment.
		8.00 p.m.	<u>Women's Fellowship</u> at the home of Mrs. Hilary Walker, 5 Laburnum Cottages. Talk and slides on Russia.

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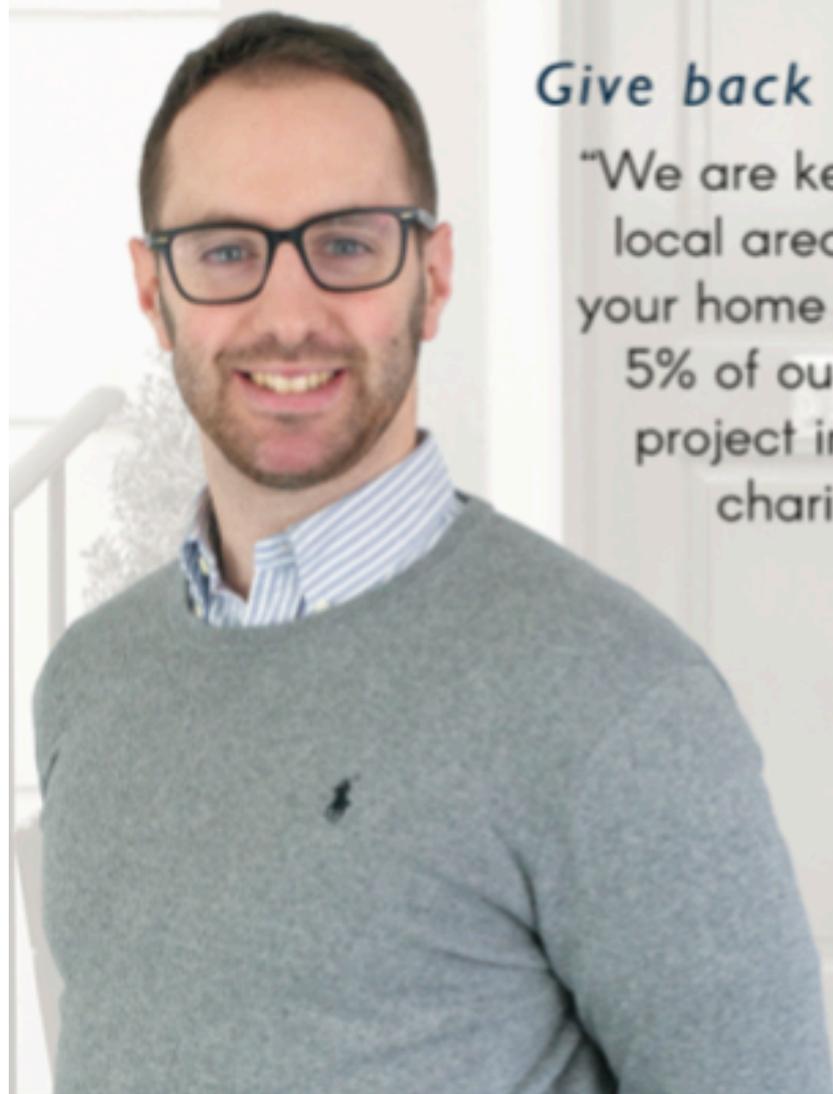
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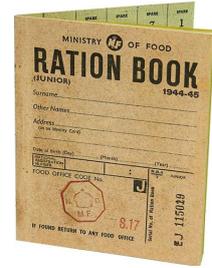
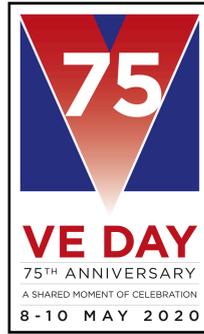
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It has been agreed at the Parish Council Meeting that we, as a parish, will join in with these celebrations. How much of the planned activity we take on is still up for discussion but suffice to say for now it looks something like this:

### Friday 8 May

#### 3pm Battle's O'er and VE 75 Years

Pipers from around the world will open VE Day. They will play the nation's toast to the heroes of WW2. It is hoped that customers in thousands of pubs in UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man will take part by raising a glass at 3pm.

#### 6.55pm Cry for Peace around the world

Town Criers around the world starting in New Zealand, performed 7pm local time. For info as we don't have a crier.

#### 7.00pm Ringing out for peace

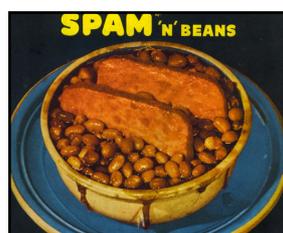
Bells in churches and cathedrals will ring out after which parties and celebrations are anticipated.

It is proposed that Southey can register our participation. It has been considered that we use the millennium green for our celebration. Details of this will be advised when we know them.

The pageantmaster, Bruno Peeke, suggests that parties and celebrations are also held on 9th.

The events last until the Sunday 10th nationwide with church services and commemoration at 10:30 am on the Sunday.

I have repeated the above for information with the addition that we are arranging a street party on the Millennium Green on Saturday 9th May which will be themed back to VE Day in 1945. So please look out your wrap around pinnies (aprons to those of the modern world!) head scarves, any other fashions of the time and food, of course, from those times too, so please look out your old recipe books for bread and dripping, corned beef hash, bubble and squeak, faggots, cake making (not forgetting the eggless fruit cake!) and join in the fun.



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