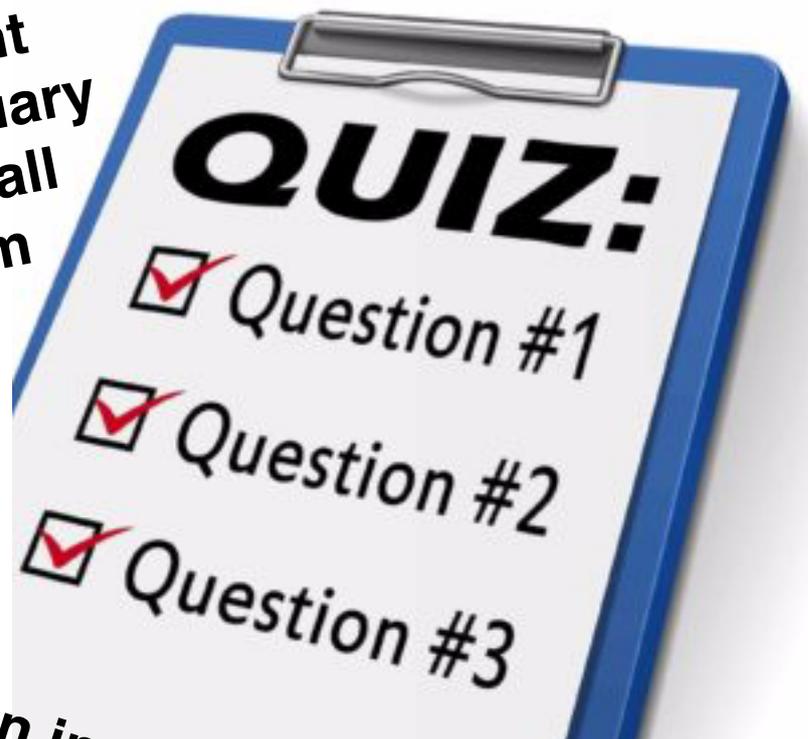


# Soulbury Parish News

**Quiz Night  
22nd February  
Parish Hall  
7:30 pm**



**£10 per person including  
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## February 2020

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# Parish Information

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**Thames Valley Police****Emergency**

**999**

Non Emergency

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# Dates for your diary - February 2020



## Dates for your diary February 2020

|   |         |      |            |
|---|---------|------|------------|
| Brown bin                                     |         | Weds | 12th, 26th |
| Food bin and<br>general waste (green lid)     |         | Weds | 12th 26th  |
| Food bin and<br>recycling (blue lid)          |         | Weds | 5th 19th   |
| <u>For Hollingdon and Dean Farm Lane only</u> |         |      |            |
| Brown bin                                     |         | Tues | 11th, 25th |
| Food bin and<br>general waste (green lid)     |         | Tues | 11th, 25th |
| Food bin and<br>recycling (blue lid)          |         | Tues | 4th, 18th  |
| W.I.  |         | Tues | 11th       |
| Social Group                                  | 2.30 pm | Weds | 5th, 19th  |
| Book Club                                     |         | Weds | 12th       |
| Parish Council Meeting                        | 7:30 pm | Mon  | 17th       |

## Soulbury Millennium Green and Village Events 2020

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Quiz Night          | Sat 22nd February |
| Parish Breakfast    | Sun 22nd March    |
| Easter Egg Hunt     | Sat 11th April    |
| VEDay75             | Fri 8th May       |
| Open Gardens        | 27/28th June      |
| Soulfest            | Sat 11th July     |
| Bonfire Night       | Sat 7th November  |
| Christmas Singalong | Sat 5th December  |



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

## All Saints' Church Services

### Services for February 2020

|                      |   |          |
|----------------------|---|----------|
| Sunday 2nd February  | Sunday School and People's Praise with coffee | 10.00 am |
|                      | <i>Annie Cooper</i>                           |          |
| Sunday 9th February  | Parish Communion                              | 11:30 am |
|                      | <i>Roger Hale</i>                             |          |
| Sunday 16th February | No service                                    |          |
| Sunday 23rd February | Parish Communion                              | 11:30 am |
|                      | <i>David Holloway</i>                         |          |

## Philip's Message - Thank you

Dear friends,

Just a brief note to you to say thank you very much for your kind gifts and warm messages to myself and Joy at my farewell service on 5th January celebrating the feast of the Epiphany at All Saints, Soulbury.

Epiphany is a great Christian celebration recalling the revealing of Jesus to the whole world, irrespective of our gender or ethnicity.

It has been a privilege to serve in the Cottesloe Team since 2011 and meet many hundreds of lovely people not here and throughout my 45 years of ministry.

I shall pray for you as you transition into the next stage as I ask you to pray for us as we look to a different life called 'retirement'!!!

God Bless,  
Revd. Philip.

## Church News

It was with great regret that we said goodbye to Rev Philip and Joy Derbyshire on Sunday 5th January at All Saints. It was lovely to see the church so full and we all wish the Derbyshires a long and happy retirement.

We now have no vicar in the whole of the Cottisloe Benefice which consists of 7 parishes and 8 churches. This may result in some services being cancelled or combined with Stewkley. We are covered until the end of July except for Easter Day for which we are still struggling to find a vicar.

The post for the new vicar is about to be advertised so we hope this leads to the right person being chosen, but until that happens please be patient and understanding.

Jane Luxton,  
Churchwarden

## Don Haines

Sadly, I have to report the death of Don Haines of Stewkley Road, who died in Milton Keynes Hospital on 19th December.

Don served on the parish council for many years and we became very good friends, spending many holidays together with our wives.

He will be sadly missed and our condolences go to his wife and family.

*Alan Stevens*

## Soulbury Parish Breakfast

The first Soulbury breakfast of the New Year was held on 12th January 2020. It was very well attended, in total 109 breakfasts were served and £490 was made for Soulbury Church Restoration Fund. The next breakfast will be on 22nd March - MOTHERS DAY - come along and celebrate it with a hearty breakfast or a Continental one.

## Stapleford Trust

A huge 'thank you' has to go to the organisers of the Christmas hamper. I have been asked to add this by many recipients this year, which includes me. The Trust surpassed itself this year. We also would like to thank all those who deliver the hampers. Easy if you are into weightlifting - I suspect the difficult bit is locating all the recipients.

## 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.

## Social Group

The social group met last Wednesday with 11 members present, almost a full complement. Tea and cake (including hot sausage rolls) were on the menu. Topics of conversation were varied as usual, ranging from free offers of goods, (see elsewhere in the magazine) to the new Parish Website. In between all that came diabetes, Open Reach, neighbours, to name but a few. In fact the whole afternoon was a cornucopia of topics but thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 5th February.

## Soulbury Parish Hall

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# To sing, or not to sing, that is my question



I have had several people contact me in response to my question in the last parish news. Before we go any further I am just asking again if there are people out there who would like to be part of a singing group. It is for pleasure - no shows, no competitions - just singing for singing's sake. Please let me (Wendy) know soon.



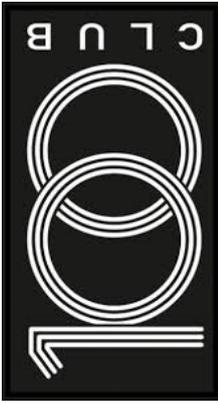
## Soulbury Millennium Green



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The Millennium Green has suffered quite a bit from all the bad weather we've been having lately. Not only has the pond kept on filling up, but also water has collected on the main footpath just by the children's playground, making it almost impassible unless you're wearing welly boots. The next step is to dig out a soak away within the woodland adjacent to the path. We hope this will do the trick. Now that we have electricity to the far side of the green the next step is to get it into the container, so that in inclement weather we have some shelter and facilities. This should be achieved in the coming weeks. Meanwhile if you feel able to help, on what is a community project, in any small way we would be happy to hear from you.





# 100 Club

## Winners in 2019

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| January   | Jean Housley       |
| February  | Vickly Rolls       |
| March     | Peggy Stevens      |
| April     | Julia Foulsham     |
| May       | Peggy Stevens      |
| June      | Jean Housley       |
| July      | Christine Sheppard |
| August    | Miranda Storey     |
| September | Chris Atkins       |
| October   | Barbara Wray       |
| November  | Tony Quartly       |
| December  | Christine Sheppard |



## Women's Institute



Sadly there is no report from the WI but I do know they enjoyed a special meeting to which gentlemen were invited as Tony Crack, who is a local businessman and resident of Soulbury, gave a talk on the leather industry. He went through the history of our use of leather and described the tanning industry. I won't steal anyone's thunder here by going into detail as I am sure we will hear about it next month. By all accounts though there were excellent refreshments to enjoy after Tony's talk.

Their next meeting is 11th February at 7:30 pm in the Soulbury Parish Hall. The talk for that meeting is 'Poet in Motion' - the MK poet laureate.

## Advertising Rates

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# Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 16 December 2019. There were 9 members of the public present. Apologies received from Cllrs Ben Everitt and Ian Culley. Minutes of Parish Council meeting on Monday 18 November 2019 were approved. There were no matters arising. Various bills were paid.

**Planning:** Dairy Cottage annex - need more info and plans.

2019/02400 Winscott Farm Stewkley Road, Soulbury: development of several large houses out of farm house and buildings. Objection on basis of extended curtilage and access to site.

2019/04394 Upper Hollingdon Farm, Hollingdon: barn to 1 dwelling retrospective. Done 2018. Enforcement investigation for extra residence. Disagree with all retrospective planning outside what we originally passed.

**Children's Playground:** Lease investigation, no info yet. Cllr Wright to go back to Cllr Everett. This matter goes back to 2015 - let's be a nuisance.

**Grass cutting:** Nothing to report.

**District and County Councillors** were not present. Reminder that election is next year as are parish council elections.

**Parish Hall:** 2 quotes obtained for decorating the hall. Hirers are leaving the hall unlocked, dirty with windows left open. Keys to be removed from Defib box. Community Payback teams need more supervision.

**SMG:** Nothing to report really but the pond is full so no work can be done until it is pumped out..

**Public Participation:** Salt bins need to be checked and refilled if required. Dead tree still on green.

**AOB:** Thanks to Andrew, Robert and Claire for our 32' Christmas tree and thanks to Jim Whiting for attaching the lights. It looks lovely. Cllr Taylor went through preliminaries to get web site up and running. Told to investigate further and get costs. Fountain on Leighton Road - council needs to be owner to get grants. Street light outside No 5 Leighton Road not working and LEDs need sorting.

**Next meeting will be held on  
Monday 20 January 2020 at 7:30 pm**

## Elections

Please note that on 1st April the Bucks County Council changes to a unitary authority. This means there will be elections this year, including Parish Council elections. So, if you feel you would like to be involved with the Soulbury Parish Council here is your chance to do it. Cllr Vic Wright and Parish Clerk John Spires have all the information and forms required so please contact them direct.

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 20 January 2020. There were 4 members of the public present. Apologies received from Cllrs Ben Everitt, Ian Culley and Maurice Cross. Minutes of Parish Council meeting on Monday 16 December 2019 were approved. There were no matters arising. Various bills were paid. Precept will remain at the same level.

**Planning:** Dairy Cottage annex - we can still not work out to what the Certificate of Lawfulness relates as we have had a second application but on looking at the site plan it is for a completely different structure.

3 Locks Farm want a stockmans residence. No objection now the building has been moved near the barn and not in the middle of the field.

Boot field development: Mr Pargetter advised that building work will commence mid February for approximately 16 months.

**Children's Playground:** Lump of soil moved to level the area. No further forward in ascertaining ownership. Clerk will follow up solicitors. Sovereign Play approached Cllr Stevens re developing play area. He will hand this to Karen Wood.

**Grass cutting:** Church yard mowing handed over to the Church.

**District and County Councillors** were not present. Cllr Ben Everitt is now MP for Bucks North.

**Parish Hall:** It was agreed to go with the £2450 quote for the decoration work. The hall will be closed for the duration of the work, details will be advised when known. A new tap is needed in the kitchen.

**SMG:** Electric cable now installed to the container, connection now needed. Cheque presentation made to Keech Hospice of £500 last weekend. A lot of logging carried out. Footpath from orchard to stage area floods in area by children play area. Soakaway to be dug. Soulfest: Michele and Greg running it, Cllrs Stevens and Wright will help but taking a back seat. Cllr Taylor will continue to look after its finances.

**Public Participation:** Dead tree on green has been removed. Lindsey Russell advised they have gone to appeal on Green Farm. Cllr Day asked for route of the cabling for Gigaclear so he can clear ditch on the green to aid drainage.

**AOB:** Another RTC because of ice on road to Stoke Hammond. Will write to Highways - need at least a warning sign. Cllr Taylor advised of the status so far on the website building. She handed out documents advising details of site builder who will also train, costs and project plan. Agreed unanimously to go ahead. Anticipated go-live date is 21 April 2020. Content is now required. Asked for this item to be an agenda item. VEDay75 celebration activity discussed in light of email from Bruno Peeke, Pageantmaster, who organises all such events from London. It was generally felt the parish should be involved so any ideas on what we should do would be gratefully received. Beacons are not being lit but church bells, criers and pipers will be involved nationwide.

**Next meeting will be held on  
Monday 17 February 2020 at 7:30 pm**

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# Yesteryear

NUMBER 15

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

January 1977

This month we are publishing another entry from our Children's Competition. This is by Jayne Norman who was 10 years old at the time of entry.

## 'OUR VILLAGE'

Although I have lived in Soulbury since I was a baby, there are still things I do not like. The builders working up behind the bus shelter make a tremendous noise, and our cat is frightened so he does not go out until night time. Another thing which annoys me is that the horses ride up and down the green and make a terrible mess.

What I like about Soulbury is the stone because when my brother and I were small we used to go and climb up on it. History says that it was supposed to have come down in the ice age on a glacier. There is a story that it rolls down the hill at midnight but that is not true because there is as much underground as there is on top. But what I enjoy most is playing field because it is a place where children can go and play without getting hurt. I know that all the old people like going to the social circle, an old age pensioners club, and they are lucky because they go for outings in the summer.

Even though Soulbury is very nice I would still like very much to see a shop so we can buy sweets and ice creams in the summer. If we had a shop the old people would not have to go into Leighton Buzzard. I wish the village had a school so we didn't have to go to school on a bus every morning. I have been told about the pond on the green, and I would like to see it again and the ducks can go on it. And in the winter if it is frozen I think we could slide on it.

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## Appointment of Clerk to the Parish Council

The Parish Council have appointed Mr. H. Austin to be Clerk to the Parish Council in succession to Mr. Hall. Mr. Austin will take up his duties on 1st January '77.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Silver Jubilee Celebrations

The first meeting of the Jubilee Sub committee was held recently. The celebrations will start with a Barbecue and Dance on Bank Holiday Monday, June 6th. The start of Jubilee Day itself, June 7th, will be marked by bell ringing at 9 o'clock. A variety of events will take place throughout the day for all ages. We will bring you further news in the New Year.

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## Sheep worrying

Dog owners are particularly requested to keep their pets under proper control during the next four months during the lambing season.

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The Cheese and Wine party held at The Cottage, Soulbury raised £124-20p for the Senior Citizens Christmas Parcels.

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We extend our welcome to Mr. & Mrs. McKay and their family who have come to live at Hollingdon.

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Methodist Chapel

Minister: The Rev. N. Burrows,  
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|        |              |            |  |
|--------|--------------|------------|--|
| Sunday | 2nd January  | 6.00 p.m.  | Mrs. Martin  |
| Sunday | 9th January  | 10.30 a.m. | Mr. A. Barron  |
| Sunday | 16th January | 6.00 p.m.  | Rev. N. Burrows (Covenant Service)                       |
| Sunday | 23rd January | 11.30 a.m. | United Service in the Parish Church<br>(Octave of Unity) |
| Sunday | 30th January | 6.00 p.m.  | Mr. D. Rowe  |

Sunday School

January 2nd - 3.00p.m. Carol Service in the Parish Church  
January 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 2.30 p.m.

Bible Study 2.30 p.m.

|                   |           |                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| January 10th - 25 | The Green | January 24th - 27 | The Green |
| January 17th - 10 | High Road | January 31st - 11 | The Green |

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All Saints Parish Church

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

|        |              |            |                     |
|--------|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| Sunday | 2nd January  | 11.30 a.m. | Sung Eucharist      |
|        |              | 3.00 p.m.  | Carols and Readings |
| Sunday | 9th January  | 11.30 a.m. | Sung Eucharist      |
| Sunday | 16th January | 11.30 a.m. | Sung Eucharist      |
| Sunday | 23rd January | 11.30 a.m. | United Service      |
| Sunday | 30th January | 8.00 a.m.  | Holy Communion      |
|        |              | 11.30 a.m. | Sung Eucharist      |

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COMING EVENTS

|           |              |           |  |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|--|
| Wednesday | 5th January  | 8.00 p.m. | <u>Women's Fellowship</u> Christmas Party                                  |
| Saturday  | 8th January  | 8.00 p.m. | <u>Social Circle</u> Party, please bring a knife<br>fork and dessert spoon |
| Tuesday   | 11th January | 8.00 p.m. | Women's Institute Hair Care.<br>Competition: arrangement on a hair slide.  |
| Wednesday | 19th January | 8.00 p.m. | <u>Bingo</u> Proceeds for the Clubroom Funds.                              |
| Wednesday | 26th January | 8.00 p.m. | <u>Soulbury Gardening Association</u>                                      |

All meetings in the Clubroom

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Items for publication in the Newsletter may be handed to any member of the Women's Fellowship and in particular the following

|                   |                       |            |              |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|
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| Miss D. L. Booth  | 7 Chapel Hill         |            | " 322        |
| Mrs. M. Bunyan    | 16 Mount Pleasant     |            | " 461        |
| Mrs. P. Norman    | 11 The Green          |            |              |
| Mrs. G. Skeels    | 1 Chelmscote Cottages |            | " 416        |
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We start this month's Newsletter with the only entry to last year's 'Our Village' competition which was in verse. It comes from Judith Ayris of Liscombe.

May we take this opportunity to remind you that we like to receive items for publication, and in particular welcome short articles of general interest to fill this opening spot in the Newsletter.

'Soulbury Village'

Soulbury village is long and thin,  
 With a bend in the middle where the Boot goes in,  
 Up at the top the Red Lion growls  
 While under the Willows the horses prowl  
 The Church on its hill with a tower on top  
 Has stood many years and its there to stop  
 The Old school has no pupils, though  
 Its full of bygones now on show,  
 The mounting stone rolls down the hill  
 But if you look there it will seem quite still  
 Bingo in the Clubroom, houses round the green  
 Put them all together makes a pretty scene  
 Hollingdon one end and Liscombe the other  
 Thats where I live with my parents and brother.

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Jubilee Celebrations

At a further meeting of the Jubilee Sub-Committee, various plans were discussed. As one of the fund-raising efforts which will be held over the next few months, it is intended to hold a Sale of Work round about Easter time.

Will anyone who can knit, carve, glue, knock nails into wood or make pictures or pen wipers (hands up those who can remember pen wipers!) - please start now to make articles for the Sale.

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Fish and Chip Supper

We are holding a Fish and Chip Supper in the Clubroom on Friday, 18th February at 8.00 p.m. in aid of Jubilee Funds. Tickets - price £1.25 each - will be strictly limited, so do make early application to Mrs. M. Rowe or Mrs. K. Kellner. The menu will also include apple pie and cream, a glass of wine or beer and coffee and tea and will be followed by entertainment.

\*\*\*\*\*

We are happy to learn that Mr. Hing is now home from hospital and making steady progress.

We extend a very warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Morris who moved recently to Andres Close.

Will anyone who has any odd balls, or even short lengths, of knitting or crochet wool which they do not need, let either Mrs. Kellner or Miss Booth have them. Someone in the village has kindly offered to crochet a blanket to be sold for Jubilee Funds.

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Family Service

Sunday 13th Feb 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Heffer

Sunday 20th Feb 6.00 p.m. To be arranged

Sunday 27th Feb 10.30 a.m. Rev. M. Clark

Bible Study 2.30 p.m.

7th Feb - 10 High Road

21st Feb - 27 The Green

14th Feb - 25 The Green

28th Feb - 11 The Green

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Sunday 6th, 13th, 20th 27th Feb 11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 23rd Feb 10.00 a.m. Ash Wednesday

Sunday 27th Feb 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Saturday 26th Feb 2.30 p.m. Wedding of Miss Ann Fountain to Mr Peter Alexander

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd Feb 8.00 p.m. Soulbury Gardening Association (postponed from the 26th January)

Tuesday 8th Feb 8.00 p.m. Women's Institute: Talk on Paper Sculpture by Mr. Piggott. Competition: Make a paper hat.

Wednesday 9th Feb 2.30 p.m. Social Circle to be arranged.

Saturday 12th Feb 8.00 p.m. Bingo in aid of Social Circle funds.

Wednesday 16th Feb 8.00 p.m. Women's Fellowship: Talk by a representative of the Fire Brigade at the home of Mrs. P. Norman, 11 The Green.

Friday 18th Feb 8.00 p.m. Fish and Chip Supper

(All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

# 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)

## Overall Crime and Operations for the LAF area

The overall crime figures for the area this Local Area Forum covers between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019:-

In the same rolling period in comparison to the previous year, overall reported crime has dropped by 33% (340-227). We have had three more reported burglaries this period compared to last year, with 10 reported in total. We have also had 3 more reported business/commercial burglaries (26 in total)

The biggest decrease has been in reported theft from motor vehicles, with a 46% decrease compared to this period last year. Again many of these have been theft of number plates. Despite some vehicles being stolen recently in Ivinghoe, we have still had a 3% decrease in theft of vehicles (9 have been reported in total).

There has been no reported change in violent crimes.

### What does this mean for you?

The good news is that overall crime has dropped by 33% (340 crimes down to 227 crimes).

We are pleased to report the continued drop in theft from motor vehicles in our area, which hit us hard last year. We actually buck the trend, as most other areas have seen a slight increase in this type of crime. We have been in regular contact with Beds and Herts Police to swap intelligence and we know that this crime is hitting Beds particularly hard still. There has been less reported theft of tools from vans, with many of the thefts being theft of number plates. It would be worth investing in anti-theft screws for your vehicle registration plates.

Whilst there has only been 3 more reported residential burglaries, it would appear that a lot of these can be attributed to garage and shed break ins. Bicycles and tools have been the target in these offences. Edlesborough seemed to suffer the most in terms of the garage and shed breaks, but these have slowed considerably now. Residents living in this area should consider security lighting and proper locking mechanisms for their garages and sheds.

The burglaries where entry has been gained to the homes appear to be mainly targeting car keys, so they can steal high performance cars from the driveway. Cars targeted seem to be Audi RS, sport lines; BMW's and VW Golfs sport types. This has been part of a nationwide crime group which are being looked at by the Serious crime department. We would urge that all persons do not keep their keys near the front door and hide them away. Even a simple steering wheel lock would deter, if not delay, the offender's chances of getting away.

## **What have we done in response to these crimes?**

In preparation for any movement of Beds offenders for TFMV moving to us again, we maintain this contact with Beds Police and ensure the Eastern borders (Leighton Buzzard through to the Traveller's Rest roundabout and Pitstone) has been patrolled heavily this period to make it a hostile area to commit crime.

Regular conversations and meetings with Beds Police and Herts Police to swap intelligence.

Regular contact with intelligence department for Milton Keynes, as the villages nearer that end of town historically get targeted by the same offenders.

We have run 4 ANPR operations in this period, to cover as much of the routes used by the criminals as possible. We have been able to use the recently purchased mobile ANPR kits to identify vehicles with criminal markers against their names and those committing driving offences. We worked with Northants Police on one of these operations and Aylesbury Shift Officers. These operations lead to the seizure of vehicles for driving with no insurance, driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence and two prolific drug dealers being arrested. Following their arrests, searches of their homes located class A and class B drugs and resulted in their prosecution.

### **ASB for local area**

We have not had the same level reports of ASB in the villages. We are aware that there continues to be reports of cannabis smoking around the Memorial Hall in Pitstone and Hever Close. We have run a plain clothes operation in those areas, resulting in several stop searches, but no cannabis was found. We will continue to monitor this situation.

We received several complaints about dog bites in Soulbury. As a result we successfully applied for a warrant to seize the dogs and they are still in Police control. The owners have been reported for having dogs dangerously out of control and the case is with the CPS.

There has been a large increase in hare coursing activity in the Wing, Mentmore and Cheddington area. This is not just a cruel past time, but it costs the farmers thousands of pounds worth of damage to gates, fencing and crops. The offenders can often be violent when confronted as well. Thankfully, we have had some good recent results in prosecuting offenders. One male was arrested outside Wing, his car and three dogs were seized on scene. He has now been prosecuted for 2 x deer hunting offences. A further 2 males were arrested last week in Mentmore and have now been charged with hunting offences and criminal damage to land. These offenders are likely to commit other offences in the area, so their arrests and prosecutions are a great deterrent.

### **Other news**

We are taking part in OPERATION SIGNATURE which is a national campaign to help victims of scams (be it either cold calling, online, dating scams). These scans tend to target the elderly and we visit those who have received attempts to defraud them, as well as those already a victim to best safeguard them.

We have been in contact with Trading Standards about some of the incidents and I am aware that they are building a case against a persistent rogue trader. We will continue to work together to tackle this issue. Please look out for your vulnerable neighbour's and report any suspect activity regarding this.

I will be working with Trading Standards next week to deal with HGV's ignoring weight restrictions on a bridge in the area. I will be issuing on the spot fines and they will be dealing with the logistic firms.

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# Rev. Philip's last service

As you are all no doubt aware from reading the Church News earlier in this edition, Rev. Philip and Joy Derbyshire are now enjoying retirement together. Rev. Philip's last service was on 5th January. Just in case, I took my camera (as I do) so I thought I would share some of the images I took.

It was a good opportunity to take pictures - the candles were lit, the pews were full and we had a real organist. I have to say it is the first time I have seen the organ being played; it just had to be photographed!

Rev. Philip asked for some pictures to be taken in front of the Grinling Gibbons' marble. This is because Gibbons was famous for wood carving and so a marble by him is pretty unique. There are several Grinling Gibbons' wood carvings in the church I used to attend in my youth, which also houses Handel's organ I might add, so I could relate to that personally. That church is St Lawrence, Little Stanmore, Middx.



# Hollington's Safari Supper

## 25th Hollington Safari Supper

This was held on Saturday 18th January. Three houses hosted the starters, then everybody moved onto three different houses for a main course, then all together in one house for the desserts. Not as many people took part as usual because of prior commitment but £335 was made for the Friends of Soulbury Church.

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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. Then 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 Soulbury will 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.

If you have any thoughts on the matter please let the Parish Council know.

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## Thames Valley Police Launch True Costs Campaign

This week we are launching the [True Costs campaign](#) which aims to educate and inform people about the true costs of cocaine use and we need your help.

The UK is one of the biggest consumers of cocaine in Europe.

The true costs of cocaine use are significant and far reaching, from child exploitation and other criminality, to health and environmental factors. Not everyone who takes cocaine knows the reality of how it is produced and supplied.

Children as young as seven are being groomed into the world of drugs. They are forced to move cocaine, sometimes inside their own bodies, and face violence, intimidation and sexual assault. This is child exploitation.

Child exploitation involves situations and relationships where young people receive items such as food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, gifts or money as a result of them completing a task, often of a criminal nature, on behalf of another person or group.

Everyday our officers are tackling this type of organised crime and safeguarding vulnerable children from it. We believe there's a part for you to play too.

Over the coming weeks and months we will be talking a lot about the consequences of cocaine use and we would appreciate you getting involved in the conversation whether that's at home, amongst friends or at work.

Many of us may know someone who takes cocaine but do you think they would take it if they knew the true costs?

Help us to inform our communities. Share our messages. Start a conversation.

In the long run, we would like to reduce the number of people taking cocaine to hit the market that organised crime groups are relying on to run their business and drive them out of our communities. But for now, this is about sharing what we know about the true costs of cocaine use to help people make informed choices.

You can also follow and take part in the conversation on our social media channels using **#TrueCosts**.

If you come across anyone you believe could be a victim of child drug exploitation or a person or property which raises suspicion, call 101 or contact [Crimestoppers](#) anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Thank you for your support.  
Detective Chief Superintendent Richard List