

# SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message

Dear friends, As I write this it is still quite warm but very misty looking out of my office window. Very Autumnal and definitely past the Summer holiday season..... During the Summer I discovered a great book: "A place of greater safety" by Hilary Mantel (author of "Wolf Hall" which I haven't read yet). It's about the parallel lives of three young Frenchmen---Danton, Desmoulin and Robespierre who created the whole ethos of the French Revolution leading to the 'Terror' which took at least 20,000 lives including theirs in their mid -30's. At nearly 800 pages it's a mega read but incredibly gripping: a great mingling of personal and political stories, of twisted psychology and a desire to hold on to aspects of normal family life whilst trying to change the world. Having done away with the monarchy, created a dictatorship the whole thing then led to Napoleon Bonaparte and an Imperial France alternating with secular republics (the French are on their 5th). Underlying the whole story is the wrestling over faith and the dispossession of Church property and the temporary 'abolition' of God to be replaced by the cult of the Supreme Being---a philosophy of the mind with no heart or soul. No wonder the majority of people rejected it and waited for better and quieter times! Today we have people all over the world waiting for the current madness to abate so they can return to their normal lives, trying to get alongside their neighbours of whatever faith and none in mutual respect. Amongst Jesus' disciples was Simon the Zealot (a rebel against Rome) who Jesus welcomed but expected to renounce violence and hate as a prerequisite to being a follower. Peace is often the much harder path to tread than conflict and violence. God Bless, Philip.

**Saturday October 4th** HARVEST PREPARATION DAY. All families are gathering in the church at noon for a picnic lunch - everyone is asked to bring a contribution of food - sandwiches, cheese, sausages, fruit, finger food in fact, to share with other participants, stuff suitable for children and adults. It would be much appreciated if you could bring along a gift for the Harvest Festival - fruit, flowers, veg, tins of soup, baked beans etc. Or you might prefer to bring a gift along on the Sunday October 5th for the actual Harvest Service. Everyone is welcome - you don't have to be a family. Come and join in.

**Advance Notice :** CONCERT IN THE CHURCH: On Saturday November 22nd at 7.30pm we are preparing to welcome a choir from Pulloxhill in Bedfordshire to our church. They will perform a selection of well-known songs, some with a Christmassy theme and I'm hoping some local people will get up and perform a little something, but this still has to be arranged. Tickets will be £7.00, available from Christine on 270377. Mulled wine and home-made mince pies will be served as refreshments. Do put this date in your diary.

**SOULBURY BREAKFAST** - The next breakfast is on Sunday 16th November.

The **HARVEST SUPPER** will take place on Monday 6th October, 7:00pm to eat promptly at 7:30 pm in Soulbury Parish Hall. There will be the usual, excellent two course meal, followed by an auction of produce donated at the Harvest Festival service. All this for £12.50 per person. A raffle will be held in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute a major charity supporting the farming community (see [www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk) for more information). This is a popular event, so please book your tickets a.s.a.p with Chris Bryant 01525 270607.

**W.I. NEWS** Members were welcomed back by our President, Andrea Hamilton, following our summer break. Outstanding business was dealt with and we were then introduced to our speaker for the evening, Paul Rabbitts. After giving us a brief insight into his background, Paul went on to give a most interesting talk describing his life as a Landscape Architect. His main passion is parks, not only with regard to design, but also in their history and evolution. Members were most interested in his work as Head of Parks for Watford Borough Council as this park was familiar to several of us. He was thanked by Jean Housley after which refreshments were served.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 14th when Alison Pickard will give a talk entitled "Make do and Mend: Clothing in the Second World War". This will be a "SWISHING" evening so members are invited to bring along any good quality clothes to exchange.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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**CRICKET CLUB NEWS** This is a final What a great season for the Club, celebrating 150 years since the first reported matches between Soulbury and Stoke Hammond. Throughout the season there has been a number of special events, commencing in early May with a replay of the first encounter with Stoke Hammond. The weather has been kind, although the planned Twenty20 tournament between Soulbury, Stoke Hammond and Drayton Parslow was postponed from the end of May to August. This was a busy but great day, culminating with a win for Soulbury. This competition will carry on next year, competing for a trophy donated by Brian Mead moving round the villages to host the event. Another successful event was the Captain's XI v Chairman's XI in July, resulting in a win for Captain Nick Mead. As we go to press we are looking forward to the forthcoming Dinner and Dance at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at the MKDons stadium where awards for the season will be presented. There is even a possibility that Soulbury VCC may rejoin the local Four Counties in the 2015 season. Watch this space! [www.soulburyvcc.org.uk](http://www.soulburyvcc.org.uk)

**SOULBURY SINGALONG** Saturday December the 6th at 7 for 7.30 at the Parish Hall The hall is booked, the musician is booked, the food is organised and I have several requests for tickets. Problem is that the older I get the more I forget, so please contact me as soon as possible to make sure I have you on my list for a seat and also that you require Chicken & chips or Fish and chips. Tickets will be £12.50 (same as last year) and pay on the night will be fine BUT don't let me down please, as the food will have to be paid for. Thank you. My number is 01525 270213

Hope to see many of you there, I'm looking forward to it already. Alan

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## MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

**BONFIRE NIGHT:** We are planning a Bonfire Night for Saturday November 1st at 6.00pm on the Millennium Green. There will be fireworks and refreshments including a barbecue, a chilli, beer and other delights, to be arranged. Do PUT THIS DATE in your diary and come along and enjoy yourselves. There is no entry fee but we hope people will give generous donations to help the upkeep of the Millennium Green. If anyone would like to donate a few fireworks to help add colour to the display, this will be very much appreciated. Phone Alan on 270213 if you would like to do so.

**WORK PARTY** on the Millennium Green on SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH. It would be much appreciated if you could spare an hour or just half an hour of your precious time to help on the Green between the hours of 10am till noon and 2.00pm till 4.00pm. Thank you.

At the last meeting of the Parish Council/ Millennium Green, it was suggested that some people in the village might be interested in donating, or making and donating, a bird-box, a bat-box or owl-box, whatever they liked. It would be put up in a place they could visit, to check if it had any occupants! Please phone Alan on 270213 if you would like to contribute to this project.

At the meeting, Richard Caplan, who does a lot of gardening work in the village and surrounding areas, made a request for any unwanted garden materials people have lying around in heaps, they are always going to sort out and take down the tip but somehow never do!! He mentioned old tools, sacks of shingle, old pots, sheds! , greenhouses! you no longer want. If you have anything you want to get rid of, please phone Richard on 270838.

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Sun. 5th Oct - 11:00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL	Family Services start at 11am with Refreshments
Sun. 12th Oct - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 19th Oct - 11:30am	Parish Communion	TBC
Sun. 26th Oct - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 2nd Nov - 11:00am	FAMILY SERVICE	Family Services start at 11am with Refreshments

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Tuesdays	7th & 21st	Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
	1st, 15th, 29th	Social Group
Saturday	4th	10am Millennium Green Working Party
Monday	6th	7pm Harvest Supper
Tuesday	14th	7:30pm W.I. - Parish Hall - Make do and mend
Monday	20th	7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	16th November	9:30am Soulbury Breakfast in the Parish Hall (until midday)



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council meeting took place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 19:30, where all are welcome.

**Rural Neighbourhood Police Team:** PCSO 9458 Natalie Hall attended the meeting and updated us on local crime during the past two months. She reported that surrounding villages seem to have taken quite a hit, mainly tools in vehicles being targeted. Soulbury has not been affected in the same manner. However, Natalie reported that bikes have been stolen from a Soulbury property in the past couple of weeks. Please be mindful to deter criminals from even considering stealing from you. Put your tools away, lock your bikes in garages/sheds. Fit tamper proof screws to your sheds. Use security lights and so on. This helps to further reduce the levels of crime in the places we live.

**Police Property Marking Event – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 14:00:** The police will be in The Boot car park to mark up possessions/equipment that you bring along. This can include bicycles, pushchairs, wheelchairs, garden equipment such as lawn mowers, leaf blowers etc, horse riding tack and saddles.

**Child Sexual Exploitation Campaign:** The Parish Council has received correspondence from Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board regarding the sexual exploitation of children across the UK. Dangers can come from any area of young people's lives, including the internet and social networking sites, but also through friendship groups and people known to the young people themselves. We also know that the best protection we can give to young people is knowledge of the dangers so that they are aware and can protect themselves, as well as letting them know where they can go for help and support if they are worried. Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) are running a campaign 'Exploited: R U Wise 2 it?' to raise awareness with young people of the signs and risks of sexual exploitation. A poster is displayed on the parish noticeboard and leaflets are pinned to the internal noticeboard of the Parish Hall in support of this campaign. **How to get help:** If you or any member of your team is worried about a young person you can seek advice on sexual exploitation and internet safety at the BSCB website [www.ruwise2it.co.uk](http://www.ruwise2it.co.uk). If you think a child or young person is in immediate danger call 999. Alternatively, you can contact your local police on 101. **R U Safe?:** Buckinghamshire has a county-wide service for young people, Barnardo's 'R-U-Safe?' which is also able to offer consultation and support if you have queries that may relate to a young person being exploited – [www.barnardoes.org.uk/rusafebucks](http://www.barnardoes.org.uk/rusafebucks)

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*(extracted from correspondence received from Gillian Stimpson, Chair of the BSCB's Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group)*

**Soulbury Parish Allotments:** The allotment year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September and the Parish Council has agreed that rents remain at £17 per plot for the next year. Currently there is one plot available. If you are interested in taking this plot, please telephone June on 01525 270537. If allotment plots are not of interest to residents of Soulbury Parish, they will be offered to residents of neighbouring parishes rather than let them go to weed.

**Millennium Green – Children's Playground Fence:** The fence surrounding the wooden apparatus is in urgent need of painting. If you happen to have some spare wood paint in your garage/shed, please feel free to put it to good use on this fence. Go along to the Millennium Green and paint perhaps "one in three" or "one in four" of the uprights with your colour, and then eventually the whole fence may take on a kaleidoscope of colour with not too much effort or cost.



**Parish Council Cheese and Wine evening:** The evening was a great success, pleasant and informal. Feedback from those who attended was very encouraging. Perhaps we can repeat this event in a year's time, hopefully attracting more residents.

**Defibrillator Awareness:** The meeting that took place at the end of July was, unfortunately, poorly attended. This is surprising considering the importance of the possibility of trying to save a life. Derek Flint, Community Liaison & Training Officer from South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust was very informative and amusing. He brought along a dummy so that we had the opportunity to practice. However, he didn't bring along the knee pads. We will attempt another "awareness" meeting at a different time of year and hope that it will be more successful.

**Willing Volunteer required:** Is there anybody out there that is willing to write up a few notes for the Newsletter from the Parish Council meeting each month. It is not an onerous task and is only once a month. If you can help, please contact Vic Wright on 01525 270537.

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