

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS - Philip's Message

Dear all, It hardly seems possible that as this hits the doormat, we are into another school/university term, beginning of autumn and thinking of harvest yet again.

One wonders, with how short last winter was, how early spring and summer were this year, exactly what the next winter might bring!

Autumn is a time for reflection on what's gone by and what is coming along and we've been graphically reminded of that autumn one hundred years' ago when mainly naive, bright young men from all quarters of the world got involved in what they thought would be a very brief, glorious battle with the enemy and all 'home before Christmas'. How tragic to think on that monumental loss of life, not to mention all the lives scarred by mental and physical damage.

And here we are in 2014, still bombing, shooting, pillaging, raping all across north Africa and the Near and Middle East and Ukraine. We seem depressingly incapable of learning that there might just be better ways of celebrating who we are than trying to irradiate 'the other'.

Tolerance is a message we all allegedly believe in but seem to find near impossible to live by.

It's a bit previous I know, but my wish for next year is that we stop, think, consider and then do it all over again x 100, before we even move slightly towards a military 'solution' to problems.

One can but dream, hope and pray and maybe if we all did it together there would be no need or ability to enter into military strife yet again.

God bless you, Philip.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

This is a final reminder for the 150th Anniversary Dinner Dance, to be held on Saturday 4th October in the Players' Suite at the Double Tree by Hilton hotel, which is attached to the MK Dons stadium in Milton Keynes. Cost is £30 for a two course dinner and entertainment. Please contact the club as soon as possible - tickets are selling well, but at time of going to press there are still plenty left. email 150years@ soulburyvcc.org.uk or 'phone 01525 270607.

Fixtures in September: all matches commence at 1:00 pm

Sunday 7th September at home v Studham

Sunday 14th September at home v Buckingham

Sunday 21st September away v Stoke Hammond

Sunday 28th September at home v Whitchurch

And that's the end of cricket for another season!

MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS

At the last meeting of the joint committee it was announced that the new Trust deed is well underway, and that soon the Parish Council, will be the soul corporate Trustee. This will mean nothing to you dear reader, so please go on using the Green as before. The Ten Tonne of Ballast has been put into place to help with the drainage problems and soil has been moved about. The orchard is making good progress.

We are making serious efforts to combat the vermin problems, and to this end we would ask that parishioners refrain from putting food out for the birds at the moment as this is only adding to the problem.

The shed has been reinforced as far as possible to try and combat future vandalism. We would like to remind everybody that the first Saturday of each month is an open invitation to everyone to join a work party on the green, hope fully to enjoy some socialising whilst helping with maintenance.

In closing I would like to say a very BIG thank you to Michele and Co for putting on the "Soulfest". This was meant to go in last months letter but somehow got missed. In order to encourage readership we feel that personal articles such as this may make the "Newsletter" more readable. (Am I preaching to the converted?)

P S Don't forget the Cheese and Wine evening at the Parish Hall on the 12th September all are welcome!

Regards to you all , Alan

W.I. NEWS There was no meeting in August. Our next meeting is on 9th September. The speaker is Paul Rabbits : A Life in Landscape.

NEWSLETTER FUNDS The newsletter is looking for sponsors. If you would like to help in this way, or get together with a friend/neighbour to share the cost of £57 for one month, please contact Mrs.P.Norman on 01525 270483 or email soulburynews@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - There was no meeting in August. The next P.C. meeting is on **Tuesday 16th September**. Please note the change of day.

As from 1st June 2014 booking for the parish hall is now administered online. If you would like to make a booking then please email soulburyparishhall@gmail.com for further information, and to check availability.

SOULBURY BREAKFAST - The next breakfast will be held on Sunday 14th September.

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 for more information). This is a popular event, so please book your tickets a.s.a.p with Chris Bryant 01525 270607.

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Sun. 7th Sept - 11:00am	FAMILY WORSHIP	Family Services start at 11am with Refreshments
Sun. 14th Sept - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 21st Sept - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Ian Ogilvie
Sun. 28th Sept - 11:30am	Parish Communion	Rev. Philip Derbyshire
Sun. 5th Oct - 11:00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL	Family Services start at 11am with Refreshments

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Tuesdays	2nd, 16th, 30th	Food Bin & General Waste (Green Lid)
Tuesdays	9th & 23rd	Food Bin & Recycling (Blue Lid)
Saturday	6th Sept	10am Millennium Green Working Party
Tuesday	9th Sept	7:30pm W.I. - Parish Hall - "A Life in Landscape"
Friday	12th Sept	7:30pm Parish Council Wine & Cheese, Parish Hall
Sunday	14th Sept	9:30am Soulbury Breakfast in the Parish Hall (until midday)
Tuesday	16th Sept	7:30pm Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall



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