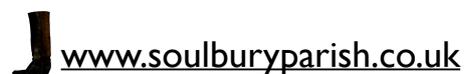


# Soulbury Parish News



Annex at the Millennium Green using infrared photography



## August 2020

Please note: there will not be a printed version of the parish news for the foreseeable future. There will only be the online version which can be viewed on the new parish website or be sent to you by email should you so wish. Please advise Wendy of your email address if you wish to receive it via this method.

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# Parish information

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**Emergency 999**

Non Emergency 101

# Dates for your diary - August 2020

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Brown bin	Weds	12th	26th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Weds	12th	26th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Weds	5th	19th
<u>For Hollingdon and Dean Farm Lane only</u>			
Brown bin	Tues	11th	25th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Tues	11th	25th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Tues	4th	18th
Parish Council Meeting	Mon	17th	

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

As you might imagine, clubs and parish council meetings have been 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 and News



## Church Services

2nd August	Family praise	11:30 am
	<i>Lay led - if it can be arranged.</i>	
9th August	Parish service	11:30 am
	<i>Rev. Howard Robson</i>	
16th August	No service	
23rd August	Parish service	11:30 am
	<i>Andrew Strauss</i>	
30th August	Group service at Stewkley	Time to be confirmed

*Please keep an eye on the church noticeboard for confirmation of the services where details are not currently known at time of compiling the Parish News.*

## Lockdown Support

Whilst the Soulbury Helpers team has been reduced a tad, support is still available through the Soulbury Helpers on 01525 611070 should you need it..

There is general information provided by the Buckinghamshire Council. Use <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

### A vote of thanks

I would like to thank Carla and her merry band of Soulbury Helpers who have helped me in my hour of need during these last weeks. Thank you all so much.

Pat Jones

# Letter from our Team Rector

What odd weather we've been having and it looks to continue in this unsettled way. And what a complete contrast to our settling in here in our benefice of eight parishes; we feel right at home and I'm very much enjoying learning the routes between the 'eight'. When myself, Andrew (Team Vicar) and Annie (Lay Minister) toured the Group on 19th July, and had a short service in each church, I said that it is our intention to work across all the villages. I also said to the good number of folk who came that if there's something you feel you'd like to see happen between church and community please let one of us know. In twenty years of ministry I've always taken the view that conversations, meeting people and generally being visible is "A Good Thing" – it was lovely to stumble on a socially distanced coffee morning in Soulbury a couple of weeks ago, only then to be rained off!

However, the request remains; please get in touch if only to say hello.

With every blessing,



For those who have not yet met Rev Howard Robson I thought a pic might help; just in case you see him in the village and you would not know him from Adam. I do feel his 'dog collar' might have been a bit of a giveaway, though!!!

# Countryside Etiquette

Sadly, I have to AGAIN remind people who walk along footpaths across fields containing livestock, including mothers and their young, that you must keep their dogs on leads. You must also keep to the paths provided by farmers. As we know, mothers of all youngsters get very protective and dogs loose in fields will, and do, generate very dangerous situations. Once a dog has its eye on a chase no amount of shouting to heel will work. Don't let it get to that point by ensuring you use the lead.



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# Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council took place on Monday 20 July 2020. There were 3 members of the public present. Apologies received from Clerk of the Parish Council, Mr John Spiers. Minutes of Parish Council meeting on Monday 16th March 2020 were approved. There were no matters arising. Various bills were paid.

## Planning:

- 20/01155: Oak Farm, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond - single storey side extension.  
No objection
- 20/02180: Hill View, Dean Farm Lane, Soulbury - erection of 2 dwellings including associated access parking and amenity spaces.  
Basic scheme already agreed but the builder is changing some items requiring a subsequent planning application.  
No objection but there is concern for Dean Farm Lane as it is not an adopted road, is used as a cycle way, bridle path and footpath and as access for properties along it. There are concerns for the increase in heavy vehicle access particularly in bad weather. It was therefore felt there should be a undertaking included in any approval that the road surface should be improved for the duration of the build and to be left in the condition it was when the build commenced.
- 20/02209: 16 The Green, Soulbury - Front Porch  
No objection.
- 20/01837: Stapleford Cottage, Stapleford Mill Road, Soulbury - Removal of Condition 3 on Application 1987/01795 (extension permitted shall only be used ancillary to part of the residential dwelling and not as a separate dwelling in its own right).  
No objection.

Nothing further heard about the development at Green Farm.

**Children's Playground:** Alan Humphreys is now cutting the grass. Spikes on top of the swings is a huge success in preventing the equipment being covered in bird droppings. Frances Andrews chased the Buckinghamshire Council Legal Department with regard to the lease. We cannot obtain any funding/£106 monies to improve the site for the children without either extending the lease or buying the land and we now need some answers.

**Grass cutting:** The grass cutting will no longer be carried out by Mr Keel. In the interim Richard Caplan cut the grass on the village green. He used the Millennium Green ride-on but it is not up to the task and is not a road vehicle to get to the other areas covered by the contract. Pro temp, Richard will continue to do the village green. The following now needs to be done:

- a) Mark a map with the areas needed to be included in the grass cutting contract and obtain a quote for that.
- b) Go out to three companies to tender for the new contract ensuring quote covers transport, maintenance, insurance and storage.

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

**Parish Hall:** Will be closed for the first 2 weeks in August for redecoration.

**SMG:** The area is now locked every night from 10 pm to 7 am due to vandalism. Pulford School in Leighton Buzzard hired our marquee for a very generous donation of £250. A small summer camp with parental supervision is being considered. Cllr Stevens will liaise regarding arrangements and security.

**Public Participation:** It has been observed that parking has been resumed on the green. Parking on the common land is not permitted. Cllr Wright will discuss the issue with the residents.

**AOB:**

- 6 months ago we applied to the District Council for a Public Space Protection Order. The District Council wrote describing that the process is not easy and why and did we want to continue with it. The Parish Council agreed to press on with the process. Nothing has happened. Cllr Wright will discuss current situation with the Clerk and remind Cllr Ben Everitt.
- There are issues caused by new tenants in Soulbury causing considerable stress to neighbours. In the past VAHT has very curtly told the Parish Council that issues with tenants are nothing to do with them. As parishioners are clearly very stressed as a result of VAHT tenants' actions the Parish Council believe it is very much their business as elected representation for the village/parish. Cllr Wright will write to the Chairman of VAHT with the facts of the case to elicit their support in dealing with the situation.
- Chelmscote planning issues: the planning application needs to be consolidated before the Parish Council can comment. A site visit was undertaken by Cllrs Wright and Culley to try to understand what it going on. It is still not clear. A watching brief will be kept on the Planning Portal and developments will be reported back to Council.
- The Cherry Tree on the village green split leaving half of it needing to be cut from the trunk. However, it was observed that the whole tree is rotten and could come down completely in the next strong wind. The Council Arborist will be contacted with a view to obtaining permission to remove it completely.
- Cllr Day will repaint and tidy up the finger signpost outside Battams Farm.
- It has been observed that a new driveway into a field at the Soulbury end of the Wing Road has been put in place. Cllr Wright has informed Highways but they have passed it on to the appropriate department to deal.
- The Fountain in Leighton Road. It needs repairing and we need funding to do it. We cannot get s106 monies until Parish Council own it. This matter has been with the solicitor for a long while now with no movement at all. Cllr Wright will discuss with the Clerk.

As there has been a break of meetings for 3 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the prohibition of meeting in groups, it was decided that for 2020 there will be a meeting in August.

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



# Soulbury Millennium Green

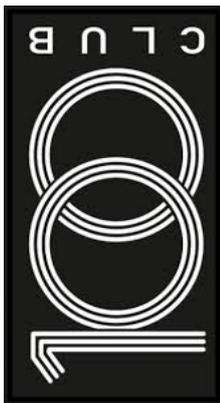


[www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk](http://www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk)

The Millennium Green seems to be going from strength to strength at present. The annexe, in particular, is becoming a very popular place for a quiet chat and a bit of socialising (at distance of course). We are now using the Green's mower to keep the Village Green cut where necessary as we have lost our contractor.

The Parish Council is actively seeking quotes for the continuance of regular cutting. It is very nice to see some residents maintaining the Village Green outside their own properties and if everyone did that we would not need a contractor. Likewise on the Millennium Green, Nigel from The Mead has been doing a marvelous job by mowing the orchard, that's as well as carrying out various repairs when needed. Many thanks, Nigel, if only we could find a few more volunteers like Nigel, we could carry out our plans a little more speedily. I must also express our thanks to Tony Crack for the mowing of the meadow.

## 100 Club



### Winners in 2020

January	James Mansfield-Sturgess
February	Tim Collins
March	Daphne Reeves
April	Debbie Olie
May	Mrs Chris Bryant
June	John Stevens
July	Diane Lowes



## Smile.Amazon

AmazonSmile customers can now support Soulbury Millennium Green in the Amazon shopping app on iPhones and Android phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
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3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.

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# Family Bingo Night details

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# Soulbury Parish Hall

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## Amazon Fresh

Amazon has announced that they will deliver food when ordered on-line. You need an Amazon prime account. They are delivering to Soulbury. Go to your normal Amazon home screen, locate SmileAmazon, and click the Amazon Fresh button.

The screenshot shows the Amazon Fresh website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'fresh' logo and several menu items: 'Past Purchases', 'Fresh & Chilled', 'Frozen', 'Food Cupboard', 'Drinks', 'Home, Health & Beauty', 'Featured', 'Recipes', and 'Special Offers'. Below the navigation bar is a large promotional banner. The top part of the banner has a pink background with the text 'Fast. Fresh. Free.' and 'Fresh is now FREE with Prime'. Below this is a light blue section with the text 'Maximum taste No sugar' and an image of three cans of soda: Pepsi Max, Pepsi Max Zero Sugar, and 7up Free. At the bottom of the banner, there are four white boxes with text: 'RADISH & CELERY BAGEL RECIPE', 'TOP ESSENTIALS', '20% OFF MORRISONS SUMMER DINING', and '30% OFF DANONE LIGHT & FREE'.

## Buckinghamshire Lottery

The screenshot shows the Buckinghamshire Lottery website. At the top left, there is the 'BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOTTERY' logo. To the right, there is a small image of a green field with the text 'Soulbury Millennium Green'. Below the logo and image is a large graphic with a dark blue background and colorful vertical stripes. The graphic contains the text 'WIN 1 OF 5 £100 B&Q Gift Cards' and 'SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY Through Thick & Thin'. Below the graphic is a list of bullet points: '£25,000 jackpot!', 'Sign up from £1 per week', 'Support our good cause today', and 'Your support makes a real difference to our local community'. Below the list is the text 'To start supporting, visit: www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk and search for: Green'. At the bottom of the page, there is a small line of text: 'Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 29th August 2020. See website for terms and conditions.'

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# Yesteryear

NUMBER 22

SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1977

## Jubilee

The Soulbury Jubilee Committee are very pleased to announce that the Jubilee coins have now been received. They hope to be able to give the date and time of the presentations and the young people's entertainment in the next Newsletter.

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## The Soulbury Youth Club Association

We have been asked to publish the following notice which we think shows commendable initiative by the young people; we do hope they will find the helpers for whom they are asking.

"We badly need a youth club in Soulbury as the children are getting very bored and have started to untidy the bus shelter; and this is only an example of what they are doing. What we want to do is get some volunteers to help us. We have started to clear up Soulbury by picking up all the litter, but children are bound to start making a mess of the place if they have nothing to do in the summer holidays. Our committee are going to fight to get a youth club so will any adults who would like to help, please contact us. THANK YOU".

YOUTH LEADER: Jill Roberts, 19 The Green, Soulbury. CHAIRMAN: Richard Underwood, Holly-Bar Farm, Hollingdon. SECRETARY: Jayne Norman, 11 The Green, Soulbury. TREASURER: Irene Maher, 17 The Green, Soulbury.

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The recent Coffee Evening in aid of the Methodist Sunday School raised £25. Many thanks to all who supported this.

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## Clubroom A.G.M.

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Clubroom Sub-Committee the treasurer reported a bank balance of £156-81p. Since this meeting five Lightweight Aluminium Tables have been purchased leaving the small balance. To continue the work of improvement and replacement, which has been carried out by the Committee over the past 5 years, they hope to increase this balance at the Produce Show on August 20th, at which a Tombola Stall will be run; prizes for this will be very gratefully received by members of the Committee who were re-elected namely Mr. J. Rowe Chairman, Mrs. M. Jones Secretary, Mrs. P. Norman Treasurer, Mrs. O Fountaine, Mrs. J Kirk, Mrs. H. Ashburner and Mr. W. Rolls.

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## Coach Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze

It is hoped to have a coach trip to Walton-on-the-Naze on the 3rd September. If you are interested will you please contact Mrs. H. Ashburner, 15 The Green, telephone Soulbury 314 by the 20th August.

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## Day Trip to Billing Aquadrome

There will be a day trip to Billing Aquadrome on Wednesday August 24th: £1-50p per adult, children accompanied travel free. The trip is approximately one hour's travelling and it is advisable to take a packed lunch although you can buy drinks and snacks there. Swimming pool, boating lake and the usual children's amenities are amongst some of the attractions. Anyone interested please contact Mrs. V. Hammond at Soulbury 318 as soon as possible. We leave The Green at 10 a.m. Please do support this outing as the children so much enjoy going out together.

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## W.I. Garden Party

The Women's Institute Garden Party is to be held at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Sutton on Saturday August 27th at 2.30 p.m. All contributions for Tombola, cake stall, produce and white elephant will be gratefully received by any committee member. This is our ONLY fund raising event of the year and we hope to get each member's support either in the form of contributions, help or attendance on the day - or all three!

### Social Circle's Outing to Chicheley Hall

The Social Circle's Outing to Chicheley Hall, near Newport Pagnell is on August 10th. Coach leaves at 2.15 p.m. Adults 70p and children 40p. Members unable to come let Mrs. Jones know by Tuesday August 9th.

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The P.C.C. are very grateful indeed to all of you who helped to make the Summer Fete such a success, not least to Mr. & Mrs. Smithson for welcoming them to Wragmore and to Mrs. Pargeter for kindly opening the proceedings. Church funds benefited by just over £300.

The Vicar will be on holiday August 2nd to 19th. In case of need during his absence please contact the Rev. R. L. Howard, 90 High Street South, Stewkley, telephone Stewkley 220.

Our Rural Dean, the Rev. George Meek, who is Vicar of Newton Longville, Whaddon, Tattenhoe & Stoke Hammond is retiring at the end of September after 45 years active ministry in the Church. We wish him health and happiness in his retirement and we are contributing through the Parochial Church Council to the farewell presentation that will be made to him at the Deanery Synod on September 22nd. Will any individuals who would like to be associated with this gift please tell the Vicar or the Synod's Lay Chairman, Mr. Irwin Barraclough, 54 Stoke Road, Linslade.

### Methodist Chapel

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

Sunday 7th August	2.30 p.m.	Rev. N. Burrows	Family Service
Sunday 14th August	6.00 p.m.	Mr. Chappell	
Sunday 21st August	10.30 a.m.	Mr. Scott	
Sunday 28th August	6.00 p.m.	To be arranged	

Sunday School August 7th Family Hour at 2.30 p.m. No Sunday School during August.

Bible Study August 1st & 22nd at 25 The Green, 8th at 27 The Green,  
15th at 11 The Green, 29th Bank Holiday.

### All Saints Parish Church

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

Sunday August 7th & 14th 11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon. The Rev. R. L. Howard  
Sunday August 21st & 28th 11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon. The Vicar

### Coming Events

Tuesday	9th August	8.00 p.m.	<u>Women's Institute Slides on Iceland</u> by Mr. Victor Scott. Comp: Scenic photograph or slide.
Wednesday	10th August	2.15 p.m.	<u>Social Circle Outing to Chicheley Hall.</u>
Tuesday	16th August	morning	<u>Aylesbury Vale Entertainment for Children</u> in the Clubroom. Watch for posters for further information.
Wednesday	17th August	7.00 p.m.	<u>Women's Fellowship Picnic Supper</u> at Ashridge, bring food and drink for one. Cars leave the Stone. If wet we are invited to Berton.
Wednesday	17th August	2.30 p.m.	<u>Social Circle Invitation to tea</u> at 21 The Green, the home of Mrs. O. Fountaine.
Saturday	20th August	2.45 p.m.	<u>Produce Show.</u>
Wednesday	24th August	10.00 a.m.	<u>Day Trip to Billing Aquadrome.</u>
Saturday	27th August	2.30 p.m.	<u>Women's Institute Garden Party.</u>

### Advance dates

Saturday	3rd September	<u>Coach Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze.</u>
Sunday	11th September	<u>Outing to Stowe. Details next month</u>

Stop Press At the well attended meeting regarding playing fields there was a disappointing response for the formation of a Sub-Committee. The Parish Council still need further volunteers to help with the supervision of playing areas in the Village. Please contact any member of the Parish Council.

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Unfortunately this year's league has been cancelled but Soulbury are planning to play some friendlies on Sundays against local villages, starting Sunday 2nd August v Drayton Parslow. Meanwhile, work at the ground doesn't stop and thanks to help from the Parish Council the inside of the pavilion is getting some much-needed improvement with a new ceiling being put in in the coming weeks. We hope to have the bar open and some home fixtures towards the end of August and in September.

## 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, full colour in the ePub format and on the new parish website.

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

**Due to the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in I will extend the advertising period for all advertising by the number of months lockdown continues. The advertising essentially pays for printing the hard copy and as I will not be printing for the foreseeable future I cannot bring it upon myself to charge you all until I start the printed version again.**

## 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.

Ever hopeful that we will be able to socialise again, this facility can be considered for any future planning.

## The Boot



Again I took my camera for a walk to the pub and learned that it will be opening on 6 August 2020 at around 11 am. It appears the coffee and tea area will be operational, as will the bar (of course) and food will be available from a limited menu. It will be handmade though. Full restaurant service will not be immediately available as the kitchen will have to be gutted.

Children have been considered and I have already seen the 'Fairy Garden'. What a lovely space!

Because I am limited file size-wise with the Parish News so we get send it to email addresses I cannot put many pictures here but I think a gallery on the website is in order containing the before, during and completion photos. Another addition to history of Soulbury and its hostelries.

