

Soulbury Parish News

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To find out more contact: Cllr Victor Wright, Chairman
Soulbury Parish Council

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Dates for your diary - March 2021

Brown bin	Weds	10th	24th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Weds	10th	24th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Weds	3rd	17th 31st
<u>For Hollingdon and Dean Farm Lane only</u>			
Brown bin	Tues	9th	23rd
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Tues	10th	23rd
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Tues	2nd	16th 30th
Parish Council Meeting	Mon	15th	
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15 March, 2021			
19 April, 2021			
17 May, 2021			
21 June, 2021			
19 July, 2021			

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 929 9318 2042

Passcode: 818860

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

Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events 2021

British Summer time begins Sunday 28th March

We are contemplating running Soulfest 2021 on 10 July 2021 subject to the 'roadmap out of lockdown' continuing as the Government has planned. We all need something to look forward to so as a parish it would be marvellous if we all could a) offer some help to get the event up and running and b) support it on the day.



All Saints Church Services and News

Church Services

We still have no news when we shall be able to commence services in our church. A watching brief is in place to monitor the easing of restrictions. You will be informed when services resume.

Please note that Rev. Dr. Andrew Krauss does arrange virtual services on the Zoom platform. If you would like to be involved with this, please let him know so he can include you on his email distribution list.

Lockdown Support Update

The Soulbury Helpers team is keeping a watching brief in light of the resurgence of COVID-19 infections nationwide and the subsequent Government restrictions. However, the team is available now on 01525 611070 should you need it..

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

Soulbury Parish Hall

A great venue for parties, business meetings, fitness classes or rehearsal space

Fibre broadband connected

To book, email: soulburyparishhall@gmail.com

Letter from our Team Vicar



Greetings to everyone

After nearly a year since the first lockdown started we have all heard the phrase ‘new normal’ several times by now, and it might feel like a cliché already. However, one of the things that has been made crystal clear over the last year is that this pandemic and its variants are not an isolated problem that can quickly be forgotten when it is over but are instead part of a longer-term global, ecological, economic and demographic challenge that humanity as a whole faces in the coming decades. It would be a drastic and irresponsible oversimplification to think that there was merely one problem (pandemic) and one solution (vaccination) and that was the end of it. We are realizing more and more that the background contexts to several seemingly different problems are intensely connected with one another, which also offers the possibility of several problems being addressed at once with a more involved and carefully worked-out strategy.

I recently read a book by a professor of cognitive science who thinks one of the biggest dangers in our day is precisely the idea that problems can be isolated from each other and a unique solution found for each, not least because overly simplistic solutions potentially have unwanted side effects. He advocates instead the practice of searching for multiple solutions that not only abate the problem in question but also prevent both it and others from resurfacing – a necessary practice if we are to navigate our way through the coming years in the most responsible manner.

By March we will be well into the season of Lent, and it would equally be an oversimplification to see Lent as being all about giving something up or a willpower exercise. While there is an aspect of Lent that does encourage laying some things or habits aside in order to make room for more helpful ones, there are other aspects too. Traditionally it is a period of study and instruction, originally for those preparing for baptism at Easter, and there is an even wider sense in which it involves encouraging new life to flourish in order better to greet the ‘new normal’ of Eastertide. This newness took quite some re-acclimatization for the first disciples and indeed none of us can say that we fully inhabit it yet. We can however think about what sets of habits are and are not helpful for being able to see the newness of Easter for what it is. Lent challenges us to be aware of how different habits, attitudes, thoughts and deeds are connected to one another and to consider what this realization means in terms of helping life to flourish in its proper environment. As that seems to match up very well with the challenges posed in our present time, let us hope and pray that a well-informed discipline for the future may emerge and bear fruit for us and for all life.

With all best wishes

Andrew

Census 2021

What is the census?

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The next census takes place on **Sunday, 21 March 2021**.

Your answers to the census questions will help organisations make decisions on planning and funding public services in our area, including transport, education and healthcare.

When to complete your census

Every household should complete the census on **Sunday 21 March 2021 or as soon as possible after**. If you have responded before 21 March and things have changed, you can let them know by calling free. You can find the numbers on the Contact Us section of the census website after 1 March.

The census should take about 10 minutes for the household questions and 10 mintues per person.

You must complete the census by law

It is an offence to supply false information or to not complete the census, and you could be fined up to £1,000. Some questions are clearly labelled as voluntary. It is not an offence if you do not answer these.

Every householder at an address is responsible for completing a census questionnaire for their household. The householder should either answer the individual questions for all household members or make sure each member answers their own.

You need to complete a census if you:

- live in private or rented accommodation
- are a student
- have a second home or empty property
- live somewhere that is mobile, such as a canal boat or motorhome
- live in a care home, armed forces base or similar establishment
- do not live at a fixed address
- live in a refuge
- are in witness protection.

The importance of the census in 2021

The census provides information about households across England and Wales.

At the Office for National Statistics (ONS) information from past census has helped with understanding how the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has affected people in different ways.

Census 2021 will give fresh information to improve understanding of the pandemic. It will also help to make sure that the services you use meet the needs of our changing society. This could include hospitals, schools, universities and job centres.

Census Day is **Sunday 21 March 2021** and will continue to happen on that date.

Council Elections

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WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?

Your local council has overall responsibility for the wellbeing of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services;
- Improve quality of life for residents;
- Give communities a democratic voice.

BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve.

Local councillors have three main responsibilities:

- Decision-making;
- Monitoring;
- Getting involved locally.

GETTING ELECTED

To stand for election to a local council you must be:

- a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union;
- at least 18 years old;
- an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

Make a change - become a Councillor

Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election. Make a change and become a councillor.

Here, you will find everything you need to know. We explain what local councils and councillors do, how you can become a councillor, details of the role and what to expect, and local councils range of resources to help recruit candidates.

What do Local Councils and Councillors do?

Local (parish and town) councils and councillors make a massive difference to local peoples' quality of life. They are passionate about their communities and seen to make a change to help improve their residents' lives.

Local councils run numerous services, depending on the size of the council. Many you will see day-to-day, but some are less known. These include introducing solar panels, setting up dementia-friendly groups, organising community buses, creating neighbourhood plans, implementing suitable housing, establishing youth projects, managing allotments and open spaces, maintaining footpaths, public seating and litter bins.

Councillors are elected to represent the local community, so you must either live or work in the council area. Becoming a councillor is a rewarding experience as you will be able to make a change in your community to help improve residents' lives. A councillor's role can include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, representing the community, working with other local community groups, decision making and reviewing decisions and

How to become a Councillor?

Local councils can only be as helpful, connected and energetic as the people elected to run them, so we need councillors capable, enthusiastic and engaged to reflect their communities. You can find out more about becoming a councillor on The Electoral Commission and Local Government Association website.

For more information, please contact Cllr Victor Wright whose contact details, together with those of all the Councillors, are at the beginning of this publication.

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday, 15 February 2021 at 7.30 p.m via Zoom due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. There were 12 members of the public present. Apologies received from Cllr I. Culley and Mr J. Spires, Clerk to the Parish Council. Cllr Taylor was asked to take the minutes of this meeting. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2021 were approved. Matters arising covered the foul smell on land beside The Mead. The problem was located on private land and whilst it was not Anglian Water's responsibility to deal with it, they did clear a bad blockage. They could not guarantee the work and it is not a long term fix. Cllr Wright has done a lot of digging to find someone responsible for the long term and he is currently dealing with the Environment Agency. Various bills were paid.

Planning:

21/00436: Stable block and hay store behind 1-6 Leighton Road, Soulbury. This has only just been added to the Planning Portal so Cllr Wright will forward documentation to all Councillors for discussion at the next full council meeting.

Land behind The Boot Public House: the planning application was approved very quickly by an officer not a committee despite objections to the application, it being in a conservation area, the issue of felling a tree without the tree officer's approval in said conservation area and the involvement of district councillors/MPs. A letter of complaint has been sent from the Council via Cllrs Greg Smith and Ben Everitt (whose views are in line with ours). Its receipt has been acknowledged.

Comments from Cllrs Smith and Everitt: our options have been limited as this application has been determined in law. Cllr Smith said that he usually asks for a committee decision in such cases and will check he did that. Planning Dept has decided to make sure small applications are passed in 8 weeks to clear backlog and prevent extended timescales. Planning, at the moment, favours developers and not the 'small guy'. This is being reviewed to address this imbalance. The first application for two residences was objected to and was withdrawn. However, the second, for one residence, appeared and was determined under the radar. It seems this application was considered small and easy but at no time does it appear the objection from the community and councillors has been referred to and was passed 'on the nod'. It has also been noted that the comments relating to both applications have disappeared from the portal and it was officially requested that these are reinstated with immediate effect.

Finally, the status of 'village asset' seems to mean nothing. The Council assumed it to mean the building and land. Cllr Smith agreed to check whether it means just the building, ie the public house, or public house and its car park. Cllrs Smith and Everitt will try to get to the bottom of what happened and ensure our complaint is heard. They will keep the Parish Council informed.

Childrens' Playground

A copy of the lease has been sent to all Councillors. It was unanimously agreed to accept it. The cost to Soulbury Council is £500/pa. It is for 25 years with 5 year breaks and is outside the Act. John Spires will be asked to push for completion so we can start applying for funds to equip the playground area.

Grass Cutting

3 contractors have been asked for quotes; CS Maintenance (£180 fortnightly), RTM Maintenance (£210 + VAT), Heart and Soulbury Gardens (did not quote but as they did the grass cutting last year they came in at around £290/m). CS Maintenance was unanimously approved for this annual contract. Using a contractor means the parish council does not have to buy, maintain, store securely any mowing equipment.

County Councillors:

Cllr Ben Everitt reported that recent weather brought a lot of flooding with it but council resources coped well. He did point out that they cannot deal with flooding they don't know about so encouraged the use of 'fix my street' on the Buckinghamshire Council website. He also reported that the mobile Covid testing was working well as was the roll out of the vaccination.

Parish Hall:

Nothing to report other than it has been booked for the elections on 6 May 2021. We will ensure it is clean to a good standard but the Council staff will perform any specific Covid sanitation requirements.

SMG:

It is waterlogged to the point were we cannot get onto the grass at the moment. Cllr Stevens pointed out that people have been feeding the horses in fields beside the SMG. This has to stop. Warning signs are attached to fencing. The horses are properly fed and hayed daily and further feeding is inappropriate and can be dangerous.

Cllr Taylor reported that the SMG has received £1,000 donation from Richard Caplan. His mother, Elizabeth, asked him to donate this before she died, when the estate had been sorted, and this he has done. A huge thank you to Elizabeth Caplan.

Public Participation:

The issue of a hedge being taken out which was over 100 years old was raised. This issue is already with Cllr Greg Smith. It is known who has done it but the main question is who is responsible for policing this. It is illegal to remove such hedging and we need to have information to hand for future. All the usual departments have been approached but to no avail.

AOB:

Speed indicator still needs moving. Cllrs Wright and Cross will meet at the location to discuss a new position with a fixing point and postcrete on Sunday (21st).

Cllr Day has cut down one of the cherry trees but the other has telephone wires running through it so needs more equipment to ensure communications stay in tact. It is hoped to have the job complete next weekend (20/21 Feb).

Cllr Taylor asked that everyone reads and approves the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations so she can upload the adopted documents to the website.

A schedule of the meeting dates until July 2021 are given below. Because we have upgraded the Zoom account there is now one link for each and every meeting.:

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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.

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.

Part-time Gardening Job

Is anybody interested in a part-time gardening job?

One day a week, just outside Soulbury.

Reliable person with good character references please.

Telephone: 07768 685481

Important information about this magazine

Distribution of the printed version

I have endeavoured to engage with you about the distribution of this publication and the response has been awful, frankly. Just one or two people have bothered to call me. Advice has also been sought from Buckinghamshire Council who consider the distribution of such publications to be a low Covid risk activity providing good hand hygiene regimes are in place. However, before I go to the expense of printing and our distribution teams use their time delivering to your door again I need to be sure that it is worthwhile exercise.

To gauge the level of interest in the printed version a number of magazines will be left for you to collect your copy. A box will be placed by the gate to the Millennium Green.

If you know people who are not computer savvy, so will not be seeing this magazine, will you please:

- establish a level of interest in the magazine and in what form
- establish any sight issues as those with this problem would be better off receiving the online version as the text is a lot larger
- tell them about the collection scheme.

I also fear there is a certain amount of duplication as over 100 households get the online version. This is obviously a waste of resources so please let me know if you were getting both versions. Failing this we can interrogate the online list to work out where duplication lies.

Finally, it may be that the content of this publication is not what you want. If this is case, then talk to me, provide me items you want to see. Could it be recipes, gardening tips, tips for looking after pets, personal sporting achievements, achievements in general, short stories, comedy stories, etc.

My details are wendyptaylor6@gmail.com and 279530

Dogs

Yes, it is that time of year when I request that dog owners/dog walkers keep their animals on leads because of lambing, etc. However well trained a dog is, if it sees something it wants no amount of calling your dog back will work. We all know, and have seen, the consequences. The need for gory pictures all the time is not necessary, but it is because of dog theft that it is equally important right now to keep your dog on a lead.

Sadly, this type of theft is getting out of hand as is the method of theft where thieves are getting very bold and intimidating. Puppies with or without their mother are being stolen. How do thieves know you have puppies? What do you put on social media? Companion dogs that the older generation rely on for company are also being targeted. The upset of all of this is immeasurable because these dogs are members of the family. So, ensure your security is good, that you know where your dog is all the time, keep them away from front gardens or back gardens that have a boundary along a footpath.

Local Policing



Local PCSO:	C9620 Kate Michelsha
iNeighbourhood Supervisor:	P7042 PC Ian Carter
Contact Numbers:	Non emergency 101 To talk to officers 101 Emergency/crime in progress 999
Local Police Office:	Winslow Police Office, 81 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3DG

You can also email the team at:

winslowanddistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

A new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) has started at the Winslow Police Office who is covering Soulbury. She is Kate Michelsha so if you need her please use the 101 number or email the Winslow and District address above. She has been invited to the Parish Council meetings but I suspect this will not happen until we resume physical meetings in the Parish Hall. As soon as PC Carter has some images of the team I will put them here and on the website.

Amazon Fresh

A screenshot of the Amazon Fresh landing page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like "fresh", "Past Purchases", "Fresh & Chilled", "Frozen", "Food Cupboard", "Drinks", "Home, Health & Beauty", "Featured", "Recipes", and "Special Offers". Below the navigation is a pink banner with the text "Fast. Fresh. Free." and "Fresh is now FREE with Prime". To the right of the banner is a photo of cherries. The main content area has a teal background with the text "Maximum taste No sugar" and images of Pepsi Max cans. At the bottom, there are four promotional boxes: "RADISH & CELERY BAGEL RECIPE", "TOP ESSENTIALS", "20% OFF MORRISONS SUMMER DINING", and "30% OFF DANONE LIGHT & FREE".

Amazon has announced 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.



Soulbury Millennium Green



www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk

Well at last it looks like spring is in the air, Snowdrops are appearing and so will daffodils soon I believe. Hopefully, with respite from incessant rain, the ground will start to drain and we can start work again.

One of the priorities this year will be fundraising, once lockdown has been relaxed. Obviously last year was a total wipe out as far as reserves were concerned. However our ever diligent committee are already talking about Soulfest. So if there are any of you willing to help, this year in particular, then please do let us know. Contact details for all committee members are in this newsletter.

We have just been informed that the Community Payback crews will be with us in early March, so things will surely start to improve.

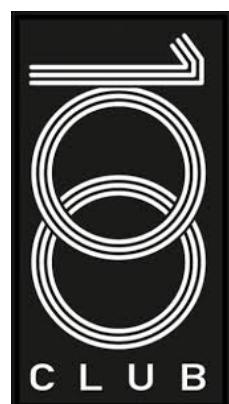
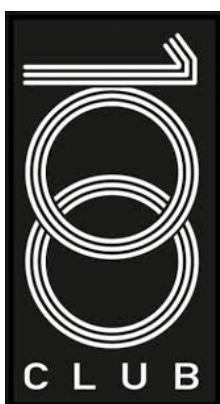
A thank you must go to those using Smile.Amazon as Amazon has donated £7.27 to our funds - every little helps!

100 Club

Winners in 2021

January
February

Rachel Belsham
Peter Foulsham



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
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.

smile.amazon.co.uk



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Community Boards

Community Boards are a new way of bringing the council, groups, organisations and local people together to look at local issues and find ways of improving them together.

As a community-led partnership, Community Boards will:

- influence how decisions are made and how services are delivered
- represent the voice of local people
- capture thoughts, ideas and suggestions
- bring together key community partners and residents
- identify local needs and work to produce creative solutions.

There will be many ways the boards will work with the community to identify what is important in each area and take action together. They are all about taking action. Working groups will explore local project, set up local projects and find creative ways to make local changes. Each board has an allocated budget and there are 5 public meetings held each year. Soulbury is part of the Winslow and Villages board, chaired by Cllr Sue Renshall. Deputy chair is John Chilver and our co-ordinator is Leone Dale.

Priorities for our Board for 2020/21 are:

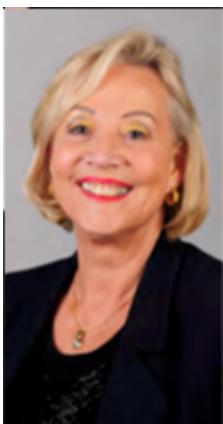
- improving the environment
- health and wellbeing
- COVID recovery.

There are 5 working groups whose work is linked to the priorities. These bring together board members, representatives from the community and relevant partner organisations. The 5 are:

- youth
- health
- public and community transport
- roads and highways
- HS2 and East West Rail.

There is funding available for projects which relate to the priorities.

Please contact Vic Wright or Wendy Taylor if you would like more information or email localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-boards



Cllr Sue Renshell



Leone Dale

Yesteryear

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St Valentine's Day

So much legend surrounds St. Valentine's Day that it is impossible to be sure of the facts of his life - there may even have been two St. Valentines, both beheaded in the 3rd Century. St. Valentine's Day probably got its romantic connotations when the early church was trying to suppress the pagan Roman festival of Lupercalia. The associated practice of boys drawing girls' names from an urn was linked to St. Valentine when the feast of Lupercalia was forbidden by law. The sending of cards began early in the 19th Century and increased in popularity with the introduction of cheap postal services.

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Council House Allocation.

At the request of the Parish Council Sir Philip Duncombe gives the following information about the Council House Allocation system.

"Soulbury is in the District Council's Housing Area No. 12 which includes Drayton Parslow, Dunton, Great Brickhill, Hoggeston, Mursley, Newton Longville, Stewkley and Stoke Hammond. It will be seen from this that an applicant for a council house has a better chance of being housed fairly quickly if he or she has the necessary qualifications and does not mind which village they live in. If the applicant's only choice is Soulbury then the process will take longer.

The Sub-Committee dealing with Allocations and Arrears meets every fortnight, and although Sir Philip does not serve on that Committee he may attend and speak on cases in his Ward. From experience Sir Philip is confident that any special circumstances are given consideration and notice is taken of any letters received."

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From the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting. The Green Sub-Committee Following Mr. Camp's resignation it was decided to defer the matter of his replacement until the Annual Parish Meeting. Allotments. Completion of purchase of land was expected shortly. An estimate for fencing etc. had been agreed and it was hoped that the allotments would be available to parishioners early this spring. Footpaths. Concern was expressed at the ploughing up of part of the footpath to Chelmscote and also at the misuse of the Green footpath as a motor access.

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Scrabble Evening.

There will be a Scrabble evening on Friday, 3rd February at the home of Mrs. P. Faulkner, 204 Aylesbury Road, Bierton, at 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. This will be an open evening and any Scrabble player will be very welcome. If you would like to come please ring Mrs. Faulkner on Aylesbury 5281 or Miss Booth on Soulbury 322, so that we may know how many boards are required.

We extend our sincere condolences to Mrs. Hing and her family on the death of Mr. Albert Hing on February 20th, after a long illness.

Mr. Hing was Church Steward and Treasurer of the Soulbury Methodist Chapel for many years and will be greatly missed by Chapel members and by all those in the village who knew him and his many kindnesses to others.

We welcome to the village Mr. and Mrs. Morris and their family who have come to live at 'Kirkview,' High Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and their family who have moved into 'Foxleigh,' Church Lane.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. W. Rowe and Mr. Michael Green and hope that they will soon be home from hospital. We hope that Mr. Bill Rolls will soon be able to resume his many activities on behalf of the parish.

We have been asked to express the appreciation of the recipients for the Christmas parcels which were given by Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and their customers at The Boot to Senior Citizens in the village.

Methodist Chapel.

Minister: Rev. Norman Burrows,
The Manse, Stewkley. Tel: 251.

Sunday	5th February	2.30 p.m.	Rev. N. Burrows. Family Hour.
Sunday	12th February	6.00 p.m.	Mrs. D. Scott.
Sunday	19th February	10.30 a.m.	Mr. Gibbons.
Sunday	26th February	6.00 p.m.	Mrs. Green.

Bible Study on Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

February 6th and 27th at 11 The Green.
February 13th at 'Little Oak,' Chelmscote.
February 20th at 27 The Green.

Sunday School on Sundays at 2.30 p.m.

All Saints Church

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

Sung Eucharist each Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

Forthcoming Events.

Friday	3rd February	7.45 p.m.	Scrabble evening - Bierton.
Wednesday	8th February	2.30 p.m.	Social Circle - Clubroom.
Tuesday	14th February	8.00 p.m.	W.I. Talk on Waterway Heritage. Competition: Slide or photo of waterway. Anyone having spare Green Shield or trading stamps please bring them along.
Wednesday	15th February	8.00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship at the home of Mrs. Szostek, 32 Lime Grove, Linslade. Mrs. Primrose Gallimore on paintings. Cars leave the Stone at 7.45 p.m.

Newspaper Collection on 4th and 18th February.

Advance Date
Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 22nd March at 8.00 p.m., preceded by a Parish Council Meeting.

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The recent spell of cold weather, which can be so serious for the elderly, has brought the suggestion that we should include some hints which have been published for older people on how to keep themselves and their homes warm. Keep out draughts by tacking or sellotaping polythene onto your windows. (Don't cover ventilators or airbricks)

Hang a curtain over the door and/or stand a screen round your favourite chair. (A blanket draped over a clothes-horse makes an effective screen.)

An old stocking stuffed with newspapers or rags stops draughts coming under a door. Try and heat one room really well.

Give your legs a rest on a footstool. It helps to keep blood circulating and makes your feet warmer.

Wear as many woollies as you can.

Plenty of hot drinks or soup will make you feel warmer on very cold days.

Make sure you have a warm bed with as many blankets as you have and can bear on top of you.

We would also remind anyone who was in receipt of a Supplementary Allowance, Supplementary Pension or Family Income Supplement during the week starting on 16th January that they should have received automatically a £5 cash payment in that week. Anyone who should have received the payment and did not do so should make enquiries at the Post Office as soon as possible.

Those in receipt of any of the supplementary payments listed in the last paragraph who get an electricity bill for more than £20, based on meter readings due in the three months to 31st March this year may, in some cases, be entitled to a discount equal to a quarter of the amount over £20. When you receive a bill and you think you are entitled to the discount you should take the bill, with the counterfoil still attached, and your order book or Girocheque to the Post Office where you draw your supplementary payments.

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Annual Parish Meeting. May we remind electors of the Parish of Soulbury of the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, 22nd March at 8.00 p.m., preceded by a Parish Council Meeting. We hope that as many people as possible will attend and make this a lively discussion with your elected representatives.

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Parochial Church Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held on Monday, 20th March at 8.00 p.m. in the Clubroom. All are welcome; those on the Church Electoral Roll are asked to make a special effort to be present and to vote for the new P.C.C.

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Lambing Time. At this time it is a very serious matter to allow sheep to be worried by dogs. Perhaps parents could also help by explaining to children the importance of not chasing sheep when they are in lamb.

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Mrs. Hing and Family would like to thank all who sent donations in memory of Mr. Hing. The sum of £35 has been sent for Cancer Research.

All good wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mr. W. Bone, Mr. E. West and Mr. W. Rowe who are in hospital. We are pleased to learn that Mr. John Winsor and Mr. Michael Green are now at home again.

We offer congratulations to Carol and Colin West on the birth of their son on the 21st February.

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Methodist Church Building Fund. On March 4th at 2.30 p.m. in the Clubroom we are holding our next fund-raising event. This will be a Spring Sale and there will be a "Nearly New and New" stall, Cakes and Produce, and Teas will be served. We hope you will all come and support this event.

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Jumble Sale. There will be a Jumble Sale at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 1st April in the Queensway Methodist Hall, Bletchley, in aid of Women's Institute funds. If anyone has any jumble to be collected will they please ring Mrs. M. Rowe on Soulbury 355 or Mrs. V. Hammond on Soulbury 318.

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Easter Monday Ladies Football. Three young ladies of 16 years or over are urgently required for the Soulbury Ladies Football team to play in the knock-out competition at Wingrave. If we are unable to field a team Soulbury will have to drop out of this yearly event for the foreseeable future.

Methodist Chapel.

Minister: Rev. Norman Burrows,
The Manse, Stewkley. Tel: 251.

Sunday	5th March	2.30 p.m.	Mrs. A. Martin (Family Hour)
Sunday	12th March	6.00 p.m.	Mr. R. Richardson
Sunday	19th March	10.30 a.m.	Mr. K. Harris
		6.00 p.m.	Circuit Service at Stewkley Rev. Wilfred Jones.
Sunday	26th March	6.00 p.m.	Rev. N. Burrows.

Sunday School each Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

Bible Study on Mondays at 2.30 p.m. Open to everyone.

March 6th at 25 The Green
March 13th at 11 The Green
March 20th at "Little Oak," Broad Oak Farm.

All Saints Church

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

Sundays 5th and 12th March	11.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Sermon.
Palm Sunday 19th March	11.30 a.m. Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Eucharist.
Maundy Thursday 23rd March	8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist.
Good Friday 24th March	12 - 1 p.m. Watch of the Passion - Rev. R. L. Howard.
Holy Saturday 25th March	8.30 p.m. Easter Vigil Rite.
Easter Day 26th March	8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
	11.30 a.m. Procession and Sung Eucharist.

Forthcoming Events.

Saturday 4th March	2.30 p.m. Spring Sale
Wednesday 8th March	2.30 p.m. Social Circle
Tuesday 14th March	8.00 p.m. Women's Institute. Talk on the care of the feet. Competition: a Hot Cross Bun. Visitors always very welcome. If transport needed ring 355 or 318.
Wednesday 15th March	8.00 p.m. Women's Fellowship at the home of Mrs. S. Noble, 'Little Oak,' Broad Oak Farm. Speaker: Miss Rena Stewart. Cars leave The Stone at 7.45 p.m.
Monday 20th March	8.00 p.m. Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting.
Wednesday 22nd March	8.00 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting.

(All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated.)

Advance Date.

Saturday 1st April 7.30 p.m. Visit of the Luton Salvation Army Singing Company at Stewkley High St. Methodist Church, in aid of Soulbury Methodist Building Fund.

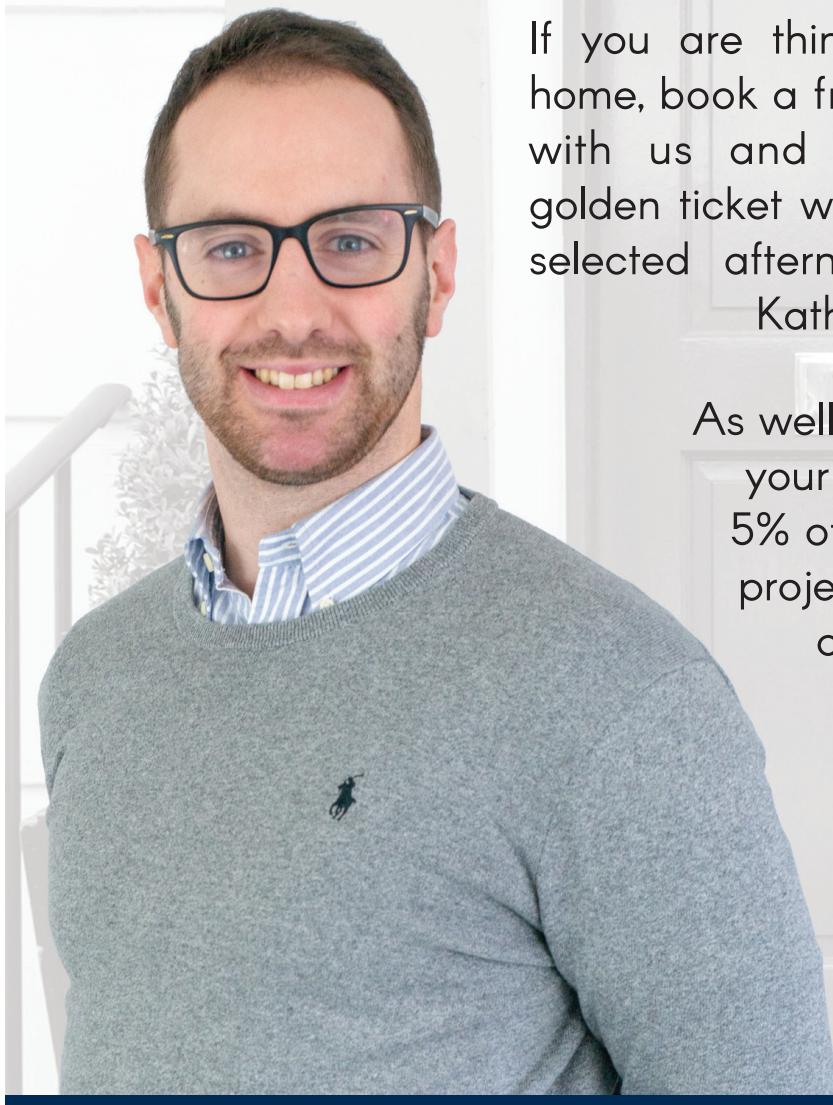
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