

Soulbury Parish News

July 2023



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Dates for your diary - July 2023 onwards

Events including Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events 2023

Social Group (Thursdays)	Parish Hall at 14.30	6th, 20 th July
Parish Council Meeting	Parish Hall at 19.30	17 th July
WI Events	Parish Hall at 19.30 (Members Evenng)	4 th July
	Barge Trip outing 14.00 (From Cosgrove Wharf)	11 th July
Soulbury Fete	The Old Vicarage from 14.00	30 th July

All Saints' Church Services and News

Sunday July 2nd	11:30am Parish Communion
Sunday June 9th	No Service
Sunday June 16th	10:00am Benefice Service at Stewkley No Service at Soulbury
Sunday June 23rd	11:30am Brunch Service All Welcome

Soulbury Parish Hall

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

Fibre broadband connected.

To book, email: soulburyparishhall@gmail.com Table and chair hire also available.

Social Group

The Social Group who meet every other Thursday, contribute £1 each per meeting. This is to cover the cost of the Parish Hall and any speakers that may charge us. Not that we've had many, but that could soon change. Anyway the "kitty" has mounted up, so we thought we'd make use of it on an outing. Thursday the eighth of June saw 13 of us gather at The Mursley Farm Shop, where we all enjoyed the afternoon with tea and cakes, some scones, some tea cakes, some sausage rolls whatever was the individuals choice. The afternoon's only concern was the late arrival of two, who apparently took the scenic route and came across road closures enroute. We all finished up with ice creams, some tubs, some cornets but all very tasty as there are lots of flavours to choose from. All too soon it was close to their closing time some we all took to our lifts and loaded our passengers and off home. A very pleasant afternoon. Our Meetings in July are the 6th and the 20th, all new comers are welcome.

Soulbury Cricket Club

Soulbury Cricket club's season is underway. We've had 5 games with wins against Neport Pagnell, Stoke Hammond and Shenley and losses to Milton Keynes and Aston Clinton. In a terrific game last Sunday over 440 runs were scored in an afternoon. If anyone wants to watch some midweek cricket the Young Farmers are playing at Soulbury on Thursday 29th of June at 6pm.

The next matches are

Sunday 25th June away v Mursley

Sunday 2nd July away v Olney

Sunday 9th July home v Buckland & Aston Clinton

Sunday 16th July home v Simmons CC

Sunday 23rd July home v New Bradwell

Sunday 30th July away v Simmons CC

All matches start at 1pm.

Spectators, Helpers, Families, New Players and Scorers, – please come along.

All are welcome. We have a great value bar with most prices unchanged since 2021.

If you have any questions or need more info please contact Adrian Hunt.

The WI - Womens' Institute News

We were pleased to welcome 3 visitors to the June meeting, we hope they enjoyed the evening and will come again.

WI & Club matters were discussed. Members were reminded that in July the meeting will be held on 4th at 7:30pm, this is a social meeting with no speaker. Then on the 11th there is the club annual outing and this year it is a canal trip with afternoon tea. Those attending were given the final details. Travel arrangements will be finalised at the social meeting to minimise the number of cars going.

We then introduced our speaker, Christine Farmer, who gave an informative talk about William Shakespeare titled 'Where there's a Will there's a play'. Not the usual well-known facts, but rather, a more off-the-wall selection of facts about the man, and an insight into how little is actually known about his life.

This was followed by social time for members to chat and mingle and enjoy refreshments.

We were then all called to order to wish **Eva a Happy 100th Birthday**, for which Margaret had made a beautifully decorated cake, which we all enjoyed.

The Raffle was drawn and the meeting closed at 10pm.

July 4 th	19.30	Members Evening
July 11 th	14.00	Barge trip (see poster)

Soulbury Breakfast

A Soulbury Breakfast was held on the 4th June. Sixty eight breakfasts were served and a profit of £340 was made. In the last year five breakfasts have raised just over £2000 for the maintenance of Soulbury Church. There will be a summer break now until September. Thank you to all the helpers who have made this possible.

A Letter from our Team Vicar

Seeking completion?

We are at the time of year now when many people are reaching big milestone moments in their life journeys, especially in the educational sphere. Many have recently finished exams and are awaiting results and many others are coming to the end of their time in a given school or college. Milestone moments very often involve a sense of completion of a particular task or phase. These moments seem especially important because we all like the idea of having what psychologists call 'closure' on certain things – promoting a feeling that we are truly ready to move on. Indeed, the famous philosopher and psychologist William James once said that 'nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging of an uncompleted task'.

Completion, however, is always in some sense relative to a particular task or demand. We only complete *relative* to that demand rather than in totality. Other tasks and demands continue to surface. Moreover, the process of life in general preceded us all and will continue after we are gone, so we certainly don't complete the whole picture. St Paul says in a famous passage from one of his letters that we know only in part – we are partial beings both in the sense that we are composed of parts and in the sense that we are partial *to* certain aims, hopes and ideas more than others. We do not see the whole fully and we also therefore only ever achieve relative completion or closure in part.

Some aspect of openness therefore always needs to remain within ongoing process of life, which is far more than our individual lives. This greater whole isn't necessarily felt in milestone marking moments in the way that events in our individual lives are, so psychologically it may feel different, but we need to know it is there and enduring throughout all generations. If what we are part *of* is to become complete, or even be drawn towards its completion by God as the Author of Life, then we need to achieve openness to the ongoing process of life just as much as closure to certain past events. We need to hold a proper balance between what we know as a result of having moved beyond certain points in our life and what we realize we are yet seeking, what we yet need to explore.

With all best wishes to everyone for the next stage and especially to those currently awaiting exam results and other landmark moments.

Andrew Krauss

Paul Mardlin - Obituary

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the death of a past Soulbury resident who had many friends and associates in the village. Paul Mardlin tragically died in a car accident in Buckingham on Thursday 22nd June.

Paul moved to our village in 1986 at the tender age of 19 where he resided in the flat above The Boot. He was forging out a career in the financial sector and subsidised his lifestyle by taking on weekend shifts behind the bar and in the kitchen where he realised his passion for cooking. It is here where he met the love of his life Samantha Petitt. They soon became an item and in 1995 Paul moved to Sami's flat in Linslade. The bubbly, fun loving young couple continued to do weekend shifts at the pub as well as frequenting it often, along with the rest of the 'Sunday Club'.

In June 1999 Sami and Paul married in Soulbury Church. It was at the time when our church bells weren't working and their friends stood ringing hand bells on their exit, it was very entertaining and full of love. In October they moved into Apple Tree Cottage, High Road which they extended and made into a most beautiful home. During their time there Paul really demonstrated his kindness and generosity by giving his time to organise four Soulbury balls along with his able assistants, Sami and some close friends. Not only were these events great fun for our community, the committee raised the grand total of £35,000 which was donated to Cancer Research and Sparx, a children's charity. They also paid for the children's playground equipment at The Millennium Green.

In 2008 Paul and Sami became parents to their beautiful baby daughter Poppy. I honestly don't think I've seen a more doting dad. A year later the family moved to a larger house in Mursley (as there were none for sale here) and a year after that they completed their family with the arrival of baby Tilly. Both babies were Christened at Soulbury Church and Sami and Paul renewed their wedding vows after Poppy's Christening in 2009.

Although they moved to Mursley, the family were still often seen socialising at The Boot or visiting their friends in the village. Sami stated last week that her heart is still in Soulbury as it holds so many wonderful memories.

We are all so saddened by this tragedy and it has had such a huge impact on our community. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Sami, Poppy Tilly, Paul's Mum Christine and his sister Roseanne.

Paul's funeral will take place in Soulbury Church on Friday 28th July at 1.45 pm

Parish Council News

Soulbury Parish News – June 23

The meeting of the Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday, 19 June 2023 at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. There were 3 members of the public present. Apologies were received from Cllr Salina Darbyshire-Mackay. Minutes of the annual meeting held on 15th May 2023 were approved. There were no matters arising. Notice showing bills that were paid during the month was presented. It was agreed to make a donation to the Leighton Linlade Helpers of £200.

Governance

New political map being drawn up by Buckinghamshire Council. After consultation it appears that Soulbury Parish will be into the new Ward called Swanbourne and villages. Council advised that we have a new Cabinet Member for Communities who is Cllr. Arif Hussain. Cllr Jordan advised that her report this month gives a list of all such persons, what they do and how to contact them. This will be on the Soulbury Parish website.

Planning

23/01505: Liscombe Business Park, Soulbury, LU7 0JL - 700 ground mounted solarphoto voltaic array panels. No objection but to ensure grazing of, say, sheep on the land under panels to retain some assemblance of agricultural arable use. One complaint received suggesting panels be put on the many roofs available at the Liscombe Business Park but the cabling and roof reinforcement needed would be prohibitive.

23/01763 - Beech House, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury, LU7 0BB - erection of detached garage. No objection.

Gates on Wing Road

Clerk contacted Alex Bonsor who explained he is looking at a holistic approach regarding the grazing of animals. This will take a bit of time but he will stay in touch when plans materialise.

Churchyard mowing

£800 cheque sent to Soulbury Parochial Church Council. Clerk advised Council of the position in relation to Parish Council involvement in churchyards/cemetaries having research it. Essentially PCs can contribute to the upkeep but the Parochial Church Council has the legal obligation to maintain it. PCs have no obligation to provide support.

Concern was raised that the contract we have with Heart and Soulbury Gardens is not man enough for the amount of work involved in the churchyard. However, Richard Caplan said it was more than adequate had the area been handed over in the good state. This has not been the case so there will be a party of people enlisted to do this.

Fountain

Cllr Day advised that the area of the fountain plus area needed for maintenance to be measured and plan drawn for the possessory title. The water is from a spring in the Bones' field and a lead pipe goes to the fountain. Need a letter from the Bones' confirming the fountain is not on their land (Land Registry seems to confirm this).

Adult gym area

The survey generated 2 responses - one for and one against!! It was therefore decided to scrub the idea completely. However, it was suggested that the Soulbury Millennium Green committee decide what they want on the area.

County Councillor report

Cllr Jordan read extracts from her report, which she will forward to the Clerk for inclusion on the website. She highlighted the low uptake for call blockers from Trading Standards and that scam calls have increased by 40% in the last 2 years. She also advised the Pothole Pro machine is doing a sterling job in repairing our roads. It hasn't reached us yet but there seems to be plenty of white marks drawn on the roads.

Millennium Green

Committee considering another event to replace Soulfest. Decided on Picnic in the Park event with a hog roast. Costs being established.

SMG AGM on 3 July 2023 in parish hall at 7:30 pm.

Any other business

Community Board meeting is 11 July 2023 at 6:30pm in Winslow. Clerk will attend.

Note from Bruno Peake that next year is 80th anniversary of D-Day landings so occasion will be marked with national beacons again. Clerk will register the parish's intention to be involved.

Notice received from RBL that we need to order our poppy wreaths. It was agreed we will buy our usual 17 inch wreath with 'lest we forget' inscribed ribbon. Clerk will also obtain the same wreath without the ribbon for the WI. There is a small price increase of £2.50.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 17 July, 2023 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.

Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward

Cllr Phill Gomm



Cllr Jilly Jordan

Cllr Iain Macpherson



Soulbury Millennium Green

www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk

The Millenium Green Committee are planning a Picnic in the Park on Sunday the 10th September, with a brass band and hopefully a pig roast too. Obviously we will have to make a charge but tickets have yet to be priced and possibly Numbered with lucky Numbers. Yet to be decided, but the date is definite and the Venue is definite so will you be there?

The Pond on The Green is still receiving attention and we have decided to reduce the overall size of it in order to compensate for the damage done to the liner. Therefore if any local builders have any spoil that they wish to dispose of please let us know, Thank you.

Soulbury Millennium Green Trust - 100 Club & Winners in 2023

January:	Nigel Kemal	February:	Daphne Reeves
March:	Bev Walker	April:	Pat Jones
May:	Jean Mason	June:	Jude Sheridan

Help Required

Soulbury Parish Council need help with the Parish Hall.

We require someone to take the booking for the hall. Full training give as all the booking process is in place.

We require someone to be Caretaker for the hall and key holder, help will be available.

Soulbury Village – General Request

Would it be possible to ask if people walking up the verge to the Wing Road to take a litre of water for the new trees? They all have a pipe to pour the water in. It would be sad to lose them in this dry weather. Many Thanks.

Local Policing

Local PCSO:	C9372 Andy Poitrowski
Neighbourhood 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: winslowanddistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Soulbury SCARECROW FESTIVAL

ON FETE DAY

SUN 30TH JULY

**WHO WILL SCOOP 1ST
PLACE THIS YEAR!?**



SOULBURY FETE

SAVE THE
DATE !!!!

SUNDAY 30 JULY
2 - 6 PM

THE OLD VICARAGE
SOULBURY



WANT TO GET INVOLVED? CALL JAX – 07850 903819

RAISING FUNDS FOR SOULBURY CHURCH

Save The Date

**Thursday 12th October 7:30pm @ Soulbury Parish
Hall**

Soulbury WI presents

An evening with The Pearl Lady

www.ThePearlLady.co.uk

An informative talk about Pearls

**followed by an opportunity to purchase items of
jewellery,**

or place an order in time for Christmas.

Entrance by Ticket only £5

Refreshments available

Email joolzday@gmail.com to book your place.

Soulbury WI Outing
2023

Tuesday 11th July

**A 2-hour Trip on
the Grand Union
Canal**



Our cruise on board the narrow boat Elizabeth of Glamis starts at 14:00 (returning at 16:00). Please arrive in good time to board the boat.

Cosgrove Narrowboat Company,
Cosgrove Wharf,
Lock Lane,
Cosgrove,
Milton Keynes MK19 7JR

Satellite navigation

Most sat nav systems send you down a road to the 'Barley Mow' public house. This is a dead end – a road that the canal cut in half 200 years ago! The correct route is to follow **Bridge Road**.

There will be a Canal Historian Guide on board. A Cream Tea (fresh-baked scones, double cream, jams, fresh seasonal fruit & cream, tea or coffee) will be served and there is a licenced bar.

The total cost per person is £20 for members of Soulbury WI and £21 for non-members.

Please let me know of any dietary requirements

Parish Council Email Addresses

Due to GDPR regulations the Clerk and Parish Councillors should not be using their own personal email addresses for parish council business. Therefore, the following email addresses have been set up for everyone to use when communicating with the parish council.

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info@buckscountyshow.co.uk

01296 680400

The showground is in Weedon Park, Weedon.



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