

# Soulbury Parish News

September 2023



Soulbury Community Hub



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

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**Emergency 999**

Non Emergency 101

## **Dates for your diary - September 2023 onwards**

### **Events including Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events 2023**

Social Group (Thursdays)      Parish Hall at 14.30      14<sup>th</sup>, 28th September

### **All Saints' Church Services and News**

Sunday September 3rd	11:30am Parish Communion
Sunday September 10th	No Service
Sunday September 17th	11:30am Parish Communion
Sunday September 24th	11:30am Brunch Service. All Welcome

### **Soulbury Breakfast**

The amazing Soulbury breakfast 9.30 to 12.00. The Parish Hall

### **Soulbury Parish Hall**

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

Fibre broadband connected.

To book, email: [soulburyparishhall@gmail.com](mailto:soulburyparishhall@gmail.com) Table and chair hire also available.

### **Social Group**

**The Social Group**, met again this week, and we were treated to a wonderful array of cakes. All home made by Vivienne. I'm sure we all ate too much but they were so irresistible that those of you who don't come along will never know what you're missing. Thank you so much Vivienne! A truly outstanding effort. We were all treated to a show of photo's from Wendy's 70th which was held on The Millennium Green, we were under Marquees but the weather was very kind to us, and we all enjoyed the refreshments and the entertainment. We are waiting to hear from two local businesses, who have offered to come along and talk to us one afternoon, so keep an eye out for dates and if it interests you then please come along. It will cost you a pound for a cuppa and a cake, but well worth it.



## **Soulbury Cricket Club**

We are now over halfway through Soulbury Cricket club's season. We've had 10 games with 6 wins and 4 losses. All our matches are friendlies and played in a very good spirit. Several of our batsmen have scored fifties and there have been some outstanding bowling performances.

In July we hosted a Bristol and Exeter Universities old boys game. They were very complimentary about our ground and hospitality. We hope to host them again next year. The annual Brian Mead Memorial Match in August was a big success. We had a great turn out of spectators and friends of Brian. Nick Mead's team won a closely fought game. A special thanks to Mrs Chris Bryant for scoring.



(The photo of the players in the Brian Mead Memorial Match is attached – can you put it in here please?)

We are very happy to announce that Roger Rolls has won the Buckinghamshire Cricket "Volunteer Grounds Management Team of the Year" award. He has done an outstanding job - our outfield and square now put Lords to shame and don't have the annoying slope. Thank you Roger.

The next matches are

Sunday 3rd	September	away v Stewkley Village
Sunday 10th	September	home v Eaton Bray
Sunday 17th	September	home v Olney
Sunday 24th	September	home v Newport Pagnell

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 on 07702019553

## Soulbury Fete

Wow, wow, wow what a fantastic turnout to the Soulbury Fete we had on 31st July. The weather may have been against us but that didn't dampen the spirit of either those involved or those attending.

Amazing work by the the whole Soulbury support crew who pulled together in true community fashion to make the day a huge success.

So much work took place front of house and behind the scenes from the tea makers, cake bakers, marquee erectors, stall holders, ground prep, etc. Thank you to everyone who played a part, no matter how big or small, the day could not have happened without your help and support.

Highlights of the day included the welly wanging (boots in the church grounds 🤪 and star performer of the day Ozzy the dog demonstrating his amazing welly retrieval skills 😄), the dog show, the wonderful teas and cakes, the stalls, the scarecrows dotted around the village, the children's races (esp. Dave's outstanding speed and celebrations in the relay) and of course Tony's hilarious banter during the raffle. Well done all, a wonderful community effort.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the fantastic raffle prizes and all entrants in the Scarecrow Competition, which was judged by Fete goers, who duly selected Spidey and his web displayed on the High Road, designed by young Thomas and his dad Stewart A further thank you to The Boot, Soulbury for Sponsoring the prize money.

Finally a massive thank you to everyone who attended in spite of the horrendously wet conditions. The Fete remained a huge success raising a whopping £3k for the church.







## **A Letter via our Team Vicar**

This month's article comes from our Licensed Lay Minister, Annie Cooper

Your church is here for you.

This month Annie Cooper has written this message:

One of the great things about being a Licensed Lay Minister is that I get a chance to get to know all 8 villages in the Cottesloe Team. And you are all different. Not just bigger or smaller. A little community might have a big issue to deal with. A big community might be divided on issues which matter. Some of you are blessed with schools, shops, pubs. Some not. I really enjoy being part of the church communities, taking services, visiting, and helping where I can with fetes, garden parties, quizzes and the like. I even got to be part of the band which played for the Cublington fete this year.

All of our church communities, though not large like many town churches, somehow manage to raise enough money to pay for the clergy who are there for everyone - not just the church goers. They are also responsible for the upkeep of the buildings. No small task when our churches have been in the centre of the villages for centuries and need constant maintenance. Sometimes there is an urgent need to find lots of money for work which cannot be put off. And sometimes we want to make changes which will make our buildings more useful - for church use but also to meet community needs.

We are very thankful for the help you give by supporting our fundraising efforts. Please feel free to ask for help from us - Revd Howard, Revd Andrew, Revd Pam or myself - we are here to serve everyone who lives in our patch, through the good times and the rest.

God bless!

# Soulbury Millennium Green

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

**The Millennium Green** is recovering from a private "do" the other weekend and is getting ready for our next function on the 10th September, when we invite you to "Listen to the Band ", when The Heath and Reach silver Band will be playing for us for a couple of hours. Scotty will be DJ ing before and after and in the interval, so we will have music all afternoon. There will be a BBQ , a beer tent and a tea tent. Entry is free and the gate opens at 1pm. All we need are some people to come along and enjoy the afternoon. Any volunteers to help in any way would not go amiss either. The object is to raise funds for the Green as it does cost a bit to run, and it is for everyone. So see you there?

## 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
July:	Jax Crack	August:	To be Announced

## 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.

## 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](mailto:winslowanddistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

## Soulbury WI August News update.

The club does not meet in August, but the ladies of the committee took the opportunity to award themselves some 'me-time' and went out for the very traditional, and possibly locally inspired idea, Afternoon Tea !

It's said that the concept of afternoon tea originated in the 1840's in Bedfordshire by Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford and close friend of Queen Victoria. The Duchess got a bit peckish around four o'clock in the afternoon, and so devised this mini meal to stem the hunger between lunch and the evening meal at 8pm.

Our chosen venue was 'Back in Time for Tea' at The Old White Horse in Hockliffe, less than 5 miles from Annas home at Woburn Abbey. Set in a 17th century coaching house, with some sections dating back to the 15th century, this little tearoom is traditionally furnished with lots of character. After enjoying a delicious afternoon tea we were given a tour of the property and the toy museum housed in the attic above the old forge.

Our thanks to hosts Nick and Maria for their hospitality.



The next meeting is on **12<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm.** and Non members are welcome to attend for the small fee of **£3.**

The speaker is **Bill Hamilton**, who hails from Dundee, and enjoyed a 60-year career as a journalist and broadcaster. He started from very humble beginnings as a junior reporter on the Fife Herald before later becoming presenter of **BBC Scotland's** flagship news programme, **Reporting Scotland.**

Bill moved to London in 1979 and served successively as Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Special Correspondent with **BBC Television News.**

His role took him to some of the worst trouble spots at home and abroad – from arctic winter in Scotland (where he took part in the extraordinary rescue of snowbound train passengers) to inner-city riots in Brixton and Toxteth, and from IRA bombs in Brighton and London to a tragic war in Lebanon, the terrible consequences of HIV/AIDS in Africa, the Soviet Union's nuclear testing programme in Kazakhstan and the plight of dying and neglected children in Stalinist Albania. It was his exclusive reports from Albania that sparked a huge international aid effort and won him the Order of Mother Teresa, the country's highest civilian award. He was also honoured by The Royal Television Society and Rotary International.

Bill is the author of three books, *I belong to Glasgow*, *Albania Who Cares?* and his recently published autobiography, *Man on the Spot.* Bill is also a football referee. Having begun as the



youngest in Scotland at age 14, he is now officiating in his 65th season, having refereed over 2,000 matches.

#### **Future Events**

**10<sup>th</sup> October meeting** - We welcome Richard Stark – a now regular visitor to Soulbury, bring us Songs from West End Musicals.

**12<sup>th</sup> October** – a special ‘ticket only’ event – The Pearl Lady. More details are published in this newsletter.

## **Save The Date**

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

**Soulbury WI presents**

**An evening with The Pearl Lady**

**[www.ThePearlLady.co.uk](http://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](mailto:joolzday@gmail.com) to book your place.**

**Monday September**  
**11<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7.00 pm**

**Village Hall, High  
Road, Soulbury  
Buckinghamshire  
LU70BT**

**Charles FitzRoy**

**Light refreshments**

**Donations at door**

**RSVP: [nadinebonsor@outlook.com](mailto:nadinebonsor@outlook.com)**

**Charles FitzRoy is usually to be seen leading an eclectic tour of art lovers around the treasures of Europe; he seems to have a magic key to places where normal mortals cannot go. He lectures with insight and humour (Fine Art Travel ) and those lucky enough to travel with him as their guide come home dazzled , better informed and thirsty for more.**

**He is the author of Italy: A Grand Tour for the Modern Traveller, and Italy Revealed ; and a contributor to The Great Cities in History. He is a direct descendant of Charles II, lives in Northamptonshire and is a Director of art agents Omnia Art.**

**But this trip will be different to anything he has done before,**

**and he is coming to tell us about his experiences in Ukraine... here is the overview of what he expects when he drives to Lviv in August 2023. Please come and listen.**

**Donations will go to the Ukraine fund; please give as much as you choose at the door. The paragraphs below is what Charles wrote in his notice to friends and donors.**

We are hoping to provide some small measure of support to the brave people of Ukraine fifteen months on from the full scale invasion and have decided to join an existing team of like-minded individuals based in and around Towcester who have, to date, raised over £100,000 and have taken out two aid convoys to Ukraine including five pickups and an ambulance each full of medical and humanitarian aid. Our team includes Oleh Naida and his wife Uliana who are Ukrainian guests temporarily living in Towcester with their three children. Oleh has accompanied each aid trip to Lviv and plays a vital role in liaising with Ukrainian authorities and our contacts once in Ukraine, Uliana establishes the priority needs of those we are supporting and acts as buyer of aid. We are a team of eight driving out to Ukraine, most of us living near Towcester in Northamptonshire.

Aid priorities change from month to month but in April included:

- 3 Generators and various forms of power packs;
- 350 Tourniquets;
- 137 emergency stretchers;
- 550 specialist blood clotting products;
- 300 bullet wound chest seals;
- more than 2,000 major trauma wound dressings;
- 200 ration pack meals;

All personal travel and cost of diesel will be funded by those of us driving the vehicles .so any money raised will be used to buy here in the UK the items that have been requested by our contacts in Ukraine. When delivered in Lviv the aid will be passed to our trusted volunteer network and it and the vehicles . which are to be used for the evacuation of wounded military personnel will reach their final frontline and other destinations within days of arrival in Ukraine.

If we are fortunate enough to be able to acquire more aid than can be taken out in this trip we will follow it up with further trips.



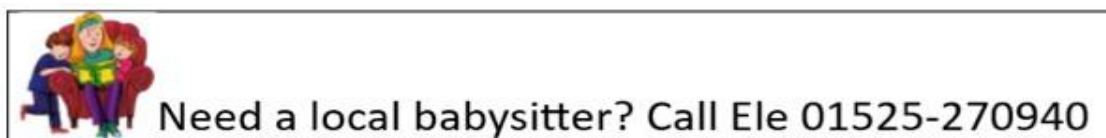
## Parish Council Email Addresses

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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Victor Wright  
Maurice Cross  
Alan Stevens  
Margaret Rowe  
John Day  
Nigel Kemal  
Salina Darbyshire-Mackay

This information will also appear on the parish website.



## Advertising Rates

To advertise in this magazine the rates are as follows:

	Annual	Monthly
Full page (portrait)	£200	£30
Half Page (landscape)	£100	£20
Quarter Page (Portrait)	£50	£10
Small Ads (landscape)	£33	£5

Ads will appear in the newsletter and on the parish website.

[sdm@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:sdm@soulburyparish.co.uk)

## **Council's new 'Energy Doctor' scheme is helping low-income households save money**

Buckinghamshire Council has introduced a new 'Energy Doctor' scheme as one of the initiatives funded by its allocation of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

Buckinghamshire has been allocated £5.8 million of UKSPF money to spend until the end of March 2025. Councillors approved plans to use the funding to support local businesses and drive skills training, as well as creating a new Domestic Resource Efficiency Service – the 'Energy Doctor' scheme. The Energy Doctor initiative is already helping some households struggling with energy costs.

Under the Energy Doctor scheme, domestic resource efficiency officers from the council are visiting qualifying homes to assess and advise on measures that can reduce energy consumption and costs.

The team also implements suitable low-cost measures such as:

- draught proofing
- hot water cylinder insulation jackets
- reflective radiator panels
- secondary glazing film
- LED lights

The scheme is initially providing a helping hand to low-income households living in privately rented homes. It's hoped each household taking part in the scheme will save around £100 a year in energy costs as a result.

The Energy Doctor scheme compliments the support already facilitated by Buckinghamshire Council under the [Sustainable Warmth programme](#) where the energy performance of over 200 homes has been improved and the Home Upgrade Grant 2 which will run until March 2025. The measures under the Sustainable Warmth and Home Upgrade Grant 2 programmes involve major work to the building fabric (such as external wall insulation) and take much longer, whereas the measures provided under the Energy Doctor scheme are smaller scale but still help to cut down on energy use and bills. They are quicker and easier to put in and can be removed if needed.

Gareth Williams, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment, said:

"The Energy Doctor initiative is a really important scheme that we're pleased to bring forward in Buckinghamshire to directly address the cost-of-living pressures.

"We all know that current high energy costs are one of the biggest pressures on household budgets at the moment. Reducing energy use is an important way to reduce bills, so I'm really delighted that we can bring this programme in alongside the others already in motion that are all aimed at helping low-income households reduce energy use and cost."

To qualify for an Energy Doctor visit, your home must meet all of the following criteria:

- you rent the property through a private rental agreement, or own and live in the property
- your household has an income of £30,000 or less (before tax), is in receipt of means-tested benefits such as Universal Credit and Council Tax Support, or a member of your household is disabled
- the domestic property you live in has an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G, or does not legally require an EPC

Visits will be prioritised for those who meet these eligibility criteria and live in [Opportunity Bucks](#) areas.

To find out more about the Energy Doctor scheme, and to request a visit, go to the [council's website](#).

In addition to the Energy Doctor scheme, funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund is also be used to provide extra support for businesses around energy costs and consumption. This programme is initially prioritising businesses in ten Buckinghamshire Council wards in Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Chesham as identified in the council's Opportunity Bucks 'Levelling Up' programme. This support will help those businesses to reduce their energy consumption.



**Image:** Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment Gareth Williams (on the right) with one of the Energy Doctors during the installation of a reflective radiator panel.

### **Opportunity Bucks**

Led by Buckinghamshire Council with £4.5 million of planned investment, 'Opportunity Bucks – Succeeding for All' is our approach to addressing disparity in Buckinghamshire and creating equality of opportunity for all residents and communities across the county, ensuring they have ready access to the means to thrive and achieve. The programme will initially focus on ten identified wards where residents are experiencing poorer outcomes around work, health and education.

### **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF or the Fund) is a central pillar of the UK government's ambitious Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK. It provides £2.6 billion of new funding for local investment by March 2025, with all areas of the UK receiving an allocation from the Fund via a funding formula rather than a competition. It will help places right across the country deliver enhanced outcomes and recognises that even the most affluent parts of the UK contain pockets of deprivation and need support.

### **LED lightbulb contract**

Following a procurement process, Lighting and Mains Power Solutions Ltd, a local supplier, was awarded the contract to supply LED lightbulbs for the Energy Doctor scheme. They will be supplying 7,790 LED lightbulbs per annum over a 2-year contract (which can be extended for a further 3 years, in one year extension periods).

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# The International Tribute

To be undertaken at 9.15pm alongside the lighting of a Beacon - 6th June 2024



When the International 80th Anniversary D-Day Beacon will be lit at **8.15pm** (British Summer time), at the British Normandy Memorial overlooking Gold Beach, with the other Beacons located on Utah, Omaha, Juno and Sword, in Normandy, France, being lit at **8.30pm** BST, followed by the Principal United Kingdom, Channel Island and Isle of Man Beacon at Portsmouth, England at **9.15pm** BST, we would ask all communities in France and the UK to stop what they are doing and undertake **The International Tribute**, using the wording found on this page. This could be undertaken by your Lord Mayor, Mayor, High Steward, Town and Parish Clerk, Town Crier, Pub Landlord or a young person from one of your local youth organisations etc, paying tribute to those who gave so much. In doing so, we commemorate D-Day and give thanks for eighty years of peace and freedom.



## The Tribute

Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad during the D-Day landings, whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.

Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.

Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of conflict and turmoil.

Let us remember the families that lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters and sweethearts.

Let us remember the servicemen and women and merchant seafarers of all faiths and nationalities - from all countries - who fought, suffered and died during the D-Day landings and six years of war.

Let us all remember those in the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy, and our Allies - the brave people who kept us safe on the home front and abroad and those in reserved occupations during the difficult time of war.

Let us remember the brave doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields, the coal mines, the factories and the air raid wardens, police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who all played such a vital role in the war.

