

Soulbury Parish News

October 2023



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Emergency 999

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Dates for your diary - September 2023 onwards

Events including Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events 2023

Social Group (Thursdays) Parish Hall at 14.30 12th, 26th October

All Saints' Church Services and News

Sunday October 1st 11:30am Harvest Festival

Sunday October 8th No Service

Sunday October 15th 11:30am Pet Service

All pets are welcome but please make sure they are safe and in cages if necessary. Do come-it should be fun if a little noisy.

Sunday October 22nd 11:30am Brunch Service. All Welcome

Sunday October 29th 10:00am Benefice Service. At Wingrave

Harvest Supper

The harvest supper will be in The Parish Hall on Monday Oct 2nd. Margaret's legendary meat pies and great puddings for £15.00 a head.

Contact Chris Bryant on 01525270607 for tickets

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 carries on it's tradition of enjoying each others company. Topics of conversation range from health wealth and happiness. We have no plans for future activities, except that many of our members have stepped up to help at the Macmillan Coffee Morning, due to be held on the 29th September (the official date from Macmillan) we will let you know how it went next month.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

If you would like to support the local Poppy Appeal there will be poppies and a donation box located in the Boot pub from the 28th October. Any donations will be appreciated.

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Soulbury Cricket Club

We have finished the season - we played 15 games with 8 storming victories and only 7 nail bitingly close losses.

Our matches are friendlies and always played in a very good spirit. Several of our batsmen have scored fifties and there have been some outstanding bowling performances.

Roger Rolls, our very hard working groundsman won the Buckinghamshire Cricket "Volunteer Grounds Management Team of the Year" award.

It was presented by Emma Boswell-Harris of Bucks Cricket at our last match on Sunday 24th September.



A terrific turn out of spectators, supporters and ex players gave Roger a standing ovation. We're now in maintenance and preparation for next year mode with loaming and scarifying starting in a few days.

If you have any questions or want to come along and help please contact Adrian Hunt on 07702019553.

A letter from our Team Vicar

The Great Harvest

It's the time of the year when many churches are celebrating harvest festival, an occasion to remember two things: the harvesting of the earth that *we* undertake (along with its relation to questions of supply, need, distribution and social justice), and the harvesting that *we* ourselves don't do because only *God* can. The harvesting of the earth under God's direction is a theme we find in the Book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. Coincidentally this is a book that one of the discussion groups in our benefice is currently studying in some detail. It is a style of literature that makes use of particular forms of imagery and symbolism (some of which requires a bit of unpacking) both to inspire and to challenge. The Book of Revelation combines images and scenes of awesome promise and inspiration along with others that are, to put it mildly, very challenging. It addresses the tension between God's sovereign rule and the presence of evil and looks towards a resolution of history, aiming to unveil the truth from a position not dominated by certain worldviews and powers of the time in question.

It proceeds to make a connection to the concept of harvest, the drawing or gathering in that God alone can ultimately do, certain aspects of which we may not even yet see – at best we see them 'partially', as St Paul says in one of his letters. One thing that becomes clear on reading the Book of Revelation one chapter after another, without decomposing it into isolated extracts, is that the 'seeing' in question is manifold. Reorientation is needed for greater clarity of vision. The people who would originally have received the text of the Book of Revelation were communities who would have recognized the significance of the imagery used and many of the historical figures and tensions of their day to which the seer was pointing. Our discussion group has been thinking about the relation of the text to the situations and tensions we find in today's world, because the theme of harvest, both that which is achievable by us and that which God alone can effect, remains as relevant now as it did back then. That ongoing relevance may be seen as an *invitation* to be received and explored in communities wanting to seek truth and orientation towards God's call on humanity, while being realistic about our human condition, our partiality and our capacity to do things that may hinder a harvest, both literally and metaphorically.

With prayers for our communities, the world and the harvest
Andrew Krauss

Parish Council News

Parish Council News The meeting of the Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday, 18 September 2023 at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. There were 7 members of the public present. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2023 were approved. Matters arising: The two promised benches for the children's play area on the Millennium Green will be acquired in the next two weeks. Notice showing bills that were paid and monies received during the month was presented.

Governance No further information received from PKF Littlejohn regarding our audit. Planning 23/02175: 37 The Green, Soulbury, LU7 ODD - Change of use from agricultural to residential and construction of link and conversion of existing building to form a single dwelling. Neighbours raised concerns at the meeting and they had also put their objections onto the planning portal. Council did not feel they had any further comment to add to their objections.

23/02273: The Pool House, Stockgrove Park House, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury, LU70BB - Listed building application for the addition of rear light tunnels and extractor vents. Subdivision of the hallway to create an additional room and the creation of a bathroom in the basement. No objection

23/02318: Acorn Barn, Broad Oak Farm, Leighton Road, Three Locks, Soulbury, LU7 ODX - Householder application for an outbuilding. No objection.

23/02414: The Cow Shed, Leighton Road, Three Locks, Soulbury, MK17 9DD Internal and external amendments to include ancillary residential outbuildings, retaining walls, boundary walls, piers and entrance gate and a change to the residential curtilage (retrospective). Parish Council is still concerned at the number of retrospective applications that come forward. Because of this the parish council objects to this application.

23/02553: Ange Hill, Leighton Road, Three Locks, Soulbury, MK17 9DD - Householder application for proposed lower ground floor, ground and first floor extensions, including an increase in height of existing ridge and dormers to first floor, balconies and terraces. Associated ground works (amendment to approval

22/03128). No objection. Green Farm planning: new Heritage Officer who likes the ideas for retaining house and developing the garage area. However, to go through planning again the developer will have to provide all the bat/newt and other reports again which have been done 3 times already. Because the Planning Department drag their feet at every possible opportunity the reports go out of date. As these cost £45,000 approx each time the developer is now having to consider selling the land.

5G mast on Leighton Road - The Clerk sent the details of this upgrade to external interested parties and there were no objections. Parish councillors were also advised with no adverse comments made.

Driveway across Highways land on Leighton Road by railway bridge. The Clerk showed images of further works to this area which has taken the grass area down to the original tarmaced road which was in place before the existing road was built. It was agreed that all this detail should be sent to Matt Wincup, Local Area Technician, and for a meeting to be arranged at the site.

Fix my Street advised that someone had reported an unauthorised sign for a gunshop at a roundabout on the Stoke Hammond and Linslade Western Bypass. Agreed that if someone was passing they could take it down.

Children's play areas Cllr Day had obtained a quotation from Aaron Fencing to provide new fencing around the children's play area on the Millennium Green. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote and to get the project under way. It was also agreed to put a message on the Community Hub Facebook page to ask for any unwanted childrens toy equipment as the items currently in use are showing their age.

Churchyard mowing Further discussion on keeping this area tidy. Current number of hours the PC provides are not enough. Cllr Kemal was asked to take this back to the PCC for them to arrange a team of people to do the job when it needs doing.

Fountain Letter needs to be sent to solicitor highlighting the farmer in the area does not own or want title to the fountain. Parish Council needs access behind the fountain to draw up plans. Local farmer to be approached to gain access to this portion of his field.

Village Christmas Tree A member of the public raised the question of an alternative to a conventional Christmas tree on the village green that would be easier to erect and look the part. It would be a flag pole centre and LED lights would attach at the top and splay outwards towards the ground. Some councillors worried that the children would be expecting a conventional tree. After discussion it was decided to purchase the LED 'tree' and have a conventional one by the beacon but ensure the shape of the tree and lights on it befit the village. Another MOP suggested using a farmer's telehandler with a platform for a person to aid the proper installation of the lights this year. The LED 'tree' will be placed at another location in the village dependant on power supply.

Lighting on corner of High Road and Stewkley Road A couple of complaints received about adding another street lamp to this area so a price was obtained from EON for 3 LED bollards instead amounting to £4,000 + VAT. Parish Council has budgetted £7,000 for this project. Several Cllrs want assurance that the light is not so bright that it could be confused with headlights and to obtain an image of the proposed bollards.

County Councillor report Cllr Jordan could not attend but sent a full report which will be added to the website.

Millennium Green Concert in the Park event is 10 Sept 2023. Financially the event broke even. Good event with audience of 79. Not helped by rain/thunderstorm. Discussion around the lack of help to run the event, put up and taken down marquees, moving tables chairs from parish hall. Left to the usual handful of stalwarts again.

Bonfire night is on 4 Nov 23 and it was felt that an entrance charge be made. SMG committee to decide on this.

Parish Hall No further with the acquisition of caretaker and admin for the hall so another advertisement will be put into the Parish News and on the Community Hub.

Public Participation Nothing brought forward

AOB Bucks Council spending priorities - Clerk made everyone aware of the consultation for the Council's spending priorities for 2024-2025. Council did not want to be involved. Clerk advised she has a printed copy of the consultation survey should anyone want it. Survey closes on 15/10/23.

Cllr Stevens asked that we get a logical explanation regarding the resurfacing of Gr Brickhill Road. Clerk will add this to her email to Matt Wincup.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 16 October 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 Millennium Green committee met at the beginning of the month to finalise arrangements for the band concert. This we feel was a veritable success, albeit that it was hit by heavy rain just as we were about to commence. This did not deter from the whole afternoon and The Heath Band gave us all a very pleasant afternoon's entertainment. Scotty filled in at the beginning and end of the event and also during the band break. So Thank you to , the Heath Band, Scotty and all volunteers at the BBQ, bar and Tea tent. Over seventy people from the village braved the elements to attend, so thank you all too.

Our next event will be bonfire night. This is put on to raise money for the Green and we hope that we can raise some sponsorship towards the cost of the fireworks, from some local businesses before hand. After last years bumper attendance and the fact that all cost are rising, we feel that we have no alternative but to make a charge for entry this year. we have thought long and hard about this and decided that we shall sell a family ticket at £10, this means two adults and all their offspring. Extra adults will be charged at £5 each. There is to

be no fireworks in Leighton again this year so we shall be the most local. The date will be November the 4th, gates open at 6pm bonfire lighting at 6.45 and fireworks at 7-7.15pm

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:	Victor Wright
September:	June Wright		

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 Millennium Green

The Soulbury Millennium Green committee is appealing to any parents who have children who have outgrown play equipment similar to that shown here. The equipment in the kiddies' area is really getting beyond its use-by date and could do with being replaced.

Will you please email Wendy Taylor on clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk if you are able to help.

Many thanks, in advance, for any assistance.



**STEWKLEY PLAYERS
PRESENT**



BY PAUL CARPENTER & IAN GOWER

**WEDS 29TH NOV-
SAT 2ND DEC 2023 AT 8PM**

**STEWKLEY VILLAGE HALL
LICENSED BAR OPENS 7PM**

**TICKETS £7.50 ON SALE 6TH NOVEMBER
BOX OFFICE TEL: 07845 489167
SUNDAY BOX OFFICE AT STEWKLEY VILLAGE HALL
12TH, 19TH, 26TH NOVEMBER- 10AM - 12PM**

GOOD MORNING CAMPERS !!



Soulbury Parish Hall

The Parish Council are looking for two people to assist in the running of this important asset in the village.

1. Bookings Co-ordinator

You will be looking after any bookings requested for the hall. The system for this has been upgraded meaning you will not be handling cash and anyone wanting to book the hall has to use the online booking procedure. You are there to check that payment for a booking has been forthcoming and answer any queries. You will also hold the key for any users to collect.

Full training will be given.

2. Caretaker

This can be a role for a single person or a couple. It requires making sure the condition of the building is monitored and arrange for any works necessary to rectify any issues. The area around the hall needs a regular sweep and guttering needs to be checked. You will need to ensure that electrical, gas and fire safety equipment checks are carried out at the specified intervals.

Full training will be given.

Both roles are voluntary but neither role will take up a lot of your time.

Please contact Wendy Taylor on clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk or 07881 714814.

Soulbury WI

We are a friendly group of approx. 25 ladies who meet on the second Tuesday of the month @ 7.30pm in Soulbury Parish Hall. There is usually a speaker to entertain and enlighten us, and always lovely refreshments and a raffle.

Our programme is varied, educational and inspiring with lots of fun! We are part of the Buckinghamshire Federation of WIs and members receive an email newsletter every month containing local events, trips and access to excellent on-line courses. Each member also receives 8 copies per year of the National WI magazine entitled WI Life.

Non-members are very welcome to attend up to 3 meetings for just £3 each. Please come along and you will be given a warm welcome and no pressure to join.

Future Events

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

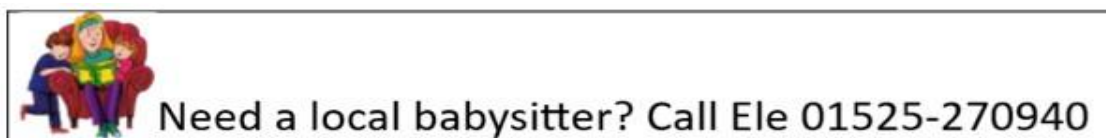
Parish Council Email Addresses

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

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 Sward, 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.

