

Soulbury Parish News

December 2023 / January 2024



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Emergency 999

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Dates for your diary - November 2023 onwards

Events including Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events

Social Group (Thursdays) Parish Hall at 14.30 7^h, 21st Dec, 4th, 18th Jan

All Saints' Church Services and News

Sunday December 3rd	04.00pm Christingle
Sunday December 10th	No Service
Sunday December 17th	11:30am Parish Communion
Tuesday December 19th	Carol singing in the village Meet at the Christmas tree by the beacon at 6.00pm and end up at The Boot
Sunday December 24th	11:30am Brunch Service. All Welcome especially children
Monday December 25th	11:30 am Christmas Day Service
Sunday December 31st	10:30am Benefice communion service. Coffee and biscuits after the service.
Sunday January 7 th	11.00am Benefice Service at Wing No Service in Soulbury
Sunday January 14 th	No Service
Sunday January 21st	11:30am Parish Communion
Sunday January 28th	11:30am Brunch Service. All Welcome especially children

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 are busy planning for their Christmas meal and are helping to support The Boot at the same time. We are all looking forward to it and hope we will not be disappointed. We will let you know. The group meeting times for December are listed above.

Next Soulbury Breakfast is on Sunday 3rd December 9.30 to 12.00.

This takes place in the clubroom, the food always enjoyed and is a good social event for residents of Soulbury and the surrounding area.

There is a Full English Breakfast @ £7.50 or there is a Continental Breakfast option.

Following Soulbury Breakfast is on Sunday 21st January 9.30 to 12.00.



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Stapleford Bridge Charity

The Stapleford Bridge Charity is a Soulbury based charity that was set up in the 18th century. Over the years it has supported a number of local projects, including, since the 1980s, providing Christmas food parcels to elderly residents of the village. The Charity has also provided support on a one-off basis to individual residents who have needed financial help.

Christmas food parcels

If you know of any elderly Soulbury residents who do not currently receive a Christmas food parcel and are in need of one, or you are not currently receiving a Christmas food parcel yourself and need one, please contact Ian Parrott

(grovefarmhollingdon@btopenworld.com / 01525 270 234) so that consideration can be given by the Trustees of the Charity to updating the list of recipients.

Cost of living crisis assistance

If you are a Soulbury resident (regardless of age) and struggling financially during these difficult times, or know of someone in the village who is, please contact Ian Parrott on the contact details above, so that the Trustees can consider how best to provide assistance. Please rest assured that all information provided will be handled confidentially and sensitively by the Trustees.

If you have any additional ideas as to how the Charity can assist those in the village who are in financial need, we would welcome your views. Again, please contact Ian Parrott so that these ideas can be discussed with the Trustees.

A letter from our Team Vicar

We move once again into the Season of Advent, a season heralding the themes of hoping, awaiting and expectation, emphasizing that these ways of being carry deep meaning and are not to be trivialized. Furthermore, they are shaped as part of a larger journey, both as individuals and as communities on various levels. The Old Testament literature records ideas and events that led to a sufficiently significant shaping of the hope, awaiting and expectation of an entire people that they were deliberately and officially preserved for posterity. That shaping came through a great variety of means, recorded in many different styles of literature and expression, and involving many different people from different geographical origins and generations.

It is well known nowadays that *how* we anticipate and *what* we expect has very profound (and often very subtle and subliminal) influences on what we *believe* ourselves to be encountering in a given situation, which in turn influences our response. This includes any anticipation concerning where to seek God's engagement with the world – the way in which we anticipate will have considerable influence on the nature of our faith. Advent calls us to remember that God's conversing with us, including the very manner and nature in which we are formed as material creatures of space and time, actively shapes our hoping, our awaiting and our expecting.

The word Advent means 'coming to/towards' and the season reminds us that the source of this conversing, shaping and forming comes from God. We also have the little-used word 'adventitious' for something coming from outside of a particular situation or system – some influence that is neither the result of internal design nor intrinsic to a particular nature (such as human nature). With respect to what we remember and acknowledge in Advent, such formational influence lies outside of our own control or design but moves us to direct our capacity to converse with God and thereby shapes our hoping and awaiting. There will always be something unexpected about the way in which this works itself out, just as the specific way in which God comes to us in Christ was not fully anticipated and understood in advance by those who first encountered its influence and transformative effect.

The current global situation may not, to many people's minds, seem to give reason for much hope – at least, not a form of hope purely of our *own* fashioning. In this fast-paced world things could of course change significantly in various locations/respects even by the time we reach Christmas, but that landmark occasion still represents a transitional moment that would reform worldviews and shape the hope and expectancy of what would become not just a *community* but a *communion*.

With prayers and best wishes as we move through Advent towards Christmas.

Andrew Krauss

Parish Council News

The meeting of the Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday, 20 November 2023 at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. There were 3 members of the public present. Cllr Wright announced the resignation of Cllr Day from the Council. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2023 were approved. Notice showing bills that were paid and monies received during the month was presented. **Governance** Budget will be discussed in more detail next month.

Planning

23/03340: Fields to the east of Soulbury Road North of Soulbury Road Farm, Wing - operational road to facilitate the planting and maintenance of woodland and subsequent access and egress for timber harvesting. No objection.

23/03397: Acorn Barn, Broad Oak Farm, Leighton Road, Three Locks, Soulbury LU7 0DX - householder application for single storey rear extension. No objection.

23/03418: The White House, High Road, Soulbury - certificate of lawfulness for proposed to recommence working operations on the erection of single dwellinghouse, new access and garage. This is to advise the Planners that work will recommence on this approved application. Curtailed due to health reasons. No need for comment on Council's behalf.

23/03429: 5 Laburnham Cottages, High Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DA - weeping willow to be repollarded back to old knuckles representing a reduction of 30%. No comment to be made as it needs to be left with tree specialists.

The meeting with the Planning department on 16 Nov 2023 at 10:00 at the Clerk's house was very useful. We were able to follow up on drive by railway bridge 141 on Leighton Road put in without planning and discuss the inadequacy of the entrances to the tracks to the first field in Soulbury Road to Wing, particularly in light of the planning application for the entrance to the new Wing Wood. Mark Aughturlony said he would investigate for us. On matters relating to Green Farm we highlighted that the village is now getting angry at the planners deliberations which leave us with an eyesore. We were advised that a pre App is being discussed but the content is confidential between the appellant and Planners.

Childrens play area: Clerk will follow up on the fencing quotation.

Churchyard mowing Lot of good comments on how the churchyard looked for Remembrance Day.

Fountain: Solicitor drawing up documents for submission to Land Registry.

Lighting: At the September 2023 meeting, due to a complaint about adding a streetlight to the area, it was decided to look into using 3 bollards with lighting instead. Having received some information and images of these bollards Cllrs were not happy, and are still not happy, about these bollards being confused with car headlights on this corner so it was proposed and agreed by all present that we will revert to obtaining a streetlight as budgeted for so this job can get done for the safety of the community.

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

Ditch on village green: A quotation of £2,415 inc VAT obtained from Tuckwells.

Unanimously agreed to go ahead with this. Clerk to contact Tuckwells to arrange for the work to be carried out.

Speed Indicating Device for Hollingdon Road/Stewkley Road junction: A MOP has highlighted that this junction is getting more dangerous with speeding vehicles, particularly when trying to turn into the Stewkley Road with tractor with or without a trailer - hence asking to 30 mph limit to be moved and/or a SID to be used. It was decided that the Clerk

would contact the Local Area Technician (LAT) Matt Wincup to ascertain the implications of the above so a valued judgement can be made on where the expenditure is of most benefit. **Millennium Green** Firework night - made £2,385.01 and was enjoyed by all. Next event is the Singalong on 9/11/23 organised by Cllr Stevens. All in place, just need to sell the tickets now. Dates for 2024 events agreed: Easter Egg Hunt 30/3/24, Soulfest 22/6/24, 3/11/24 Firework Display, an additional funday being looked into for the kids.

Mrs Russell agreed to help with obtaining a digger to enable hardcore to be laid to extend the entrance to the SMG.

Parish Hall No further with the acquisition of caretaker but we do now have Scott Issacs to look after the hall bookings.

AOB: Real Christmas tree has now to be chosen. Bench for the bottom of Dean Farm Lane needs a rethink as the proposed area for it is outside the parish boundary which stops at the gate. Letter to be sent to Brickhill Homes Maintenance asking for the hedge and ditch on the edge of the area along the High Road be cut back and tidied up. Tractor seen day of meeting carrying out the job.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 18 December 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 fire works display that took place on the Millennium Green was a huge success, boosting our funds by some £2,300. So many thanks to all those volunteers, helpers and sponsors that helped to make it so. The actual grass surface has suffered due to the fact of so much rain prior to the event but grass will soon recover over the winter. The next event on the calendar is the Soulbury Singalong which many of you will know from the past. An adult evening of laughter and song with a fish and chip supper (or chicken and chips). Please book directly with Alan on 270213 and he requires cash payment please. It would be nice to see a few new faces, but space is limited so don't miss out.



Soulbury Singalong



Saturday 9th December at 7pm

Tickets £15 includes Choice of Fish & Chips or Chicken & Chips



BYOB to Soulbury Parish Hall



Contact Alan Stevens on 01525 270213

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	October:	Mr Chris Bryant
November:	Erica McDonald		

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.

Soulbury Millennium Green

100 Club 2024

It is that time of year again when we need to appeal to the supporters of the Soulbury Millennium Green to ask that you continue to support us by (re)joining the 100 Club. Your generosity certainly helped to keep the SMG on an even keel. Thank you so much.

Whether you pay by online banking, cash or cheque please ensure you complete the form and send it to Wendy Taylor at 2 The Mead, Soulbury, LU7 0EG.

Soulbury Millennium Green Trust – 100 Club

Application form for 2024

Name(s):

Address:Postcode

Tel: Email:

Total remittance: Signature: Date:

Please make cheques payable to: [Soulbury Mill Green](#)

Online banking: Barclays Bank: sort code: 20:57:44 account no. 73542793

Please use ref: 100 Club+ surname

Entry is £12 per person per entry

It is imperative that you sign this form as your signature will assume you are happy for us to hold your contact details for the sole reason of contacting you with matters relating to the 100 Club. Your application cannot be accepted without it.

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BY PAUL CARPENTER & IAN GOWER

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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.

Please note the bookings Co-ordinator position has been filled but the Caretaker role is still Vacant.

Soulbury WI

Soulbury WI – November - AGM

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 14th and the meeting opened with the traditional singing of Jerusalem.

It was lovely to see visitors to the club again.

WI & Club matters were discussed.

One member of the committee has stepped down, but the remaining committee members were happy to stay 'in-post' and retain their current roles. Margaret Rowe agreed to continue as President.

We have now confirmed that as from **January 2024, meetings will be held in the afternoon starting at 2pm. The dates remain as 2nd Tuesday of each month.** A full program of speakers is now complete and the new program leaflet will be distributed to members at the next meeting.

The Members December Meeting will be on the 5th with the usual social format including Wreath making and a new opportunity to try candle making. Don't forget to bring along your sundry items for which every activity you have put your name down for.

There will also be a Secret Santa for those who wish to participate – gifts of no more than £5 please.

We are also continuing the tradition of collecting a voluntary donation in place of giving Christmas cards to fellow members for those who wish to participate. This years chosen charities are The British Red Cross and GOSH [Great Ormond Street Hospital]

Our Christmas Lunch will be at Grove Lock on Tuesday 12th. The table is booked for 12:15 and transport arrangements will be finalised at the social meeting.

Members were thanked for their generous donations to both The Food Cupboard and The Salvation Army Toy Appeal.

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

Watch out for our 2024 update on <https://soulburyparish.co.uk/womens-institute/>

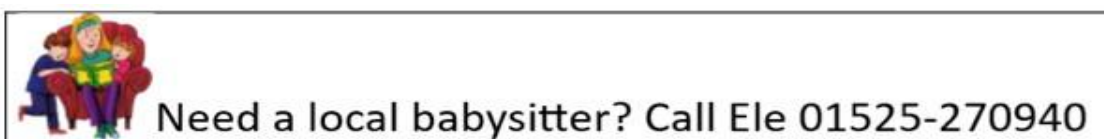
Parish Council Email Addresses

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

This information will also appear on the parish website.



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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.

