

Soulbury Parish News

February 2024



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Emergency 999

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Dates for your diary - February 2024 onwards

Events including Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events

Social Group (Thursdays) Parish Hall at 14.30 1st, 15th 29th Feb

All Saints' Church Services and News

Sunday February 3rd 11:30am Parish Communion

Sunday February 10th No Service

Sunday February 17th 11:30am Parish Communion

Sunday February 24th 11:30am Brunch Service. All Welcome especially children

Additional Services and Meetings

Wednesday February 14th 19.00 pm Ash Wednesday Service **Wingrave**
20.00 pm Ash Wednesday Service **Cheddington**

Thursday February 22nd 19:30pm Benefice Lent Group **Wing**

Other Activities

6 – 7th July Soulbury Open Gardens

Soulbury Open Gardens

It is once again time to plan for Soulbury's very popular Open gardens, being held this year over the weekend of 6 and 7th July.

We have 8 gardens so far and would very much like to include some new ones. If you would like to think about opening your garden, please ring me for a chat.

Rosemay Fopp
01525-270067.

Soulbury Parish Hall

A great venue for parties, business meetings, fitness classes or rehearsal space.
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To book, email: soulburyparishhall@gmail.com Table and chair hire also available.

Social Group

We meet every other Thursday as you will have gathered by now, so feel free to come along and join us in The Parish Hall

General Information

Please note that if anyone wants to add electric car chargers to their property which is either a listed building or in a conservation area they MUST obtain planning permission.

A letter from our Team Vicar

The Journey of Lent

With Easter being early this year Lent will be upon us already by the middle of February. The forty days of Lent are, of course, symbolic. In the Hebraic idiom that permeates most of the biblical writings it simply means 'a long time' – a time long enough for something reasonably to be expected to change and develop within people embarking on a Lenten journey. The journey of Lent specifically moves from the wilderness, where we famously hear of Christ resisting temptations of various types, to the city of Jerusalem where the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection would take place. Clearly there is a big difference between wilderness and city, which itself points towards the need for change and development along our Lenten journeys now.

Unlike the more communal expectation of Advent, Lenten journeys may often seem rather more focused on individually set tasks, aims and disciplines that are specific to one person's choice. Perhaps this might involve their sense of what may need developing in their response to Christ's call, or distractions that might need avoiding. Whatever the reason, it is equally important to remember the broader context in which Lent is embedded. We have our own discipline and journey to focus on, certainly, but we also know that we often need the cooperation of others to empower and aid us along the way. Sometimes sharing in a Lenten commitment is a good way of emphasizing this. It reminds us that our journeys are all intertwined with one another, especially if followed with the same ultimate hope in mind.

Many people express this aspect of Lent by meeting together more frequently during this period – the classic 'Lent group' for example, which often involves studying, discussing and praying together on a pre-agreed theme of common interest. As in previous years we will be having a Benefice Lent Group for this purpose, which this year will focus specifically on the theme of journeying together, and wherever people feel that they are at on their own journey I wish you all the very best for this rich and often underestimated season – a season well worth inhabiting as fully and meaningfully as we feel able.

Prayers and best wishes to all

Andrew Krauss

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There were three members of the public present. Apologies were received from Cllrs Maurice Cross, Margaret Rowe and Alan Stevens the result of which meant the Council were unable to form a quorum. Therefore, no decisions could be made at all but reports were presented to update on actions agreed at previous meetings. This dilemma also highlighted the need to encourage members of the community to become parish councillors. Matters arising: a cover is needed for the hole and piping constructed for the village Christmas tree.

Finance: Clerk updated on financial position of the Council and advised she was requesting a precept of £25,000 - the same as last year.

Planning: No discussion held as no decisions could be made.

Cllr Wright made all aware of a road built across land, leading off Stewkley Road just beyond the speed delimiter sign. Not much can be done at this stage but Council will keep a watching brief.

Environment

Grass Cutting: No work required during the last month.

Fountain: Clerk contacted solicitors regarding work needed with Land Registry - no response..

Allotments: Gate constructed to give access from one house is to be closed off now the property has been sold.

Ditch on Village Green: Tuckwells agreed piping was short by 4 metres - will remedy. Discussion held on extending the pipe to the culvert and backfill.

Lighting on corner of Stewkley Road and High Road: Eon given go ahead to carry out installation.

County Councillors

Cllr Jordan read her update to Council which will be added to the website in full. She advised that the Council Tax will be raised again by 4.99% which includes the 2% for social services. She did point out that Buckingham Council does have a balanced budget.

Millennium Green: Soulfest 2024 arrangements underway.

Public Participation: A MOP asked if there was an asset register. There is. He also suggested we define expenditure against budget. Clerk will look into this. He also advised that he had several people who would be willing to join the Council.

The Parish Council meeting will take place **on 26th FEBRUARY 2024 at 7:30pm** in the Parish Hall. **This is a change** from 19th February 2024.

Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward

Cllr Phill Gomm



Cllr Jilly Jordan

Cllr Iain Macpherson





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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	December:	Joseph Cresswell

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

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Soulbury WI – December update

Our December Members Meeting was on the 5th and it was lovely to see 2 new members join the club this evening.

The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem and then WI & Club matters were discussed.

The meeting then followed the now traditional Christmas social format including Christmas Wreath making and a new opportunity to try candle making, both of which were thoroughly enjoyed by all those taking part, and those simply watching. We then were treated to a glass of wine and Margarets excellent home-made mince pies ! This was followed by the Secret Santa for those who wished to participate.

During the evening many members made voluntary donations in place of giving Christmas cards to fellow members. We collected £78 and it was decided to send the proceeds to GOSH [Great Ormond Street Hospital] Children's Cancer Centre Appeal.

The 2024 program leaflet was distributed to members during the meeting.

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Our **Christmas Lunch** on the 12th at Grove Lock was well attended by 18 members past and present.

The food was lovely and the staff were helpful and friendly. We opted for a main course and a dessert, with many members staying on after lunch to enjoy tea & coffee and a relaxed chat in the convivial atmosphere.

The organising committee hope that everyone who attended had a lovely time and would agree that this was possibly the best Christmas lunch we have enjoyed for several years.

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Reminder As from January 2024, meetings will be held in the afternoon starting at 2pm. The dates remain as 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Next Meeting 09/01/2024 Greatmoor recycling , Energy from waste @ Aylesbury.

<https://www.greatmoor.co.uk/>

Watch out for our 2024 update and full program of speakers and events on

<https://soulburyparish.co.uk/womens-institute/>

Soulbury WI – January 2024 update

Our January meeting was the first to be held at the new starting time of 2pm. 17 members braved the sunny but chilly afternoon to attend.

The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem and then WI & Club matters were discussed.

We then had a most enlightening talk By Jez Elkin from Greatmoor Recycling near Aylesbury. The topic was 'Energy from waste', but he spoke knowledgably and enthusiastically about so much more. He explained the journey of our household waste from bin to its ultimate destination, be it Recycling, production of Biofuels and electricity, compost or building materials plus many other uses. Landfill really is the last resort when all other options have been exhausted.

He made us aware of the 'Waste Wizard' on-line tool to find out how you can repair, reuse or recycle household items and which bin your refuse should go in, as well as the nearest place you can take the items not suitable for the bins. Give it a try the next time you're not sure where something should go ! <https://www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/waste-wizard/>

We then enjoyed tea and biscuits and drew the raffle before discussing and voting on the NFWI Resolution Shortlist Selection for 2024. Members had the opportunity to discuss and learn more about each resolution with every member having the opportunity to cast their individual vote on the resolution they support the most.

The shortlisted resolutions are:

- **Dental Health Matters**
- **Impacts of poor housing conditions**
- **Say 'no' to gambling advertising**
- **Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System**

A show of hands was taken and the results will be forwarded to Bucks Federation in time for the count. Ultimately the final results will be discussed and voted on at the National Annual Meeting at The Royal Albert Hall in June at which Soulbury will have a delegate and an observer present.

Februarys meeting is on 13th at 2pm and Howard Yates will come along to present his talk 'The harness Horse, past and present'. We know Howard from his excellent talk about working horses he gave when he accompanied us on our canal trip last year. This will give him an opportunity to tell us more, along with photographs, illustrations and items of interest for us to see. Non members are most welcome to join us for what promises to be a most enlightening and entertaining talk.

Soulbury WI

are pleased to announce a change in meeting times commencing

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Meetings will now start at 2:00pm

2nd Tuesday of each month in Soulbury Parsh Hall

Unless otherwise advertised

Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting

Visitors welcome £3 entry

See **WI** section of **Soulbury Newsletter** for more information

- 09/01/2024 Greatmoor recycling , Aylesbury
- 13/02/2024 The harness horse past and present
- 12/03/2024 What can Reiki do for you
- 09/04/2024 Making crime pay - local published author
- 14/05/2024 Resolutions
- 11/06/2024 The Rothschilds and the Vale of Aylesbury
- 02/07/2024 Members meeting
- 09/07/2024 Outing
- 13/08/2024 No Meeting
- 10/09/2024 My camera - taking over my life
- 08/10/2024 Blessed are the Cheesemakers [tales from M&S food consultant]
- 22/10/2024 [7:30pm] Group meeting - Buying and selling at auction with stories from the auction room . Bring along your antique items for valuation.
- 12/11/2024 AGM
- 03/12/2024 Christmas social
- 10/12/2024 Christmas Meal

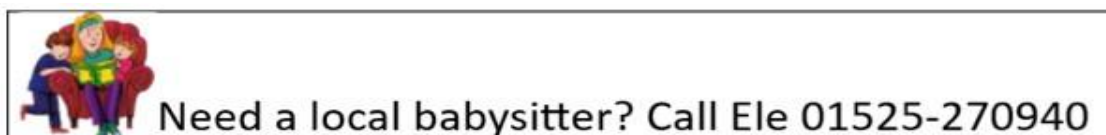
Parish Council Email Addresses

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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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.

