

# Soulbury Parish News

April 2024



## Parish Information

### Team Rector

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**Emergency 999**

Non Emergency 101

## Dates for your diary - April 2024 onwards

### Events including Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events

Social Group (Thursdays)      Parish Hall at 14.30      11<sup>th</sup> and 25th April

### All Saints' Church Services and News

Sunday April 7th      11:30am Parish Communion  
(Towards last service at All Saints followed by coffee)

Sunday April 14th      No Service

Sunday April 21st      11:30am Parish Communion

Sunday April 28th      10:30am Benefice Service. At Wing All Saints Church.  
All Welcome especially children  
(Towards last service)

Howard's last service at Soulbury will be at 11.30 on April 7th followed by refreshments. It would be lovely if you could come to say farewell although there is a final Benefice service at Wing on April 28th at 10.30 followed lunch. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow attendees.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Rosemary Fopp 01525-270067

### 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

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.

## 80th Anniversary of D Day landings.

The Parish Council have entrusted me with organising this event, but I can't do it on my own. I have this idea of organizing a "Wartime tea Party! Is anyone willing to help with this and other ideas that may come to mind?. If so please get in touch. Thanks Alan Stevens 01525 270213

### Soulbury Millennium Green News

The Soulfest Planning Sub Committee are advancing plans and preparations for one of our two main fund raising events for keeping the SMG going. **Soulfest 2024 planned for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** commencing at 1:00 pm. The afternoon will provide a licenced mobile bar, barbecue food, possible baked potato & salad bar, Matilda - mobile coffee van (House of Coffee), bungee trampoline children's entertainment and various bands/entertainers providing family friendly music. Adult ticket price is currently proposed at £8.00 each with child admittance free and a concessionary rate of £7.00 for pensioners. We are currently seeking sponsorship to assist funding the event and welcome all donations from locally based/owned businesses or individuals.

### Soulbury Millennium Green Trust - 100 Club & Winners in 2024

January:            Oliver Storey                      February:            Tony Crack

March:                Jax Crack

### Keep Buckinghamshire Tidy

As our contribution to the county efforts we are arranging a litter pick around the village on Sunday the 14th April meet at Parish Hall at 11am where pickers and bags will be handed out. All are welcome, it is your village. Special mention to James Fairburn, who does this on a regular basis, so thank you James.



**COMMUNITY**

**LITTER PICK**

**Sunday 14th April**



**Volunteers Needed**

**Meeting at Soulbury**

**Parish Hall at 11:00 am**

**To help clean up around**



**the Village and Parish**

**Litter Picking equipment**

**supplied**

**Organised by Soulbury Parish Council**



## A letter from our Team Vicar

### The New Life of Easter

First of all, happy Eastertide to everyone. Eastertide comprises fifty days of celebration concerning the Resurrection of Christ, and it is rightly said that this is a celebration of the promise of a *new* form of life – a new way of being as we are drawn to participate even in the life and the nature of God Himself in Christ. Resurrection is not merely some form of resuscitation, in which life just somehow comes back but otherwise continues exactly how it always had done.

People often remark on Easter as being fittingly represented by the re-emergence of life in the springtime, but this doesn't actually capture the more 'radical' sense of *newness* suggested by the Resurrection Life, since the new growth of Spring is simply a resprouting of what we are already accustomed to. The word 'radical' comes from the Latin word *radix*, meaning root. Eastertide, in this sense, aims to get nearer to the *root* of what a truly fulfilling life – one that is actively drawn into the Life of God through and in Christ – actually is. This is the Easter promise of an ultimate renewal of life, known in the New Testament texts as the 'new creation'.

In Christian tradition this new creation is something we are called to explore, and to do so means learning from the lesson of Lent that other things might need to be 'let go of' first. A classic Easter Sunday text is therefore the story of a woman called Mary Magdalene encountering the risen Christ outside the empty tomb. Though she doesn't recognize that it is Christ at first, as soon as she does her first reaction is to cling to Him, and she is immediately told by Christ *not* to do so, because He, the Son of God, must return to the Father, in order to draw her and others into the Life of God. Like Mary, our journey does not simply end at Easter, nor does it end by clinging to our first conception or partial recognition of the risen Christ. Instead, Easter is the new beginning of a new form of exploration concerning a newly promised transformation of life to come.

A blessed Eastertide to you all

Andrew Krauss

## ***Soulbury Cricket 2024***

Our season starts with an away game versus Newport Pagnell at 1pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

There are 19 fixtures in 2024 including the Brian Mead Memorial game on 25<sup>th</sup> August.

New for 2024 is the Soulbury Smash - an all day 4 team T20 type event running from 11am to late with a BBQ and afternoon tea.

We are having a Race Night at Soulbury Parish Hall on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Details will be sent to you from [svccsocialevents@gmail.com](mailto:svccsocialevents@gmail.com) soon, if you don't see the email over the next days, can you check if it is in your Spam or Junk folder?

We look forward to seeing you - here are all our 2024 fixtures, all matches start at 1pm except for the Soulbury Smash:

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Playing</b>
19 May 2024	Away	Newport Pagnell
26 May 2024	Away	Buckland and Aston Clinton
2 June 2024	Away	Stoke Hammond
9 June 2024	Home	Simmons
16 June 2024	Away	Cublington
23 June 2024	Home	Buckland and Aston Clinton
30 June 2024	Home	Soulbury Smash
7 July 2024	Away	Leighton Town
14 July 2024	Home	Milton Keynes
21 July 2024	Home	New Bradwell
28 July 2024	Home	Cublington
4 August 2024	Home	Walton
11 August 2024	Home	Stoke Hammond
18 August 2024	Away	Mursley
25 August 2024	Home	Brian Mead Memorial
1 September 2024	Home	Leighton Town
8 September 2024	Home	Stewkley
15 September 2024	Home	Milton Keynes

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## RACE NIGHT



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

£15 PER PERSON

(Includes 2 course dinner)

*BRING YOUR OWN BOOZE!*

6.30PM (First race at 7PM)

At the Village hall

Buy horses in advance for £5 each and choose the names!

Sponsor a race for £10 and name it!

*Contact Jess to buy your ticket, sponsor a race and buy your horses!*

*Please also advise of any dietary requirements*

Email- [svccsocialevents@gmail.com](mailto:svccsocialevents@gmail.com)



## Charity Success

The Soulbury Parish Hall hosted a charity coffee morning on 16th March attracting coffee and cake lovers from far and wide. The event, in support of Tommy's Baby Charity was organised by local resident Heather Isaacs and was a massive success.

In true community spirit, Soulbury locals kindly baked and donated an assortment of wonderful cakes and sacrificed their Saturday morning to help out with sales and service at the hall.

A total of £532.06 was raised on the day and the day saw a steady flurry of visitors travel from near and afar. Heather was overwhelmed by everyone's efforts and support, and would like to extend her thanks to everyone who helped out on the day, as well as those that came along to sample the delicious cakes.

Heather's next challenge is to complete two marathons in two weeks to raise further vital funds for Tommy's. Heather will be running the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 7th April and will lace up her shoes again two weeks later on the 21st April to run the infamous London Marathon.

You can find out more about Heather's cause at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/heather-isaacs-1701632559737> and track her progress using the Brighton (Bib number 14881) and London marathon apps (search by name as bin number still tbc).

**YOU HELPED RAISE**

**Tommy's**  
Together, for every baby

**£532.06!**



Great to see H just before climb she looked by far the strongest in control and observant. I did 1:42 for half Clare 2:25 5 weeks to go before London best regards ironmate mark ironmate wife Clare

## Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There were two members of the public present. Apologies were received from Cllrs Maurice Cross and Salina Darbyshire Mackay. Minutes of meeting on 26 February agreed as correct. Matters arising: an external hard drive has been purchased, a proposal to try to move the 30 mph speed limit to the 40 mph limit along the Stewkley Road still has to be done. All monies paid and received noted by all and Cllr Wright signed February's bank statement.

**Finance:** It is year end on 31st March and the Clerk has received the AGAR external audit forms. Overcharge for leak at the parish hall has finally been sorted. Clerk will get the final bill paid so we are up to date with Wave.

### Planning:

24/00467: Manor Cottage, 59 High Road, Soulbury, LU7 0BT - Erection of replacement dwelling. No objection.

24/00601: Chestnut Cottage, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury, LU7 0BB - Householder application for rear extension to garage. Party wall concerns from neighbour. Council not in a position to have an opinion at this stage.

24/00758: Annex Stapleford Mill, Stapleford Mill Road, Soulbury LU7 0DS - Householder application for revised roof construction to annex from app 23/00397 and conversion of the loft space in main house with insertion of front and rear facing dormers. No objection.

24/00847: Land rear of 32 High Road, Soulbury, LU7 0BX - erection of detached stables. No objection.

### Environment

**Fountain:** Clerk still awaiting an update from solicitor on current position re Land Registry

**Allotments:** Area still very wet and area has been churned up by use of visiting 4x4s.

**Ditch on Village Green:** Job complete and will be reseeded when dry enough to roll the area.

**Lighting on corner of Stewkley Road and High Road:** New streetlight in place.

### County Councillors

The Clerk had written to Cllr Jordan regarding the matter of how far residents have to go from this area to a waste tip and we are not allowed to use the nearest to us at Shenley Hill because it is in Beds area. Cllr Stevens, who had initiated this discussion, felt more joined up thinking is required on the part of all main councils. Cllr Jordan said that Bucks had approached the neighbouring councils who are not interested in working with them. Another issue raised via email was the flooding in our area. Cllr Jordan requested that all incidents of this and potholes be reported via FixMyStreet. Her monthly report will be put on the parish website.

**Millennium Green:** Soulfest 2024 arrangements underway.

**Correspondence:** Council has been asked by Stewkley Parish Council for their thoughts of using s106 monies for obtaining a community bus. Community Board suggested the project. Favourable response by Council to discuss.

**Councillors Open forum:** Cllr Wright suggested getting a handyman to do small jobs around the parish. Source of such a person will be investigated.

**Bucks Spring Clean:** Council agreed to be part of this. Date fixed for litter pick is 14 April 2024 at 11 am. Cllr Wright will obtain pickers, gloves and bags from Bucks Council.

The Parish Council meeting will take place on 15th April 2024 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

## Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward

Cllr Phill Gomm



Cllr Jilly Jordan

Cllr Iain Macpherson





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## 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 – March 2024 update**

The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem and then we welcomed Julie Stocker, a village resident, to talk to us about the benefits of Reiki - The Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. Her talk was enlightening and informative with an interactive session. Every member was given a crystal which can be used on or around the body to effect positive changes and redress imbalances, helping you focus on specific areas in your body or conditions that are ready for healing.

We then enjoyed tea and biscuits and drew the raffle before WI & Club matters were discussed.

**The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm**, when we welcome **Dave Sivers**- a local crime fiction author whose books include the popular Archer and Baines novels and the DI Nathan Quarrel series. Dave was born and raised in West London, but now lives in Buckinghamshire, where many of the books are set. He currently has had 9 Titles published and he will be bring along some of his books for sale at a reduced price at the meeting. He is also co-founder of the annual BeaconLit book festival which celebrates a love for literature with the local community. Run by a team of volunteers who organise an event-filled day with quality authors and quality conversation in the intimate setting of Pitstone school hall. All profits are reinvested into the Beacon Villages Community Libraries.

# Soulbury WI

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Meetings will now start at 2:00pm**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

- 09/04/2024 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

## The Boot Inn

The Boot is under new Owners Ross and Camilla and we send them our best wishes for their new enterprise.

*Let's Get to Know  
Each Other...*

A warm welcome from the whole team at The Boot Inn, Soulbury! Here is a bit about us...

Our Front of House is run by Gem & she leads the way for our amazing team of; Sam, Izzy, Evie, Lacey, Francesca & Ele!

Our Kitchen is run by our unbelievably talented Head Chef, Paul who creates our delicious Menus & Signature dishes with the incredible Chef Jordan & Chef Karol.

We also have incredible support staff that keep The Boot Inn running smoothly & sparkling clean- they are Sue, Ben & Jack!

Our owners are Ross & Camilla, a local family- you will see their 6 children's names on the kids menu!

We strive to give you THE best possible experience, every visit! We have Cask Ales, great Beers, Wines & Cocktails to quench your thirst and we are so proud of our Fantastic Food. All of our food is fresh and almost all elements of our Menus are House-made!

We use some incredible suppliers that we are so proud of- Our Meat is from down the road in Great Brickhill from T.H.E Best Butcher.



Our fish is delivered fresh from a family run Seafood suppliers in Grimsby, all items are responsibly sourced. From all of us, thank you for visiting and we can't wait to see you again soon!



## Sample Pizza Menu

*Let's Slice ...*



*All of our dough is made fresh, hand stretched, topped with our Housemade marinara sauce and only the most fresh ingredients. The pizzas are then stonebaked to perfection in our pizza oven- **Bellissimo***

### **Margherita V**

Hand torn buffalo Mozzarella, fresh basil & fior di latte. £11.50

### **Double Pep**

Doubled up pepperoni, hand torn Mozzarella & fior di latte.  
£12.50

### **Norma VE**

Roasted smoked pumpkin, Jerusalem artichoke purée, pine nuts & fresh basil. £10.95

### **Di Capra V**

Goats cheese, caramelised marmite onions, parmigiano reggiano, fresh rocket & finished with a balsamic glaze. £12.50

### **Cowboy boot**

Beef brisket, Mozzarella, chilli, pink pickled onions, nduja & hot honey. £13.50

### **Napoli forte**

Spicy nduja, prawns, hand torn Mozzarella, chillis, onions & hot honey. £14.95

### **Quattro Formaggi V**

Cheese sauce, blue cheese, Mozzarella, fior di latte, Parmesan & candied walnuts. £13.50





## Bank Holiday bin collections across Buckinghamshire

Easter bin collection dates	
Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Friday 29 March (Good Friday)	Saturday 30 March
Monday 1 April (Easter Monday)	Tuesday 2 April
Tuesday 2 April	Wednesday 3 April
Wednesday 3 April	Thursday 4 April
Thursday 4 April	Friday 5 April
Friday 5 April	Saturday 6 April

### 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.

[clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
[chairman@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:chairman@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
[mc@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:mc@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
[ahs@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:ahs@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
[mr@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:mr@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
[id@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:id@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
[nk@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:nk@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
[sdm@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:sdm@soulburyparish.co.uk)

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.





Need a local babysitter? Call Ele 01525-270940

## 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)

## News form Buckinghamshire Council

DDear resident,

As I write this it is raining again, so no prizes for guessing the topics that have filled my inbox over the past month. Having driven around all parts of the county and indeed beyond, it is very clear that the weather has done significant damage in terms of both potholes and flooding. I thought it could be useful to update you on the current actions and plans.



Firstly, I hope that you have noticed that this is a national, not local issue. All my colleague county Leaders are reporting similar problems. [The BBC have reported on it extensively](#), as have the RAC and industry groups.

The winter and early spring rain this year and last has had a devastating impact on the nation's roads. Some people write to me and that this cannot be correct as we have 'winter' every year. That is of course true, but this year and last have seen abnormally heavy and continued rain. It's clear this has been one of the wettest Februarys on record with national media reporting the wettest 18-month period since records began. Then by 12 March we had already had more than the normal amount of rain for the entire month. Roadside drains and ditches cannot cope with this volume of rain and this leaves nowhere for the water to go. The surrounding land is saturated and no longer absorbs rain water.

### **Roads**

I want to be very frank with everyone that we cannot repair all the individual potholes and other defects immediately. Continual rain makes that difficult as any repairs to wet road surfaces won't last. Also, we do not have unlimited funds so, like every other council, we prioritise. We have what are called 'intervention levels' which are standards set for requiring repairs. These are professionally assessed. We also assess potholes in terms of their severity so we will prioritise what are called 'Category 1' above 'Category 2'. There are different repair timescales for each, with the shortest

timescale for 'Category 1'. This may mean that an individual pothole is filled whilst lower category defects in the immediate area are left until later.

Currently we have 29 crews working around the clock to carry out road repairs and respond to other emergency call outs, like clearing fallen trees or dealing with floods and standing water. This is double the number of crews that we had out during the autumn, as we work as hard as we can to respond to what is seen as a priority for local people.

Where the situation is urgent, we will often do a 'temporary repair' to make it safe and then return later to make a permanent repair when conditions improve. Following last year's bad weather, we carried out over 30,000 pothole repairs. This year, I anticipate we will do substantially more.

In addition to our existing budget, full council agreed to release an extra £5 million from our reserves to spend on the roads. This is really helpful as we can add to our programme of 'plane and patch', where we resurface sections of road, rather than an entire road. We are currently prioritising where these plane and patch interventions will be, based on input from local councillors and technicians. Inevitably we will not be able to meet all the requests. Again, this work ideally requires warm, dry weather for best effect.

Please continue to report defects on [Buckinghamshire's Fix My Street](#) and also contact [your local Buckinghamshire councillors](#) if necessary.

### **Flooding**

With the water table exceptionally high and the ground saturated there have been a significant number of flooding incidents. Buckinghamshire Council's teams have responded to many emergency call outs since Christmas. This has involved clearing standing water and helping stranded vehicles.

In some areas, paved over gardens make this worse with rainwater running straight into the road. Whilst we do clean every road gully every year, with this volume of rain it is inevitable that soil, leaves and other debris becomes washed into gullies and in many cases blocks them again. In other cases, the gullies appear blocked but are actually still clear; however the ground is so saturated the water has nowhere to go. Several roads around the county have flooded, some for several days. In some, like Seer Green, the flooding has dislodged sections on new road resurfacing and left villagers isolated at times. In others, like Chalfont St Peter, the rainwater has breached the capacity of the sewerage system.

At times like this we will support the local water company who have the lead responsibility for foul water issues. It is vital that these are urgently addressed and resolved. Much of Buckinghamshire's sewage system was built decades or even centuries ago and is not designed for the volumes of waste they are now required to carry, particularly when combined with storm overflow. Whilst I understand the residents who write to me demanding that 'something must be done', there are rarely easy or quick solutions to many of these problems.

I have asked for the costs to deliver additional gully cleanses where the effects of the winter weather have been the greatest, but this is very costly and we may well again have to use some reserves for this.

In the meantime, may I urge those of you who drive to please be mindful of the conditions and to adapt your driving accordingly. I have personally seen some worrying driving where cars speed through deep water late at night where there could be deep hidden potholes.

Also, I've seen drivers who suddenly see a pothole and then swerve into the middle of the road ignoring oncoming cars. Please slow down, take care of yourselves, and please show others the consideration you would like them to show you. If there is deep standing water, please don't try to drive through it unless your car is suitable.

### **Longer-term Investment**

I will write separately to update you on our main programme of planned road repairs and resurfacing. This is a continuation of our commitment to spend over £110 million over a rolling four-year period on planned maintenance across the county.

I want to finish off by reassuring you that I and all your councillors understand the scale of the issues. We are doing all we can, within existing resources, to address these issues and bring the roads back up to a safe, drivable standard. Hopefully, with spring now well on its way we can look forward to some sustained drier, warmer weather.

Yours,

**Martin Tett**

Leader of Buckinghamshire Council

## Creating an age friendly Buckinghamshire for all

Buckinghamshire Council has outlined its commitment to helping older people in Buckinghamshire live healthy, active and independent lives as set out in its Healthy Ageing Strategy which has been formally approved by the council this week.

The document sets out the vision for how Buckinghamshire aspires to be a place for all residents to enjoy growing older in an age friendly community. The strategy also includes an action plan of how the vision will be achieved.

Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing explained: "Healthy ageing means living a healthy and fulfilling life, being able to participate in activities and contribute to your community. It also encompasses having financial security and living in a suitable home in a safe and thriving community. With the right policies, environments and support, people can age well and live independent and meaningful lives."

Angela continued: "The purpose of this strategy is to create a shared vision for how Buckinghamshire can be a better place for older residents to live healthy and active lives now and in the future."

To become an age friendly community, the strategy focuses on eight interconnecting areas outlined by the World Health Organisation (WHO):

- Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Transport
- Housing
- Participation in society
- Volunteering and employment
- Communication and information
- Community support for health and wellbeing
- Respect and social inclusion

In the first year, the focus for Buckinghamshire will be on two priorities - outdoor spaces and buildings, and participating in society.

To oversee the implementation of the strategy a multi-agency Age Friendly Bucks Partnership has been set up with external partners including the NHS and voluntary sector organisations. The views and ideas of residents and community groups have shaped the aims of the strategy and will continue to inform the implementation.

To further support the success of the strategy Buckinghamshire Council has joined the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities which is run by the Centre for Ageing Better and affiliated to the WHO's Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities. Being a member of this network provides access a range of additional resources including good practice guidance and advice. In addition, the council has partnered locally with Age UK Buckinghamshire to ensure a local focus in maintained.



Angela added: "We want everyone to age well but ageing doesn't just begin over the age of 65. Our health in middle age strongly influences our chances of staying well in our older years and so this strategy will be aimed at everyone aged 40 and over. We want to work in partnership with our communities to bring about changes and improvements that benefit us all as we get older and help to give all our residents the best chance to age well in Buckinghamshire."

Find more information on Healthy Ageing in Buckinghamshire on the [website](#).

Contact us at [communications@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:communications@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) during office hours. For urgent out of hours enquiries, please call 07825 430 978.

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

## The International Tribute

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

**80**  
D-DAY 6 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.