

Soulbury Parish News

June 2024



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Dates for your diary - April 2024 onwards

Events including Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events

Social Group (Thursdays) Parish Hall at 14.30 6th and 20th June

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.

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 Table and chair hire also available.

Soulfest

The Soulfest event is taking place on 22nd June and is detailed later in the newsletter.

Social Group

Soulbury Social Group, next meetings for June are the 6th and 20th. On the 6th we shall all be in the Parish Hall making sandwiches for the D Day commemoration which is taking place that evening on the Village Green. Apparently Stewkley are not partaking in the National Tribute, so we could expect some visitors from there to our wartime picnic/ come street party. Several of our villagers have come forward and offered their services in providing dishes for our table, for which we are truly grateful. All proceeds from the evening will be going to Ex servicemen and women's associations of one type or another. As we are trying to recreate a wartime atmosphere, we request everyone uses cash and not cards. The Boot have kindly offered to run the bar, but it wont be at 1944 prices! sorry

Soulbury Breakfast

On the 5th of May 92 breakfasts were served in the Club Room and a profit of £500 was made. Since last September from 5 breakfast events £2340 has been raised towards the maintenance of Soulbury church.

A big thank you to all the team and to all the people who have supported the events.

There will now be a summer break and the next breakfast will provisionally be on 1st September.

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.

All Saints' Church Services and News

Sunday June 2nd	11:30am Parish Communion Archdeacon Guy
Sunday June 9th	No Service
Sunday June 16th	11:30am Parish Communion Rev. Andrew Krauss
Sunday June 23rd	11:30am Brunch Church. Lay Led
Sunday June 30th	10:00am Benefice Service at Stewkey.
FYI	
Sunday July 28th	6:00pm Andrew's final service To be followed by refreshments – bring food to share.

Church Concert held on 19th May at Soulbury All Saints Church

Thank you to everyone who helped made the concert so enjoyable and successful. The concert event raised £1070 for the church.

80th Anniversary of D Day landings.

D Day Landings. 80 Years ago thousands of men lost their lives in the largest combined military invasion ever recorded. This year we commemorate the event with a national remembrance and beacon lighting across the country. For our part we shall be holding a "war time" tea party on the Village Green followed by the lighting of the Beacon. Come along and enjoy a taste of the times but do not expect 4star dining. Entry will be by donation either in cash or a dish. to book your place please contact Alan on 07850 185647. Also to enquire, if you want to provide a dish.

**SOULBURY D-DAY
CELEBRATION &
BEACON LIGHTING**

**6 June 2024
7 - 10 pm on the
Village green**

**'An evening to
remember!'**
Enjoy a hot & Cold
taster 'war-time' buffet
& Bar
Entry by donation
(Suggested £5)
or bring a dish

*"Commemorating the
sacrifices of members of
the armed forces and of
civilians in times of war"*

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Soulbury Millennium Green News – May Report

May's meeting of the Soulbury Millennium Green Committee having agreed the quote received previously from GDM Electrical for extending & fitting a further double socket at a new electrical box at the top end of the spinney, work was now completed and secured with a new combination lock.

As we have experienced problems with our Eco-Toilet being abused and left in a badly unclean condition by some of the community payback team on a Sunday, Nigel to contact the team supervisor to explore the possibility of funding/supplying a mobile toilet facility through the Thames Valley Prison & Probation Service. A memorial plaque for David Miller is being organised to go alongside Liz Miller's name on their memorial bench in the memorial annex area.

Sadly, we have lost two important members of the SMG Committee who feel they are unable to serve due to work & other commitments, although both still play an active part with the Soulfest Sub-Committee planning & organisation meetings. We thank Michele Nicholas & Vic Wright for their past valued service, and now seek to recruit two members from our community to help serve on the SMG Committee.

Work in Progress: The work extending the hard parking area has now had base hard core aggregate compacted and is now awaiting its top dressing when a suitable contractor is identified. We expect to complete this prior to Soulfest. The wooden fencing around the playground area is currently being dismantled in preparation for Soulfest being located in the meadow area. Work on the pond liner has been halted due to excess water from the recent wet weather and will have to await dryer conditions before resuming.

Following public participation at a recent Parish meeting, it has been suggested that the pathway be extended to create a circuitous route round the SMG to make the area more accessible, particularly for those mobility impaired and also for all during wet, boggy ground conditions. We are also looking to plan for having a semi-permanent sheltered area for future band/concert shelter. A feasibility study will get underway to combine these two suggestions which we may be able to attract funding for with S106 monies from Council reserves & possibly our Community Board (a potential funding source).

The Soulfest Planning Sub Committee continue advancing plans and preparations for **Soulfest 2024 planned for Saturday 22nd June** commencing 1:00 pm (Entrance Gate opens 12:00 am noon). Six acts have now been booked and together with three DJ's, will entertain us throughout the afternoon and evening with a wide range of music genres catering for all tastes. Artist's booked are: Rachel, Mick Sane, Freddie's Barnet, Retribution, The Palms, The Created & DJ's FML-Soulful House, Disco, Funk.

Adult ticket price has now been set at £8.00 each with child admittance free. Firm arrangements are now in hand to produce banners, posters and advertising literature for the event. This will feature a QR code to take recipients to our booking site which will enable advance ticket sales through Ticket Source. The event will provide a licenced mobile bar, "Matilda" - mobile coffee van (House of Coffee), barbecue food, Salad bar. Children's Bungee trampoline entertainment is also expected to be available, similarly as at the last

Fireworks Display night. The children's Bouncy Castle being explored by the Planning Committee is now looking more positive subject to a meeting shortly towards the end of May.

We are currently seeking sponsorship/donations to assist funding the event and welcome all donations from locally based /owned businesses or individuals. Donations can be made electronically directly to the Soulbury Millennium Green account as follows:

Account Name: **Soulbury Mill Green**

Sort Code: **20-57-44**

Account No: **73542793**

Alternatively, charitable donations can be made by cash or by cheque payable to "Soulbury Mill Green" to our treasurer, Wendy Taylor.

The 100 Club draw for May was drawn with Vic Wright being this month's draw winner.

Future Event dates:

06/06/24 - D Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations (on Village Green by Beacon)

22/06/24 - Soulfest 2024

29/06/24 - Lions Club BBQ

02/11/24 - Firework Display

Mount Pleasant Play Ground:

The playground green bin supplied by the Parish Council inside the gate has been chained up with a combination padlock by an unknown person which has prevented emptying and consequently has over-spilled leading to complaints. Some of the bin's contents have been decanted which has highlighted probable local resident abuse. The bin is supplied solely for playground area use, not for surrounding residents to facilitate the disposal of their own household excess rubbish. Numerous black bags of dog faecal matter was also encountered. It is an offence for dogs or their faeces to be placed in this area and residents/dog owners should act responsibly and dispose of their pets faeces in the several red dog bins throughout the village or their own household green bin. The situation will be monitored in the future and if the problem persists, the bin may be removed completely.

Soulbury Millennium Green Trust - 100 Club & Winners in 2024

January: Oliver Storey

February: Tony Crack

March: Jax Crack

April: Jean Mason

May: Vic Wright

Soulfest



Soulfest is back!

After a year's break, Soulbury's annual music festival is back. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday 22nd June at Soulbury Millennium Green and promises to be an exciting celebration of outstanding live music from a wide range of local acts including:

- *Roxy - an amazing powerhouse solo vocalist
- *Mick Sane - esteemed acoustic specialist, offering a range of popular covers and original material to appeal to all music tastes
- *Freddies Barnet - a talented trio offering popular covers and sea shanties, guaranteed to have you singing along
- *Retrobution - a fantastic 5 piece cover band and headline act offering Classic and Contemporary Rock through to Soul and Motown
- *The Palms - experienced and talented local band offering popular covers to sing along to
- *The Created - another local band full of talent, offering a selection of original tracks and popular covers
- *Funk My Life (FML) DJs will wrap up the festival with their unique blend of Soul, House and Funky tunes until close

Further details of all acts will be released via the Soulbury Community Hub Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/298419992611306/>.

Other planned activities for the day include:

- *A children's bungee trampoline
- *The House of Coffee mobile van (Matilda) will be providing tea, coffee and sweet treats
- *Bar, offering wines, beers, lagers, Pimms and G&Ts
- *BBQ food will be on offer from the amazing Chef John and his team

Event Details:

Doors Open at 12pm

First Live Act at 1pm

You can secure your event tickets in advance via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/soulbury-millennium-green/soulfest-2024/e-xlkebv> (weblinks can be copied into a browser to open up desired page). Tickets are priced at £8 for adults and free for children under 16.

Please note that funds raised from this event are used for essential upkeep and maintenance of the Soulbury Millennium Green (SMG), which is an important green space accessible to everyone in the village of Soulbury. If anyone would like to sponsor the event or donate towards the SMG then please contact: clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk

A letter from our Team Vicar

The Glorious Trinity

The last Sunday in May was Trinity Sunday, a day which in one respect marks a great summary of the Christian faith just beyond the Day of Pentecost (the Sunday before) and transitions beyond Eastertide into a long season of the church year running right the way up to the start of November.

Trinity Sunday is, however, not just an occasion to summarize the core of the Christian faith and its doctrine regarding the nature of God, but also a celebration of that which is the origin of everything – that without which there would literally be nothing. There is therefore a very strong link between this occasion (and the season following) and thinking about creation.

There have historically been many suggested analogies to help us think about the Trinitarian nature of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and especially where the relation to creation is concerned. One of my very favourites is an analogy with a creative artist. Any work of creative art requires three inseparable aspects to be in place. Firstly, the *idea* behind the artwork; secondly, the *activity* involved in actually forming and producing it in practice; and thirdly, the *power* of its impact both back upon the artist and upon a public audience. To have the creative idea, for instance, is already to have a sense of the creative power of the idea, at the very least owing to the activity of formulating an expression of the idea in the artist's mind.

God is often referred to not only as Creator but also as the Author of Life. The analogy with a creative artist has been used at various points in the Church's history to consider the creative dynamic that this involves. Particularly significant to the analogy between the Trinitarian nature of God and the mind of a creative artist is the fact that the power of impact of the artwork is two-way, both back (inward) to the artist and outward to the wider audience. This is important because the Christian faith speaks of the Trinity both inwardly in terms of the life and nature of God and outwardly in terms of His self-revelation to us as part of His creation, and especially in His taking a creaturely form upon Himself in Christ. Trinity Sunday therefore also incorporates Christian celebration of the Incarnation and points both to the origin and the climax of the Christian faith and of all things – a very great day indeed.

With all best wishes as we move into the summer months

Andrew Krauss.

Soulbury Cricket 2024

Soulbury Cricket 2024 is here.

Our season started with a quickly arranged away game against Boxmoor on Sunday 19th May. Boxmoor's attractive ground was in great condition - firm and fast running.

We scored a creditable 158 against a strong bowling attack with a fine 118 opening partnership from Austin Jones and Alfie Smees.

Boxmoor batted very well with 2 players scoring half centuries and went past our total in the 28th over finishing on 162 for four wickets.

On Sunday June 30th we're holding the Soulbury Smash - an all day 4 team T20 type event running from 11am to 8 pm.

There will be an afternoon tea, a Barbeque and our great value bar will be open throughout.

Many thanks to everyone who came to our Race Night at Soulbury Parish Hall on Friday 26th April.

It was enjoyed by all - especially the winners - and raised over £1300 for the club.

Players, Scorers, Spectators, Helpers, Families – please come along and enjoy the cricket and the warm June sunshine.

We look forward to seeing you - here are all our 2024 fixtures

When	Where	Playing
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

If you have any questions or need more info please contact Adrian Hunt on 07702 019 553.

Soulbury Litter pick Update

Thanks, to all the volunteers who helped with the Litter pick, we pick up about 3 Tons of rubbish, including 2 car wheels and 8 tyres.



Parish Council News

The annual meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. There was 1 member of the public present. Cllr Wright was reelected as Chair for the forthcoming year. Cllr Cross stood down as Vice Chair and Cllr John Bennett was elected as Vice Chair. Apologies were received from Cllrs Maurice Cross and Salina Darbyshire Mackay. Minutes of meeting on 15 April 2024 were agreed as correct. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting in May 2023 were read out. They had been approved at Parish Council meeting in June 2023. Matters arising: none. All monies paid and received noted by all and Cllr Wright signed the April bank statement.

Finance: The internal auditor approved the accounts. The forms for the external auditor were completed as a result, agreed and sign off at this meeting. Notice of Public Rights was read out. All these documents have been uploaded to the website and the notice is displayed on the parish noticeboard. Forms despatched to the external auditor.

The VAT claim for 2023-24 was applied for and we have received the amount claimed.

Planning: 24/0358: 8 Poppy Lane, Soulbury, LU7 0GS - change of use from amenity to residential land and erection of fence. Council had no comment.

Environment

Fountain: Plan with measurements needs to be drawn up. Cllr Kemal and clerk agreed to do this.

Allotments: Area still very wet. New fence without gate being erected by new owners of property backing onto the allotments..

Lighting on corner of Stewkley Road and High Road: New streetlight in place. However it is not very effective. Clerk written to Eon who suggest a different top bracket. Clerk to write to them to get this done. Moving of 30 mph along Stewkley Road. Work continues on this.

County Councillor

Cllr Jordan read out her annual report which will be added to the website. She is also looking into the removal of one tree newly planted in an unwise place at junction of Soulbury Road and Leighton Road.

Millennium Green: Cllr Kemal read out his annual report.

Cllr Wright proposed that the Parish Council support the Soulbury Millennium Green. Fund raising activities do go on to fund the area but the lack of support in terms of working on the SMG and/or financial contribution means that the few are working themselves ragged to maintain the area and its finances. The attendance and amounts raised for the effort of running them, except for Soulfest/Fireworks, is paltry. He suggested an amount of £7,200 for the year in £600 monthly installments. After much discussion this was seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed by all.

Councillors Open Forum

Cllr Wright would like letters sent to three addresses in Soulbury where hedging and trees have grown over footpaths as they need cutting back.

Cllr Wright will ask Heart and Soulbury Gardens to seed the area where the ditch was filled in on the village green.

Public Participation Nothing raised.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 17th June 2024 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward

Cllr Phill Gomm



Cllr Jilly Jordan

Cllr Iain Macpherson




Local Policing

This is the Policing Team for Soulbury now based at Wing, not Winslow anymore.

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM
Wing and Ivinghoe




**Inspector
James Davies**




**Sergeant
David Kuttner**




**Police Constable
Dionne Edwards**




**Police Constable
Jake Bye**



**PCSO
Tina Hobson**



**PCSO
Connor Smith**



**Special Constable
Sam Richards**

The neighbourhood policing team work with our local communities to make Aylesbury Vale safer

To contact your local Team call **101** or email them on WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk

You can also report an incident on our website: www.thamesvalley.police.uk

In an emergency always call 999

Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TVPAylesburyVale



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POLICE**

Soulbury WI – May 2024 update

The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem and then club business matter were discussed.

As this was a Resolution meeting the most popular resolution Dental Health Matters which attracted 37,772 votes [39.6% of the votes cast] was discussed.

***Dental Health Matters** - There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live.*

WI Members had the opportunity to learn more about the issue at this meeting and to discuss it further before deciding how our delegate should vote at the Annual Meeting. Our delegate and observer will now attend the AGM in June at The Royal Albert Hall and vote accordingly.

2 Quizzes and light refreshments followed and the Raffle drawn, before the meeting closed at 4:30pm.

The next meeting is on **11th June at 2pm**, when we will welcome Adam Smith who will talk about **The Rothschilds and the Vale of Aylesbury**.

In the 19th Century the Rothschild family built seven country houses in the Vale of Aylesbury. Some of these are well known, like Waddesdon and Mentmore Towers, others are almost forgotten, like Aston Clinton, but each was the centre of an agricultural estate and housed important collections. The talk will look at the artistic, social and economic importance of these houses and set them in context with other Victorian Country Houses.

Soulbury WI

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

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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John Bennet
Nigel Kemal
Salina Darbyshire-Mackay

This information will also appear on the parish website.



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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



Bletchley MK Lions BBQ



**BBQ on the Soulbury Millennium Green
Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DH
2.00 pm Saturday 29th June 2024**

Profits go to Charity

Choose from



Beef Burgers or
Sausages in a roll



With salad

Vegetarian options available

£12 per person

Hungry enough for 2 items?

Buy a 'special' ticket

£18 per person

**Please Bring your own drinks plus picnic
blanket/table/chairs**

Contact Vic on 07704 801682

E-Mail vic@soulbury.org

Or BACS payment to:

Account name: Bletchley Milton Keynes
Lions Club

Account No: 20532096 Sort: 40-12-19

Please add a reference of your name.

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.

