

# Soulbury Parish News

May 2024



## Parish Information

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### Thames Valley Police

**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      9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May

### 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 (see above) as you will have gathered by now, so feel free to come along and join us in The Parish Hall

### Soulbury Breakfast

It is the Soulbury Breakfast at the parish Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome

### All Saints' Church Services and News

Sunday May 5th	11:30am Parish Communion
Sunday May 12th	No Service
Sunday May 19th	11:30am Parish Communion Rev. Roger Hale
Sunday May 26th	11:30am Brunch Church. All welcome for coffee and . Plenty of nibbles.

MAY 19TH 3.00 Concert

SEE ATTACHED FLYER (Next PAGE). PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE SPRING



# Songs for a Spring Afternoon

a selection of lyrical choral pieces  
for upper voices

Presented by

## Chanteuses

Music Director: Susan Cox  
Pianist: Christopher Atkinson

Sunday May 19th, 2024  
3.00pm

All Saints Church, Soulbury

Tickets £10  
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## 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.

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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PLACE!**  
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## **Soulbury Millennium Green News – April Report**

April's meeting of the Soulbury Millennium Green Committee reported that this year's first event on the SMG had proved highly successful despite adverse ground conditions. Our **Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** was very well attended by local families with 16 children participating in the treasure hunt. The weather remained dry on the day, despite it having rained incessantly in the preceding days. Despite the event being organised as a community event, we managed to make an incredible £92.49 through voluntary donations and tea, coffee, hot chocolate & cake sales. Thanks to all who supported on the day, attending, helping erect & dismantle the fold out small marquee, baking cakes and manning the event.

The Soulfest Planning Sub Committee continue advancing plans and preparations for **Soulfest 2024 planned for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** commencing at 1:00 pm. Six bands & singers 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. Adult ticket price has now been set at £8.00 each with child admittance free. The event will provide a licenced mobile bar, "Matilda" - mobile coffee van (House of Coffee), barbecue food, Salad bar. Sadly the hoped Baked Potato food proposed earlier has now had to be dropped. Children's bungee trampoline entertainment is also expected to be available, similarly as at the last Fireworks Display night. A children's bouncy castle is also being explored by the Planning Committee. 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 Millennium Green" to our treasurer, Wendy Taylor.

**The 100 Club** draw for April was drawn with Jean Mason being this month's draw winner.

**Work in Progress** is now underway excavating the area at the front gate to extend hard area parking. Please be mindful of health & safety considerations in this vicinity and keep children and pets away from the taped barrier area.

### **Future Event dates:**

06/06/24 - D Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

22/06/24 - Soulfest 2024

29/06/24 - Lions Club BBQ

02/11/24 - Firework Display

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

January:            Oliver Storey                      February:            Tony Crack

March:              Jax Crack                              April:                Jean Mason

### **Keep Buckinghamshire Tidy**

Thank you to all who attended the litter pick around the village on Sunday the 14th April which was very successful and resulted in a significant amount of debris being retrieved.

### **A letter from our Team Rector**

This is a poignant article for me to write because it is the last article I shall write for our eight village newsletters. During May, my wife and I move to Derbyshire where I shall take up a new post in the church. Although it is fewer churches, it is significantly more people and a combination of rural, urban, estate and schools ministry.

That combination and the breadth of ministry across the Benefice here is the reminder that “church” is not a case of one size fits all; but it is also a salutary reminder that church is equally valid from the formal to the informal. That means that engaging with the various ways of being church is a worthwhile exercise because, who knows, one might suddenly hear, encounter, the same message in a “language” we were not expecting.

Fifty days after Easter takes us to the Feast of Pentecost. That’s when the disciples were proclaiming the Gospel and the several nationalities assembled in Jerusalem each heard in their own native language. The account is recorded in the book of Acts. All spoken languages, it is true, but the lesson of Pentecost is that “church” can adopt several and various languages, ways of expression, when it comes to proclaiming the Gospel. Hence, the various service styles in our Benefice from the Book of Common Prayer, Common Worship, Breakfast Church, Messy Church and Brunch Church. And not to forget the services along the theme of Morning Prayer.

From my vicar days in Norfolk, I remember being greatly heartened by a group of octogenarians enjoying Mattins from the Book of Common Prayer who the week before, had readily taken up percussion instruments to accompany the worship band at Café Church. As the Benefice enters the time to discern a new Team Rector, I encourage you to continue to engage with church and perhaps, (maybe?) go to something very different to your usual choice – and not necessarily in your home church.

Finally however, my very best wishes for the life of your several and varied village communities and to thank you for the time we have had here.

With every blessing,

Rev’d Howard Robson.

## **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.*

*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.*

*Indoor nets are running – they're from 12 noon to 2pm at Cottesloe School Wing every Sunday.*

*Many thanks to everyone who came to our Race Night at Soulbury Parish Hall on Frida 26<sup>th</sup> April..*

*Players, Scorers, Spectators, Helpers, Families – please come along once the sun comes out and our games get going.*

*And we have a great value bar!*

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

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

<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



## Parish Council News

Parish Council News The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 15th April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There were 7 members of the public present. Apologies were received from Cllrs Maurice Cross and Jilly Jordan. Minutes of meeting on 18 March 2024 were agreed as correct. Matters arising: none. All monies paid and received noted by all and Cllr Wright signed the March bank statement.

**Finance:** Clerk has balanced the accounts and the books are now with the internal auditor. 50% of the precept (£12,500) and the annual Wayleafe (£33.01) have been received.

**Planning:** 24/01087: Fields to east of Soulbury Road, north of Soulbury Road, Farm, Wing, - removal of 255m section of hedgerow. Council wanted a note added to the application that there should be no hedgerow removal between 1 March and 1 September due to nesting birds as farmers and landowners have to abide by this regulation.

24/00819: Durrance Farm, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0UU - installation of 372 ground mounted solar PV panels. Council has no objection.

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

**Allotments:** Area still very wet. Gate from house to allotment site still needs to be closed off. Cllrs Wright and Kemal will organise this in the next week or so.

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

**County Councillor:** Cllr Jordan sent her monthly report for inclusion on the parish website.

**Millennium Green:** Successful Easter Egg Hunt, £92.49 made and well supported. Soulfest planning going well. Parking area - plainings laid and compressing needs doing with roller/wacker plate. Need to decide on top dressing.

**Correspondence:** Biodiversity duty: clerk read salient points to those present. It was agreed that we already do a lot of what is required - it is just not documented. Clerk will produce a document based on the template supplied by next meeting. Clerk has the document should anyone want to read it in detail.

**Councillors Open Forum:** Cllr Stevens raised the issue that we all had been sent the polling card for PCC elections with no information about the candidates. A MOP felt the same so searched the internet and got details. Post meeting note: the Clerk obtained the link to relevant information and posted it on the Community Hub.

**Public Participation:** MOP wanted an update on work at Green Farm: track is being reinstated to give access to new barn for which planning permission has been received. The owner did point out that she has been working with ecologists and the like regarding this work, and has a good knowledge of her land, which results in no interference with wild life and protected

species. Another planning application will be made for dealing with the old house to remedy the eyesore prevailing at the moment.

It was suggested that the path on the Millennium Green be extended to make a circuitous route. s106 monies could be considered. There are other major projects there that could also use s106 monies so the SMG committee need to assess priorities.

MOP asked what was happening re trees planted by Bucks Council along High Road towards the Soulbury Road junction. He feels the trees opposite the junction should be removed as they will eventually get too big and will prevent the area being mown as mowers will not get between the hedge and said trees. Cllr Jordan has already been made aware of our feelings and needs so will chase her about this.

A MOP asked when the goal mouths will be rolled on the childrens play area. It was explained that we have several rolling jobs that need attention and we are in discussion with a person to do it. However, whilst the ground appears to be drying it is still too wet but a watching brief is being kept to get the job done. Bucks Spring Clean: Very successful litter pick was arranged. The Annual Parish Council meeting will take place on 20th May 2024 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

## **Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward**

Cllr Phill Gomm



Cllr Jilly Jordan

Cllr Iain Macpherson



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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 – April 2024 update**

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

We then welcomed Dave Sivers- a local crime fiction author whose books include the popular Archer and Baines novels and the DI Nathan Quarrel series some of which have featured in National Crime fiction ranking tables. Dave was born and raised in West London, but now lives in Buckinghamshire, where many of the books are set. He started by explaining the journey to becoming an author from his mother's early influence and encouragement through the process of seeking inspiration [ often in the most unlikely places] gathering of facts [ from various professional bodies] and onto to actually writing a book and getting the cover designed through to finally getting it published. This is now made all the easier with modern technology and the ease of e-communication. His books are published via Kindle and also the process of 'print-on-demand' which means that an author no longer has to have hundreds of books languishing in boxes in a warehouse. When a customer orders a book is simply printed by the relevant self-publishing platform and sent to them. This was an amazing talk giving a great insight to everything that happens before we actually pick up a book and read it !

Dave currently has had 9 Titles published some of which he brought along to sell at a reduced price to our members.

We then enjoyed tea and biscuits and drew the raffle before the meeting closed at 4:30pm.

### **The next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm, which is a Resolution meeting.**

A resolution is a call for change on a current issue in society. Once a resolution has been adopted at the Annual Meeting, the Public Affairs Department turns it into a campaign. Through national and local campaigning, members play a key role in achieving change on important issues. This years short-list was :-

- Dental Health Matters
- Impacts of Poor Housing Conditions
- Say 'No' to Gambling Advertising
- Improve Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System

Over 95,000 individual selections were cast by WI members and the most popular resolution was Dental Health Matters which attracted 37,772 votes [39.6% of the votes cast]

***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 will now have the opportunity to learn more about the issue at this meeting and to discuss it further before deciding how their delegate should vote at the Annual Meeting.

## Soulbury WI

### 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

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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Victor Wright

Maurice Cross

Alan Stevens

Margaret Rowe

John Bennet

Nigel Kemal

Salina Darbyshire-Mackay

This information will also appear on the parish website.



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	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)

# 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.

