Soulbury Parish News

July 2024





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Emergency	999			
Non Emergency	101			

Dates for your diary – July 2024 onwards

Events including Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events

Social Group (Thursdays) Parish Hall at 14.30 4th and 18th July, then 1st August.

Note the 4th July meeting will be held at a different address, members will be notified.

Soulbury Open Gardens

Once more residents of Soulbury are opening their gardens to the public, for two days in July. This has always been a popular event in our calendar and hopefully the weather will shine on us. There will be tea and cakes served at the Old Vicarage and the Social Group have been seconded to organize some fundraising in the form of a Tombola. So we need a few more prizes, it is time to donate all those raffle prizes that you have won in the past, and you don't know what to do with them. Recycle them and donate to a good cause! They can be deposited at the Old Vicarage in The High Road. (to be left in the porch please)

Open gardens on Saturday July 6th and Sunday July 7th from 2.00 until 6.00

There is a poster about Soulbury Open Gardens later in the newsletter.

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.

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 July 7th 11:30am Parish Communion Rev. Andrew Krauss

Sunday July 14th No Service at Soulbury

4.00pm Deanery service at Wing for the Benefice

followed by refreshments

Sunday July 21th 11:30am Parish Communion Rev. Pam Reeves

Sunday July 28th 11:30am Brunch Church. Lay Led

(this may be cancelled if everyone is away)

Sunday July 28th 6:00pm Andrew's celebration in the church

(Not a service) Bring food and drink to share.

80th Anniversary of D Day landings.

Well, I have to admit the event to mark this anniversary seem to have been a success. Many villagers turned up, the food went down well and the music and singalong also were enjoyed by many. Thanks go to everyone who made the effort and came along. We even had a WW2 vehicle on the Green and the beacon was lit at 9.15pm, our scheduled time. The official tributes were read out by members of the social group and the beacon was lit by Roger Rolls. £452 was raised and sent to the Royal British Legion.









Soulbury Millennium Green News - June Report

June's meeting of the Soulbury Millennium Green Committee was largely taken up with discussing and finalising preparation for the forthcoming Soulfest event. Electronic bookings through Ticket Source for advance bookings had been implemented with advance tickets being marketed at £8:00 for adults and children's tickets for under16 being free. Tickets for adults paying at gate entry on the day will be charged at £10:00 each with children under 16 remaining at free entry. Prizes for the Tombola Raffle were being sought and also further sponsorship donations to meet the Soulfest running costs. Although we have a community payback work party detailed to assist with marquee & gazebo erections on the Friday prior to Soulfest, it was agreed to put out a "call to arms" to the village for volunteers to help with other preparations on Friday afternoon & Saturday morning.

Work in Progress: As Richard was unable to attend the meeting, progress reports on outstanding items on the "Spring To Do List" was largely consigned to ensuring the SMG site was brought up to standard, particularly the upper meadow area which due to our biodiversity policy of "No Mow May" has suffered badly in the recent wet conditions. A lot of our resources in labour & machinery have had to be spent on several cuts to bring the meadow to an acceptable grass height level. Following this meeting, Richard has worked endlessly to achieve this and other works to make the green a welcoming space for all. Thank you for all your hard work Richard!

As all the quotes we have recently obtained for tarmacking the enlarged hard floor parking by the front gate were completely unaffordable, Alan was able to obtain an alternative quote for Type 1 Road Stone aggregate, dry laid and compact rolled level for £3528.00 incl. VAT with BG Construction Services. It was agreed this lowered standard would be sufficient to meet our requirements and the authorization given to proceed with anticipated completion expected prior to Soulfest date. This has now been done to our required deadline date.

The Soulfest Planning Sub Committee held their final meeting on site at the SMG in early June to finalise locations for the various activities, taking into account electric & water requirements and potential H & S /Safeguarding issues. The proposed inflatable "Bouncy Castle" children's activity attraction is now confirmed as an inflatable Bouncy Slide" and will feature alongside the Bungee Trampoline at Soulfest, sited in the front grass area by the playground. Following an approach, it was agreed to support Sophie, who is attending Cottesloe School in Wing, to sell Krispy Kreme's to help fund her World Challenge Expedition to Malaysia. All bands are booked and logistics re: band parking, manning, access ways, hazard areas etc being finalised.

We are still accepting 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.

Soulfest 2024 Report: Due to the short time frame period from the Soulfest clear-up and the editorial deadline date, I can only pass on my own indications and judgements on the event. Broadly, I believe the event was well attended by around 300 to 400 people. Early indications would seem to indicate we can expect to realise a profit of around £2500 -£3000 which hopefully will be confirmed when our Treasurer returns from holiday. The music was exceptionally good in my humble opinion, with a broad range of genres catering for all family generations. The focus of the event was to provide a safe & pleasant location where we could showcase local bands providing good music, provide children's entertainments, tea & coffee from a locally sourced coffee business, licensed refreshment bar, barbecue food and a salad bar which hopefully satisfied the requirements of all. Many of the people I have since met spoke very favourably, providing positive feedback on all aspects of the event, with several stating how well they enjoyed it and was the best one ever! The revised layout with the band playing towards the upper end of the meadow was well received by all. The added bonus was having BBC Three Counties Radio roving reporter Luke in attendance plugging Soulfest & the SMG and really putting Soulbury on the map. Well done Scotty! A special thank you to all volunteers who stepped in with volunteering on Friday & Saturday with the set-up & providing help with manning the activities, baking cakes, providing raffle prizes and those generous souls that helped sponsor our running costs by way of charitable donations. Lastly, a big thank you to all on the SMG Committee & SMG Soulfest Planning Sub-Committee for their valued time & effort in making this a very successful event greatly appreciated by all.

The 100 Club draw for June was drawn with Charlotte Harris being this month's draw winner.

Future Event dates:

08/07/24 - SMG AGM 7:30 pm @ Parish Hall (Election of officers & public attendance welcomed)

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
May: Vic Wright June: Charlotte Harris

Soulfest 2024 Delivers!

Soulbury's legendary music festival hit all the right notes on Saturday 22nd June providing a fun packed day that featured an array of high-quality local music acts. This year's festival attracted a record number of visitors from the village and way beyond as well as BBC Three Counties Radio, who were onsite throughout the day capturing proceedings live on air through interviews with organisers, musicians, and festival goers.

The first live music act of the day was the incredibly talented Mick Sane who opened the festival somewhat unexpectedly following the late withdrawal of Roxy who unfortunately lost her voice on the day of the event. Luckily Mick stepped in with a moments notice delivering an extended 90 minute set. Mick, a local musician that routinely practices in the Parish Hall, set the tone perfectly and had the crowd warmed up and in full festival mode in no time with younger members of the crowd up dancing from the get go. The standard for the day was set and it was all systems go from the very first strum of his guitar onwards.

Hailing from Ampthill, Freddies Barnet the unofficial 'furthest sea shanty band from the sea' were next to follow and despite being one band member adrift, managed to truly shine as a music duo. With a collection of cover songs and a wonderful sprinkling of unique sea shanties, the duo had everyone entertained and engaged for the entirety of their set.

The headline act Retrobution, a local five-piece band, picked up the baton next and did not disappoint. Fronted by the hugely talented lead singer Carla, the band treated Soulfest to a music masterclass with accompanying bass guitar, keyboards, drums and lead guitarist all combining perfectly to provide Soulfest with the perfect summer vibe.

The Leighton Linslade act The Palms were next to the stage and despite this being their biggest gig to date, absolutely smashed it with a wonderful array of rhythm and blues tracks to the raptures of the crowd, that were well oiled by now and basking in the summer sunshine.

The final live act of the day The Created blew the roof off the marquee with their fantastic variety of tracks and high energy, which perfectly captured the mood of the afternoon and had festival goers clapping and singing along as they seamlessly moved through their set.

Wrapping up the festival were the fabulous Funk my Life (FML) DJs who made an instant impact filling the marquee with their first track and leading revellers through a wonderful journey of Soul, Funk and House tunes until the festival eventually closed at 11pm. Feedback from party goers has been fantastic with many claiming it to be the best ever and several musicians have already approached organisers expressing interest in performing at next year's event. The organisers are delighted with how the day went and would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who volunteered, supported or contributed in any way, as well as a very special thank you to all the amazing musicians and stall holders who made Soulfest 2024 such a huge success. It was a true community effort and wouldn't have been possible without everybody's hard work and contributions.

















A letter from our Team Vicar

Journeying On

We are coming to that time of the year where many people, especially young people, may well be thinking about two different types of journey at the same time. One is short-term and is of course holiday time, a chance to recuperate, relax, explore and perhaps acquire new experiences. The other is longer-term and connected with bigger life goals that might well depend on pending exam results. Both of these journeys involve some form of planning and anticipation, and perhaps also some precautions should things not work out as hoped, but otherwise they are clearly very different. Longer-term journeying requires a deeper sense of orientation and also a heftier degree of stamina to continue to focus on a goal. For many people it stimulates a discipline of enduring prayerfulness. Moreover, it requires discernment as to whether the goal is really the best or most appropriate one for us, and may need nuancing, or in some cases changing more sharply. Some points along the way may well involve crossroads with conflicting signs, or even an apparent choice of slightly different routes to the same overall destination. These require an engaging, prayerful discernment on our part.

As most people reading this will know, the benefice too stands at a key point on its journey forward. The advert for the vacant post of Team Rector following Revd Howard's departure to Derbyshire is, at the time of writing, just about to go live. By the time this article will be read the application deadline will be upon us and shortlisting be due to follow very soon. We pray that we do get a decent number of applicants and that those responsible for shortlisting and interviewing may be discerning in their task.

I am also aware that this will be my last newsletter contribution before my wife and I move out of the benefice. We have enjoyed our time here and wish you all the very best for the vacancy period and what lies beyond. We hope very much that a new Team Rector will be with you before Christmas and a new Team Vicar very soon after that. Thank you to all those who are working on the required process for these appointments, and our prayers and thanks to all who will be covering during the vacancy. May it prove a positive opportunity for the churches in the benefice to discern the next stage together.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Andrew Krauss.

Thank you Andrew for your contributions to the newsletter and Soulbury. We all send you best wishes in your new journey.

Soulbury Cricket 2024

So far in June we have played away matches at Stoke Hammond and Cublington and had our first home game against Buckland and Aston Clinton CC.

The Stoke Hammond game was a low scoring loss with the ball dominating the bat but our batting improved at Cublington with strong performances from Austin Jones, Matt Thrower and James Carter. Cublington's batting was also strong and they reached our total of 150 with 3 overs to spare. We enjoyed perfect weather for our first home game and scored 198 runs on a surprisingly good batting wicket with solid contributions from the top order batsmen including a 50 from Matt Thrower. We were missing our top bowlers and Buckland and Aston Clinton CC scored very well against our weakened bowling attack to win with only 3 wickets conceded.

On Sunday June 30th we're holding the Soulbury Smash - an all day 4 team T20 type event running from 11am to 7 pm.

There will be an afternoon tea, a Barbeque and our great value bar will be open all day. Please come along and enjoy the fast and furious cricket and our hospitality.

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.

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 17th June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There was 1 member of the public present. Apologies were received from Cllrs Maurice Cross and Jilly Jordan.. Minutes of meeting on 20th May 2024 were agreed as correct. Matters arising: none. All monies paid and received noted by all and Cllr Wright signed the May bank statement.

Planning:

24/01639: The Cow Shed Leighton Road, Three Locks, Soulbury, MK17 9DD — erection of 3 agricultural buildings. No objection.

24/01701: Valley View, Hollingdon Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DN - changes to fenestration to the south east elevation, works include replacement of large steel doors with UPVC double glazed doors and insertion of window and infill single door. No objection.

22/A1565/DIS: Winscott Farm, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ - discharge of Condition 5 (contamination) 7 (ecological) 14 (archaeology) 15 (surface water drainage) 19 (landscape) of planning permission 22/01565/APP.

23/A2004/DIS: Winscott Farm, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ - discharge of Condition 5 (contamination land assessment) 7 (ecological design strategy) 14 (archaeological) 15 (surface water drainage) 19 (soft landscaping) of planning permission

22/02004/VRC. 22/00106/ENFNOT: Sandy Hill Farm, Leighton Road, Three Locks, Soulbury, LU7 0DT - Appeal against enforcement notice. Public enquiry on 9th July, 2024. Post meeting note: clerk advised on 18 June 2024 that this will now be by written representation so our resolution at this meeting to write is now the preferred method.

24/01758: Green Farm, 2 The Green, Soulbury, LU7 ODD - Demolition and replacement of Green Farm House with new dwelling and associated garage, conversion and extension of outbuilding to create new residential unit, re-use of storage to create outbuilding with new thatched roof, erection of two detached dwellings and garages with access taken from existing private road, landscaping, drainage, ancillary highway and other works, Supported.

23/03904: Cherry Tree Barn, Bragenham Lane, Soulbury, LU7 0EE - erection of storage building and associated works. Clerk checked application on Planning Hub and does not understand why this has come up again as all the documentation on the hiub is dated before our written objection. Therefore, the comments made then still stand now.

Environment

New trees alond High Road in area of junction with Soulbury Road to Wing:

Clerk advised that Cllr Jordan had sent the clerk's note re the row of trees planted along High Road by the Soulbury Road turn to the Climate Change dept who replied saying:

- a) they agreed we should have been consulted before planting
- b) the tree by the old Oak needs to be moved. It is a Lime tree so will have height once matured.
- c) They will check on species planted and how suitable they are. They are ornamental, non-native, grafted onto tall root stock.
- d) The Lime could be moved into a space should there be need to remove any of the others. If not, we can look to plant the Lime elsewhere in the village.
- e) All this will be done when the trees are dormant.

Fountain: Solicitor has drawn up official plan and a 'Statement of Truth'. When the Statement has been signed both documents can be forwarded to Land Registry.

Allotments: Council asked that a letter confirming there is no right of access from this house to the allotment area.

Lighting on corner of Stewkley Road and High Road: Work to rectify ineffectual lighting has been carried. When longer nights commence it will be easier to judge if these changes have improved the situation.

County Councillor Cllr Jordan was not present but had sent her report the Clerk who read out the headlines.

Millennium Green: Cllr Kemal read out his annual report. Work to the hardstanding at entrance will be complete by 21st June. Soulfest arrangments in place.

Councillors Open Forum

Cllr Rowe highlighted that bins at 5 High Road are now on the village green and in the conservation area without permission. Clerk asked to compose a letter to the reesident that it cannot stay like that.

Cllr Stevens referred to the request to level the playing field. This now can be done as the area has dried sufficiently. Council agreed to hire a machine to do it. TJC will be approached. However it needs a cut first. Cllr Stevens offered to look after this project and was given authorisation to go ahead up to a spend of £350. If he finds this is not enough having got quotes he was to advise via email what he needs and Council will discuss and authorise via this method so we do not have to wait until the next meeting when ground conditions could be too dry and hard to proceed.

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

Public Participation

MOP complained that there is too much traffic parked up around the entrance to the High Road and lane by the village hall making it difficult to see traffic coming along the High Road. Suggested we get a mirror. Council agreed to obtain this.

MOP also mentioned the grass on the bend after the Fountain is far too long and reduces visibility for drivers of smaller cars. It is a Highways issue so suggested it be put on FixMyStreet.

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

Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward







Cllr Jilly Jordan

Cllr Iain Macpherson



Local Policing

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



Soulbury WI – June 2024 update

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

We Then welcomed 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, Ascott and Mentmore Towers, whilst others are almost forgotten, like Aston Clinton, Champneys, Halton and Tring Park. The eighth 'house' was the manor at Eythrope, regarded as a Pavilion, a house that was built without bedrooms as a place to house Alice Rothschilds collections and entertain guests during the day. An interesting fact is that their crest of 'Five Arrows' which is seen all around Buckinghamshire, represents the 5 Rothschild sons that were sent out across Europe to further the family's business interests.

After this enlightening talk light refreshments were served and the Raffle drawn, before the meeting closed at 4:30pm.

The next meeting is on **2**nd **July at 2:00pm**, which is members meeting, so no speaker. Members are reminded to bring along any crafts they do, to show the other members, and maybe encourage them to try something new.

Transport arrangements will be finalised for the outing on Tuesday 9th. Any outstanding payments for the outing will also be collected at this meeting.

Committee members are reminded that the committee meeting will be held in the club room before the meeting, commencing 1:15pm

Transport arrangements will also be finalised for the outing on Tuesday 9th

The Club Outing is on **9**th **July**, when we will be going to Delapre Abbey [https://delapreabbey.org/] in Northampton for a tour and afternoon Tea.

There will be **no meeting in August**.

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

See WI section of Soulbury Newsletter for more information

Visitors welcome £3 entry

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

Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

19 June 2024

Countywide grass cutting and weed spraying programme is underway

In recent weeks, council crews have been busy working across the county as the annual programme of grass cutting and weed spraying gets underway.

Grass and roadside vegetation has grown even faster than usual for this time of year, following the very wet winter and ongoing spells of heavy rain throughout spring, together with periods of sunshine. To deal with this exceptionally fast growth, the council has brought in additional grass cutting crews.

Three rounds of cuts are scheduled at rural road junctions this year, in order to maintain good visibility for road users, with the first now completed. Two cycles of urban verge cuts are also programmed to take place in areas where this service has not been devolved to parish and town councils. The first urban cutting cycle has begun. Additionally, crews will be attending locations across the county where reports have been made of roadside cuts being needed to maintain road safety. To date more than 150 of these reactive cuts have taken place with crews primed to go out when new issues are reported on Fix my Street.

In addition to grass cutting, work is also in progress to tackle the growth of weeds alongside footways. Two cycles of weed spraying will be carried out across the whole county on all public footways over the coming months, as well as 'siding out' at targeted locations. This is the process of clearing edges of footways where weeds and vegetation have grown through. Crews will use Glyphosate to spray weeds. The chemical is not harmful to people or animals and can be used safely close to water courses. The spray is applied in a fine mist, in very small doses and starts to work within an hour of application. It can only be applied during dry weather.

Richard Barker, Buckinghamshire Council's Corporate Director for Communities said: "Our crews will be working hard across coming months to keep on top of grass and weed growth around the county. Our inspectors regularly review all locations, but we would ask residents who spot areas where they feel the growth is making it difficult for road users, to report these to us via Fix My Street so we can investigate further and take quick action where needed."

To report any issue on a road or street within Buckinghamshire visit: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fix-my-street

