Soulbury Parish News

November 2024



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Thames Valley Police	
Emergency	999
Non Emergency	101

Dates for your diary – November 2024 onwards

Events including Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events

Social Group (Thursdays) Parish Hall at 14.30 7th and 21st November.

Soulbury Breakfast

The next breakfast will be on **Sunday November 24th** at the Parish Hall from 9.30 to 12.00.

Come and enjoy a full English breakfast at £7.50 or Continental option with as much coffee and tea as you can drink.

Please come along, we would love to see new faces.

The Social Group

The social group are always looking to welcome new members. We have been missing one of our group recently, as he has been in hospital. At present he is scheduled to be home by the 22nd October, so lets hope we see you soon Robert. Last month eight of us enjoyed afternoon tea at Mursley and now we are arranging our Christmas Lunch at The Boot.

Our Next meetings are on Thursday the 7th and 21st November in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm.

Stapleford Bridge Charity

Stapleford Bridge Charity The Stapleford Bridge Charity is a Soulbury based charity that was set up in the 18th century. Over the years it has supported a number of local projects, including, since the 1980s, providing Christmas food parcels to elderly residents of the village. The Charity has also provided support on a one-off basis to individual residents who have needed financial help.

Christmas food parcels

If you know of any elderly Soulbury residents who do not currently receive a Christmas food parcel and are in need of one, or you are not currently receiving a Christmas food Parcel yourself and need one, please contact Ian Parrott (grovefarmhollingdon@btopenworld.com / 01525 270 234) so that consideration can be given by the Trustees of the Charity to updating the list of recipients.

Cost of living crisis assistance

If you are a Soulbury resident (regardless of age) and struggling financially during these difficult times, or know of someone in the village who is, please contact Ian Parrott on the contact details above, so that the Trustees can consider how best to provide assistance. Please rest assured that all information provided will be handled confidentially and sensitively by the Trustees. If you have any additional ideas as to how the Charity can assist those in the village who are in financial need, we would welcome your views. Again, please contact Ian Parrott so that these ideas can be discussed with the Trustees.

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.

Council Town and Parish Elections 2025 (Alan Stevens)

I don't know who reads the news letter or how many people receive it. It was a sad day when Wendy gave up the production, however Julian has been doing a great job of trying to keep lines of communication open, so thanks to Julian for this opportunity to air my opinion. I stress it is my opinion only.

This year we have all been subjected to "change" in one way or another. We now have the opportunity to change things in the Parish. In the last news-letter was a notice of new local elections being held next year. I feel that the younger element of our parishioners should step up and seek election to our Parish Council. Nobody lasts forever and, to be honest some of us could do with stepping down. I would encourage you to really consider attending the event that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) are hosting. The event aims to promote the idea of standing for election. We need new blood that reflects the communities that they serve. I truly believe that we MUST have new people to come forward to serve our community. I would like to see, not only members from the village but also Hollingdon, Bragenham, Broad Oak Farm and possibly Ivy Lane. We have had a new influx of residents in the past couple of years and it would be good to hear from them. You may feel shy at putting yourself forward, if so, get a friend to sponsor you. If we cannot form a Parish Council next year then we will come under the jurisdiction of Stewkley.

All Saints' Church Services and News

Sunday 3rd Nov. 11:30 am Parish Communion

Sunday 10th Nov. 10:50 am Remembrance Service at the War Memorial

followed by short lay led service in Church.

Sunday 17th Nov. 11:30 am Parish Communion

Sunday 24th Nov. 9:30/12:00 noon Soulbury Breakfast (Parish Hall).

Sunday 24th Nov. 11:30 am Brunch Church

All Saints Church – Soulbury

All Saints Church, Soulbury hosted the evening Institution, Induction & Installation Service of Revd Dominic Wright as the new Team Rector of the Cottesloe Benefice on Sunday 6th October. Due to Bishop Steven's pressing diary commitments during September and October, Dominic was licensed at Church House Oxford on Thursday 26th September during a small licensing service by Bishop Steven.

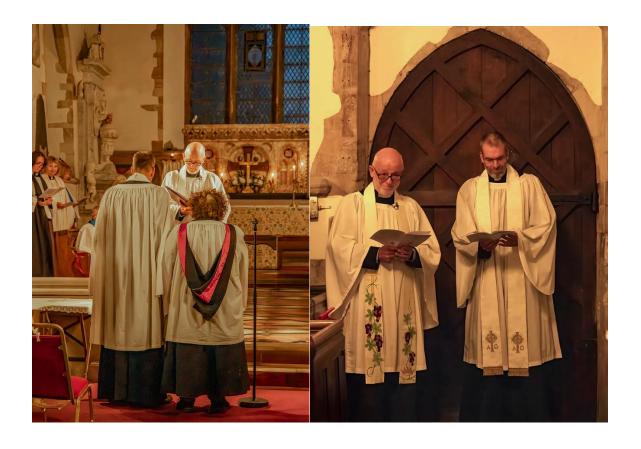
The service to complete Dominic's Institution, Induction & Installation as Team Rector of the Cottesloe Benefice was led by Associate Archdeacon – The Revd Canon Chris Bull, with Area Dean – The Revd Canon Val Plumb leading the Welcome. Eight Churchwarden's representing the eight churches within the benefice presented token gifts during the service as symbols of ministry. The service concluded with Dominic ringing a bell and the Associate Archdeacon leading him to his stall. He was then welcomed by the ministry team, members of the community and benefice congregation. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Parish Hall where all could meet and welcome Dominic, his wife Jo and their family in fellowship.

The service was very well attended with over 170 present in Church, our church bells being rung in advance of the service and an organist playing our partially restored organ. The string lighting that was procured by the Parish Council illuminated our Church pathway and entrance giving the occasion a sense of joyful festivity. Our grateful thanks and appreciation to all those volunteers in our community that assisted with flowers, food preparation, marshalling car parking, serving in our hall and welcoming guests in Church. Thank you for all your support.

With every blessings to you all,

Jane Luxton & Nigel Kemal – Churchwardens

Pictures from the Institution, Induction and Installation Service





A letter from our Team Rector

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:1

In front of a great cloud of witnesses from the eight churches of Cottesloe Benefice, as well as members of my last congregation in Solihull and other friends and family, I was finally installed as your Team Rector on Sunday 6th October. I think that this ancient service is where the word "installed" actually comes from in the English language as I was literally led to my stall (my seat) at the end. It was a joyful service full of hope and rejoicing. All Saints Church in Soulbury was packed to the rafters. A screen was set up for those sitting in pews with an obscured view and the service was livestreamed to those watching from afar. The path to the church was lit up beautifully, and the interior was stunning as all the eight churches came for this celebration. For some who have been leading the churches through the interregnum there was a palpable sense of relief at reaching this finishing post. For me my race here has just begun!

In my first week I have had the privilege of leading an internment (burial) of ashes for a faithful member of one of our congregations at the grave of another of his relatives in the churchyard. I also dug the hole in the ground which I've not done before. For Christians burial is a reminder of one of the most exciting truths of the gospel - The Resurrection of the Dead. When the bible talks about the great cloud of witnesses, who are cheering us on as if in a gigantic sports arena, it is referring to men and women of the faith who have lived and died before us. In ways that we cannot fully understand from this side of eternity we will one day be reunited with them and with God at the resurrection. That doesn't diminish the pain and finality of death for us now. But it does point to incredible joy at an unspecified time in the future.

November is a month when we give thanks for this hope as we remember those believers who have gone on before us on All Saints Day (this year on November 3^{rd)} and Remembrance Sunday on November 10th. I found it humbling at my installation service to think about the continuous witness to our faith in Christ over the centuries and over the millennia in these incredible ancient village churches of ours. We now have the privilege to stand in the same place ourselves to continue this worship which is echoes in heaven, amidst those who have run the race before us. I'm very much looking forward to meeting you and running this race alongside you!

Dom Wright

Team Rector of Cottesloe Benefice

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+ + + St James The Great, Aston Abbotts - St Nicholas, Cublington - St Giles, Cheddington - St Mary The Virgin, Mentmore - All Saints, Soulbury - St Michael & All Angels, Stewkley - All Saints, Wing with Grove - St Peter & St Paul, Wingrave with Rowsham + + +

Soulbury Millennium Green – October Report

As two members of the committee were unable to attend the meeting for October, this was a short meeting largely taken up discussing the forthcoming Fireworks event. It was agreed to leave discussions about funding our proposed circuitous route extension until after the Fireworks Event on 2nd November is concluded.

Finance:

It was reported that our finances still remain in a healthy position with our Current Account Bank balance standing at £12,313.18 and Petty Cash remaining the same at £49.01. Richard is now putting together information with Wendy supplying a list of purchased renewed parts for our existing Club Cadet Ride-on Mower for advertising it for sale/disposal.

Firework Display 2/11/24: The ticket entry price was agreed at £10.00 for at the gate, £8.00 for advance tickets bought through Ticket Source and children under 16 years old being free entry. Publicity material created to feature a QR code to link through ticket site. The Boot Inn have agreed to pay for a pre-agreed pitch site and will provide the bar for this event. The Children's Trampoline fairground ride is also expected to feature again this year with a Candy Floss stall. We also expect to run our Barbecue Burgers & Hotdogs food tent. We are currently urgently seeking wooden pallets for our bonfire as we have not been able to obtain these so readily this year. Vic has been tasked with sourcing fireworks (reduced noise level) and has been provided with an increased budget. It is hoped that an extra Community Payback Team can be made available during the last week of October to assist with the event set-up, with volunteers & committee members completing the final elements on Saturday morning at 10:00 am.

We are seeking funds towards the cost of quiet fireworks for this event and donations from locally based/owned businesses or individuals. Donations can be made electronically direct to the Soulbury Millennium Green account as follows:

Account Name: Soulbury Mill Green

Sort Code: **20-57-44**Account No: **73542793**Reference: **Fireworks**

Committee Members:

Both the SMG and the Soulfest Planning Committee's need a couple more and members to join them helping serve our community with maintenance of the park and organising fund raising. If you can spare a couple hours a month in the evenings and would like to help, please join us. Contact Nigel Kemal for further details or invitation to our next meetings (Mobile No. 07398 825430).

Future Event dates:

02/11/24 – Fireworks Display 21/06/25 – Soulfest 2025

100 Club Draw: October – June Wright

Next SMG Committee Meeting date is Monday 11th November 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Soulfest 2025:

The Soulfest Planning Committee is due to re-convene monthly meetings planning Soulfest 2025 with their first meeting due on Thursday evening 14th November 2024 at 7:30 pm in The Boot Inn. Anyone wishing to assist in planning the event is welcome to attend.

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** Oliver Storey July: August: **Peggy Stevens** September: Alice Crack October: June Wright







Soulbury Cricket 2024 (September Report)

We played 3 matches in September beating Leighton Buzzard CC and Aspley Guise and losing to Stewkley Vicarage.

This year we played 13 games, winning 7 and losing 6.

Over the season our Captain James Carter and Austin Jones scored the most runs but there were also great batting performances by our younger players - Alex Jones, Alfie Smees and Theo Carter.

Our young bowlers - Nathan Thrower, Theo Carter and Alex Jones – did well too. Austin Jones and Nathan Thrower headed up the bowling averages.

The season is finished now and we're putting the ground to bed on Sunday October 6th.

We look forward to seeing you at our 2025 fixtures.

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

Please note the cricket match schedule finished in September.

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 21 October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There were 2 members of the public present. Apologies were received from Cllrs Maurice Cross and Salina Darbyshire Mackay. Minutes of meeting on 16 September 2024 were agreed as correct. Matters arising: none. All monies paid and received noted by all and Cllr Wright signed the September bank statement.

It was noted that the unitary and parish elections will occur on 1 May 2025. We now need to canvas the parish for new people who will stand for election to the parish council.

Planning:

24/03088: Rammamere Heath, Soulbury - T1 - Pedunculate oak - fell, leaving stump at 1m. - basal cavity, decay on stem. Arborist will deal.

24/02982: Valley Farm, Soulbury, LU7 OJJ - EIA Screening request for a proposed 57MW solar farm with a new access from Leighton Road and associated landscaping. Need more information.

23/A2025: Winscott Farm, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ - discharge of Condition 3 (Historic Building Recording Report produced by Albion Archaeology). No comment.

24/02786: 7 High Road, Soulbury, LU7 0BT - T1 Ash Tree 20-25% of canopy, crown clean removing no more than 10% of internal canopy leaving a balanced. No comment

24/02774: Rammamere House, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury LU7 0BB - variation of Condition 2 -(plans) relating 23/03503/APP. No comment

Environment

Fountain: Nothing further to report.

Allotments: Cllr Kemal attended a course for allotment management. It appears, having observed how others are run, that we do not need to make any changes. He did point out that other sites did charge deposits to cover situations where people abandoned their plots.

County Councillor Cllr Jordan presented her report which will be added to the website.

Correspondence:

- a. Callum Anderson, MP Buckingham and Bletchley it was suggested that a wine and cheese event was put on to meet him. The Clerk will write to invite him on 24th January 2025 at 7:30pm. Post meeting note: The date and time agreed with Callum Anderson.
 b. Clerk advised of several notices relating to Govt strategy on local resilience and Martyn's Law
- c. The Clerk advised there is a Law Commission's consultation on grave re-use. Clerk will put this into the Parish Mag. Link to consultation is: https://forms.office.com/e/c.JxueVCZze.

Millennium Green:

Work continuing for Firework Display. Help needed to set up. Cllr Kemal asked that helpers attend SMG around 10:30 on 2 Nov to set up the site. This request will be put out on the Dream Team WhatsApp group.

Councillors Open Forum

- a. Acquisition of Christmas Tree for the village green. Cllr Wright will approach Alex Bonsor again. Robert Bone will be asked if he can help erecting the tree with his telehandler.
- b. Harvest Supper 28/10/24. All arrangements in hand.
- c. Remembrance Day 10/11/24. Wreath has arrived. PCC has arrangements in hand.
- d. VE Day celebrations: 5/5/25 Cllr Stevens asked if the Soubury Dream Team could be enlisted to put the event on. It is on the May bank holiday.
- e. The Clerk asked if anyone was interested in attending the Highways Conference on 28th October. She has arranged two places, one of which she will use.

Public Participation

Village green: area recently piped for drainage still needs to be trimmed, rolled and then sown to blend the area in with the rest of the village green. Too wet to work on so will have to wait when surface is harder. 30 mph area: MVAS - pole obtained, base needed. Job will be completed after the Firework display.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 18 November 2024 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward

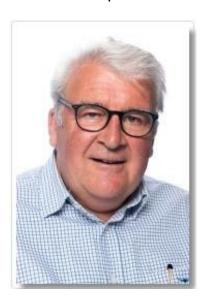
Cllr Phill Gomm





Cllr Jilly Jordan

Cllr Iain Macpherson





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Art At Wingrave 2024

Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th November 10.30 am - 4.30 pm

Field View, Castle Street, Wingrave, Bucks. HP1 4PT

Art At Wingrave 2024 is just around the corner... a joyful and professional pre-Christmas Art Event featuring the enthusiasm and talent of seventeen participating Artists and Makers all gathering at Field View this November. By the time we open our doors on **22**nd - **24th November** every corner of the house will be brimming with wonderful art on display, with even more pieces in the garage and garden.

Look forward to seeing **New Artists and New Work:** Ceramics, Ceramic and Paper Sculptures, Print Making, Textiles and Felt, Glass Art, Designer Lamps, Pencil and Pastel Portraiture, Furniture Design, Painted Wood Design, Hand-turned Wood, Mixed Media Paintings and the captivating art of 'Riveting Welds'.

And there's more: Julie Pugh's lovely Studio at nearby Home Farm, also in Castle Street, will be open to showcase her unique 'One of One' Jewellery.

So this is the perfect opportunity for some enjoyable browsing; mark the dates, bring a friend, head down Castle Street and pay us a visit. A warm welcome awaits along with mulled wine and cakes (Refreshment proceeds supporting Cancer Research.) Don't miss out on this festive celebration of art and creativity.





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Doesn't go quite as planned



WEDS 20TH- SAT 23RD NOVEMBER AT 8PM - £4.50

SAT 23RD FAMILY MATINEE 2PM - £5

LICENSED BAR OPENS 30 MINS PRIOR TO THE SHOW

TICKETS ON SALE AT STEWKLEY VILLACE HALL:
SUNDAYS 27TH OCT, 3RD, 10TH AND 17TH NOV 10AM - NOON
MONDAYS: 28TH OCT, 4TH, 11TH AND 18TH NOV 7-9 PM

Enquiries: stewkleyplayers@gmail.com

Firework Display

Soulbury Millennium Green

Gates open at 6:00 pm



Saturday, 2 November 2024

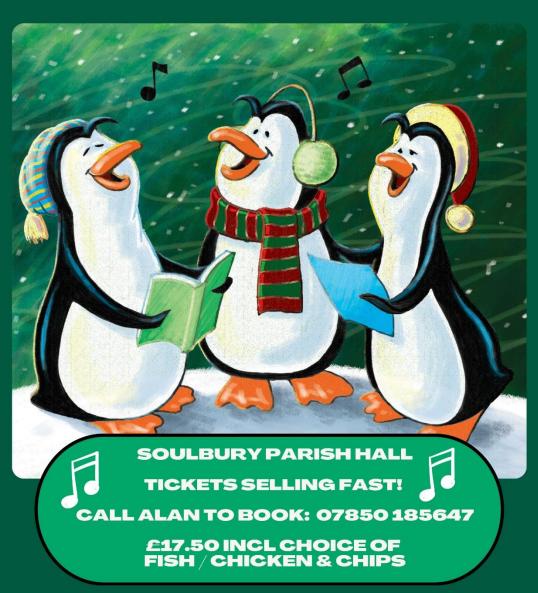
BBQ, bar, teas

Donations welcome

SOULBURY SING-A-LONG

FESTIVE SONGS AND SUPPER





Local Policing

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



Soulbury WI

Meetings 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

12/11/2024 AGM

03/12/2024 Christmas social - Festive Craft activities

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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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.

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Elections - Bucks Council and Town and Parish Councils

Next May we all face elections for Buckinghamshire Council and our Town and Parish Councils. You may be aware of reports regarding a shortage of people coming forward to hold office. National Association of Local Councils (NALC) are hosting an event aimed at those who might be interested. You can join this online from home.

Democracy in Action

13 November 2024 — 12.00 – 13.15

FREE

Sponsor: Local Government Association

Do you want to give something back to your community? To empower your place in uncertain times? To use the momentum from the recent general election to renew your local area?

This NALC **Make A Change** https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/local-elections and LGA **Be a Councillor** https://www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor event aims to promote the idea of standing for election as a local (parish, town and community) and principal authority (district, county, borough or unitary) councillor at the May 2025 local council elections. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve to put themselves forward for election. Join us to hear from experts in the field who have become brilliant local councillors at various local government levels, from all quarters. Whether you live in a parished or un-parished area, this unique free event will provide a valuable opportunity to learn about the work and role of local councillors in your community and answer your questions about standing for election as a local councillor in May 2025.

A diverse panel of experts will share their insights, experience, and advice. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions with representatives from areas which held local council elections in May 2024 and elsewhere, to find out how you can change your place for good.

Speakers: Tamsin Hewett, advisor at the Local Government Association, Cllr Jackie Drake, Ulverston town and Westmorland and Furness district councillor, Neil Wedge, chief executive of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils and Cllr Chidi Nweke, Loughton Residents Association representative on Epping Forest District Council.

To obtain your free ticket use this link:

Buy Tickets https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/democracy-in-action-tickets-947971106097

Could you get pension credit?

Following the government's decision to withdraw the winter fuel payment from most pensioners, Buckinghamshire Council is advising residents of pensionable age and their friends and families that it's vital they find out which government benefits they can claim to help them meet their living and fuel costs.

The winter fuel payment is now limited to people over state pension age (currently 66) who are receiving pension credit or a limited number of other benefits.

Older people over state pension age and on a low income may qualify for pension credit — which offers support for a range of household expenses including the winter fuel payment, but many are not aware and are not claiming this support that they are eligible for.

According to the government, only about 60% of eligible people currently claim pension credit countrywide. This means four out of 10 eligible pensioners are missing out on benefits of up to £3,900 a year.

The council is also highlighting that support is still available through its Helping Hand service for people who may not qualify for pension credit but who are still struggling financially. The team can offer emergency support, practical guidance or supply contact details for other organisations that provide food support or specialist advice.

Buckinghamshire Council Leader Martin Tett said:

"With the government's decision to withdraw winter fuel payments from all except those in receipt of pension credit or other means tested benefits, the council estimates 93% of all Buckinghamshire pensioners could lose this allowance, which is so vital to many of our older households.

"A significant concern is that a number of eligible pensioners are not currently claiming pension credit, so will miss out on a winter fuel payment when they are eligible and in genuine need. Please do check if you or someone you know is eligible – it is critical that those eligible for these payments receive them.

"And if you or your loved ones aren't eligible for pension credit, remember you can contact our Helping Hand team to discuss other potential support."

To find out all about pension credit, including whether you qualify and how to apply, go to buckinghamshire.gov.uk/pension-credit

Buckinghamshire Council's Helping Hand team can be contacted at Help with the cost of living (Helping Hand) | Buckinghamshire Council or on 01296 531151.