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Soulbury Community Hub



Soulbury News

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Emergency	999
Non Emergency	101

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This information will also appear on the parish website.

Soulbury Village Dates for your diary April 2025 onwards

Sunday 6th April	11:30 am	Parish Communion (All Saints Church).
Thursday 10th April	02:30 pm	Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).
Sunday 13th April	No Service at Soulbury (All Saints Church).	
Saturday 19th April	02:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt (Soulbury Millennium Green).
Sunday 20th April	11:30 am	Parish Communion – Easter Day Service & Baptism Service (All Saints Church).
Thursday 24th April	02:30 pm	Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).
Friday 25th April	06:30 pm	Race Night 2025 (Parish Hall).
Sunday 27th April	11:30 am	Brunch Church (All Saints Church).
Sunday 4th May	11:30 am	Parish Communion (All Saints Church).
Thursday 8th May	09:00 am	VE Day Flag Raising (All Saints Church).
Thursday 8th May	02:30 pm/ 04:00 pm	Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall). (+ Possible VE Day Tea & Cake Party).
Thursday 8th May	06:30 pm/ 08:00pm	VE Day Fish & Chip Meal + Alternatives Tickets bookable until 28/4/25 (Boot Inn).
Thursday 8th May	08:30 pm/ 11:00 pm	80th Anniversary VE Day Celebrations. Proclamation, Tribute, Beacon Lighting,
Sunday 11th May	No Service at Soulbury (All Saints Church).	
Sunday 18th May	11:30 am	No Service at Soulbury (All Saints Church).
Thursday 22nd May	02:30 pm	Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).
Sunday 25th May	11:30 am	Brunch Church (All Saints Church).
Saturday 21st June	TBC	Soulfest 2025.
Saturday 8th November	TBC	Fireworks Display.

Message From the Editor

Well folks I thought this, or something similar, would have appeared in the last issue. Having been only on line for the last however many months, the Parish Council felt that not enough parishioners were keeping informed. We have revived the magazine to a hard copy and that means more volunteering for the deliveries. We have to thank Julian Ridley for his efforts in keeping the material flowing and collated, and we have to thank Wendy for negotiating and dealing with the printer. Our Magazine is now in larger format of A4 size, which in some cases makes it easier or harder to get through letter boxes, but we all persevered and it seems to have been delivered ok? The next problem we face is keeping the deliveries going, with one person approaching 90 and at least two well into their 80's, we do need a couple more volunteers at least. So, if you could spare the time and shoe leather once a month to deliver this magazine to your neighbours, that would be of a great help, PLEASE!

Thank you. Alan Stevens

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	Annual	Monthly
Full page (portrait)	£200	£30
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Ads will appear in the newsletter and on the parish website.

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Dream Team VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

Dream Team – VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

The re-convened “Dream Team” held its third meeting on Thursday 13th March and happily had six members in attendance which enhanced the discussion & decision-making process. The result being the organising committee has now adapted & largely finalised our plans for Soulbury Village to commemorate this historic occasion.

Meal Bookings: Meal bookings will now be handled through Ticket Source, enabling us to manage the bookings process more easily, but leading to extra costs. All meals are now priced at £11.00 per meal and booking details will be handled electronically via a QR Code displayed on village posters and in the April edition of Soulbury Parish News. The Boot Inn have agreed to expand their menu offering to now include a Gluten Free option and the confirmed menu choices for the night are detailed as follows:

1) – Fish Chips; 2) – Sausage & Chips; 3) – Fish & Chips (Gluten Free); 4) – Sausage & Chips (Vegan).

The cut - off date for these Ticket Source meal bookings is 28th April to enable the Boot Inn to order in the correct amount of food. Please order meal tickets early on. Meals to be served at the Boot Inn 6:30/8:00 pm in disposable boxes.

Proceedings Update: The VE Day Flag purchase had been approved by the Parish Council and is now on order. Michael Fopp will raise it on the morning. Cheryl has managed to get David Philips agreement to provide Keyboard accompaniment for singing during the evening including the main Hymn, “I Vow to Thee My Country” and will provide song sheets for the evening’s entertainment. Vic confirmed a TEN’s Licence has been obtained for the evening event. Tony Crack has agreed to act as Town crier, reading out the Proclamation. Sir Alex Bonsor has agreed to read the National Tribute. Scott informed us The Boot Inn now hopes to have their Inflatable Bar on the Green.

Soulbury’s Anticipated Timetable:

See below

Next Meeting date: Tuesday 22nd April 7:30 pm at the Boot Inn.

We welcome all newcomers who wish to participate in organising this day to attend as additional organising assistance is still required.

For further details contact Nigel Kemal – Mob. 07398 825430



On 8th May 2025, Soulbury Village will mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, as our nation unites to celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe. VE Day 80 is not only a tribute to those who fought for freedom but also a powerful reminder of the resilience and unity that have defined our country ever since.

Soulbury’s Timetable of Events:

08:00-09:00 – Raising of VE Day Flag on Church Yard Grounds (Michael Fopp)

18.30-20.00 – Fish & Chip Meal + alternatives at the Boot Inn. £11 per person

on a pre-booked ticket only basis, please book in advance by scanning the QR Code below or by visiting:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/soulbury-millennium-green/t-krnvnan>



20.00 onwards – Assemble on Village Green by the Beacon. There will be music and an inflatable pub.

21.00 – The Proclamation by Soulbury’s acting Town Crier (Tony Crack)

21.30 – The National Tribute Reading (Sir Alex Bonsor)

21.30 – Lighting of the Beacon

21.35 – Singing Hymn “I Vow to Thee My Country”

21.45 – Singing Wartime songs led by Cheryl Hawkins & David Philips to be followed by music and Soulbury Social.

A collection will be taken on behalf of The Royal British Legion – Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated.

Together, we honour the past and celebrate a future built on unity, hope, and peace.



Soulbury WI

March 2025

The meeting opened at 2pm with the singing of Jerusalem.

Our President then introduced Jean Yates to talk about 'Ladies of the Grand Tour'.

An informative look at a number of early lady travellers, some of whom ventured abroad for education and enlightenment, but many to avoid scandal. We heard about aristocratic women who were married off in their early teens and who just sought happiness and adventure. We will follow their journeys across Europe and some as far as the Middle East. It was amazing to hear about some ladies of the past and their travels. Tales of their love lives had our hair standing on end and gasps were coming from all of us.

Tea and refreshments were served, and club business matter were discussed.

Members were reminded that annual subscriptions are due in March.

Plans are taking shape for our 50th Anniversary event in May and our annual outing in July.

The raffle was drawn and the meeting ended at 4:30pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday 8th April at 2pm, when we welcome Mike Payne to talk about 'Downton Abbey – Local Connections'. So much of the series is filmed in the counties of Bucks, Berks & Oxon and the talk will visit and examine quite a few of the location used and also look at some of the quirky facts, and cast members associated with this award-winning series. It is surprising how many large mansions and houses were used in filming and a great deal of care was taken to get the correct buildings, walls, and door sets historically correct. Mike will enlighten us!

Visitors are welcome to attend at the cost of £3. If you wish to come along, please just let us know by using the contact phone numbers published in the Soulbury newsletter <https://soulburyparish.co.uk/womens-institute/> and you will be warmly welcomed.



2025 WI program

Monthly Meetings held at 2.00 pm 2nd Tuesday each month Soulbury Parish Hall [VISITORS £3.00]

08 April	Downton Abbey's Connections with Bucks, Berks and Oxon
13 May	Resolutions / 50th Anniversary Event
10 June	Dots to DAB - History of radio
01 July	Members meeting
08 July	Outing
12 August	No Meeting
09 September	Boudicca – Warrior Queen or Rebel
14 October	A Great Railway Journey
16 October	Group Meeting – evening – Hosted by Wavendon Belles
11 November	AGM
02 December	Christmas Social
09 December	Christmas Lunch

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Soulbury Millennium Green – March Report

We are pleased to report Richard Caplan has agreed to return to managing the Sunday Payback Teams working three Sundays in a four-week period and will be remunerated under the terms of a new contract now being finalised. We will still need volunteers to help man a rota on one Sunday out of a four-week period to provide Richard time off for rest & relaxation. Please consider helping out in this request.

SMG Committee members have recently conducted site tours with two prospective contractors discussing two alternative routes for quotation purposes on the proposed new circuitous pathway. These discussions have identified a cheaper & more environmentally friendly material alternative to the existing tarmac pathway and we await their respective quotations. We hope to have a member of Great Brickhill Village attend our next meeting, who may be able to assist us in attracting various funding avenues for this project. We are also open to suggestions from our community what to do with the old children's play area which has been dismantled on safety grounds. One suggestion proposed is to have this as a permanent bench picnic table area on similar hard standing material proposed on the new pathway.

Our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 19th April commences at 2:00 pm. This is a free local community funded event for families to enjoy in a traditional "treasure hunting" format, providing young families with precious moments to enjoy together in an outdoor activity. All are welcome, so come and enjoy the afternoon. We will be setting up a small marquee for administering the hunt and also for selling tea, coffee, fruit juice & cake afterwards. Cake donations from the baking fraternity will be greatly welcomed & we thank you in anticipation. Help in setting up for the event in the morning at 10:00 am is also sought and similarly greatly welcomed.

Work in Progress: Due to current very soft ground conditions our work on Sunday's with the Community Payback Teams has largely been limited to pruning back bushes & trees and the repair of site infrastructure such as damaged bridges. We expect ground conditions to gradually improve as we enter the spring period.

Finance: It was reported that our current account balance was £15,859.43 with £49.01 still remaining in Petty Cash. March's Bucks lottery yielded £8.00.

Committee Members: Both the SMG and the Soulfest Planning Committee's need a couple more 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. We also need volunteers to join a rota on Sundays to help organise & plan the workload for Community Payback Teams.

Contact Nigel Kemal for further details or invitation to our next meetings (Mobile No. 07398 825430).

Future Event dates:

19/04/25 - Easter Egg Hunt

21/06/25 - Soulfest 2025

08/11/25 - Firework Display

100 Club Draw: March draw No. 29 = Heather Isaacs

Thank you all for those in our community who have signed up & support us.

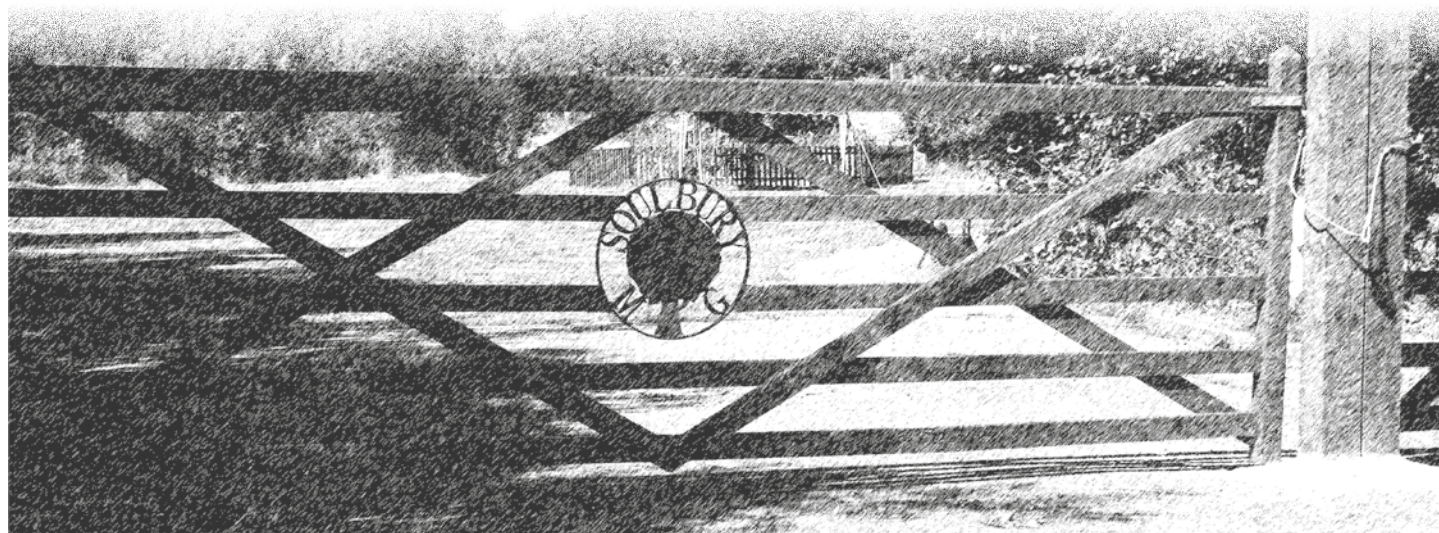
Next SMG Committee Meeting date is Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 7:30 pm.

Soulbury Millennium Green Trust - 100 Club & Winners in 2025

January: Wendy Taylor

February: Tony Crack

March: Heather Isaacs



Soulbury Cricket Club

Our season starts with an away game versus Stoke Hammond at 1pm on Sunday 18th May.

There are 18 fixtures in 2025 including the Soulbury Smash - an all day 3 team T20 type event running from 11am to late with a BBQ and afternoon tea – on Sunday 13th July and the Brian Mead Memorial game on Sunday 24th August.

Indoor nets have started – they're from 12 noon to 2pm at Cottesloe School Wing every Sunday apart from Mothers Day on March 30th.

We are having a Race Night at Soulbury Parish Hall on Friday April 25th. (see advert on page 21).

2025 fixtures
We look forward to seeing you.

Sun 18 May	1pm	Away	Stoke Hammond CC
Sun 25 May	1pm	Home	Walton XI
Sun 1 Jun	1pm	Away	Buckland & Aston Clinton CC
Sun 8 Jun	1pm	Home	Simmons CC
Sun 15 Jun	1pm	Away	New Bradwell CC
Sun 22 Jun	1pm	Home	Boxmoor CC
Sun 29 Jun	1pm	Home	Road Runners CC
Sun 6 Jul	1pm	Away	Leighton Town CC
Sun 13 Jul	TBC	Home	Soulbury Smash
Sun 20 Jul	1pm	Home	Cublington CC
Sun 27 Jul	1pm	Away	Aspley Guise CC
Sun 3 Aug	1pm	Home	Milton Keynes CC
Sun 10 Aug	1pm	Home	Leighton Town CC
Sun 17 Aug	1pm	Away	Mursley CC
Sun 24 Aug	1pm	Home	Memorial Game
Sun 31 Aug	1pm	Away	Stewkley CC
Sun 7 Sep	1pm	Home	Buckland & Aston Clinton CC
Sun 14 Sep	1pm	Home	Aspley Guise CC

Players, Scorers, Spectators, Helpers, Families – please come along. We have a great value bar!

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

Adrian Hunt Chairman



New Members Welcome

Would you like to be part of a welcoming, sociable, local cricket club?

Soulbury Village Cricket Club welcomes you!

We play friendly Sunday games against local opposition

We are always looking for new members to:

- play in the team - all ages and abilities welcome
- learn to score or umpire
- just come along to watch and be involved socially

Nets start on Sunday 16th February
12-2 at Cottesloe School
alongside our friends at Wing CC

Contact us through our Facebook or Instagram pages
or via our play-cricket page:
<https://soulburyvillage.play-cricket.com/Aboutus>



RACE NIGHT



Friday 25th April
£15 PER PERSON
(Includes 2 course dinner)
BRING YOUR OWN BOOZE!
6.30PM (First race at 7PM)
At the Village hall

Buy horses in advance for £5 each and choose the names!
Sponsor a race for £10 and name it!
Contact Jess to buy your ticket, sponsor a race and buy your horses!
Please also advise of any dietary requirements
Email - svccsocialevents@gmail.com

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 17 March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There were 2 members of the public present. Apologies were received from Cllrs Jordon, Bennett and Cross. Minutes of meeting on 17 February 2025 were agreed as correct. Matters arising: Christmas Tree planted but bill since received for digging the hole. It has been questioned as PC were unaware they had to dig it. All monies paid and received noted by all and Cllr Wright signed the February 2025 bank statement.

Planning:

25/00689: Stockgrove Farm, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury, LU7 0BB - Prior notification application (Part 3, Class Q) for change of use and conversion of existing agricultural barn to 1 no. dwelling. No comment.

Building at The White House - new house seems larger than anticipated but it was confirmed that ground was dug out first, as required, to lower overall visual height.

Environment

a. Fountain

Awaiting Land Registry response.

b. Allotments

Overgrown plot cleared ready for new rental. A good standard of work was observed. Discussion on deposits and starting to run the area by committee of renters took place. To be discussed with site manager.

County Councillor

Cllr Jordan's report: headlines read out and will be added to the website.

Correspondence and parish matters:

a. Cottage adjacent village green: Clerk to gain detailed information from Land Registry on boundaries to the village green. Clerk will also talk to the person who ran a course she attended on village greens to seek advice.

b. Election nomination forms distributed by Clerk. When completed Cllr Wright will get them to Buckinghamshire Council.

c. First issue of Parish News in new format well received.

d. Parish Council Action Plan - discussed and updated.

e. Due to several villagers' complaints (and despite their best efforts with the DVLA), work to be carried out on SORN'd vehicles on the village highways.

Millennium Green:

Routes for the path around the green worked out. Awaiting 3 quotes. Cllr Stevens has approached a person who has raised a lot of funding for his village to see if he can work on ours. To be invited to SMG committee meeting. Contract for Richard Caplan to work 3 Sundays in every 4 weeks is being compiled.

Councillors Open Forum

a. VE Day arrangements in hand. Flag purchased at £72.20. Bins liners needed for litter picking and future events.

b. Tree opposite Laburnum Cottages pushing wall out. Need to contact letting agent/owner.

c. Metal work for moving the post for the MVAS has been completed.

Public Participation

Tina Hobson, PCSO, attended and reported on incidents occurred in Jan, Feb and to date this month. Comprised mainly of traffic incidents with a burglary (business), 1 hare coursing incident, one suspicious male and one antisocial behaviour incident. Tina also advised that the local team are now trained to use a speed gun and are available to carry out speed work in hot spot areas.

Request for another name sign for Chapel Hill. Local delivery companies not getting parcels to correct addresses.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **TUESDAY 22 April 2025 at 7:30pm** in the Parish Hall.

General Information

Please note that if anyone wants to add electric car chargers to their property which is either a listed building or in a conservation area they MUST obtain planning permission.

The Parish Council has revived the Newsletter in hard copy format and is distributing it to as many homes as possible. For this to be possible any contributions for the newsletter need to be provided to the editor **by the 18th of each month** for inclusion in the following newsletter.

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Cllr Phill Gomm



Cllr Jilly Jordan



Cllr Iain Macpherson



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James Davies**



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**PCSO
Connor Smith**



**Special Constable
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Buckinghamshire Lottery

Buckinghamshire Lottery: Win big, give back and make a difference!

Which good cause will benefit from your random act of kindness? That's the question from Buckinghamshire Council to residents this Random Act of Kindness Day (17 February 2025).

With Buckinghamshire Lottery, Buckinghamshire residents can make a difference to their community by supporting local good causes while also potentially winning big.

By purchasing a ticket for just £1 per week, players not only have the opportunity to win cash prizes including the weekly £25,000 jackpot, but 60p of every ticket sale goes directly towards supporting local good causes. From animal charities, scout groups, charities providing support for health issues like cancer, mental health and Alzheimer's, local food banks, sport clubs and youth projects – there's a good cause close to everybody's heart.

Buckinghamshire Lottery offers a 1 in 56 chance of winning – much better odds than the National Lottery. Recent winners include Mrs P who won £250 last month while supporting the Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Service - South Buckinghamshire.

Diana Chadwick, Operations Director - RSASS commented: "RSASS has been proud to be a good cause supported by Buckinghamshire Lottery since 2021, benefiting from essential community support.

The funds raised through the lottery have directly contributed to expanding our therapeutic services and outreach programs, helping survivors of sexual violence and their families access the compassionate care they need. Thanks to this vital funding we've been able to extend our counselling hours, and reach more individuals across South Buckinghamshire who deserve safety, healing, and empowerment.

Every ticket purchased truly makes a difference in transforming lives and strengthening our community."

Last year, over £66,000 was raised for good causes registered with Buckinghamshire Lottery, and nearly £28,000 was raised in addition to this for Buckinghamshire Lottery's Community Fund which supports even more local projects and community groups in the county.

"We're thrilled by the success of Buckinghamshire Lottery," said Arif Hussain, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Communities. "It offers residents the chance to win cash prizes while also supporting local causes that make a real difference in our community. By purchasing a ticket, you not only have the chance to win big, but you're also helping to fund important projects and organisations that enhance the lives of those in our community. It's truly a win-win situation."

Arif added: "We have 381 local good causes registered, so there's plenty of choice for people when choosing who they want to support. All proceeds from the lottery go towards supporting local projects and organisations that make a positive impact on the community. Whether it's supporting a local sports team, helping to preserve a historic building, or funding youth programmes, Buckinghamshire Lottery is an easy way for residents to make a difference."

There's already over 1,500 active players across Buckinghamshire who helped raise nearly £94,000 last year for local good causes – and you could join them.

To purchase a ticket and support local causes, go to: [buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk](https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk)

If you're part of a local good cause looking to boost your fundraising in 2025, you can sign up online for free. There are no set up costs or admin fees, just a great way to raise money and to give your supporters a chance to win themselves. As a registered good cause you'll get your own customisable lottery webpage, funds sent directly to your account every month, great prizes for your supporters, marketing help and materials to help you promote your good cause through Buckinghamshire Lottery, and weekly reports via email updates.

For more information visit [buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/good-causes](https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/good-causes)

Contact us at communications@buckinghamshire.gov.uk during office hours.

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