

Soulbury Parish News

March 2024



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Emergency 999

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Dates for your diary - March 2024 onwards

Events including Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events

Social Group (Thursdays) Parish Hall at 14.30 14th and 28th March

All Saints' Church Services and News

Sunday March 3rd 11:30am Parish Communion

Sunday March 10th No Service

Sunday March 17th 11:30am Parish Communion

Sunday March 24th 11:30am Brunch Service. Palm Sunday
All Welcome especially children

Thursday March 28th 7:30pm Maundy Thursday
Communion with Stripping the alter

Sunday March 31st 11:30am Parish Communion. Easter Day

Soulbury Breakfast

Soulbury Breakfast at the Parish Hall 9.30 to 12.00 on Sunday 24th March

Soulbury Open Gardens

It is once again time to plan for Soulbury's very popular Open gardens, being held this year over the weekend of 6 and 7th July.

We have 8 gardens so far and would very much like to include some new ones. If you would like to think about opening your garden, please ring me for a chat.

Rosemary Fopp 01525-270067

Soulbury Parish Hall

A great venue for parties, business meetings, fitness classes or rehearsal space.

Fibre broadband connected.

To book, email: soulburyparishhall@gmail.com Table and chair hire also available.

Social Group

We meet every other Thursday as you will have gathered by now, so feel free to come along and join us 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.

Soulbury Millennium Green News – February Report

Following the Soulbury Millennium Green Committee and the Soulfest Planning Sub Committee meetings held this month, plans are advancing for our next two events to be held on the SMG.

Our **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 30th March** commences at 2:00 pm. This a local community funded event for families to enjoy in a traditional “treasure hunting” format providing young families with precious moments to enjoy together. 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 & I 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.

The Soulfest Planning Sub Committee are advancing plans and preparations for one of our two main fund raising events for keeping the SMG going. **Soulfest 2024 planned for Saturday 22nd June** commencing at 1:00 pm. The afternoon will provide a licenced mobile bar, barbecue food, possible baked potato & salad bar, Matilda - mobile coffee van (House of Coffee), bungee trampoline children’s entertainment and various bands/entertainers providing family friendly music. Adult ticket price is currently proposed at £8.00 each with child admittance free and a concessionary rate of £7.00 for pensioners. We are currently seeking sponsorship to assist funding the event and welcome all donations from locally based/owned businesses or individuals.

Environment – Work has been completed in removing a lot of the dumped metalwork & rubbish from the fenced area by the gate. Many thanks to Richard & the Community Payback team and all those that helped remove this eyesore. There will not be any more bonfires **until Fireworks Night** on the meadow site, so please don’t dump rubbish or garden waste there.

Soulbury Millennium Green Trust - 100 Club & Winners in 2024

January:	Oliver Storey	February:	Tony Crack
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A letter from our Team Rector

Lent began in February and, by now, Lent is well under way. The end of March sees us celebrating Easter Day.

The Sunday Gospel readings show that the Christmas baby has grown and the adult Christ has embarked on his ministry to any and to all who would listen. He has disturbed the powerful and given hope to the poor. He's also challenged those who believed they could clearly see and hear in faith that perhaps they couldn't; that they couldn't see, hear, understand, anything like as well as they thought. That's why there are various incidents where it was the physically blind and deaf who first recognise Christ and got the point of his ministry.

The Bible readings for Lent also make very clear the growing opposition to what Christ said and did. And it is Jesus' response to that opposition which helps us with the Easter story. Why was the tomb empty? Why wasn't he there? because throughout his ministry and especially facing growing opposition, Jesus never remained where people thought he should be or where they tried to put him. He slipped through crowds; He negotiated a path through obtuse questioning; He was not in the tomb. The tomb was empty because Christ is not contained by whatever humanity tries to do with him. Nailed to the Cross, they thought they'd got him, but no, the stone was rolled back and He was not there.

And where was He? In the garden of course, meaning the world we know because that's how the Bible uses garden imagery. The gospel begins with the birth at Bethlehem, the Incarnation, combining the Divine and the human, and on resurrection morning the message is the same. Christ is in the midst of the world; our world.

Easter faith, Easter joy, is not a foray into history, but a living experience which calls us to be an Easter people, people who accept that Jesus is out and about. Those who want a convenient Jesus, an affable Sunday morning Jesus find he's moved on. Christ says let's be the real church with the real me; let's work together.

I hope that you can find time in Lent to assess priorities and then that you feel able to look forward to Easter, striding forth in the strength of the risen Christ.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Howard Robson.

Soulbury Cricket 2024 is coming soon.

Our season starts with an away game versus Newport Pagnell at 1pm on Sunday 19th 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 have started – they're from 12 noon to 2pm at Cottesloe School Wing every Sunday apart from Mothers Day on March 10th.

We are having a Race Night at Soulbury Parish Hall on Friday April 26th. Details coming soon.

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 Adrian Hunt on 07702 019 553.

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

When	Where	Playing
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

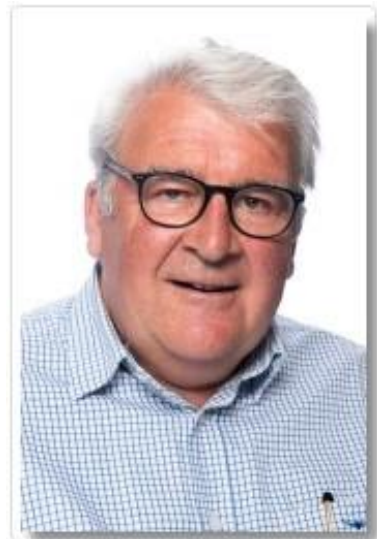
Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward

Cllr Phill Gomm



Cllr Jilly Jordan

Cllr Iain Macpherson



Parish Council News

The parish Council Meeting for February took place on 26th February 2024 so will be reported on in the next newsletter.



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Local Policing

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

FARCE 'N' YOUR SEATBELTS!

MARC CAMOLETTI'S



A STEWKLEY PLAYERS PRODUCTION

WEDS 20 - SAT 23 MARCH 24

8PM STEWKLEY VILLAGE HALL

Licensed Bar opens 30 mins prior to the show

TICKETS £7.50 - ON SALE 26 FEB

BOX OFFICE TEL: 07845 489167

Soulbury WI – February 2024 update

The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem and then we welcomed Howard Yates to present his talk ‘ **The harness Horse, past and present**’.

We know Howard from his excellent talk about working horses he gave when he accompanied us on our canal trip last year. This time his talk was mostly about the only **horse drawn recycling collection** service in the UK, a fact that did not go unnoticed by the then Prince of Wales, culminating in Howard being invited to Buckingham Palace to enlighten Prince Charles about the scheme. Starting in 1993 a sturdy Dales pony named Prince was employed for the first five years of the Scheme until Jessie, a Shire horse, took over. The specially adapted horse drawn vehicle was built to cater for the ever-increasing participation in the Scheme in and around Cosgrove. They carried out not only the collection of recyclable materials but also innumerable deliveries in the area, covering over 3500 horse drawn miles serving the recyclers of the village of Cosgrove and beyond. During the life of the Scheme the village recycled over 260 tonnes of materials. This can be looked upon as a very substantial reduction in the contents of the household refuse bin and was among the highest in the country at the time. The scheme was finally wound up in 2011 when village sadly bade farewell to this unique recycling collection and the clip-clop of hooves around the village. This was due to a decision by the council.

Howard now supports a range of educational activities centred on the Heavy Horse including working with the Milton Keynes Museum and Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum by way of demonstrational work at special events.

We then enjoyed tea and biscuits and drew the raffle before WI & Club matters were discussed.

The next meeting is on 12th March at 2pm, when we welcome Julie Stocker, a village resident, to talk to us about Reiki - The Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing .

Watch out for our 2024 update and full program of speakers and events on <https://soulburyparish.co.uk/womens-institute/>

Soulbury WI
Tuesday 12th March 2024
Meetings will now start at 2:00pm

2nd Tuesday of each month in Soulbury Parsh Hall

Unless otherwise advertised

Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting

Visitors welcome £3 entry

See **WI** section of **Soulbury Newsletter** for more information

12/03/2024 What can Reiki do for you

09/04/2024 Making crime pay - local published author

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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Alan Stevens
Margaret Rowe
John Day
Nigel Kemal
Salina Darbyshire-Mackay

This information will also appear on the parish website.



Advertising Rates

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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

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 Sword, 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.

