

PARISH COUNCIL

We still have a vacancy for a Sixth parish councillor. If you are interested in further details about what is involved please contact Nick Oakhill on 345784.

Cathy Fleet has now joined us as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. We wish her every success in undertaking this administrative role for our village. Cathy can be contacted by emailing clerktosouldernparishcouncil@gmail.com

MEETINGS

Please remember that Parish Council meetings are open to all residents. These are held in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm on the following dates;

13th July / 14th September

9th November

Planning Meetings

15th August / 17th October

Don't forget to check the website for updates and other village information
www.souldern.org

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NEWSLETTER FROM SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL

July 2017

Welcome to the Summer Edition of our Quarterly Newsletter.

Village Social

On the 17th June the Souldern Solstice team organised an it's a knockout styled event on the playing fields. Three teams took part in six events, and despite the sky high temperatures everybody made it to the end unscathed. The Greasy pole proved to be the most popular contest, mainly because of the pool of water below it which cooled many competitors down. The eventual winners were the Souldern Soldiers, ably captained by William Bower. In the evening the pop up pub "The Pheasant Plucker" kept the crowd suitably refreshed, before they were treated to a Firework Finale. Our thanks goes to all those who organised the event, and also to the three teams who took part. Both the playground group and the Village Hall would like to pass on their gratitude to those who attended and enabled them to raise in the region of £800.

The photographs that were taken have been placed into a gallery on the village website. If anybody has any photos of the event that they would be willing to share please forward them to either David Carlisle or Nick Oakhill.

On July 8th the Summer Cheese & Wine is being held at Pleasant View, Foxhill Lane. Tickets are available from Barbara McGarry on 345931. This is always a midsummer treat, and gives new entrants to the village the opportunity to meet their neighbours at an informal function, so please come along if you can possibly make it.

Souldern Playground

Unfortunately due to various commitments the big swing has not yet been replaced. This is now due to be done at the end of July, along with the chainlink bridge. Other improvements are due to be made, most pressing being the perimeter fence, which is long overdue some remedial attention. Options for it are currently being explored. If anybody knows of a source for replacement fencing please contact Lucy Cornish.

Horticultural Society (From Diana Stephens)

The tallest sunflower spotted to date is 1.9 mtrs high, and receiving all the attention it needs to go a lot further yet!!! We hope you have your sunflowers on the go, and supported so that they make it to judging day on the 18th August.

If you have never felt the anticipation and enjoyed the fun of entering the Horticultural society show do give it a go - you might become hooked. Perfection not a requisite - you should have seen my pencil sized carrots last year! Schedules will be available from the Committee in August.

Souldern United Charity

Souldern United Charity currently provides 2 single bedroomed alms house properties which have historically been let at below market value. These were provided on a charitable basis and are managed and administered by a group of trustees. The incumbent trustees are now trying to assess the current and future need for charitable alms-house accommodation within our village. If anyone feels they personally have a need or there is an immediate unfulfilled need for accommodation or believe there to be a future need for a different type or size of accommodation, please make your views and comments known to the Trustees by writing to Carol Cozens, 2 Cotswold Court. A clearer understanding of all needs and views will help to guide the charity going forward.

Sowing the Seed - The Harvest Festival weekend on the 7th & 8th October, will be a little different this year. It of course includes the usual Harvest Supper on Saturday evening and the 11am Harvest

Festival service, but we have some extras! The church will be open all day on both days and not only will it be beautifully decorated but there will be displays and proposals for improving facilities to make the building more accessible to all and serve the needs of the community. This is your church please do take the opportunity to come along, have a look and see what it is all about, your feedback is important.

Harvest Scarecrow competition. As part of the Harvest celebrations there will also be a Scarecrow competition. Look out for more information over the coming weeks.

St Mary's Church Bellingers

Over the past six months the groundwork has been put in place to re-establish the bellringers. If you would like to join the group contact Kirsty Allpress on 345587

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In order to give the engineers within the village the maximum leadtime possible, the date for next year's Souldern Solstice event has already been agreed.

Wacky Races Two will take place on **Saturday 23rd June 2018** in the grounds of Souldern Manor. The team have plans afoot to upgrade the course and further details will follow later in the Autumn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Time to Talk— Aug 2nd, Sept 6th

Cheese & Wine—Sat July 8th (Pleasant View)

Horticultural Flower & Produce Show—
Sat August 19th

**Souldern Church—Scarecrow Competition
& Village Consultation** weekend 7/8th October