

# NEWSLETTER FROM SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL

March 2018

## Parish Council Meetings

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

### 24th May Annual Parish Meeting 7:00pm followed by parish Council Meeting

26th July

27th September

22nd November

We also hold meetings every other month to discuss any local planning applications. These are open to all residents.

These are held in the Village Hall, and start at 7.30 p.m on the following dates;

19th April

28th June

23rd August

25th October

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Don' forget to check the website for updates and other village information [www.souldern.org](http://www.souldern.org)

*Welcome to the Spring Edition of our Quarterly Newsletter.*

*Greetings to all parishioners from Souldern Parish Councilors. The weather has done it's best to hamper any efforts in getting groundworks and annual maintenance underway around the village, but hopefully that will change shortly.*

## Souldern Social

There are lots of social gatherings in store for us this summer.....

Preparations are well underway for the **Wacky Races**, which take place on Saturday 23rd June. The format is now in place, with races starting at 1pm and finishing by 5.30pm. The pitstop party and presentations begin at 7pm with live bands and house DJ set to keep everybody entertained. BBQ and bar will be available. Please keep an eye out for the flyers which should start appearing shortly.

There is a treat in store on Saturday 12th May when the choir will be hosting a **Concert in the Church** which will include a variety of musical delights

The annual summer **Cheese and Wine** takes place on Saturday June 30th, in the grounds of Sulthorn thanks to the kind hospitality of Jerry and Anna Stephenson. Tickets for this will be available from Barbara McGarry (345931) or any PCC member

## Souldern Playground & Playing Field

The materials for the new fence have been ordered, and will be collected and erected as soon as the weather picks up!! Lucy Matthews and her team of volunteers will be undertaking some maintenance work to the train and slide shortly, again very much weather dependant.

## Church and Chapel

**Curry night**—Thank you to everyone who came along to the curry night in February—it was a great night with lovely food and a very challenging quiz which resulted in lots of laughs, good humour and everyone having a good time. Thank you also to the team who worked so hard bringing it all together. Definitely an event to be repeated.

The **Annual Parochial Church meeting** will be held on the evening of Tuesday 24th April at 7:30pm in the church. The meeting is open to everyone so please do come along and support your church.

Sunday School and Family Church are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and all children and their families are welcome to come along and join in with crafts and worship

## Souldern Horticultural Society

**Tallest sunflower competition** Following fierce competition last year, the Tallest Sunflower Competition will be taking place again. There are classes for adults and children. Entry forms will be available from the Horticultural Society stand at the Wacky Races event on 23rd June, or from Carol Gray, Pleasant View, Foxhill Lane telephone 345965, to be submitted to Carol by 7th August. Judging will be on 14th August, and prizes will be presented at the Flower and Produce show.

**Flower and Produce Show** This will be taking place on 18th August in the village hall. The schedule will be available from the Horticultural Society stand at the Wacky Races event. There are several changes to the schedule this year so please come and pick up a copy and say hello.

## Village Hall

The AGM of the village hall committee is being held on Thursday 26th April starting at 7pm, all are invited to attend.

## Defibrillator

Thank you to Norma Jones, Lyn Palmer and their team who raised £570 towards a defibrillator for the

village at their Bring and Buy sale. We are now well on our way to having the necessary funds for the purchase of this vital piece of equipment. Once we have secured the necessary funds and bought the defibrillator we will be asking for volunteers from different areas of the village to come along to some training sessions, so please keep an eye out for further news if you are interested.

## Souldern Community Market is back!

February 17th saw the return of the Community Market, 9:30-12:30 in the Village Hall and this continues on the 3rd Saturday of each month, including fresh, locally sourced produce and preserves, bread, cakes and savouries, gifts, cards, plants and services and of course breakfast. Sharing a cup of coffee/tea and a bacon/sausage butty provides the ideal opportunity to meet up with friends for a chat. Do please come along and show your support.

## Village Pond

The Willow tree adjacent to the pond is in need of a trim, and this will take place very shortly, and at the same time the opportunity is being taken to cut back some of the other bushes around that area. So please don't be alarmed if the appearance of pond changes quite dramatically, it will grow back!!!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**Church APCM—24th April (7:30pm in the church)**

**Village Hall AGM—25th April (7pm in the village hall)**

### Time to Talk

11-12:30 1st Wednesday in each month  
2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 5th September,

### Souldern Community Market

21st April, 19th May, 16th June, 21st July

**Concert in the Church—12th May**

**Wacky Races—23rd June**

**Cheese & Wine –30th June**

**Annual Show –18th August**