

# NEWSLETTER FROM SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL

September 2015

## Memorial Concert For Rodney Allan

Souldern Church Choir  
will be performing a  
selection of music from Rodney's life  
including Mozart and Gilbert & Sullivan

**7:00pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
St Mary's Church, Souldern

*Refreshments will be served during the concert*

For tickets contact:  
Clive Smith on mob: 07783 367258 home:  
01869 346795  
Email: [clive.r.smith@btinternet.com](mailto:clive.r.smith@btinternet.com)  
Or any choir member

There is no charge for the tickets but donations would be welcome

## Parish Council Meetings

Please remember that Parish Council meetings are open to all residents. For the remainder of 2015, this will be held in the Village Hall from 7:30 on Thursday 19th November

Souldern Parish Council contact details are:  
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*Welcome to the Fourth Edition of our Quarterly Newsletter.*

*We know that the Autumn is upon us when the new series of Strictly and X Factor starts. For me I'll be pleased if Anton makes it to Blackpool!!! With the children back to school things are starting to settle down as the evenings draw in, and our time spent outside in the garden becomes limited to weekends only. Can I please make a special plea this month, and that is that you make every effort to attend our Village open meeting dedicated to the delivery of Superfast Broadband to the community. This is our chance to learn from the two service providers, it should not be wasted.*

## Broadband update

Within the last ten days BT have sent us a quote to bring superfast broadband to the village. This now means that parishioners have a choice of two providers who offer very different solutions to the broadband issue.

In order to try and move things along for the village **the Parish council invites you to attend an open village meeting at A Day in the Country**, courtesy of the Stephenson family, on **Wednesday October 14th**. Starting at **7.30 p.m** representatives from both Gigaclear and BT will be present to give us the details on their different systems.. This is a very important meeting, so please make sure that your household is represented. To assist us with the seating, please can you let us know if you are going to attend by emailing Barbara or contacting one of the Parish councillors.

## Souldern vision ( Community Led plan)

The questionnaire for the Souldern Vision has now been distributed to every household in the village, and some of the responses are already back with the team. If you have not done so already, please take the time to complete this constructively, as it will be used to help us shape the future services/projects and activities within the village.

## 2016 Village Event

After the outstanding success of this years event, and the tremendous support that it received from the village, it hasn't taken long for thoughts to turn to an event for next year. The original idea was to hold an event bi-annually, but the team have come up with a great idea for 2016. The Souldern Soap box derby will take place in June, with the venue and rules to be released as soon as they are

finalised. A number of different gradients are being reconnoitred, but the emphasis will be on fun and getting as many village teams entered as we possibly can. Fancy dress and highly decorated soap boxes will be compulsory, and safety of the Participants and spectators will be top of the priorities for the organisers. Watch this space as further details are announced in the coming months.

## **Development and Planning in Souldern**

The next planning meeting is due to be held on October 14th, and will take place after the village open meeting. We haven't got any applications pending currently, so it might be a short update.

## **Playground**

The working group at the playground that was due to be held on September 12th was cancelled due to over night rain, but it has been rearranged for October 10th. Tania Noble and Mark Baker are in the process of prioritising tasks following our latest ROSPA report which highlighted the need for some remedial works on much of the existing equipment. Please come along and join in if you are able to spare the time. Equipment and materials will be provided.

## **Redecoration of the Village Hall**

During July and early August the village hall underwent a makeover, which has made it look much brighter and fresher on the inside. Congratulations to all who contributed, you really have made a difference that you should be proud of.

Mary May and the Souldern Village Hall Committee would like to thank the Companies and Friends for their very generous help and contributions towards the refurbishment.

Inside-Out Group - ( Lisa and Colin) - Bicester  
Homebase - Bicester  
Village Fabrics - Bicester

Volunteers:-

Jo Oakhill (made the curtains)  
David & Romney Summers  
Bruce May  
Phil Mander  
Phillip Hendrick  
Hugh Spight

## **Consideration for others in the community**

**Dog Fouling:** Whilst things have improved massively from where we were twelve months ago, please continue to clean up after your canine companions and use the bins provided. We dog owners need to be aware of the other members of the community.

**Parking:** The continuing issue of parking niggles a large proportion of the village population. Common sense must prevail, if you cannot walk past on the pavement don't park there. We have more vehicles in the village than at any time in recent memory, so a certain level of tolerance has to be expected. Please if you do have any issues sort them out in a neighbourly fashion without acrimony. And likewise if you are approached because of perceived inconsiderate parking do not behave in an aggressive/ hostile fashion. Please try to resolve the issue amicably.

## **Souldern Football Club**

With three league games played already this season, the team have already improved on last year's performance. Having played three games, the team have won 2 and lost 1 game. All are welcome to go up and watch them play on Saturday afternoons. The Souldern United Charity has assisted the team purchase a new kit, which hopefully, they should be wearing for this weekends game.

## **Horticultural Society show.....**

Took place on Saturday 22nd August in the Village Hall. The number of entries was up on last year, and the quality of the exhibits were up to their usual very high standards. It was a very enjoyable afternoon, for which we were all very appreciative of the committee's efforts in organising the show. For those that are interested Robert Mattock will be giving a presentation about Roses in the village hall on Thursday 12th november, starting at 7.30 pm. It promises to be a very informative evening as Robert is a recognised and well respected authority on the subject.

## **Website progress.....**

Is ongoing thanks to the tireless efforts of David Carlisle and his team of editors. Our village website is starting to look like the finished article, and with more content being added on a daily basis we are working towards it being available for public use from the 31st October. Most importantly, the website is meant to be used by our community to relay information to each other on a host of different things, so once you have visited it, if you have any suggestions please contact us using the addresses on the site.