

NEWSLETTER FROM SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL

September 2017

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Time to Talk

Wednesday November 1st

Horticultural presentation

November 2nd

All Souls Service—St Mary's

*(special service to remember friends and family departed
from this life)*

Sunday 29th October 6pm

Christmas Market

Saturday 18th November

Christingle Service

26th November

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 17th December

Carol Service with the Choir—St Mary's church

Saturday 23rd December 5pm

MEETINGS

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

Full Meeting

9th November

Planning Meeting

19th December

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

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

We didn't see that coming!!! Having been told by the highways division from OCC that we should not expect to see The Hill resurfaced in the foreseeable future, within 12 months the works have been completed. Whilst the resurfacing may not be perfect it is a vast improvement. The Parish Council wants to re-emphasise that the 30 mph speed limit should be respected at all times, even though it may be tempting to exceed that now.

Village Socials

Since the last newsletter the Parish Cheese and Wine was held on a lovely summer's evening in July, and on Saturday 7th October, 60 of us sat down to enjoy the annual Harvest Supper. In August, the Horticultural Society held their show which was very well supported. Much to the Parish Council Chairman's dismay his Sunflower was not the tallest in the village.....that honour went to Carol Gray with a 3.25 mtr giant.

Two future social dates to be noted, the first being the Time to Talk Christmas lunch which is being held on Wednesday December 6th, the second being the Family Christmas party which is being held on Sunday 17th December from 4-6pm.

Souldern Playground

The big swing has now been replaced and after some extensive testing is now ready for use. The chainlink bridge will be completed in the coming weeks, and then it's on to replacing the perimeter fence.

Footpaths and Bridleways.

The diversion to Footpath1 has taken place. The path now runs along the field edge to the right of Lower Souldern

Grounds farm as far as the viaduct, and the new route is clearly waymarked.

The deep hole in Bridleway 8 close to the track leading to Leycroft Barn has been repaired.

A reminder has been sent to Oxfordshire County Council that the precarious tree on footpath 23 has not yet been removed.

Please continue to inform Katy Draper of any footpath or bridleway problems - katydraper@souldern.org, or report them to OCC via <https://camsv.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

St Mary's Church

Lots of big thank you's to those who came to help with the clean up at St Mary's, lots was achieved in a very short space of time and although a lot more needs to be done a large dent was made in what is obviously an ongoing project.

The table top tombs in the churchyard look amazing now that the ivy has been removed from many of them and carvings and inscriptions are now visible. The inside of the church was also given a tremendous de-cobweb, dust and polish leaving it all spick and span ready for the addition of the wonderful flower arrangements provided by our very dedicated team of flower arrangers for the Harvest weekend. Thank you so much to everyone.

Consultation

There was a very positive response to the proposals to make the church into a more user friendly building and once all the comments and suggestions have been considered plans will be drawn up and again displayed in the church for comment – thank you to everyone who responded.

Scarecrow Competition

Some wonderfully creative talent was displayed around the village for this exciting competition and it was great fun walking round to find them. Each and every one had something very different and inspiring to offer and I know that the judges found it very difficult to make their final decision.

However, two winners were agreed upon and the prize for the best scarecrow went to 'Virginia the Creeper' at

Park House and best built scarecrow was 'Man at Work' at Yew Cottage. Well done to everyone.

Horticultural Society

The Horticultural society has a guest speaker coming along on the 2nd November - Timothy Walker - from The Oxford Botanic Garden - 7.30 in village hall - all welcome.

Village Flower Bed

We are still seeking volunteers to help maintain the flower bed by Bovewell. If you can help with this, or have any spare winter bedding plants you would like to donate please email katydraper@souldern.org

**Inviting all
Souldern Children & Grandchildren
to join us for a
Christmas Party
17 December in the Village Hall
from 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Featuring the children's entertainer
Mrs Marvel, Christmas tea
and lots more.**

**Please would you confirm numbers asap (by
10 December latest) and we will send you
further information about the Party**

RSVP to:

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