

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Time to Talk

11-12:30 1st Wednesday in each month
1st August, 5th September,

Annual Show

18th August 2:00pm

Souldern Community Market

15th September & 20th October

Harvest Supper

Saturday 13th October

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;

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;

23rd August /

25th October

Souldern Parish Council contact details are:

Chairman: Nick Oakhill - 01869 345784

Clerk: Cathy Fleet - 01869 347000

Email: clerktosouldernparishcouncil@gmail.com

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

NEWSLETTER FROM SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL

July 2018

Welcome to the Summer Edition of our Quarterly Newsletter.

Greetings to all parishioners from Souldern Parish Councilors. Since our last newsletter there has been a lot going on in and around the village in what has been one of the driest and hottest summers in recent memory. We hope that everybody is making the most of this spell of weather and are keeping their plants going long enough to make it to the Horticultural society show.

Souldern Social

First up was the **Concert** in the Church on the 12th May, which was well attended and enjoyed by all. The choir treated us to a few more contemporary tunes including an Abba number (warming us up for Mamma Mia ??) alongside more traditional choral music. All involved should be very proud of their efforts, and we look forward to their next date in the diary.

The **Wacky Races** took place on Saturday 23rd June in the grounds of Souldern Manor. Fastest kart on the day was a team of interlopers from Fritwell in the Fritwell Flyer, which posted a time of sub 32 seconds (very quick!!). Second was Bill Wright and his team with their 2016 kart upgraded, and third were the Oakhill family in their bathtub on wheels. Best Dressed Kart was won by Postman Pat, with Jess the cat in attendance. The modified course with starting ramp proved to be a hit. Great fun was had by all who joined the Solstice team for the racing, and later the pitstop party where in the region of 250 danced the evening away.

In a summer that just keeps on giving the annual summer **Cheese and Wine** took place on Saturday June 30th, in the grounds of Sulthorn for which thanks must be passed on to Jerry and Anna Stephenson. Over 100 attended a very successful evening.

Defibrillator

The new Powerheart G5 has arrived and is attached to an external wall alongside the Fox inn. It is in a bright yellow stainless steel cabinet (heated), so please don't reverse into it if you are parking alongside the pub!!!

The AED (Automated external defibrillator) comes very highly recommended, and we are assured it is very easy to use, with both voice and text instructions.

For those that are interested in making themselves more familiar with how to operate the machine, there will be a social evening in September (nibbles and drinks provided). Members of the local ambulance service will be in attendance to give us a demonstration. Date/ time and venue will be publicised when we can confirm them.

Village Database

Since the new regulations relating to GDPR have come into force we have had very few respondents confirm that they wish to be on the village database. For the Parish Council it is a very efficient way to get information out to a large number of parishioners quickly. Only email addresses are retained, which never go any further than our own internal circulation list.

If you are happy for your email to be added to this list please email the Parish Clerk at clerktosouldernparish-council@gmail.com and Cathy will get you onto the database.

Souldern 100 Club

The June 2018 winners for the Village Hall 100 Club were Number 104 - Susie Deeley. £20:00 and Number: 158 - Mrs. D. Carey £10:00

We would like to thank all that have contributed to the 100 Club and we still have quite a few numbers left if anyone else would like to join for the coming year. It is only £10:00 for twelve monthly draws. The Village Hall is for our community and your support is much appreciated. You can contact Mary May at 2 Chapel Row or 01869 341053.

The 3 Parishes

As from October the 3 Parishes will be delivered to every household free of charge. We are therefore looking for volunteers to help deliver in Souldern, particularly on The Hill and in Bovewell. If you are interested please contact Barbara on 345931, your help would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Village Pond

The Willow has survived its trim and is growing back at pace, the dry weather does not seem to have stunted its rapid progress. Unfortunately the same cannot be said for the grass!!

Fritwell C of E Primary School

For those that are interested Fritwell Parochial Church council are holding a welcome evening for the incoming head teacher, Mr Jonathan (Jon) Hart on Thursday 6th September. Drinks and nibbles will be available between 6-7.30 pm in St Olaves Church, Fritwell.

It will be an informal evening open to the whole community where you will be able to meet Mr Hart and welcome him to the area.

Sewage smell coming down The Hill

It is now four months since we notified Thames Water that the waste water from the McDonalds restaurant at Baynards Green was causing problems for the Souldern system, which created an unacceptable smell for residents from the pond up to Bovewell. Finally the Franchisee of the restaurant has taken action, and the manufacturer has re-filled and then re-commissioned the system. Hopefully, this should have solved the issue, but if you do detect any unpleasant odours in that area please send an email to admin@souldern.org and we will respond in timely fashion.

Souldern Horticultural Society

Flower and Produce Show - Saturday August 18th. There are several new classes this year in all sections of the show, so please have a look at the schedule which is available from Carol Gray ,Pleasant View Foxhill Lane.Tel: 345965. It is also available to download from the Horticultural website, www.souldernhorticulturalsociety.btck.co.uk For the 2nd year we are running a **tallest sunflower** competition for Souldern residents - children and adults. Entry forms available from Carol Gray (as above)

Souldern Community Market

The Community Market will take a break during August but will be back on 15th September and 20th October in the Village Hall with the Christmas Market on 17th November in the church. Do please come along and show your support. Apart from the fresh, locally sourced produce and preserves, bread, cakes and savouries, gifts, cards, plants and services and of course breakfast it is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours over a cup of tea, coffee or even breakfast.