

It hardly seems possible but it is again time to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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We are again including in this Newsletter notices for early January; we hope to have the next issue available for distribution by the second week of the New Year.

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Social Circle

The November meeting of the Social Circle took the form of a Harvest Festival, conducted by Mrs. Doris Scott who talked most interestingly of old harvest customs and led the singing of well-loved harvest hymns. A generous array of fruit, flowers, vegetables and produce had been given by members; this was afterwards auctioned by Mrs. Pam Norman and Mrs. Muriel Jones and raised more than £16 for Circle funds.

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Earl Haig Poppy Appeal

We understand that Poppy sales in the village by Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Brymer totalled £75-10p.

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News from the Parish Council Meeting

At the November meeting of Soulbury Parish Council a representative of Thames Valley Police Traffic Division stated that many silent speed checks had taken place in the village since March of this year and that checks would continue at intervals in the future.

It was agreed that the possibility of obtaining double white lines on roads through the village should be included on the agenda of a future Parish Council Meeting.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 20th January 1981 at 8.00 pm.

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Young Searchers Group

The Young Searchers group, feeling that they would like to do something for the older members of the village, are inviting the over 60's to a New Year's tea with entertainment, which will be held in the Chapel Hall on Saturday 3rd January from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

We understand that the children have thought up and are organising the whole of this event themselves.

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We extend a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Garthwaite, who have come to live in Stewkley Road.

We offer congratulations and best wishes for their happiness to Rosemary Clark and Harvey Adams who were married in Leighton Buzzard on November 1st and to Ian Fountain and Jacqueline Drew who were married in Worcester on the 8th of November.

We are sorry to learn of Mrs. Rowland's illness and wish her a speedy return to health.

We learn also with regret of the illness of Mr. Charles Crawford and hope that he will soon be home from Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

It is with deep regret that we hear of the death of Mrs. Doris Elliot who has been a much loved and respected figure in the village for many years. We extend our sincere sympathy to all members of her family.

Is there anyone interested in joining a babysitting circle? If so, please contact Gwen Royle, Soulbury 545.

Orders taken for Christmas Cooking; Mince Pies, Bread, Chocolate Logs, etc. Please contact Mrs. Rowe, Soulbury 355.

Methodist Chapel

Sunday 7th December 2.30 pm
Sunday 14th December 6.00 pm
Sunday 21st December 10.30 am
Wednesday 24th December 11.30 pm

Sunday 28th December 6.00 pm
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Sunday 4th January 2.30 pm

Sunday 11th January 10.30 am

Minister: Rev. Alan Creber
The Manse, Stewkley, tel: Stewkley 251

Family Hour (with Baptism) - Rev. A. Creber
Mr. Wilson

Mrs. P. Faulkner

Christmas Eve Carol Service

Mr. H. Scott

Family Hour
To be arranged

Sunday School Every Sunday at 2.30 pm.

Fellowship Meeting Mondays at 2.00 pm in the Chapel Hall.

Young Searchers Youth Group Friday evenings from 7.00-9.00 pm.

All Saints Church

Vicar: Rev. Paul Drake

The Vicarage, Stewkley, tel: Stewkley 287

Sunday 7th, 14th & 21st December at 11.30 am - Sung Eucharist & Sermon.

Friday 12th December 11.00 am

Christmas 25th December 8.00 am

Day 25th December 11.30 am

Sunday 28th December 11.30 am

Sunday 28th December 4.30 pm

Sutherlands School Carol Service

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist & Sermon

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United Service of Carols, Readings and

*Christingles. Will each child please bring an orange with a band of red ribbon round it; candles will be provided.

*Christingles - the orange represents the world, the ribbon the Blood of Christ and the candles Jesus as 'The Light of the World.'

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Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 9th December 8.00 pm

WI Christmas Flower Arranging with Mrs Barbara Jackman.

Wednesday 10th December 2.30 pm

Social Circle Christmas Party

Saturday 13th December 8.00 pm

Bingo for Women's Institute

Wednesday 17th December 7.00 pm

Women's Fellowship Christmas Meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Pooley.

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Saturday 3rd January 3.30-6.30pm

Young Searchers Tea for over 60's in the Chapel Hall.

Tuesday 13th January 8.00 pm

Women's Institute

Tuesday 20th January 8.00 pm

Parish Council Meeting

Carol Singing: Come and join the carol singers who will be singing round the village on Monday, 22nd December commencing at 7.00 p.m. from Dean Farm Lane. There will be a collection in aid of SHELTER.