

We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

We apologise for the error in last month's Newsletter which conflated the dates of the Parish Council Meeting and Women's Fellowship. We do hope that it did not cause too much confusion to readers. We should add that the Editor has severely reprimanded Miss Booth for her carelessness.

Children's Competitions We would like to thank all the children who entered our essay competition. After careful thought the prize winner was judged to be Catherine Royle, aged 9, whose 'The Seasons in Soulbury' is given here.

'In Autumn, last year we moved into Lovett House Soulbury. The leaves were falling from the trees in the Vicarage garden and the beech leaves and sycamore drifted on to Chapel Hill, covering it with a thick carpet of brown and gold. Birds were flying over the school house silently and all you could hear was the crunch of Autumn leaves. In the Winter the snow fell and you could see snowmen dotted across the hills. You could see the outline of the children throwing snow at one another. When Christmas came it was wonderful. We went carol singing and on Christmas Day we went to the Christmas service at church.

As the seasons of the year changed the house gradually changed as well. We had the front wall knocked down and Daddy built another one. We decorated both John's and my bedroom and we made a beautiful sitting room. As the seasons became more lovely the house slowly changed and became a lovely home'.

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting: Mr. R. Keen gave up to date news of the proposed Aylesbury-Milton Keynes relief road. He hoped Soulbury Parish Council and the parishioners would raise a local petition supporting the application for a weight restriction on the Wing-Three Locks road. At the request of certain residents the Parish Council discussed parking problems on Chapel Hill. The Playing Field: a long term lease was being prepared by AVDC, planning applications had been presented and estimates requested. As soon as these matters had been resolved a further public meeting will be called, in accordance with the Council's promise. The Council also reminded parishioners that our local policeman is Constable Crabtree who lives in Stewkley and whose telephone number is Stewkley 222.

W.I. Cheese & Wine Party: A cheese and wine party in aid of Christmas Parcels for the elderly will be held on Saturday 28th November at 8.00 pm at The Cottage, by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Pargeter. Tickets priced £3 may be obtained from WI members or at the door.

The following letter has been received by Mrs. Goss from Dr. Michael Webley the Consultant Rheumatologist at Stoke Mandeville.

'Dear Mrs. Goss,

I was very sorry to hear of the accident which your husband had which led to his unfortunate death.

The cheque which you sent to me was very generous and I will be paying this into our Research Fund which we use for undertaking studies into the treatment of patients suffering from arthritis. Donations of this type enable us to continue this work. Yours sincerely'

Mrs. Goss wishes to thank all those who contributed to the total of £43 which was sent to the Rheumatic Diseases Research Centre.

Sydney & Fred Barnes wish to thank most sincerely all their kind friends for the gifts, cards, flowers and messages as well as for the party which was arranged and carried through to conclude such a happy day, and Dr. & Mrs. Owen at whose home the party was held. They would like to mention especially The Rev. Paul Drake for conducting early morning Holy Communion so that they could celebrate with some of their friends the Golden Anniversary of their wedding in All Saints Church; and also Sutherlands' School pupils who called with greetings.

For Sale: Boys Bicycle, suitable for 7/8 years, good condition £20. Boys Timex Watch, perfect working order £3. Assorted Games - any reasonable offer. Mrs. V. Hammond, The Thatches, Soulbury 318.

Methodist Church: There will be three special events for Christmas at the Methodist Church. Sunday December 13th at 2.45 pm. Children's Carol Service with the Sunday School children portraying the Christmas Story. Saturday 19th December at 7.00 pm. The Young People's Fellowship from the Spurgeon Baptist Church in Bletchley are presenting a new musical 'The Glory of Christmas' in the Chapel. There will also be a Christian Bookstall in the Schoolroom. Christmas Eve 11.30 pm-12.15am. There will be a service at the Chapel conducted by the Rev. A. Creber. We should be pleased to see as many people as can come from the village.

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It is with regret that we learned of the death of Soulbury's oldest inhabitant, Mr. Albert Crawford, who died on November 13th at the age of 92 years. Readers may remember Mr. Crawford writing in an early issue of the Newsletter of his life as a farm worker, a gardener at Liscombe and, after war-work in a munitions factory, for more than 40 years as a railwayman. Mr. Crawford's abiding love was for gardening and he had a keen appreciation of village life; in particular he liked to see and joke with the children. We extend our sympathies to his family. The family have asked us to thank all those who, in Mr. Crawford's memory donated money to the National Children's Homes. The amount so far is £110.

We also learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Florence (Cherry) Rolls who died on November 8th, aged 75 years; she took an active part in the life of Hollingdon and Soulbury, particularly in the Social Circle. Mrs. Rolls's love of children was evident in her fostering of four boys; we extend our sympathy to her family.

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For Sale: Radio Controlled Car, 4 months old. 2Ch. six frequencies. For details ring Soulbury 201. £65. ono.

Methodist Chapel

Sunday	6th	December	3.00 pm
Sunday	13th	December	2.45 pm
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Sunday	20th	December	3.00 pm
Sunday	24th	December	11.30 pm
Sunday	27th	December	6.00 pm
Sunday	3rd	January	10.30 am

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

Family Service - Mrs. J. Gregory.
Children's Carol Concert.
Mr. R. P. Edwards.
Mr. S. Gibbons.
Christmas Eve Service.
Rev. A. Creber.
Family Service - To be arranged

Sunday School - 10.30 am each Sunday Fellowship Meetings: Mondays at 2.00 pm.

Young Searchers: Fridays 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

All Saints Church

Sunday	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th & 3rd	January, 11.30.
Friday	18th	December 11.00 am
Friday	25th	December 8.00 am
		11.30 am
Sunday	27th	December 4.30 pm

Vicar: The Rev. Paul Drake.
The Vicarage, Stewkley, Tel: Stewkley 287

Sung Eucharist & Sermon.
Sutherlands School Carol Service.
Holy Eucharist.
Sung Eucharist Procession Carols.
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Farthooming Events

Tuesday	8th	December	8.00 pm
Wednesday	9th	December	2.30 pm
Tuesday	15th	December	7.30 pm for 8.00 pm.
Saturday	19th	December	7.00 pm
Tuesday	22nd	December	7.30 pm

WI: Christmas Flower Arranging by Jenny Montague, Sherry & mince pies.
All welcome.
Social Circle: Christmas Tea.
Womens Fellowship Christmas meeting at Church Farm House.
Christmas Musical in Methodist Church.
Carol singing round the village

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Tuesday 5th January 8.00 pm

Parish Council Meeting,