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We would like to take the opportunity of wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year. Although the village is small, there are quite a lot of Christmas happenings, with various groups celebrating in different ways. We can see from the results of house to house collections that there are lots of generous people here, so let's hope that all these seasonal occasions are well supported, happy and successful.

CAROL SINGING in aid of Save the Children Fund will take place on Tuesday 18th December. Please meet at the Bus Shelter in Stewkley Road at 6.45 p.m. or join the group as it meanders round the village. Please bring a torch or lantern, and wrap up warm. Miss Daphne Booth will be kindly supplying a drink and mince pies afterwards at 7 Chapel Hill.

GRAND CHRISTMAS BINGO There will be a Christmas Bingo on Saturday 8th December in the Clubroom, 7.30 p.m. for an 8.00 p.m. start. Proceeds will be divided between Clubroom Funds and All Saints Church. Donations of prizes would be most appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Margaret Rowe, 31 The Green, telephone 355.

ART EXHIBITION Two local artists Richard Onslow and Richard Graham will be exhibiting some of their work at 'The Old School' on Saturday 8th December, 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Everyone will be welcome.

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KEEP FIT THIS WINTER Tone up before and after Christmas. Where are all the budding Soulbury keep fitters? It's not only fun, it's very good for you, keeps you warm and is a chance to meet other Soulbury residents. On average only 4 people attend regularly so a few new faces would be lovely. Why not get together with a neighbour and come along together, you don't know if you'll like it until you try it. The class has been going for 4 years now but needs more support if it is to continue. It is one of very few village activities, so come on, find out that tracksuit or leotard, trainers or similar shoes, bring a towel, mat or rug and get on down to the Clubroom on Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m. (excluding the third Wednesday of every month.) This class is for males and females of any age, from beginners to advanced. £1.50 per class, pay as you come. Any queries please phone Pamela Bonnick of 383.

SOULBURY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB Our glorious hot summer meant the cricket club enjoyed more cricket than ever before, with no fear of abandoned games. We brought the Stewkley Cup home triumphantly to Soulbury and finished a very respectable fourth in the league table. The hot weather took its toll on our ground and as winter approaches plans are already under way for major repairs to the outfield. We would like Pete Bone to accept our grateful thanks for his generous contribution (and delivery) of several loads of top soil. Also, our thanks to Ian Parrott for his helpful advice and consideration throughout this major operation. The club's A.G.M. took place at the Hunt Hotel on Monday 26th November. Officers remain the same: - Mr. John Wildsmith (Chairman), Mr. Brian Mead (Captain), Mr. Roger Rolls (Vice Captain).

Brian D. Mead (Captain)

A Message from Robbie and Dettie from THE RED LION: We wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the six happy years we have spent at "The Lion." We would also like to express our thanks to all who gave us such a tremendous last night send off and for all the lovely gifts and cards we received. We know this newsletter won't cover the area which all our friends came from, but are sure our message will be passed on. Many thanks again.

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EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL The toal collected this year in Soulbury was £225.29.
The collectors were Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Brymer, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Murphy, The Boot
and The Three Locks. Also included was a donation for the wreath on the War
Memorial. Mrs. Holmes the local organiser of the Poppy Appeal would like to
thank all those who helped and donated to this collection. * * * * May we
add our congratulations to Mrs. Kirk who after selling poppies for 25 years has
received a brooch to mark the occasion from the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal Fund Committee.
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               We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. May Page on 21st
MRS. MAY PAGE
November, aged 79. Mrs. Page was a well known and well loved figure around the
village, having lived here and locally for most of her life. She ran a hair-
dressing business in Stewkley and her husband a butchers shop for many years.
We extend our sincere sympathy to her family, especially to Harold and Beattie
Miller, who have cared for her during the last years of her life.
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     Lost recently from his home on the Green, a black/white 6 year old cat.
Any information regarding its whereabouts please telephone 480.
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GARAGE REQUIRED A local person requires a garage to rent. Please telephone
671, evenings only.
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                   Minister: Rev. M. Appleby, The Manse, Stewkley.
                                                                    Tele: L.B.
METHODIST CHURCH
                10.30 a.m. Mr. W. Farmer, Family Service.
 2nd December
                 6.00 p.m.
                            Rev. M. Appleby
 9th December
                 6.00 p.m.
                            Mr. S. Gibbons
16th December
                 6.00 p.m. Mr. R. Harris, Carol Service.
23rd December
                11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Communion.
24th December
Sunday Club : Every Sunday except first Sunday in month. Restarts after Christmas
Sunday 13th January. Youth Group: Restarts after Christmas Sunday 13th January.
Mother and Toddler Group: Every Tuesday up to 18th December 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.
Restarts after Christmas on Tuesday 15th Januray.
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH Minister: Rev. P. Dallaway, The Vicarage, Stewkley.
                                          Please refer to Church Newsletter.
                   Tele: L.B. 240287
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)
                                      Youth Club Outing
            3rd December
Monday
                                      Parish Council Meeting
            3rd December 8.00 p.m.
Monday
            5th December
                                      Keep Fit
Wednesday
                         8.00 p.m.
                                         6.00 p.m. Art Exhibition in The Old School
            8th December 10.00 a.m.
Saturday
                                      for 8.00 p.m. Grand Christmas Bingo
            8th December
                         7.30 p.m.
Saturday
                                      Youth Club Disco
           10th Decmeber 7.00 p.m.
Monday
                                      Women's Institute Christmas Dinner. Please
           11th December 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday
                                      bring plate, knife, fork and spoon, also a
                                      wrapped gift. Minimum value £1.00.
Wednesday 12th December 2.30 p.m.
                                      Social Circle
          12th December 8.00 p.m.
                                      Keep Fit
Wednesday
                                      Carol Singing around Village meet at Bus Shelter
            18th December 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday
                                      Women's Fellowship Christmas Bingo
           19th December 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday
           Keep Fit restarts January 9th 1991, at 8.00 p.m.
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 Items for the January edition of the Newsletter should be submitted by 31st
 December 1990 to one of the following :- Mrs. L. Miller - Soulbury 545 :
                               : Mrs. P. Norman - Soulbury 483 :
Mrs. M. Bunyan - Soulbury 461
 Mrs. R. Maher - Soulbury 316.
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