



## SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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We would like to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

### CAROL SINGING

Carol Singing round the village for 'Save the Children Fund', will take place on Thursday December 21st, starting at the Bus Shelter in Stewkley Road at 6.45pm. Bring your lanterns and torches. Refreshments & mince pies will be offered at the end of the evening at 7 Chapel Hill, by kind invitation of Miss Daphne Booth.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A planning appeal has been submitted for the Stewkley Road site again. The appeal reference number is APP/J0405/A/95/251731 site OS1234 Stewkley Road, Soulbury. It is lodged against the refused permission for four dwellings to be erected, (although the plans did leave room for several more had the permission been granted). The Parish Council would like to urge all villagers who are concerned about such issues to act now and unite to the Department of the Environment by Tuesday, 5th December. The main points on which the appeal should be dismissed are that the proposed development represents an extension of the village beyond its defined boundaries. The developers claim that the site is bounded by building on three sides, but Ivy Cottage does not constitute a development and is still an isolated dwelling in the open countryside. There is no proven need for such a development in the village and it would intrude on the privacy of local residents. The open field site, which used to be grazed by sheep and horses, offers extended views across the countryside to all those situated on the westside of the Green, and is highlighted in the Village Conservation Area. The Parish Council also emphasise their support for the decision of the Inspector who determined the 1992 Appeal. The address to which to unite is:- Dept. of the Environment, Room No. 12/16, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol, BS2 9DJ.

Aylesbury Vale District Council has been made aware of further restrictions on supplying villages with skips. It is illegal to site the skips in locations 'on or adjacent to the highway'. If we are to stand a chance of keeping the skip services we must offer a site which would be acceptable, for instance:- a public house car park with written authority for a periodic skip from the owners, or a recreation ground car park, church hall car park or similar area. The Parish Council are investigating some possibilities.

The footpath in front of Andrews Close has eventually been the subject of some agreement. Pending the County Council instating a short piece of new path, the old footway will be dug up, levelled and grassed over. As there is still paper work to be completed on this however, it will probably still be some time before all this is achieved.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 18th December.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

**Church Funds** We still have a little way to go to close the gap between income and expenditure on the routine running of the Church.

**The Autumn Fayre/Bring and Buy** Held on the 11th November, brought in £252. Thanks to all who helped with and supported the event. **The Christmas Fayre** on 25th November included an All Saints sales table.

**Christmas Bingo** for our funds on Saturday 9th December at 8pm in the Clubroom is being organised by the Village Hall Committee.

**Christmas Presents** We still have some Soulbury Tea Towels and notelets at the Church. These make excellent presents which can be sent through the post. Please contact Norman for these.

**Notice Board** We would like to thank the generous donors of our magnificent new board and those who constructed it, did the sign writing and erected it.

**Church Cleaning** This is required most Saturdays while the restoration work continues. Watch out for details on the notice board.

### Church Restoration

#### The Work

We have suffered a setback in that when the lead on the South Aisle was receiving attention it was discovered that the wooden beams running along the outside edge of the roof had almost disintegrated. The additional cost of this repair could be £5,000, but we believe that we have funds to cover 30% of this, if English Heritage will provide the 70% which was within their original budget. It does, however, mean a Christmas instead of mid-November finish to Phase 1.

Planning for work to be carried out in 1996 and 1997 is now in hand. Details will be in the Friends' First Annual Report to be published in February 1996.

**Fundraising** Tickets are now in circulation for the Christmas Draw. Ian Parrott (270234) is in charge. If you can sell some tickets please contact him. The draw will take place during the Bingo in the Clubroom on 9th December. Would the people who have sold tickets already please send the remainder of the tickets back to Ian as soon as possible.

**Christmas Cards** of the Church are being sold at 20p each. They will be available in the Church, at Bingo, or from Mrs Jan Birdsall (270204).

**Christmas Music at the Boot** On the 17th December - details to follow.

**Looking Ahead** The fundraising committee hope to run another Promises Auction in March, as the last one was a great success. If you have anything to offer please phone Susan Whittaker on 270448 or Jane Luxton on 270493.

### QUIZ EVENING

The Womens Fellowship would like to thank all those who supported the recent quiz evening. Special thanks to Miss Daphne Booth, Mr Stephen Kittoe, Peter & Pauline Bibby. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. A total of £204. was raised for Helen House Hospice for children, Oxford.

**SOULBURY CRAFT FAIR**

The craft fair organised by Isabelle Mora on Saturday 26th November in the Clubroom raised £90.67 for The Leukaemia Fund. Thanks go to all who contributed to the Raffle, especially 'The Boot' and everyone who came and supported the event together with all the stall holders.

**WASTE PAPER COLLECTION SERVICE**

Please help save our environment and don't throw away your old newspaper, magazines, telephone directories, catalogues, cardboard boxes etc. These can all be recycled, thus protecting our woodlands.

Collections will be made on a fortnightly basis on Wednesdays. Leave the paper and cardboard in separate carrier bags at the front of your property as early as possible on the morning of collection.

Collection dates :-      December      13th & 27th  
    January '96      10th & 24th

Don't forget to save all your Christmas wrappings & envelopes.

**STAMPS** - Please save your Christmas (or any other) stamps. Willen Hospice, Florence Nightingale House as well as other organisations can use them. There will be a collection point at the church, or you can hand your stamps to Liz Miller, Lovett House.

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**Tuesday 12th December:** Christmas Party. Hot buffet supper with wine and entertainment! Cost £4. Members only for this event, but guests and friends welcome at all other meetings during the year! Please arrive before 7.30pm and bring a wrapped parcel, value not less than £2.

The new committee for 1996 has been elected and Val Hammond is to remain as President for a further year. Vice President is Mary Giles, Andrea Hamilton is to continue her excellent work as Secretary and Chris Bryant returns to the role of Treasurer. Jean Morris was thanked for her work on the committee over several years and is replaced for next year by Sue Hubber. Other committee members are: Jean Haines, Peggy Stevens, Margaret Rowe and Julie Day.

For further information on any WI matters, telephone Val Hammond on 270604.

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE HOSPICE AT HOME VOLUNTEERS**

This is a Charitable local organisation formed by trained & trustworthy individuals who provide care & relief for patients & their carers of the terminally ill. Contact may be made with us through your G.P. or community nurse. Volunteers are always needed to help with this service. If anyone is interested contact Pat Armstrong c/o Crombie House, 36 Hockliffe St., Leighton Buzzard.

We would like to welcome all those newcomers who have recently moved in to the village.

**To Rent** a car space under cover for £3.25 per week. Telephone 270493.

**GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE.** Repairs and sales by R.G.C. Machinery, Rock Lane Farm. Most leading makes supplied. Free local collection & delivery. Re-conditioned mowers usually available. Also suppliers of A.T.Vs. & farm machinery. Tel 01296 681007 (daytime) 681286 (evenings).

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Vicar. Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley, 240287

**Sunday Services.**

Dec. 3rd	Sung Eucharist 11.30am
Dec. 10th	“ “ “
Dec. 17th	Said Service of Holy Communion 11.30am Christingle followed by refreshments in the Chapel 4.00pm
Christmas Eve	Said Service of Holy Communion 11.30am Midnight Communion Service in the Chapel 11.30pm
Christmas Day	Christmas Morning Communion Service with Carols 11.30am
Dec. 31st	Sung Eucharist 11.30am
Jan. 7th	Sung Eucharist, Preacher Rev. David Foster 11.30am

**METHODIST CHURCH**

Minister: Rev. J Hustler. Tel 240251, The Manse, Stewkley.

Dec. 3rd	10.30am	Mr Melvin Corby Family Service Theme - Advent of Hope
Dec. 10th	6.00pm	Rev. J. Hustler Communion Theme - The Word of God
17th	4.00pm	Christingle Service in Parish Church
24th	10.30am	Mr D. Packman Service of Carols
	11.30pm	Rev. J Hustler Communion
25th	9.30am	Mr Paul North Family Service
31st	6.00pm	Rev. A. Austin “ “
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Jan. 4th	6.00pm	Rev. J. Hustler Covenant Service
Jan. 7th	10.30am	Mr B. Pitman Family Service

Youth Group every Sunday after 6pm service, except 1st Sunday in the month.

Mother &amp; Toddler Group - every Tuesday 10.45am - 12 noon.

**Forthcoming Events**

Thurs.	Dec. 7,14,21	Bowls Evening	7.30pm
Sat.	Dec. 9th	Bingo Evening	8.00pm
Tues.	Dec. 12th	W.I. Christmas Party	7.30pm
Wed.	Dec 13th	W.F. Christmas Party	7.00pm
		At the home of Mrs Pauline Bibby	
Wed.	Dec. 13th & 27th	Mobile Library at the Stone	11.35 - 11.55am
Sun.	Dec. 17th	Christmas Music at 'The Boot'	
Mon.	Dec 18th	Parish Council Meeting	
Thurs.	Dec 21st	Carol Singing	6.45pm
		At the Bus Shelter	
Wed.	Dec 13th & 27th.	Jan 10th & 24th Waste Paper Collection Service	
Tues.	Jan 9th	W.I. 'Compassion in World Farming'	
		a talk by Mr P. Limbery	8.00pm
Wed.	Jan 17th	W.F. 'Local Ephemera'	
		A talk by Murial Jones at her home	7.45pm

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 Items for next issue by 20th December to: Mrs Miller. 270545. Mrs Bunyan 270461.

Mrs Norman 270483. Mrs Fairbairn 270674.

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