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We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year. Our next newsletter will be published in late January so could you please supply all copy by 18th January.

### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

When planning matters were being discussed at the recent meeting it was noted that the barn conversion at Hollingdon has now been passed but with several conditions. The application to develop land off Dormer Avenue, in Wing, has been refused permission. As yet there has been no application put forward for developing the old school building at Overstone but the Clerk agreed to keep a watch on that situation. The Clerk was also instructed to urge the District Council to order the builders at Brook Cottages to take immediate action on making safe the exposed end of the demolished cottage as this is becoming increasingly vulnerable in the wintry weather.

Mr. Luther Brazier agreed to take action on ensuring that A.V.D.C. did not allow our supplies of rubbish sacks to run out before the next year's replacements were delivered. The situation at present seems far from satisfactory.

Some disapproval was expressed at the recent appearance of several new telegraph poles in the village. It was felt that the company concerned should have at least consulted with the Parish Council, and ought to be made to use undergrounding techniques for new wires.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to Anglia Water expressing condemnation of the way they had left the area of The Green after the authority had repaired a burst there recently. The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 20th January 1997.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

### GENERAL NEWS

- a) CLEANING ALL SAINTS. Help would be appreciated from 9am to 11am on Friday, December 20th.
- b) GATES. As part of our normal repair and maintenance, the gates are being repaired and will be rehung during the next few weeks.
- c) PETER LYMBERY, who is studying to become a Local Non-Stipendiary Minister, preached his first and very well received sermon before a good congregation on October 27th.
- d) THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE on 16th November raised £305 for the General Fund and £169 for the Restoration Fund. Thanks to all those who gave goods, produce and cakes, to those who helped and to all who attended.
- e) CHRISTMAS BINGO in aid of the General Fund will be on Saturday, 7th December, in the Clubroom. Eyes down at 7.30pm. The Friends Christmas Draw will take place in the interval - £1 a ticket for eight houses and coffee with mince pies on the night.

### F.O.S.C. RESTORATION NEWS

- a) ACCOUNTS, BUILDING WORK AND BELLS. At the end of our second year of fund raising we have £20,000 in hand after paying for Phase 1 work. There is still another £100,000 worth of restoration work to complete that which was identified in 1994. Grants, at best, are unlikely to exceed £50,000. Therefore, we have to raise another £30,000 or so by the year 2000 or just after. We still await a reply from English Heritage on the amount of grant which they will give on a programme of work for 1997, submitted to them in May 1996 and estimated to cost £48,000.

Once we have an answer on our application we will circulate more detailed information on work completed, that to be undertaken, and the possibility of restoring the bells.

We could have the bells ringing in the year 2000 at a cost of £30,000. The Millenium Fund has offered 50% and there is a chance of 12 1/2% from another source, but we would want to be sure that the majority in the village would welcome the idea, that there would be sufficient potential ringers and that the project would not jeopardise the completion of the more essential repairs.

The circulation of the detailed information will be followed by an open meeting to enable the village to give its' view to the Friends Committee and the Church Council. A provisional date of 21st January 1997, at 8pm, in the Clubroom, has been fixed subject to the receipt of a reply from English Heritage.

- b) FUND RAISING. - THE BARN DANCE on 9th November was a great success and raised £256. Thanks to Jan, Jane, Jackie and also John Kemp the caller.
- c) CHRISTMAS DRAW will take place on 7th December during the interval in the Christmas Bingo. Unsold tickets, cash and counterfoils should **now** be in the hands of Lorna Stephens or Stan Morris.
- d) A CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG is being arranged by Tony Saint, Sue Taylor and Chris Jones at the Boot on the evening of Sunday, 22nd December. There will be a collection for the Restoration Fund.
- e) BURNS NIGHT will be celebrated with a traditional supper (four course meal provided by ladies of the W.I.) and entertainment in the Clubroom on Saturday, 25th January 1997, starting at 7.15pm. We expect a full house so order your tickets **early** (£7.50 each) from Mr. & Mrs. Chris Bryant on 270607.

f) CHRISTMAS CARDS & PRESENTS. Stan Morris, 3 Stewkley Road, (270577) has the following for sale :-

**FOR GENERAL FUND :**

Christmas Wrapping Paper (packs of 6)	£0.50p
Notelets (Soulbury scenes) (packs of 10)	£1.50
Tea Towels (Soulbury scenes)	£2.50

**FOR RESTORATION FUND :**

Coloured Christmas cards depicting Church (packs of 10)	£1.00
Black and White Note Cards depicting Church (packs of 10)	£0.50p
Prints of the Church - Framed	£24.00
- Unframed	£12.50

Please call and view or ask Stan to call on you.

**LISCOMBE PARK ESTATE**

We have been asked to publish the following invitation by Liscombe Park Holdings Plc :-  
"You are cordially invited to join everyone on the Liscombe Park Estate for an Open Weekend to be held on the 7th and 8th December 1996.

This weekend will give you the chance to see, not only, the latest developments that have occurred on site, but also the opportunity to look around the Estate and see the diverse corporate facilities and activities that are available. A creche and children's entertainment will be available so please feel free to bring the family.

Throughout the weekend full refreshment facilities will be on offer, including a champagne and smoked salmon bar and a barbecue. Also provided on both evenings will be live music for your entertainment.

Father Christmas will be present and for £1 children will be able to visit him and receive a Christmas gift.

On view over the weekend will be our fleet of tanks and armoured vehicles which can be utilised for corporate days. You will be able to see the satellite offices that are available for leasing as well as the three conference suites, the riding school, the pheasant shoot, the recording studio and a whole lot more.

Should you be interested in the above, please contact Deborah Hall on 01296 - 682222."

**W.I.**

On Tuesday, 10th December 1996 there will be an OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS at 7.30pm prompt. Usual Christmas Fayre, £5 per head. If you would like to, bring a present wrapped to exchange (£2/£2.50). This meeting is members only but we welcome any new visitors, very warmly, to our meetings in the New Year. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Contact no. - 270604 or 270355.

The January meeting will be "Life in the Falkland Islands", on 14th January, by Mr. J.N. Bates.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE BOOT**

There will be a Disco on New Year's Eve at The Boot. Tickets, to be obtained in advance, are £12 including a hot buffet.

### AYLESBURY VALE HEALTHCARE

There are opportunities for volunteers in many spheres of activity now being offered by the Voluntary Services Manager for Buckinghamshire. No experience in health care work is required, just a little time and enthusiasm. If you feel you might have something to offer you can find out more by contacting Carolyn Naish, Voluntary Services Officer, Florence Nightingale House, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 8AL. Tel: 01296 - 394710, or Miss Daphne Booth has some leaflets. Tel: 270322.

### POPPY DAY APPEAL

This raised £61.50 in the village and thanks go to the W.I. members who collected and all those who contributed.

### MRS. MURIEL JONES

It is with regret that we report the death of Mrs. Muriel Jones. Muriel moved to the village from Bletchley about 30 years ago, living first at Lovett House, then Charity Farm and finally at Oaklands, and always took a very active part in village life. She was very involved in the W.A.R.A. Campaign, in which connection her photograph appeared on the front page of The Times. In addition, Muriel helped to run the Clubroom for many years and with other Women's Fellowship members started the Social Circle - about 60 people attended the first Christmas party! Muriel continued to be a very active member of the Women's Fellowship and was well known for manning the Book Stall and/or Tombola at Church Fetes. With Syd, Muriel had a great interest in antiques, ephemera and books. She will be greatly missed in the village. We extend our sympathy to Michael, Stephen and their families.

### GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

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### REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Over the holiday period A.V.D.C. will be collecting on Saturday, 28th December, for Christmas week; Saturday 4th January (including waste paper that day), and Friday 10th January.

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Dec. 1st	10.30am	Vicar Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley 240287 Family Service, including Sunday Club, IN THE CHAPEL. No service at All Saints.
Dec. 8th, 15th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday Club.
Dec. 22nd	11.30am	Said Prayer Book Communion Service
	4pm	Christingle. NO SUNDAY CLUB.
Christmas Eve	11.30am	Communion Service IN THE CHAPEL.
Christmas Day	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
Dec. 29th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist and Christening. NO SUNDAY CLUB.
Jan. 5th	8am	Holy Communion Service.
	11.30am	Family Service. Sunday Club will meet IN THE CHAPEL at 11.15am and join in the Family Service later.
Jan. 12th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday Club.
Jan. 19th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday Club.

**METHODIST CHURCH** Rev. Ian Banks, The Manse, Stewkley 240251

Dec. 1st	10.30am	United Family Service.
Dec. 8th	6pm	Rev. M. Ryan
Dec. 15th	6pm	Rev. I. Banks. Sacrament of the Lords Supper.
Dec. 22nd	4pm	United Christingle Service - Parish Church.
Dec. 29th	6pm	To be arranged.
Jan. 5th	11.30am	United Family Service - Parish Church.
Jan. 12th	6pm	Rev. I. Banks. Covenant Service.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** (in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated).

Sat & Sun	Dec. 7th & 8th	Liscombe Park Open Weekend
Sat.	Dec. 7th	Christmas Bingo & Raffle. 7.30pm.
Weds.	Dec. 11th, Jan. 8th, 22nd	Mobile Library at the Stone. 11.35am-11.55am.
Tues.	Dec. 10th	W.I. 'An Old Fashioned Christmas' 7.30pm prompt.
Weds.	Dec. 11th (NOT 25th)	Woodland Waste Paper Collection.
Weds.	Jan. 8th, 22nd	Woodland Waste Paper Collection.
Weds.	Dec. 11th	W.F. Christmas Dinner at Church Farm House. 7pm.
Thurs.	Dec. 5th, 12th	Bowls Evening. 7.30pm.
Thurs.	Jan. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd	Bowls Evening. 7.30pm
Thurs.	Dec. 5th, 19th	A.V.D.C. Waste Paper Collection.
Sat	Jan. 4th	A.V.D.C. Waste Paper Collection.
Thurs.	Jan. 16th, 30th	A.V.D.C. Waste Paper Collection.
Mon. &	Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th	Keep Fit. 10.30am.
Thurs	Jan. 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30	Keep Fit. 10.30am.
Sun.	Dec. 22nd	Sing-a-Long at The Boot.
Tues.	Dec. 31st	New Year's Eve Disco at The Boot.
Tues.	Jan. 14th	W.I. "Life in the Falklands Islands". 8pm.
Weds.	Jan. 15th	W.F. Read In. 21 The Green. 8pm
Mon.	Jan. 20th	Parish Council Meeting. 8pm.
Sat.	Jan. 25th	Burns Night Supper. 7.15pm.

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Items for the next issue by 18th January 1997 to: Mrs. Miller 270545, Mrs. Bunyan 270461, Mrs. Norman 270483, Mrs. Fairbairn 270674.

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