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**We wish all our  
readers a Merry  
Christmas  
and a Happy and  
Healthy  
New Year**



This Newsletter covers all events of which we have notice to mid-January, and the next Newsletter will cover the rest of January and February.



#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council heard that a recent initiative from Lottery Funding might be able to provide monies for the substantial renovation of the Fountain on the A4032. To make the most of the grant local communities have to prove that they value this piece of traditional architecture. Do we?

There is probably no chance of finding enough money from Parish Council funds to do more than a quick and non-lasting touch up to the Fountain and this would be an opportunity to use national funds to benefit a local building of historical interest. Two or three members of

the Parish Council would probably be prepared to join a sub-committee, but in order ever to contemplate applying we need to form an interested group. Would you be prepared to join in to promote this project? It would be of public benefit. Please contact Liz Miller (270545) or Alf Peacock (270541) if you would like to know more or are interested in any way. AVDC have informed us that they are making available 'Welcome Packs', which give free advice and details of all council services – refuse, recycling, tax, health services etc. Call 01296 585026 for your free pack, which would be especially suitable for new homeowners.



#### ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

##### *Thank you*

Ours thanks go to Peter Ayris for repairing the seat by the Church door.

##### *Church Cleaning*

Pre-Christmas cleaning will take place in the period from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please advise Stan Morris if you can help on any of these days.

##### *Bells*

A team of six experienced ringers rang a full peal on our bells in two hours, fifty-four minutes on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**GETTING  
SOUR  
NEWS**



The team included some who helped to train our ringers, and Andrew Mills from the firm who refurbished the bells. Remember that Thursday night is practice night, and newcomers especially teenagers are welcome. For further information contact Jim Cochrane (270571).

### *Coffee Morning*

This event held in the Clubroom on 11<sup>th</sup> November raised £259 for the General Fund of All Saints Church. This was the best coffee morning result for the last four years, which was most surprising in view of the atrocious weather. The proceeds came from refreshments, stalls, selling cakes, bric-a-brac and fancy goods together with a raffle. The PCC thanks all those who donated items for sale, provided refreshments, and manned the stalls and, those that came along to support this event. Being the eleventh day of the eleventh month, two minutes silence was observed at 11am.

### *Remembrance Day*

A service conducted by Norman Cotton was held in the Church on 12<sup>th</sup> November. An Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed this at 11am. Thank you Harold Cheyney, for once again, tidying up the area around the Memorial and to Garry Horne for playing 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'.



### **CHRISTINGLE**

This year's joint Church and Chapel service of Carols, Readings, Blessing of the Crib and music will be held in the Church at 2.50pm for 3pm. The Marion Burch Accordion Band will provide some of the music. Those attending are invited to bring gifts for deprived children. There will be tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards in the Chapel.

### **GOODS FOR SALE**

Christmas cards, gift bags and paper tableware for Christmas are

available from the Church or from Stan Morris (270577).

### **FRIENDS OF SOULBURY CHURCH**

#### *Current Position*

Over the next two to three months the Friends and the PCC will be looking at all possibilities and the costs of putting in efficient heating, toilets and a limited kitchen facility, as well as taking into consideration a timetable and costings for the remaining restoration work. Sources of grants will also have to be followed up. When there is something positive to say a special newsletter will be distributed and this will be followed up with a public meeting before any action is taken.



#### *Christmas Sing-a-Long*

This popular event has taken place every year since 1994 and once again, Tony Saint is making The Boot available for a convivial evening with Sue Taylor, Chris Jones and their friends on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. There will be a collection for the Friends of Soulbury Church.

#### *Burns Night*

A provisional booking of the Clubroom has been made for the 27<sup>th</sup> January, but we need assurance of adequate help if this is to go ahead. It would be a pity to let it drop. If you can be of any help please talk to Stan Morris (270577). A decision will be made by Christmas as to whether or not we are able to hold this event. If it is being held then local notices will be displayed.



### **MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS**

The Halton R.A.F recruits came to help us on the Green a few weeks ago. The entrance way has been turfed as people will have noticed by now. Some of the young trees have been replaced and the

specimen trees that have died are due to be replaced shortly as well. Many thanks are due to the R.A.F recruits for their hard work and to Liz Miller, project manager, for organising it all.

The hedge on the left of the entrance gate has been laid and will, next year, be as thick as the one on the right! Thanks are due to Paul Blissett for his excellent work. Liz Miller also arranged the making and setting up of the tree labels in the orchard. Many thanks again Liz and to Ray Peacock and his company at Hillcroft, who made the very attractive labels. You can now see the name of the tree, the variety and type of fruit when it ripens.

The trustees would like to highlight the danger of the swale and pond area at the moment to parents, children and other visitors to the Millennium Green. The swales and the pond are very full of rainwater, so please take care when you are near the edges of these areas.

#### *100 Club*

Brian Mead who lives on The Green won the 100 Club prize this month. Congratulations Brian. Anyone who would still like to join should contact Christine (270377).



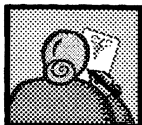
### **NEW YEARS EVE DINNER**

The Cricket Club are planning a New Year's Eve Dinner, to be held in the Clubroom. The menu will include roast beef with all the trimmings, and a glass of 'bubbly' at the turn of the year. A vegetarian alternative can also be provided on request. The cost will be £10 per person. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Any proceeds will go towards equipment for the Club and the upkeep of the ground. All friends' welcome! Please contact Chris Bryant (270607), or Brian Mead (270444) to book your place, or for further information.



## POPPY APPEAL

A total of £109.94 was collected in the village this year from a tin at The Boot and a door-to-door collection. Thanks are due to Tony Saint and to Margaret Rowe and her team.



### A REQUEST

My name is Susanne Campbell and I am currently studying for my A-Levels. The aim of my Communications Project is to produce an informative brochure for the residents of Soulbury. I am planning to involve all aspects of Soulbury, from historical information to present useful information, such as places of interest, and anything else that you would wish to see in it. I would be grateful for your input and suggestions, however major or minor you may feel that they may be. You can contact me on 01525-270992. Thank you.



### THE NEWSLETTER – A HISTORY (continued)

August 1983 marked a new phase in the story of the Newsletter; it was the start of its production by photocopying, with financial assistance from the Council for Voluntary Services. This entailed someone having to take the original copy to County Hall in Aylesbury and fetching the finished copies back to the village, which was eventually to prove the main problem of an otherwise greatly improved process.

By November of the same year we were reporting that the south aisle of the Church was out of use owing to the worsening state of the timbers of the south aisle roof. The cost of a full repair would be such that the PCC was looking for a more feasible interim solution.

In February 1984 The Women's Fellowship marked the One-Hundredth issue of the Newsletter by paying a tribute to those who

were not Fellowship members but who had over the years made a very real contribution to the success of the Newsletter. There were fourteen named members of the village including Mrs Maureen Payne, now for some years our representative on the District Council as well as a Parish Councillor, and who had been typing the Newsletter at that time for nearly three years.

Once again the Parish Council was discussing with the area Traffic Division of Thames Valley Police, the matter of the heavy goods vehicle traffic through the village. By Miss D Booth.



### CAROL SINGING

A Carol Singing evening for Save The Children, is planned for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. It starts at 6.30pm, meeting at the bus shelter; Stewkley Road, until approximately 8pm, and will hopefully raise much needed funds for such a worthy charity organisation. Anyone and everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!

For further information contact Liz Miller (270545) or Stan Morris (270577).



### CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

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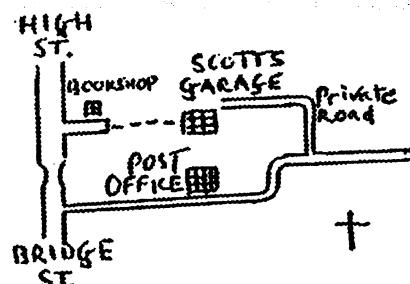
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2000/JANUARY 2001

(in Clubroom, unless otherwise stated)

<b>Thursday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Bowls Evening
<b>Sunday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	The Boot's Christmas Sing-A-Long
<b>Monday</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile Library – Bungalows Lay-By, High Road, Stewkley road Bus Stop
<b>Tuesday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>		W.I
<b>Wednesday</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Social Circle
<b>Thursday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>		AVDC <u>Waste Paper &amp; Recycling</u> collection
<b>Monday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 – 8.00pm	Carol Singing in aid of Save The Children
<b>Wednesday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>		Women's Fellowship
<b>Saturday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup>		AVDC <u>Refuse</u> collection
<b>Sunday</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>		New Year's Eve Dinner in aid of the Cricket Club
<b>JANUARY 2001</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>		AVDC <u>Refuse</u> collection
<b>Monday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 – 2.15pm 2.20 – 2.35pm	Mobile library – Bungalows lay-by, High Road Stewkley Road Bus Stop
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>		W.I
<b>Friday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>		AVDC <u>Refuse</u> collection
<b>Monday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>		Parish Council Meeting



## DIARY DATES

<b>JANUARY</b>	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>		Burns Night (to be confirmed)
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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES

Vicar: Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley – Tel: 240287

Curate: Rev. Peter Lymbery, 17 Hartwell Crescent, Leighton Buzzard – Tel: 371235

<b>All Sundays in December except 17<sup>th</sup>, &amp; all Sundays in January</b>		11.30am	Sung Communion in Church
<b>Sunday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 3.00pm	Said Communion in Church Christingle (Joint with the Chapel)
<b>Monday</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sung Christmas Morning Communion

## METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Brian Trudgian, The Manse, Stewkley – Tel: 240251

<b>Sunday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		No Service
<b>Sunday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Rev. A Cowburn
<b>Sunday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Christingle Service – Parish Church
<b>Sunday</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Rev. A Cowburn – Christmas Eve Service Sacrament of The Lords Supper
<b>Sunday</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>		No Service
<b>Sunday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan. '01		No Service
<b>Sunday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan. '01	6.00pm	Rev. A. Cowburn
<b>All Sundays except first in the month</b>		10.00am	Sunday Club

Items for next issue by 08<sup>th</sup> January 2001 to: Mrs Miller 270545, Mrs Bunyan 270461, Mrs Norman 270483, Mrs Fairbairn 270674, Mr Friswell 270918, Mrs Hulston 270349, Miss Wegener 270284 or Mrs Stevens 270514.

