

The Airport

So it is to be Stansted after all. Whilst we cannot but feel sympathy for Stansted which after three campaigns has been chosen as victim, we are supremely thankful that this area has again been reprieved. However having once been reprieved and then put on trial again can we ever be certain that the same thing cannot happen once more in the future? We would like to think not, but!

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Mr. Stan Andrews

Everyone will be extremely sorry to learn of the indisposition of Mr. Andrews which has caused him to close the Post Office, where he has served the village for so long. We know he has the good wishes of everyone in Soulbury who will look forward to seeing him out and about again.

For the time being pensions and allowances must be collected from Leighton Buzzard or another convenient Post Office and we are sure that those who can readily get about will transact business, if required, for those who are less mobile. As soon as we have some more definite information about future arrangements we will announce it in the Newsletter.

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The Church

By now most people will have received the letter from the Treasurer and Churchwardens regarding the parlous state of the church finances. It is a grievous state of affairs when the church, which has been the focal point of life in Soulbury for nearly six hundred years cannot now be supported by its members. We do hope that this problem can be resolved. May we suggest a thanksgiving for the fact that there is not to be an airport making the church unusable as one way of helping.

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Parish Council

Footpath lighting - As from 1st April 1980 the Parish Council assumes direct responsibility for all overhead public lighting in the village, with the exception of the footpath lighting at the rear of the old peoples bungalows in Mount Pleasant which will remain the responsibility of the District Council Housing Authority. All faults should be reported directly to the Parish Clerk.

Overstone school managers - The nomination of a representative for Soulbury Parish awaits confirmation by the County Council. Details will be published in the Newsletter as early as possible.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Clubroom on Tuesday 15th January, 1980 at 8.00 pm.

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Methodist Chapel

The Methodist Chapel would like to thank all those who supported their Christmas Fayre and helped to raise £254 for the Building Fund.

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The Senior Citizens in Soulbury would like to express their gratitude for the Christmas parcels which were provided by Joyce and Bob Andrews and their customers at the Boot. These well thought out gifts were much appreciated.

We offer congratulations and best wishes for their happiness to Sandra Jordan and Peter Yirell on the occasion of their marriage on the 5th January.

We are sure that her many friends in Soulbury will be sorry to learn of the death in Leicester just before Christmas of Mrs. Emmie Crawford at the age of 90. Mrs. Crawford lived in Chapel Hill before she went to stay with her daughter in Leicestershire some three years ago. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Vinny Pilgrim died in Stoke Mandeville a few days before Christmas and both funerals took place on the 28th December. We extend sympathy to relations and friends of both these ladies.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev. N. Burrows
The Mansé, Stewkley. Tel: Stewkley 251

Sunday	13th January	10.30 am	Rev. N. Burrows - Covenant Service
Sunday	20th January	6.00 pm	Mr. P. Venn
Sunday	27th January	10.30 am	Mr. B. Pitman

Sunday School each Sunday at 2.30 pm

<u>Bible Study</u>	Mondays at 2.30 pm	January 14th at 11 The Green
		January 21st at 'Little Oak'
		January 28th at 27 The Green

All Saints Church

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

Sung Eucharist & Sermon each Sunday at 11.30 am.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday	8th January	8.00 pm	<u>Women's Institute</u> Folk Dancing
Wednesday	9th January	2.30 pm	<u>Social Circle</u>
Tuesday	15th January	8.00 pm	<u>Parish Council Meeting</u>
Wednesday	16th January	7.30 pm	<u>Women's Fellowship Dinner</u> at 'The Cock' in Wing. Cars leave the Stone at 7.15 pm.

All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated.

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