

January seems to be a very quiet month in the village and we consequently have very few items for this Newsletter. This should not be taken as a hint that we want contributors, but on the other hand we should not refuse such literary efforts as were offered to us.

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Buckinghamshire Village Venture Competition 1983. We have received brief details of the nineteen self-help projects entered in last year's competition. The Buckinghamshire Council for Voluntary Service aims to improve the quality of life in the county by supporting and encouraging such voluntary initiatives, especially in the rural areas; the competition is one way in which they try to do this.

The C.V.S. hopes the information will be of practical value to the village in suggesting possibilities for initiating and running projects. They welcome enquiries and can offer help with improvements for existing ventures. To give some idea of the sort of activities that have been carried out in other villages they list some of those entered in 1983; e.g. Youth Club, Mother and Toddler Group, Lunch Club, Land and Meadow Restoration, Improvement of Verges, Village Flora.

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Stewkley Playgroup. Stewkley Playgroup meets in Stewkley Village Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon. There are places available if anyone in Soulbury is interested. Please contact Viv Robson - telephone Stewkley 244.

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Christmas Service and Nativity Play. This much acclaimed event was well attended and enjoyed by all participants. The collection resulted in a total of £37 being sent to aid the work of Helen Hospice.

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Christmas Cards. The sale of Christmas cards and notelets raised £13.80 for All Saints Church, Soulbury.

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We welcome to the village Sue and Tony Wales who have come to live on Chapel Hill, and Anna and Peter Dodson and their daughters who have moved to Church Lane. We also welcome Mr. & Mrs. Gooding and Family who have come to live on The Green.

We offer sympathy to Hugh Clark who had to spend Christmas in hospital but we understand that he is now home and recovering well after his operation.

Methodist Church

Minister: The Rev. Alan Creber.  
The Manse, Stewkley, Tel: 251

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Sunday 15th January 3.00 pm Mrs. Colenutt.  
Sunday 22nd January 3.00 pm Mr. S. Gibbons.  
Sunday 29th January 3.00 pm Rev. A. Creber.

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 10.30 am.

Fellowship Meetings: Mondays at 2.00 pm

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All Saints Church

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

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Sunday 15th, 22nd & 29th 11.30 am Sung Eucharist and Sermon.

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Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 10th January 8.00 pm Women's Institute.  
Wednesday 11th January 2.30 pm Social Circle.  
Wednesday 18th January 8.00 pm Women's Fellowship at the home  
of Mrs. Liz Miller, Lovett  
House. A talk on Birds by RSPB  
members.  
Monday 23rd January 8.00 pm Parish Council Meeting.

All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated.

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