

We have been advised that as from the 1st January the County Council will be nearly doubling the charge they make for printing the newsletter. This means that when the next payments are due in April we shall have to increase our charge to readers to 30p per six months. We hope we shall be able then to avoid further increases for some considerable time.

Car Parking in Soulbury: This is a perpetual problem in Soulbury and there is no easy solutions; indeed, the more sparse the bus services through the village become, the greater is the incentive to acquire one or more cars, even though there may be no parking space on one's own property. However may we remind readers of the following points.

It is essential that the entrance to the service road on The Green and the turning point in front of Andrew's Close should be left clear for emergency services. This also applies to the lower part of Chapel Hill and the service road in Stewkley Road. Readers are also asked to park as near the kerbs as possible and are reminded that rear reflectors should be visible to approaching traffic, i.e. that they should be facing the correct way when parking after dark.

It may be added that the Parish Council have applied to have the double white lines at the top of Chapel Hill reinstated.

Soulbury Environment Group: The Group has now used all of the funds so generously provided by local residents to finance the planting of over 60 trees and a considerable number of bulbs. We would like to thank Mr. Ian Parrot for his co-operation and encouragement in allowing so many trees to be planted in the hedgerows adjacent to the public footpath which runs from Church Lane to Hollingdon. In addition we are grateful for the planting of a further 50 trees in the hedgerows of Manor Farm by Mr. & Mrs. Luxton. We hope that people will enjoy these trees but must emphasise the importance to farmers of walkers keeping to the signposted public footpaths.

The Group has now entered into correspondence with statutory bodies regarding the planting of a small group of appropriate trees near the end of Wing Road, and hopes to make contact shortly with sympathetic landowners to ensure an extensive local re-planting programme in the Autumn of 1986, principally financed by the Countryside Commission. Anyone interested in using the free labour provided by the Group to plant trees or enhance the environment should contact Liz Miller (Soulbury 545) or Stephen Kittoe (Soulbury 534).

Parish Council Election: Mr. P. Cozens was the sole nominee for the vacancy on the Parish Council, and is therefore automatically appointed as a Parish Councillor.

Weight Restrictions: The Wing Parish Council, supported by Soulbury Parish Council, are applying to have the weight restriction extended to further areas and reduced from 16.5 tonnes to 7.5 tonnes. This would be of considerable benefit to Soulbury, especially if the regulations were more vigourously enforced and Soulbury residents are urged to write to The County Engineer at Bucks County Council, adding their support to the application.

Mrs. Betty Scholefield: Many people have been saddened by the death of Mrs. Scholefield who lost her last battle against serious illness on 26th December. Betty was a member of Women's Fellowship until incapacitated. Her indomitable courage in the face of increasing disability and failing eyesight, and her unfailing cheerfulness and refusal to feel sorry for herself won the admiration of all who knew her in her latter years. Earlier she had earned the gratitude of a wide circle of people who benefited by her skill and care as a physiotherapist. Her inspiration will be long remembered in Soulbury and much further afield. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Ken Scholefield and his family.

We have been asked to say that anyone feeling lonely, depressed and in need of someone to talk in strictest confidence or needing someone to share a seemingly insurmountable problem or just to lend a helping hand is invited to ring Soulbury 441 after 6.00 p.m. on Monday to Saturday inclusive. Remember that a problem shared is a problem halved, and there need be no embarrassment when talking over a cup of tea or coffee. No fee required.

Carol Singing: The sum of £32 was collected for Save the Children. Many thanks to those who gave generously and to the singers who braved a very cold night to sing, and to Mr. & Mrs. Miller for their hospitality.

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We welcome to the village Sandra and Peter Yirrell and family who have come to live in Stewkley Road.

We offer congratulations to Gerry and Linda Finlay Day on the birth of their son Nicholas on December 26th.

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Methodist Church

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

Sunday 12th January 6.00 p.m.  
Sunday 19th January 6.00 p.m.  
Sunday 26th January 6.00 p.m.

The Rev. Alan Creber. Covenant Service.  
Mrs. C. Holliday.  
Dr. R. Owers.

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Fellowship Meeting: Mondays at 2.00 p.m.

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All Saints Church:

Vicar: The Rev. Philip Dallaway,  
The Vicarage, Stewkley, Tel: 287.

Sunday 12th January 11.30 a.m.  
Sunday 19th January 11.30 a.m.  
Sunday 26th January 11.30 a.m.  
Sunday 2nd February 10.15 a.m.

Sung Eucharist & Sermon. Holy Baptism.  
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No service at Soulbury. Service at Stewkley.

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Forthcoming Events:

Tuesday 14th January 6.00 p.m.  
Wednesday 15th January 8.00 p.m.  
Saturday 25th January 2.00 p.m.

Women's Institute: Talk and demonstration by 'Tri-chem': painting on fabric, by Mrs. Pat Foot.

Women's Fellowship: at Lovett House, the home of Mrs. Liz Miller. To be announced.

Jumble Sale: at Wing County Secondary School.

All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated.

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