



The New Year is a good time for looking forward and looking back, and we have been recollecting past Newsletters. Since the inception of the Newsletter a copy of every issue has been kept and now three loose-leaf binders are needed to house them. Christmas being the time for sitting around the fire and telling stories and for reminiscing it seems appropriate to look at some of the entries from the first volume, covering the period from the first issue in November, 1975 until May, 1979.

Among the events which exercised the village during these years were the fight to prevent the establishment of an abattoir on the old Grants site in the Stewkley Road. The fight was finally successful in December, 1976 and S.A.R.A. (Soulbury Abattoir Resistance Association) was able to donate its surplus funds to the Clubroom Committee.

In July, 1976 the first meeting of the Gardening Association was held, which led to the acquisition by the Parish Council of a piece of land for allotments. In November of the same year the Parish Council called for interested organisations and individuals to be present at a meeting, held in December, to plan Functions, and the necessary fund-raising events, to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. The celebrations opened with a special United Thanksgiving Service in churches throughout the country on Sunday, 5th June; in Soulbury we had a Barbecue and Dance on Monday, followed on Tuesday by Bellringing, the planting of an oak tree by our oldest inhabitant, Mr Albert Crawford, a tug-of-war, a Children's Fancy Dress competition and Races. There were sit-down teas for the children and for Senior Citizens and free refreshments for all. Presentations were made to nearly a dozen Senior Citizens who had lived in the village at the time of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee eighty years earlier and Jubilee Crown Pieces to more than 130 Children (although, owing to a hold-up in delivery, they were not actually presented until September.)

Other events were the Church Roof Appeal in 1978 which was the occasion for the Flower Festival at Whitsuntide; celebrations to mark the 140th anniversary of the Methodist Chapel; the establishment of an investment fund for the eventual acquisition of a Children's Playing Field; and the inauguration of the Youth Club. At the November meeting of the Parish Council we learned that Great Brickhill had suggested that part of our parish should be ceded to them; this was rejected. However the Great Brickhill viewpoint prevailed when it came to the rebuilding of the Three Locks Bridge in the Spring of 1979.

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STREET LIGHTING The Parish Council is anxious to point out that they have done their best to get all the faulty street lights repaired as quickly as possible. At least two lights are awaiting connection by the Electricity Board, and it is they who are being dilatory and inefficient.

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The Clubroom and Church Funds benefited from the Bingo held before Christmas. The total raised was £90. This was divided between the two Funds. Many thanks for the support given to this event.

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The Carol Singing was a heartening success. A good turnout and a dry if somewhat cold night and Miss Booth's mincepies made a very pleasant end to the evening during which £107 was raised for 'Save the Children Fund'.

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Liz Miller would like to thank all those who came to support the 'Hospice bake-in', especially those who helped with the kneading - Jean Morris, Pam Bonnick and Daphne Booth. Including the proceeds of a small raffle, the total sent to FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOUSE was £146.

CHILDRENSWEAR Get up and go with Top to Toe Childrenswear Parties, 0-12 years. If you are interested in having a party please phone Diana, Soulbury 270726.

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We are pleased to welcome to the village, Harold and Emma Payne who have come to live in the High Road, and Barrie and Alison Ryan and their children, Andrew and Lauren who have come to live on The Green.

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Congratulations to Clover and Greg Thompson on the birth of their son Samuel Oliver, who was born on December 27th 1990 and also to Angela and Ken Tidy on the birth of a daughter Hannah Eve born on 28th December 1990.

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METHODIST CHURCH Minister Rev. M. Appleby, The Manse, Stewkley.
Telephone L.B. 240251

January 20th 6.00 p.m. Mr D Packman
January 27th 6.00 p.m. Mr K Prentice
February 3rd 10.30 a.m. Mr K Harris Family Service
February 10th 6.00 p.m. Rev. M Appleby Holy Communion
February 17th 6.00 p.m. Mr T Wales
February 24th 6.00 p.m. Mr E Barnet
Sunday Club 10.30 a.m. Every Sunday except first Sunday in Month
Youth Club - Every Sunday except first Sunday in month after 6pm Service.
Mother and Toddler Group - Every Tuesday 10.30 am - 12 noon.
If you are interested in coming to any of the above groups, please ring Soulbury 270333 for further information.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH Minister: Rev. P. Dallaway, The Vicarage, Stewkley.
Telephone L.B. 240287 Please refer to Church Newsletter

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (all meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Monday	January 14	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	January 16	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship, at the home of Mrs Jean Morris, 9 Stewkley Road, Talk & Slides on Iceland by Mr Robert Dickens.
Monday	January 21	7.00pm	Youth Club
Wednesday	January 23	8.00pm	Keep Fit
Monday	January 28	7.00pm	Youth Club
Wednesday	January 30	8.00pm	Keep Fit
Monday	February 4	7.00pm	Youth Club
Wednesday	February 6	8.00pm	Keep Fit
Monday	February 11	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	February 12	8.00pm	Women's Institute Talk from a representative of the Red Cross
Wednesday	February 13	2.30pm	Social Circle
Wednesday	February 13	8.00pm	Keep Fit
Monday	February 18	7.00pm	Youth Club
Wednesday	February 20	7.45pm	Women's Fellowship at the home of Mrs Jean Morris 9 Stewkley Road, talk on the Citizens Advice Bureau.
Monday	February 25	7.00pm	Youth Club
Wednesday	February 27	8.00pm	Keep Fit

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DIARY DATE : Saturday 23rd March : Spring Sale (afternoon) Bingo (evening) in aid of Helen House Hospice for Children.

Items for the March edition of the Newsletter should be submitted by February 18th 1991 to one of the following:- Mrs L Miller : Soulbury 270545 - Mrs M Bunyan: Soulbury 270461 - Mrs P Norman: Soulbury 270483 - Mrs R Maher: Soulbury 270316.

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