

Soulbury Parish News



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Dates for your diary - December 2020

Brown bin	No collection this month		
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Weds	2nd	16th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Weds	9th	23rd
<u>For Hollingdon and Dean Farm Lane only</u>			
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Tues	1st	15th 31st
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Tues	8th	22nd
Erecting Christmas Tree on Village Green	Sun	6th (10 am)	
Parish Council Meeting Join Zoom Meeting:	Mon	14th	

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Meeting ID: 949 8858 5202

Passcode: qvQ2sF

As you might imagine, clubs meetings have been postponed for the foreseeable future.

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Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events 2020

Sadly, due to the resurgence of COVID-19 infections, we have had to take the decision to cancel the Bonfire Night and the Singalong.

Dates for your diary - January 2021

Brown bin	Weds	27th	
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Sat	2nd	Weds 14th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Fri	8th	Weds 20th
<u>For Hollingdon and Dean Farm Lane only</u>			
Brown bin	Tues	26th	
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Tues	13th	
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Thurs	7th	Tues 19th
Parish Council Meeting Join Zoom Meeting:	Mon	18th	

<https://zoom.us/j/91759708046?pwd=QTdtUDArVEM0ZGVxaIRTedZxUEIxQT09>
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Passcode: 0wYkEB

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Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events 2021

We cannot book anything just yet but you will be the first to know when we can and do.

All Saints Church Services and News



Church Services

6th December	Family service	11:00 am
13th December	No service	
19th December	Parish Communion	11:30 am
	<i>Rev. Dr. Andrew Krauss</i>	
24th December	Christmas Eve - Holy Communions. <i>No service at Soulbury</i> <i>Cheddington and Wingrave</i>	<i>7 pm</i>
	<i>Wing and Stewkley</i>	<i>11:30 pm</i>
25th December	Christmas Day - Holy Communions <i>Mentmore and Cublington</i>	<i>9 am</i>
	<i>Aston Abbots and Soulbury</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>
27th December	No service at Soulbury <i>Wingrave</i>	<i>10 am</i>
	<i>Stewkley</i>	<i>6 pm</i>

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3rd January	No service	
10th January	No service	
17th January	Baptism	11:30 am
	<i>Rev. Howard Robson</i>	
24th January	Parish Communion	11:30 am

Carols to be sung:

O Little Town of Bethlehem	Silent Night
While Shepherds Watched ...	Away in a Manger
Once in Royal David's City (Versus 1, 2 and 6)	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (3 versus)
In the Bleak Midwinter	

Please print these if you are able as we are unable to hand out sheets or hymn books

Letter from our Team Rector



First a note of clarification. I'd just like to make clear that in my article last month for Remembrance, there was no intention to suggest that science subjects, in and of themselves, create violent behaviour. My apologies for offence caused.

And now to Christmas;

We have moved here from Cambridgeshire and one of the changes we've needed to make is how we deal with the rubbish..... here, the blue/green bin is for recycling so for us, blue/green is the new black and the green one is for landfill, unlike the black bin bags we had before. And here, food waste gets a dinky little bin all of its own.

All of which is absolutely fine and it didn't take long to get used to, but how we deal with rubbish and what we regard as rubbish is a much more interesting matter. That's something Jesus encountered all the time and ultimately when they decided to get rid of him, Jesus was crucified on Jerusalem city's rubbish dump. But it wasn't just at the end of his earthly ministry that Jesus met with being thrown out.

Christmas is upon us. We know the story well and how there was no room at the inn. An inn is a place where people meet up. Immortalised by such as *The Rovers Return* or the *Queen Vic*, they can become communities in their own right. We're told that it's all very human and it is, which is completely OK too. But that first Christmas night, there was no room at the inn. People were too busy for the wild and reckless God who said "here you are, have a present. No, I don't want any money, nothing, my Son is a gift". Instead, the Holy family had to go outside, round the back to where the dross was; to where the rubbish was put.

It is almost certain that Christmas 2020 will be like none in living memory, but please watch out for details of whatever services we will be able to hold. We do intend however, that socially distanced carol singing (what a phrase!) will happen in all of our villages, even perhaps with a Nativity scene, with which you can get involved. In the meantime, it is very easy to learn some new rules about bins; the Christmas story is also straightforward where God says "here I am, please may I come in?"

With every blessing.

Howard.

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Christmas services:

Christmas Eve Holy Communion: 7pm Wingrave and Cheddington.

11.30pm Wing and Stewkley.

Christmas Day Holy Communion: 9am Mentmore and Cublington.

10.30am Aston Abbots and Soulbury.

Lockdown Support Update

The Soulbury Helpers team is keeping a watching brief in light of the resurgence of COVID-19 infections nationwide and the subsequent Government restrictions. However, the team is available now on 01525 611070 should you need it..

There is general information provided by the Buckinghamshire Council. Use <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

Wild Flowers in the Churchyard



I would like to put a patch of wildflowers in the churchyard to encourage bees and butterflies. Would anyone be able to help take off the grass and help prepare the area?

I will buy wildflowers seeds to sow in the spring and will take out any perennial weeds when necessary. If you could help please phone Jane on 01525 270493.

Thank you

Ride and Stride

All Saints church received £241.00 from the organisers of Ride and Stride as our share of the proceeds raised this year. Many thanks to those who took part.

Soulbury Parish Hall

A great venue for parties, business meetings, fitness classes or rehearsal space

Fibre broadband connected

To book, email: soulburyparishhall@gmail.com

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday, 16 November 2020 at 7.30 p.m via Zoom due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. There were 3 members of the public present. Apologies received from Cllr John Day and Mr J. Spires, Clerk to the Parish Council. Cllr Taylor was asked to take the minutes of this meeting. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2020 were approved. There were no matters arising. Various bills were paid.

Planning:

20/03818: Hill Farm, Bragenham Lane, Soulbury - Internal alterations (removal of walls on ground floor), 2 dormer windows to front roof slope, replacement of window and bay window on west elevation with 2 french doors and new chimney.
This is a Grade II Listed building. As the changes are mainly internal and the Listing authorities will ensure compliance the Council has no objection.

Childrens' Playground

Frances Andrews will continue to chase the legal departments at Buckinghamshire Council to keep the project moving. It was requested the bank opposite the entrance to Laburnum Cottages leading to the fence to the playground be trimmed back.

Grass Cutting

There is one more cut to do this year. Cutting the edges to the roads up to the 30 mph signs has been completed. The trees along The Mead were also trimmed back.

County Councillors:

None present therefore no report. Cllrs Wright and Taylor offered to attend the Buckinghamshire Council's Community Board on 26 November at 7 pm via Zoom or similar.

Parish Hall:

No take-up to help with the hall. Fire extinguishers have been serviced and freezers emptied. Gas certificate obtained and boiler has been serviced.

SMG:

Electricity is now laid to the container and is working. Lights have been installed. Community Payback guys are still doing a good job and volunteers are coming forward to help on the SMG.

Public Participation:

There is a dumped freezer on the Wing Road. The fly-tipping department of Buckinghamshire Council will be informed.

Whilst we are all delighted to see the Stewkley Road repaired it was pointed out that the Wing Road and Leighton Road (area by the fountain and bends) is in a very bad state and they too should be done.

The Wing Road has also been flooding badly with the heavy rains we have endured.

Defibs have passed inspection and batteries and pads obtained where needed. Mr and Mrs Cresswell will look after the defib in Hollingdon.

AOB:

Parking on the village green: a letter has been sent to those involved. The council gave thought to placement of bollards to prevent driving across the village green, similar to that done in the area of the beacon. It was decided this was not an appropriate approach this time due to cost, access to the village green and hindrance to mowing. Therefore, further communication will ensue.

**The next meeting will be on Monday 14th December 2020
at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom, link below:**

<https://zoom.us/j/94988585202?pwd=TFNEcIN0NUhBUmRiUXIBUWdRcFJhdz09>

Meeting ID: 949 8858 5202

Passcode: qvQ2sF

Trackable Fish and Chip Van

Enter the following link to your devices so you know where the Fish and Chip Van is on Thursdays:

<https://evision.amsfleetmanager.com/?Token=890A6842-1CE5-4B56-921E-D192B16F01E7>

Your village needs you



Soulbury is in need of an organised and proactive person(s) to join the small and friendly Parish Hall Committee to help with the overall running of the hall. The role includes:

- Popping into the hall on a regular basis to check upkeep and booking contractors, where necessary, for repairs.
- Liaison with the Committee Treasurer to report the financial position of the hall to the Parish Council
- Bi-annual meeting with other committee members, regularly reviewing process and policies to keep hall bookings running smoothly.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in the community and help support our village.

Please call 01525 270279 for more info and to find out how to get involved.

Advertising Rates

To advertise in this magazine the rates are as follows:

Full page (portrait)	£200	£30
Half page (landscape)	£100	£20
Quarter page (portrait)	£50	£10
Small ads (landscape)	£33	£5

Advertisements will appear in b/w in the booklet format, full colour in the ePub format and on the new parish website.

Please note: copy date is 21st of each month.

Due to the inprecedented situation we find ourselves in I will extend the advertising period for all advertising by the number of months lockdown continues. The advertising essentially pays for printing the hard copy and as I will not be printing for the foreseeable future I cannot bring it upon myself to charge you all until I start the printed version again.



Offers on leaflets

We can help with your design, print & copy needs!

- Digital and Lithographic Services
- Colour & B/W Copying & Print • Leaflets
- Business Cards & Stationery • Posters
- Plan Printing • Banners • Manuals/Booklets
- Scanning/Email • Rubber Stamps • Clothing

Free help and advice to help your business grow!

 59 North Street
Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1EQ
Tel: 01525 372716
sales@printplace.co.uk
print, copy and design

Local Policing



Local PCSO:	C9372 Andy Piotrowski
Neighbourhood Supervisor:	P7042 PC Ian Carter
Contact Numbers:	Non emergency 101
	To talk to officers 101
	Emergency/crime in progress 999
Local Police Office:	Winslow Police Office, 81 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3DG

You can also email the team at:

winslowanddistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



Scam Warning - Fake Paypal Emails

Action Fraud is warning people selling items online to be on the lookout for criminals sending fake PayPal emails.

- Between January 2020 and September 2020, **21,349 crime reports** were made to Action Fraud about fake PayPal emails.
- Victims reported losing a total of **£7,891,077.44** during this time.
- Those targeted included people selling jewellery, furniture and electronics via online marketplaces.
- Reports of fake PayPal emails to Action Fraud made up a third of all reports of online shopping and auction fraud during this period.

How does it happen?

Criminals have been targeting people selling items online, by sending them emails purporting to be from PayPal. The emails trick victims into believing they have received payment for the items they're selling on the platform. Typically, after receiving these emails, victims will ship the item to the criminal. This leaves them at a further disadvantage having not received any payment for the item and also no longer being in possession of it.

How can you protect yourself?

- **Sellers beware:** If you're selling items on an online marketplace, be aware of the warning signs that your buyer is a scammer. Scammers may have negative feedback history, or may have recently set up a new account to avoid getting poor feedback. Don't be persuaded into sending anything until you can verify you've received the payment.
- **Scam messages:** Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.
- **How to spot the difference:** A PayPal email will address you by your first and last name, or your business name, and will never ask you for your full password, bank account, or credit card details in a message.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud online at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040



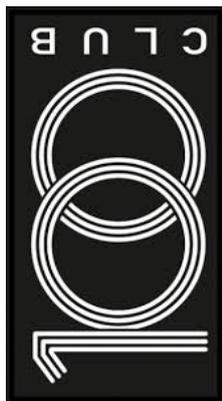
Soulbury Millennium Green



www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk

Once again we are in lockdown and it seems it will continue for the foreseeable future in one form or another. Whilst this situation continues we have little opportunity to hold any social events to help with fundraising. So this month I want to ask all of you who use the Green to consider, if you will, its upkeep. Last month we did ask if anyone would be kind enough to set up a standing order in support of the Green. Three people responded and we thank them sincerely. However we also run, and have done for many years, a 100 club. The idea is for a donation of just £1 per month, we hold a draw every month and the lucky winner receives half of our total donation for that month. If we reach our target of 100 members then the monthly prize would be £50 in other words 50% of contributions. This year more than most we really do need some financial support and this all goes on the maintenance 100%.

Fundraising for the Millennium Green



100 Club

Winners in 2020

January	James Mansfield-Sturgess
February	Tim Collins
March	Daphne Reeves
April	Debbie Olie
May	Mrs Chris Bryant
June	John Stevens
July	Diane Lowes
August	Sonia Woodford
September	Andy Wood
October	Jim Whiting
November	Richard Caplan



It is coming to that time of the year when we ask you to continue your support of the 100 Club. The application form is in this issue of the Parish News. It is £12 for the year for each entry and the draw is made each month, as you can see above.

You can still support us via a monthly standing order if you would prefer. We are not expecting the world from anyone but £5 or £10 would go such a long way to covering the basic costs of upkeep on the Millennium Green.

The Soulbury Millennium Green bank account details are:

CAF Bank Sort Code: 40:52:40 Account No: 00010054

Thank you, in advance, for your support in these difficult times. This is our only form of fundraising at the moment. Your support helps pay for the maintenance of this lovely space.

I00 Club Application Form

Soulbury Millennium Green Trust – I00 Club

(Registered Charity No: 1070738)

Application form for 2021

Name(s):

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Address:

.....Postcode

Tel: Email:

Total remittance: Signature: Date:

Please make cheques payable to: [Soulbury Millennium Green Trust](#)
Online banking: CAF Bank: sort code: 40:52:40 account no. 00010054
Please use ref: I00 Club+ surname

It is imperative that you sign this form as your signature will assume you are happy for us to hold your contact details for the sole reason of contacting you with matters relating to the I00 Club. Your application cannot be accepted without it.

Smile.Amazon

AmazonSmile customers can now support Soulbury Millennium Green in the Amazon shopping app on iPhones and Android phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.



[smile.amazon.co.uk](#)

Amazon Fresh

Amazon has announced they will deliver food when ordered on-line. You need an Amazon prime account. They are delivering to Soulbury. Go to your normal Amazon home screen, locate SmileAmazon, and click the Amazon Fresh button.

Fast. Fresh. Free.
Fresh is now FREE with Prime

**Maximum taste
No sugar**



RADISH & CELERY BAGEL RECIPE TOP ESSENTIALS 20% OFF MORRISONS SUMMER DINING 30% OFF DANONE LIGHT & FREE

Marquee for hire



Have you considered using the Soulbury Millennium Green for events and functions? There are many facilities on the SMG to make your event a success which includes a 12m x 6m white marquee. To hire this marquee the cost is £150 per event. So please consider the SMG for parties, children parties, birthdays, barbecues, wedding blessings, etc. Contact Alan Stevens or Wendy Taylor to discuss.

For the hire of marquees for functions at other locations, please call Alan Stevens to discuss the cost and logistics.

Ever hopeful that we will be able to socialise again, this facility can be considered for any future planning.

Village Christmas Tree



We are very grateful to Robert Bone and family for providing, yet again, the village christmas tree. Delivery is scheduled for approximately 9:30 am to the village green on 6 December. We envisage commencing the planting of said tree around 10 am. As many hands make light work and the tree is probably 16ft+, which doesn't make it a lightweight, any help will be gratefully appreciated. We do have the assistance of a tractor as well and Jim Whiting has agreed to shimmy up the tree to decorate it with its lights. That in itself has got to be a spectacle to be witnessed!!!

Look forward to any help you can offer.

Community Boards

Community Boards are a new way of bringing the council, groups, organisations and local people together to look at local issues and find ways of improving them together.

As a community-led partnership, Community Boards will:

- influence how decisions are made and how services are delivered
- represent the voice of local people
- capture thoughts, ideas and suggestions
- bring together key community partners and residents
- identify local needs and work to produce creative solutions.

There will be many ways the boards will work with the community to identify what is important in each area and take action together. They are all about taking action. Working groups will explore local project, set up local projects and find creative ways to make local changes. Each board has an allocated budget and there are 5 public meetings held each year. Soulbury is part of the Winslow and Villages board, chaired by Cllr Sue Renshall. Deputy chair is John Chilver and our co-ordinator is Leone Dale.

Priorities for our Board for 2020/21 are:

- improving the environment
- health and wellbeing
- COVID recovery.

There are 5 working groups whose work is linked to the priorities. These bring together board members, representatives from the community and relevant partner organisations. The 5 are:

- youth
- health
- public and community transport
- roads and highways
- HS2 and East West Rail.

There is funding available for projects which relate to the priorities.

Please contact Vic Wright or Wendy Taylor if you would like more information or email localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-boards



Cllr Sue Renshall



Leone Dale

Yesteryear

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SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1977

December 25th, Christmas Day. To most boys and girls Christmas Day is the most important day of the year. It is the celebration of the Birthday of Christ. Christmas means 'Mass' or Church Service for Christ. Nobody knows at what time of the year Jesus was born. Christians who lived a few hundred years after Jesus chose the twenty-fifth of December to remember his birthday because this was already a special day. Long ago the 25th December was the shortest day of the year and on this day the Sun was worshipped. Christians knew that God had made the Sun and so turned the old pagan festival into a day of worship to the 'Son of God.' Many of the traditions of Christians have been practiced for hundreds and sometimes thousands of years. Decorating our homes with evergreens is a custom much older than the birth of Jesus. So, too, is the giving of gifts at this time of the year. Santa Claus, as we know him, and the sending of Christmas cards are traditions begun less than a hundred years ago.

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The Friends of the Vale of Aylesbury. Mrs. G. Osborn has agreed to act as a liaison between Soulbury Parish Council and the above group. The Friends are concerned with preservation of the character of the Vale of Aylesbury and to this end keep a close watch on planning applications and other matters affecting the Vale.

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From the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting. Playing Fields. The Chairman stated that a final decision could not be made until another matter with a direct bearing on the issue is settled. The Green. Residents of the Green had asked that their appreciation be expressed of the improvement to the Green as a result of the new kerbing. Traffic Sub-Committee. This committee reported to the Council that they thought the Council should oppose the planning application for a new road bridge at the Three Locks.

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Jubilee Committee. The committee announce the final profit from the various events is in the region of £176, and would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who gave so generously towards the fund raising activities. The committee who had been expecting to disband decided to remain in being to arrange a social evening early in the New Year, officially to hand over the remaining monies to the Parish Council and to show some colour slides of some of the Jubilee events.

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Carol Singing for Pleasure. Why not revive the old spirit of Christmas by singing carols around the village. There will be a practice in the Clubroom on December 14th at 8.00 p.m. for those who are interested. If anyone is unable to come to the practice but would like to join us on December 22nd at 7.00 p.m., meeting at the Stone, please contact Mrs. M. Rowe at 33 The Green.

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Spring Show. There will be a Spring Show on Saturday, April 22nd 1978 of Flowers, Vegetables, Pot Plants and Bulbs, Cookery and Handicrafts. Start thinking about your entries now.

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We extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. J. Linney who have come to live in Stewkley Road and to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Green who have moved into Andrews Close.

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We would like to send our condolences to Mr. Fred Barnes after his accident. Mrs. Barnes would like to thank all those who gave her husband assistance after the accident and who have called with offers of help, and Mr. Andy Aitken for the care and attention he gave to Mr. Barnes on the way to hospital. We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Maher, Mrs. M. Jones, Mr. T. Hall and Mr. Wagstaff.

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Chapel Functions. In keeping with the spirit of the Festive Season the notification of forthcoming Chapel events has been submitted to us in verse.

Soulbury Methodist Church - Christmas Fayre and Carol Concert.

On December 10th at three o'clock,
Down at the Village Hall,
Mr. W. Smith will arrive on the dot
To welcome you one and all.
There'll be gifts for your mums, and gifts for your dads
And some for your grandmas too,
So why not come down and join in the fun,
A welcome there'll be there for you.

At a quarter to six we'll gather once more
In the Chapel to sing and to pray,
We'll watch once again at the Stable Door,
And see Jesus asleep in the hay.
Come, join with us all as we worship the King,
And let us this Christmas, our gifts to Him bring.

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Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev. Norman Burrows,
The Manse, Stewkley. Tel: 251.

Sunday	4th December	10.30 a.m.	Mrs. Heffer.
Saturday	10th December	5.45 p.m.	Carol Service.
Sunday	11th December	6.00 p.m.	Mr. L. Roads.
Sunday	13th December	2.30 p.m.	Toy Service. Rev. R. L. J. Kaye.
Saturday	24th December	11.30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service.

Sunday School December 4th and 11th at 2.30 p.m.

Bible Study Mondays at 2.30 p.m. Everyone very welcome.
December 5th - 11 The Green; December 12th - 25 The Green: December 19th -
27 The Green.

All Saints Church

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

Sunday	4th December	11.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist and Sermon.
Sunday	11th December	11.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist and Sermon.
Friday	16th December	11.30 a.m.	Sutherland School End of Term Carol Service.
Sunday	18th December	11.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist.
Sunday	25th December (Christmas Day)	11.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist and procession with Carols.
Sunday	1st January 1978	3.00 p.m.	Combined Choirs Carol Service.

We should like to thank everyone who has contributed to this special Christmas edition of the Newsletter.

Please note that items for the January Newsletter should be handed in by December 16th as we hope as usual to distribute the next issue before Christmas.

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Forthcoming Events.

Monday	5th December	8.00 p.m.	Gardening Association.
Wednesday	7th December	8.00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting.
Saturday	10th December	3.00 p.m.	Methodist Christmas Fayre.
Tuesday	13th December	8.00 p.m.	Women's Institute. Decoration of Christmas Cake. Competition - Home made iced biscuit.
Wednesday	14th December	2.00 p.m.	Social Circle. Quiz. Yearly subscriptions are now due.
Wednesday	14th December	8.00 p.m.	Carol singing practice.
Thursday	15th December	8.00 p.m.	Christmas Bingo - for Church Roof funds.
Wednesday	21st December	8.00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship at the home of Mrs. P. Norman 11 The Green. Mrs. P. Faulkner on Christmas Customs.
Thursday	22nd December	7.00 p.m.	Carol singing around the Village.
<u>1978</u>			
Friday	6th January	8.00 p.m.	Social evening for Jubilee monies to be handed over to Parish Council.

All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated.

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Christmas Over a Hundred Years Ago.

Let us board a modern time machine and go back to the beginning of the nineteenth century and accept an invitation to spend Christmas at Bracebridge Hall in Yorkshire.

Arriving on Christmas Eve we join the huge family circle of relatives and friends to a supper of frumenty - a dish made of wheat cakes boiled in milk with rich spices added - and mince pies. Then we share in the dance in the servants' hall, where are kept up the old games of hoodman blind, shoe the wild mare, steal the white leaf and bob apples. Perhaps we take an interest in the mistletoe, for the young men have the privilege of kissing the girls under it, each time plucking a berry - when the berries are gone the privilege ceases. On Christmas morning, after a short service in the Chapel, we breakfast on cold meats, wine and ale and then walk across the park to the Church for morning service.

Returning home we meet a band of boys with beribboned shirt sleeves, greenery in their hats and clubs in their hands performing a curious dance. Our host tells us that it is a descendant of the sword dance which was popular when the Romans occupied these islands. Then dinner in the great hall, warmed by a crackling fire of logs on the immense hearth. The parson has happily finished grace when the butler leads into the hall servants bearing a silver dish on which lies pig's head, decorated with rosemary and with a lemon in its mouth. After this come roast beef, pheasant pie, plum pudding and many more good things, finishing up with a drink from the Wassail Bowl. When dinner is over the table is removed so that the younger members of the family can play games while the older ones rest.

(The above is taken from the account of a visit to Bracebridge Hall, by William Irving, an American writer who came to England in the early part of the last century.)

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Christmas Crackers.

"Mummy, is that big helping for Tommy?" "No, dear, it's for you." "Coo, what a little bit!"

Waiter: "You rang, sir?" Irate customer: "No, I was tolling - I thought you were dead."

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Soulbury, Bucks.

To a village I came as a bride,
Not so far from my home did I ride
The people were friendly and nice
To move now I'd have to think twice.

In the club room where work has been done
At Bingo's we've had lots of fun
There's a W.I., no need to be shy
And the Youth meet there too every Fri.

There's a club so I'm told that's run for the old
And a Women's Fellowship too
We've fought and won battles for WARA and SARA
Not wanting our village to lose.

I wonder where this place could be
Its miles and miles from the sea
Its not very quiet with the cars and the trucks
But its dear old Soulbury, Bucks.

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COMPETITION.

Each answer is a garden flower. Answers in next Newsletter.

1. A dangerous fire iron.
2. Unattached : partly said
3. A girl's name
4. The best policy
5. Frozen vapour : a kind of kick
6. Round of time without end : so be it
7. Youth in springtime ?
8. Part of a month : to dress : out of date
9. Heroine of a harlequinade
10. A fruit : a flower
11. A female fairy : an eye movement : a broken leg.
12. A letter : a boy's name : in this manner
13. Tales by Chaucer : sometimes an alarm
14. Emblem of friendship
15. A girl's name : a wine
16. Easter without a beginning
17. A colour
18. As modest as a
19. Happy : part of a stringed instrument
20. A "doing" word : a girl's name
21. An animal : could be household
22. A letter : men reversed : a number
23. A flower from Amsterdam
24. Sounds like many sheep
25. Black spot : partly curious
26. The top of the head : a liquid measure
27. A mis-spelt girl's name : an insect : not all husk
28. To conserve with sugar : a cluster of grass
29. Wise management
30. A time of day : precise : a shade of red

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We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

AT THE START OF 1978 WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The Three Locks Bridge. When the Three Locks bridge was demolished because it was alleged to be unsafe villagers of Great Brickhill were concerned at the loss of direct access to the Bletchley - Linslade and Soulbury roads. Now that the County Council are proposing to build a 14' 6" wide bridge there is a direct conflict of opinion between the Parish Councils of Great Brickhill, which favours the new bridge, and Soulbury, which considers it will be a severe traffic hazard as well as leading to a considerable increase in the volume of traffic through our village. Soulbury Council have asked for the support of the village in opposing the new bridge. This Newsletter will be happy to publish the views of readers either for or against the proposals

Jubilee Social Evening. This event is being held on Twelfth Night, Friday January 6th at 8.00 p.m. and it is hoped that it will engender the same friendly spirit which was apparent at so many of the Jubilee events of the past year. There will be a formal handing over of the Jubilee monies, followed by a buffet supper. It is also hoped to shew a few slides of some of the Jubilee festivities in the village. The charge of 50p for admission is solely to cover the cost of the evening - no profit is anticipated. Do come along and help to make this a fitting conclusion to our Jubilee celebrations.

Overstone School, Wing, P.T.A. are collecting newspapers in aid of their Swimming Pool Cover Fund. If you wish to donate your old newspapers please leave them outside your front door, when they will be collected fortnightly, starting on Saturday, 7th January, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

The Christmas Fayre and the Carol Concert on December 10th resulted in the sum of £240 being added to the Methodist Chapel Building Fund. The Members of the Chapel would like to thank most sincerely all those who contributed in any way to this truly splendid result.

The Bring and Buy Stall held recently has resulted in the sum of £22 being sent to the Multiple Sclerosis society. Mrs. Pat Faulkner would like to thank all those who helped to raise this sum.

We offer our congratulations to Ginny and Malcolm Skeels of Chelmscote on the birth of their son on Thursday, 8th December.

We are happy to learn that Mr. E. Lack is now home from hospital and making a good recovery. We are sorry that the news of Mr. Lack's illness did not reach us in time for last month's newsletter.

We publish below extracts from a letter received by the editor.

"Dear Editor,

After seeing your paragraph on Soulbury Stone in the November newsletter our newly formed organisation decided to make some enquiries on this matter. Firstly we obtained a copy of the original legend which reads, 'Every time the stone hears the church clock strike midnight it rolls down the hill and back again.' We then waited at the stone until midnight but although the strokes of the church clock were loud and clear nothing happened. We next arranged a microphone from the church to the stone and also played a recording of Big Ben striking midnight but again nothing happened, from which we decided that the stone is very hard of hearing. We then obtained a hearing aid and thus equipped again attended at the stone just before midnight and arranged the hearing aid and the Big Ben recording with four loudspeakers. The church clock then struck twelve as did Big Ben but still nothing happened. From this last test we concluded that the stone is stone deaf. Our final report is that (1) The legend as written is probably true.

(2) Owing to the extreme deafness of the stone any midnight gyrations are highly improbable.

Yours faithfully,

Wat A. Conn

Answers to last month's Flower Quiz. 1. Red Hot Poker. 2. Freesia. 3. Esther Read. 4. Honesty. 5. Snowdrop. 6. Cyclamen. 7. Love in the Mist. 8. Marigold. 9. Columbine. 10. Grape Hyacinth. 11. Periwinkle. 12. Dianthus. 13. Canterbury Bell. 14. Forget-Me-Not. 15. Hollyhock. 16. Aster. 17. Pink. 18. Violet. 19. Gladiola. 20. Verbena. 21. Foxglove. 22. Anemone. 23. Tulip. 24. Phlox. 25. Scabious. 26. Crown Imperial. 27. Polyanthus. 28. Candytuft. 29. Thrift. 30. Evening Primrose.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev. Norman Burrows,
The Manse, Stewkley. Tel: 251.

Sunday	1st January		To be announced
Sunday	8th January	10.30 a.m.	Mr. A Barron.
Sunday	15th January	6.00 p.m.	Mr. J. W. Bushby.
Sunday	22nd January	10.30 a.m.	Rev. M. Clark. Covenant Service.
Sunday	29th January	6.00 p.m.	Young Adults Group.

Bible Study on Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

January 2nd and 23rd at 25 The Green
January 9th and 30th at 11 The Green
January 16th at 27 The Green

Sunday School

Sunday 1st January 3.00 p.m. United Carol Service in the Parish Church.
Sundays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th January at 2.30 p.m.

All Saints Church

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

Sung Eucharist each Sunday at 11.30 a.m.
Sunday 1st January 3.00 p.m. Combined Carol Service.

Forthcoming Events.

Friday 6th January 3.00 p.m. Jubilee Social Evening.
Tuesday 10th January 8.00 p.m. W.I. Talk on seasonal Flower Arranging.
Competition: Hyacinth bulbs.
Wednesday 11th January 8.00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Party.
Saturday 14th January 4.30 p.m. for
5.00 p.m. Social Circle Christmas Party. Please bring
a knife, fork, spoon and glass.

All events to be held in the Clubroom.

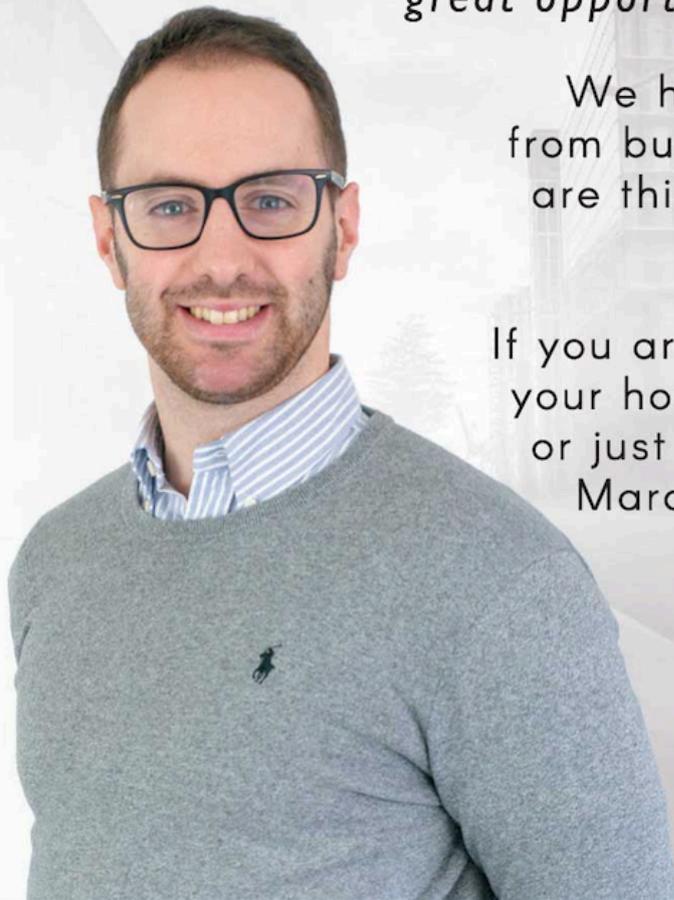
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