

WOODBURY SALTERTON

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATES,

It has now been decided to change the date of the Carol Service to Sunday 22nd Dec. at 6.30 and Carol Singing round the village will now take place on Monday 23rd.starting from outside the Diggers Rest at 6 p.m.

The carol singing will be in aid of the Children's Society.

CHILDREN'S FILM NIGHT .

On Friday 13th December children [and any adults who wish to come as well] are invited to come to church at 5.30 wearing pyjamas or onesies and bringing a duvet and pillow if they wish to watch a film suitable for children . We are keeping the choice of film as a surprise but it will be one with songs in which you can join if you wish. Hot dogs will be served as part of the £5 ticket.

CHURCH FABRIC REPAIRS.

Work has been carried out by Woodbury Stonemasons on the porch and the window to the left and the window facing the road.

Apart from our responsibility to keep our church building [a Grade 2 Listed Building] in good condition there has also been a safety issue. Bits of masonry have been falling off above the porch door and these could have hit somebody in the eye or caused injury to our schoolchildren going in and out to their twice weekly services in the church.

Our Treasurer. Nigel Dupain , has been looking into the possibility of getting a grant or grants towards the very considerable cost of these repairs, and others which need doing, and we are very grateful to the Devon Historic Churches Trust for a grant of £2000.

While this is most welcome it is only a small part of what we need so the necessity to fund raise continues.

YOU can help by supporting our church fundraising activities or making a donation .

CAROL SERVICE . Half of the collection at the Carol Service on Sunday 22nd at 6.30 goes to our church and we give the other half to the charity Shelter Box.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS WITH BACON BUTTIES.

The December Coffee Morning will be held in church on Saturday December 7th from 9.30 till 10.30. However the PCC has decided to change this from January from the first Saturday to the 3rd Saturday each month until we start on our summer programme. It was felt that as there is a Community Coffee Morning the Village Hall on the first Monday of each month it would spread out the social time for the community to have our church coffee morning later on .

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD YACHT RACE.

Mark Lovett gave a lively and interesting account with slides in the Village Hall on Nov. 9th of his adventures when taking part in this event in 1985/1986. He was a crew member on one of the fifteen yachts which took part that year accomplishing the circuit in four stages and finishing in 9th place. His appreciative audience were fascinated to hear of all his experiences in what he termed 'The adventure of a lifetime' . Proceeds from ticket sales, refreshments and the raffle were for church funds.

REMEMBRANCE .

The annual act of Remembrance was observed by the memorials beneath the Lych Gate on Sunday 10th . Graham Gerdes led the service and wreaths were laid by Patrick Bricknell on behalf of the Parish Council and Philip Dent for the British Legion. This year cones place in the road stopped cars from trying to drive past during the short time of remembrance.

Debbie Jung led a short service in church afterwards.

WHIST

The December Whist Drive will be on Tuesday 10th at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members enjoyed a Christmas crafting workshop at the November meeting .Mary Heard, making a welcome return as our Speaker, led a hands on session of craft during which members made a

Christmas card , decorated a gift bag and made a label for it mostly using recycled materials - the labels were made from cereal packets ! Everyone had fun and enjoyed the evening .

The Christmas meal was discussed and a vote was taken as to the venue. The Diggers Rest was chosen as we wish to continue to support our local pub. It will take place on the night of our December meeting , Wednesday 11th, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 .