

West Ilsley News

October 2002

Sadly, our small community has lost two of its very longstanding residents this month - we are sure that everyone will join us in sending our sympathies to their families.

The Editors

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for October:

6 th October	Harvest Festival	11.00 am
13 th October	Holy Communion	8.00 am
20 th October	Family Communion	9.30 am

HARVEST FESTIVAL & SUPPER – 6TH OCTOBER

Don't forget the Harvest Festival will be in the morning at 11.00 am, followed by Harvest "Supper" in the village hall at midday. Tickets will be on sale at the door. For more details, please 'phone Anna Sugden (281784)

MUSIC QUIZ NIGHT – 15TH NOVEMBER

Is this date in your diary? – if not, do it NOW!!

EVERGREENS

There will be an outing to Bristol on Tuesday 15th October. The coach will leave from outside the Church in West Ilsley at 9.00 am. Members £5, non-members £7. Names to J Collier 281283

WEST ILSLEY Linda Gibson (Clerk) PARISH COUNCIL Tel. 200242

Further to the unavoidable cancellation of the September meeting, the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 11th November at 7.00p.m.

David Holling, the Head of Electoral Services at West Berks Council will, along with two other members of the council, be taking care of any urgent matters for the time being. They will also attend the meeting in November if the Parish Council vacancies have not been filled before then.

PHIL TIZZARD -

A BRIEF APPRECIATION Pia Burton

A quiet man with a ready smile and a dry sense of humour, Phil was always amongst the first to volunteer a willing hand. West Ilsley will not be the same without him. What a sad, sad loss.

West Ilsley Cricket Club
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 20th October
7.30 pm The Pavilion

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



WEST ILSLEY FIREWORKS

(Kindly paid for by West Ilsley Fete Funds)

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

(next field but one to the pond)

Bonfire at 6.30pm (Guys needed)

Fireworks at 7.00pm

BBQ in aid of funds for the Village Hall

The Cricket Club bar will be open afterwards

MISS TOFFELLEES

Polly Muir

I am trying to sit quietly in the corner of the study in order to allow a pair of breeding angelfish to multiply. They seem to instinctively know when I am watching them (even out of the corner of my eye!) so I keep averting my gaze. I will therefore concentrate on the job in hand all the more, therefore, particularly as the famous list (kept so carefully during the month) has, again, disappeared.

I only knew Nellie Brandt, as one sometimes does, to nod to on the way to the post office. We'd stop and have a conversation about the dog and the weather. We had seen less of Nellie in the recent year, not just because the P.O. is no longer there but because she was out and about less often. It was sad to hear of her passing: our sympathy are with her family at this time.

It is too with sadness that I heard of the death of Phil Tizzard. There can be few of us in the community who have not heard of his sad and untimely passing. It is the more sad as Audrey has so recently retired and they should have enjoyed their retirement together (though it is mighty difficult to imagine how Audrey

might have persuaded Phil to retire! I suspect that he enjoyed his life in the garden far too much to stop and sit down.) Phil and Audrey have lived in and participated in West Ilsley village life for 45 years, it is a great shame that they have been deprived of some quality 'quiet time' together. My own foremost memory of Phil has to be of him on his bike - there was a time when the main street was incomplete without Phil on his bike!! Our thoughts and prayers are with Audrey and the family. The funeral is on Monday at 12 noon.

On a lighter note, I would like to congratulate Kitty and Grant (West Ilsley House) on the confession of their not-so-recent-marriage in April, but rather more recently celebrated in great style in September. I would like to wish them every happiness together.

Some of the locals took to their boots and marched with the masses for the countryside this weekend, whilst lesser mortals went to the Newbury Show. (Such was the support for the march that it took some groups three hours to pass through the start. Such was the attendance at Newbury Show, it took three hours to get in!!) I am sure you will all have read about the epic journeys made by many to the capital. Local hunts arranged special trains, families organized minibuses and farming communities hired coaches. Perhaps it will all become clear soon with respect to the plans that the government propose, but let it not be said that our voices were silent!

Talking of silence - something that is perhaps not my strongest forte - I felt moved to call the council over the change of collection to a Monday for the wheelie-bin rubbish. I was absolutely convinced that it had only been some twelve months since we had had a Monday collection. Rang a neighbour to check and she thought it was nearer to two years, but certainly not the four year gap we are supposed to experience. (As advertised in the literature/propaganda they issue.) Upon enquiring, I was told that the previous office-workers in the department had been made redundant and that there were no records of the previous changes of days and that she was unable to tell me when the last Monday delivery was to West Ilsley. Well, can you imagine what sort of department this is? I shall pursue the issue as far as I can (out of all fairness!!) without raising my voice or blood pressure, but if anyone else wants to have a bash as well the telephone numbers to ring are 01635 519216 and ask for Jackie Ward, or 519102 ask for Andrew Deacon. It might just make a point and a difference.

The harvest is garnered. After the atrocious wet conditions of summer we have had a beautiful September. How OFTEN does that happen? I can recall many a lovely early Autumn, in fact it is my favourite (aka favorite!) time of year. The only thing that is hateful about it is that Winter follows shortly, or longly, as the case may be. I must say that I do feel sorry for the farmers when they have the worry and the sweat of corn to gather and the elements are as harsh to them as the market. Is there a case for late harvest in September? I guess that the damp starts and short days preclude that, but meanwhile I am enjoying the Indian Summer.

And to finish, a goodbye...

I didn't get around to saying my cheerios to Russ and Irene Brown, and thank you for all they have done. Irene left the village in August and Russell a little earlier following the Major's death earlier this year. Irene was forever busy; whether it was work for the Major or busying for her children and grandchildren, neighbours or villagers. The pub will miss Russell (as will The Rec.- Russell was often to be seen with a golf-club in-hand!) and I will miss Irene's kindness, wisdom and efficiency hugely. They are a wonderful pair and I know that they will be very happy in South Stoke, because they will take their sunshine whereso'er they stay.

West Ilsley Cricket Club Presentation Evening

Friday 11th October

7.30 pm The Village Hall

Buffet

Bar

Live Music

Tickets £10.00

'ELLO ELLO ELLO' Sergeant Rob Athawes Community Policing Team, Hungerford

GENERAL INTEREST

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for not submitting an article last month. The main reason for this was time, or lack of it!! I am currently working as a single Sergeant as my colleague PS Banfield has been away for the best part of a month. Consequently I have had twice the workload and I have been away myself for a couple of weeks, on Holiday in France with my family, which was really nice but of course there is all the catching up to do when you return!!

PARKING

I mention this subject this month as we receive a great deal of correspondence on the matter and it is another area where people get frustrated. I suppose I am using these pages as a plea to all you motorists out there to think both before and after you have parked. THINK when you park partially on the pavement. Would a mother (or father) be able to push a babe in a pushchair through the gap you have left! OR have you parked outside someone's driveway to the extent that they will not be able to get in or out with their car! Both scenarios are classed as parking illegally and fall within obstruction laws!

RESULTS

Firstly I would like to mention that a young man who has been a real pain in the sides of residents in and around the Chieveley area and surrounding villages was arrested a couple of weeks ago after good police work led to him being located hiding under some clothing in a loft in a house in Beedon. He had been on the 'run' from the police for two or three weeks so it was good to get him into our custody. At the time of writing he has been charged with two burglaries an assault and an arson with more offences to follow I understand. He is currently residing at Her Majesty's

pleasure and is likely to be there for two or three months!

Over the last 2 weeks these are just some of the crimes and arrests of note.

A female from Kintbury was arrested for theft, charged and bailed.

Yours truly had to arrest an adult female after a violent domestic incident in East Garston where extensive damage was caused inside a house.

An adult male and an adult female who were staying at an address in Chieveley were both arrested for Burglary, theft and aggravated vehicle taking. Both were charged, and the male was remanded in prison custody.

An adult male from Lambourn was arrested and charged with drink driving.

After an accident in Hungerford High Street an adult female was arrested for failing to provide a breath specimen. She was later charged.

An adult male from Inkpen was arrested for assault but later released without charge.

An adult male from Inkpen was arrested and charged with ecstasy possession.

An adult male who hails from the Faringdon area was arrested in Hungerford for drink driving but was later found to be just under the drink drive limit.

PC Becky Brown here at Hungerford has been dealing with 3 individuals from the Marlborough area who caused damage to several vehicles and other property after a fracas in the High Street. These men have returned on bail and one of them was charged with 3 lots of criminal damage and the offence of drunk and disorderly conduct. No charges were brought against the others.

An adult male from East Ilsley was arrested and charged with assaulting his estranged wife.

A youth offender from Chieveley has been arrested and charged with theft.

An adult male from Hungerford was arrested for drink driving but later released without charge.

An adult female who is currently residing in Newbury but hails from Hungerford has been arrested and charged with theft by shoplifting.

I happened to be in Newbury a few days ago when I was in the right place at the right time, when I arrested two well known adult males, who are both addicted to drugs, for theft from a shop after they had made off along the canal tow path after running away from staff.

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

At the September service the children listened to a story about Sharing and looked at pictures representing "Please, Thank you, and Sorry" which will continue to be a theme this term.

The dates for the October services will be as follows:

Afterschool Service		Pram Service
4pm Thursdays		11am Mondays
17 October	Jesus' supper	21 October

The September and October services are preparing the way for the November service on Thursday 14 November at 4pm. This will be our first Communion Service when the After school service and Pram Service will be combined. Although this will not

necessarily be a quiet and reflective service! we would welcome those in the community without children to attend and participate with us.

The Pram Service is aimed at 0-5 year olds and the Afterschool Service for the slightly older ones as well as the babies. The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Each service lasts approximately half an hour followed by drinks for the children. If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Antonia Cretney on 01635 248925 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

FOSTERING ENTERS THE 21ST CENTURY

A new, independent fostering agency is bringing fostering in Berkshire into the 21st Century. The new agency's foster carers all get paid a proper fee for caring for the child rather than just an allowance to cover basic costs and the agency operates an around the clock, 24 hours service, so support is always at hand. Agency director, Andy Clipson, says "in this day and age, it make no sense at all to expect foster carers to subsidise the cost of caring for a child or have to cope alone outside of office hours- although loving care is essential, there are times when love is simply not enough".

The new agency, aptly known as familyplacement.com, has been developed to find foster parents for the growing number of Berkshire children who desperately need a home. The new agency works in close collaboration with local authority services and is currently seeking short and long term foster homes for a number of local children. If you think that you could help, or would like further information about specific children, please telephone: 01993 201514 or email info@familyplacement.com

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meets on a Wednesday morning from 10.00am – 11.30am in the village hall. There are lots of toys plus a climbing frame, playhouse, slide etc for the children and coffee and a chance to chat for the Mums. If you are interested in coming along please contact Tracy Gregory on 281650 for more details.

Trips are being organised to Legoland in October and to the pantomime in December.

There will be no session on Wednesday 30 October as this is half term week. A selection of cards will be available to purchase at Toddlers on Wednesday 6 November. Please see details re. Tempest photographer below – all toddlers welcome to go to Playgroup to have photos taken.

Playgroup

The playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Ilsleys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.25pm to 3.30pm during the school terms. The numbers at the playgroup have risen suddenly and we are currently only accepting 3 year

olds if a place is available. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy on 281650 for an application form to register your child or if you would like to arrange a visit.

Please note that there will be no playgroup during half term week (Week commencing 28 October).

The Tempest photographer will be at Playgroup on Wednesday 6 November (1st day back) from 1.30–2.00pm. Photographs will be back in time to make ideal Christmas presents. Siblings are welcome to attend for family photos.

We said goodbye to Sam Gregory, Hannah Dray and Laura Kendik at the end of the summer term and we wish them well in their new schools. We welcome our new joiners – Mark Banks, Ryan Draper, Holly Rogers and Charlie-Ann Cope.

DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

A date for your diary

20th OCTOBER

an

INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

(or should we say 'Table top sale'!)

12.00 - 3.00 p.m.

(setting up from 11.00 am)

SELLERS £5.00 / ADMISSION 20P

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Please supply your own table. Pre-booking advisable to guarantee space. For further information or to book a space, please telephone the Centre on 01635 578866 between the hours of 6 - 10 PM

Interested in getting fit or maintaining your fitness level?

**- Starting Thursday 3rd October -
BODY STAT READINGS -**

A Body Stat reading will provide you with information about your body composition.

E.g. Fat percentage/weight, lean tissue percentage/weight, hydration, metabolic rate etc. A great way to see how effective your training is as you can periodically compare read outs and see improvement (or otherwise !)

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL

COST: - £5.00 Members / £7.50 Non Members

And finally: contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy, "word" file (via email or disk) or fax, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. The **latest deadline** for the next publication is **5pm** on Tuesday 29th October but the editors would appreciate receiving your contributions as you get them ready during the month, to save a rush of work at the last minute.

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