

West Ilsley News

November 2002

November is building up to be a bit of a social whirl in West Ilsley, with published events on no less than eleven days of the month - who says nothing goes on around here? An important date, if you are interested in how the village is run, is the Council meeting on 18th November - a chance to find out how village affairs will be managed in the absence of local councillors - see you there.

The Editors

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PARISH COUNCIL Tel. 200242

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 18th November, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please note that this is a change of date to that previously published.

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.

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

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for November:

3 rd November	All Age Service	11.00 am
10 th November	Remembrance Service	10.55 am
17 th November	Family Communion	9.30 am

MUSIC QUIZ NIGHT – 15TH NOVEMBER

This will be held at 7.30 pm in the village hall with a ploughman's lunch. Tickets will be £5.00 per head or £3.00 for children 16 or under. Organise your team of up to four and prepare for questions on Elgar to Elton John, Fauré to Fleetwood Mac, Berlioz to The Beatles. For booking in your team, please telephone Tony Scriven (281405) or me (01635 281625).

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Forthcoming events.....

SATURDAY ACTIVITY CLUB on Saturday 16th November

We still have spaces available for anyone who has not yet booked their children into activities. Please complete the form in last month's WIN and post it through my door at Forge Cottage asap. We have now finalised details for the Yard Visit to the racing stables. This will take place from **10am-12 midday** (all other activities take place from 2 - 4 pm). We will meet at the Malthouse at 9.45 am. Places are limited to 10 children aged 7 - 14 years. Any other adult helpers wishing to join us for the yard visit or who can help us during the afternoon would be most welcome!! Children can join the yard visit and do afternoon activities but priority will go to those without a place for the afternoon activities first.

BBQ @ The Bonfire Night Party in aid of Village Hall Funds...**Tuesday 5th November – field behind the duck pond.**

The Committee will be busy cooking hot dogs and burgers for your enjoyment! There will also be drinks for the children and warm beverages for the adults. Food served from 6 pm onwards.

Christmas Bingo – Friday 13th December @ 7.30 in the Village Hall.

This evening is suitable for all the family. There are plenty of prizes to be won. Bring your own refreshments. Proceeds to Village Hall Funds.

Any donations of prizes to Audrey Tizzard please at 5 Fir Tree Cottages.

Village Hall Management Committee AGM – Monday 11 November @ 8pm in the Village Hall.

All Villagers are welcome and any volunteers to fill committee positions would be most appreciated.

For more details on any of the above please call Angela on 281500 or Alison on 281705.

EVERGREENS

On Tuesday 12th November there will be an outing by coach to Cheltenham. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9.00 am. Members £5, non-members £7. Tokens can be used. Names to J Collier.

Names will be taken on the coach for the Christmas Lunch at The Swan in East Ilsley. If going, names and £5 towards the lunch will be collected.

On 28th November, at 7.00 pm there will be a **whist drive** at the Star Inn, East Ilsley, in aid of the Evergreens. Everyone welcome, enquiries to John Verney in West Ilsley or A Lister in East Ilsley (281343).

EVERGREENS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2002
IN THE
VILLAGE HALL AT 2.30 PM

TOMBOLA

BOOKS &

TOYS
BRIC A BRAC
RAFFLE
CAKES ETC
TEA

SITUATIONS VACANT

Ian Burton

Wanted – someone to take over the Ilsley Web Site. Pay – frequent comments and notes of how the Site has helped in various ways. The Site gets around 120

visits per month at present – a figure that continues to show steady growth.

Apply via mail to ian.burton@btinternet.com

THANK YOU

Audrey Tizzard

My family and I would like to thank everyone so very much for all the many cards, letters, kind messages and offers of help that we received following our sad loss of Phil recently. It took us all very much by surprise, our only consolation being that he was able to do what he loved best, his gardening, right up to the very end.

As some of you will know he did some filming for "Country Ways" back in April so he will be back with us for a short time when it is televised next Spring. I will put the word around when I know the date.

Thank you also to Antonia, and everyone who came, for making the funeral service such a memorable occasion.

DANCING AT WEST ILSLEY Andrea Cook

Well it's happening! We have nine couples who are attending the Ballroom and Latin American classes on Wednesday nights – five of the couples are village residents and the others live fairly locally. We have an excellent teacher and we've so far (allegedly) mastered the social foxtrot, cha-cha, and social samba. We're currently struggling with the waltz – it's a lot harder than it looks on the TV, and occasionally causes marital strife!!!!

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

The results of the first two pontoons of the season were as follows:

1st pontoon

Winner: C. Sheppard (Wolves) £28.00
Booby: R. Brown (Carlisle)
I. Brown (Tranmere) £4.00 each

2nd pontoon

Winner Jemma. Gore (Bristol City)
P. Barratt (Rangers) £14.00 each
Booby A. Price (Colchester) £8.00

£45 went to village hall funds.

There are still quite a few spaces on the sheet if anyone is interested. Also there are a few 'regulars' that I took the liberty of putting in and haven't yet caught up with - will try and do so in the near future.

THANK YOU

Antonia Cretney

Nellie Brand's family would like to thank all those who helped in preparing for Nellie's funeral in September, especially those who decorated the church with flowers.

In addition to those thanks, I would also like to thank all those who decorated the church for Phil Tizzard's funeral and for the Harvest Festival.

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

In November the Afterschool service and the Pram service will be combined on Thursday 14 November at 4pm for our first Communion service. 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 Crib Service will take place this year on Sunday 22 December at 4pm.

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.



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SPEEDING

Steve Price

In the past month or two, several not obviously-connected people have commented to either one or both Editors with regard to the speed with which traffic sometimes travels through the Village. This is particularly true of the "Post Office Straight" (as I now call it) where the road is seldom narrowed by parked cars, particularly during the day, and injudicious use of the accelerator can result in a fairly hairy "S-Bend" manoeuvre as cars pass Forge Cottage and round the bend in front of the Bungalows. With horses, ponies, both young and older children and pedestrians all present at various times throughout the day, it is incumbent on all of us to set a good example to visitors by ensuring that we drive carefully, safely, and slowly and with regard to potential hazards (and certainly within the speed limit). All of us, I suspect, would privately admit that we are perhaps sometimes remiss in our attention to this detail and we must therefore be careful to fit toughened glass before launching stones (as the proverb has it). Not only does the whole Village gain as a result but our good example may with luck encourage others more

cavalier in their attitude to our safety to moderate their speed.

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.

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.

The Tempest photographer will be at Playgroup on Wednesday 6 November from 1.30–2.00pm (leaving at 2pm prompt). Photographs will be back in time to make ideal Christmas presents. Siblings are welcome to attend for family photos.

We will be looking for a Playgroup Assistant to join us from January 2003 – please see ad below.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES



Playgroup Assistant £5ph

Enthusiastic person required from January 2003 to help in this popular village playgroup. Playgroup sessions are held in The Ilsleys Primary School, East Ilsley.

Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 1pm to 4pm.

No qualifications required.

Apply to Sue Carrington on 01635 281354
Closing Date 29th November 2002

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

GENERAL INTEREST

We have had an increase in Burglaries to sheds and out houses, particularly in the Parishes North of the

Motorway, on the Hungerford Police Sector this last month. I would urge you all, if you have valuable tools and electrical goods stored in out buildings, that you do all you can to make sure that your security is 'top notch'. You can do many things to help, including fitting relatively cheap alarm systems, even to garden sheds, that would make even the bravest thief head for the hills if the alarm was activated in the middle of the night. Heavy duty padlocks and chains also help because, lets face it, if your security is good, but your next door neighbour's is poor, which shed is the potential thief going to attack??

HARE COURSING

We are also getting inundated with hare coursers at present and, to be honest, we have rarely got sufficient resources to be able to deal with this type of problem. The coursers have been coming out in numbers recently, about 30 were counted a few days ago in the Hungerford area and they will hit an area hard for a short time and then move on. Unfortunately for the farmers amongst you, hares are common on our chalky downland areas and seem to thrive. That in turn, obviously, attracts the coursers and their dogs, many of which, are simply abandoned after a day's work due to, either, severe injuries from chasing the hares across flint filled fields, or simply because they lose their owners who have little or no regard for the dog's welfare. There are things that can be done to reduce the opportunity. The most important course of action for the land owner, if he doesn't want these people on his land, is to plough the field as quickly as possible once a crop has been harvested. Coursers are reluctant to 'run' their dogs on ploughed fields as the opportunities for catching the hares is greatly reduced. The biggest problem to the farmer is the damaged fencing and crops, so the more you can do, as far as prevention is concerned, the better.

CHIEFS VISIT

The new chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, Mr Peter Neyroudl attended Hungerford last week and I had the privilege of taking him out on foot patrol around the town. I think he was the first Chief to visit the Hungerford Sector since 1987 so it was an honour indeed. It also gave the chance for the press and our own staff to quiz the chief about various matters and it gave me the opportunity ask him about the police manning levels in rural areas!!

RESULTS

I am happy to report that we have had some excellent results again over the last month or so.

A couple of weeks ago we carried out a drugs raid in Hungerford on two separate addresses and seized 20 cultivated cannabis plants. Two persons were arrested and dealt with accordingly.

My colleague PS Banfield arrested a woman from Lambourn yesterday 7/10/2002 who was charged with 8 offences relating to drugs matters including the supply of heroin, the supply of ecstasy and the supply of cannabis. If found guilty in court, she is likely to be looking at a lengthy term of imprisonment.

CCTV in Hungerford helped with an excellent arrest of an offender who was seen breaking into cars in the town centre. This was supported by a member of public who went out of his way to help identify the suspect and made an excellent statement relating to what he had seen. This has secured a conviction for an offender who has a string of previous convictions, who, hopefully won't return to Hungerford.

We have had numerous arrests for Drink driving which appears to be on the increase, throughout the police sector. All I can say about this is what I have emphasised in the past is that drink driving not only KILLS, but there is also a strong possibility that you will lose your licence when caught. Think about it!!!

After a fairly large disturbance in Hungerford last weekend 4 persons were arrested and all charged with a variety of offences, including criminal damage and public order offences.

Finally two other adult males have been arrested, one from Great Bedwyn and one from Great Shefford, both for drugs possession offences. Be warned that we DO stop, check and search individuals, if the circumstances fit and persons DO get arrested and charged. One to remember is that unlawful possession of Cannabis is still arrestable at present, contrary to some people's beliefs!!!!

DONATION TOWARDS WIN RUNNING COSTS

Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Walters of Bower Farm Aldworth, who made a donation towards the running costs of the WIN in return for our placing their advertisement.

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 Thursday 28th November 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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