

# West Ilsley News

November 2000

Who would have thought that the (sadly, now regular) flood in the middle of the village could ever be regarded as a good thing? There was a robbery in the village during the last flood, and the thief made off with the proceeds in a van which then broke down in the flood and was abandoned! Unfortunately the thief got away, but at least the stolen item was recovered and he lost his van! Are there lots more incidents of crime happening which we ought to let people know about in order to increase vigilance? The WIN is, of course, available for this, however, monthly publication isn't timely unless criminals only operate towards the end of the month! Does anyone have any views or ideas?

Advance notice of deadlines for the December and January WIN are shown at the end of this edition - please ensure that any events for early January are notified in the December WIN.

The Editors

## EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November there is an outing to Bath - Christmas shopping. The coach will leave West Ilsley Church at 9.30 am. Members £4, non-members £6. Names to J Collier, S Gore or A Carlisle.

## EVERGREENS BAZAAR

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

at

2.30 pm

in the

Village Hall

Tombola  
Bric a Brac  
Cakes

Books & Toys  
Raffle  
Tea

## POST OFFICE NEWS

Latest Christmas posting dates are:

### Letter Post

Overseas	Europe	14 <sup>th</sup> December
	Outside Europe	7 <sup>th</sup> December
Inland	First Class	21 <sup>st</sup> December
	Second Class	18 <sup>th</sup> December

### Parcel Post

Overseas 29<sup>th</sup> November (mostly, but see leaflet)

Inland

15<sup>th</sup> December

## WEST ILSLEY FIREWORKS Sunday 5th November

(next field but one to the pond)

Bonfire at 6.30pm (Guys needed!)  
Fireworks at 7.00pm

Barbeque  
The Cricket Club Bar will be open

## CHRISTMAS PARCELS FROM NWN

Olive Clarke  
281368

Any residents who are 80 years old and over and would like to receive a Christmas Parcel from NWN, please let me know by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

### Church Services for November 2000:

5 <sup>th</sup> All Age Service	11.00 am
12 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday	10.55 am
19 <sup>th</sup> Family Communion	9.30 am

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thanks to all who decorated the church so beautifully. As, usual, the produce went to Willows Edge, a

residential home in Newbury. Thanks are passed on from the staff and residents there.

### HARVEST SUPPER

A change in format this year saw a slide show and talk follow the supper (to its usual excellent standard), given by Dr. Paul Sievers on his recent travels around New Zealand. If you weren't there, you missed a good evening. I hope we will be able to invite him back next year but if there are any budding after dinner speakers, please get in touch...

### QUIZ NIGHT – 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.30 pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

When you read this, it still may not be too late to enter so don't hesitate – it's worth a 'phone call to me (281625). £5.00 per person, including ploughman's supper. It is good fun and raises much needed funds for the church.

**PRAM SERVICE** Alison Banks (281705)  
**ALL SAINTS CHURCH** Liz Dray (281704)

The next service will take place in the church on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. The services are for 0-5 year olds plus parent, grandparent or carer etc and last for half an hour, followed by refreshments for the children. This informal service includes lots of songs with instruments for the children to play plus a short story based on a theme. The theme for November is "Saints." Everyone welcome.

### VILLAGE HALL

#### PONTOON

Audrey Tizzard

The second pontoon of the season was won by:

G Tizzard (Fulham) - £21.

The booby was shared by:

C Sheppard

Crystal Palace

Jo Gore

Newcastle

F Powell

Norwich

Sarah Gore

Queens Park

A Cook

St Mirren

F Tizzard

Scunthorpe

Who each won £1.

£34 went to Village Hall Funds.

### PARKING

Kay Green has asked that people do NOT park at the entrance to Church Way as last week the bin-men were unable to get their truck down the lane to collect refuse. Fortunately they did return the next day to remedy the situation but will not perhaps be as flexible next time!

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Charles and Maggie Taylor are pleased to announce the arrival of FINN PATRICK, a boy weighing 91bs 1oz. on October 3rd 2000, making a full and final complement of four! Both mum and son doing well.

## NATURE NOTES

### Seasons of mist and mellow fruitfulness.

In summer we rarely pay attention to the colour of leaves, but as Winter approaches Nature has one last fling and we are treated to a magnificent display as leaves change colour and fall.

Plants are green because they contain a pigment called chlorophyll and it is probably the best known of all the plant pigments. Pigments are vital to plants as they help to trap sunlight to provide the energy to convert carbon dioxide and water to sugars. During the growing season chlorophyll is continually being produced and broken down as part of its natural cycle. However as day length begins to shorten chlorophyll production starts to slow down and stop. Eventually all the chlorophyll is destroyed and the other colours, which have been present but unnoticed, show through. These pigments are usually a mixture of carotenoids and anthocyanins and give us the beautiful red and orange colours that look so magnificent in the Autumn sunshine. Cool temperatures can prolong this show while a frost can diminish it by killing the leaves and stopping the colour change.

The veins that carry fluids into and out of the leaf gradually close off as a layer of cells forms in the vein at the base of the leaf and block it, so preventing flow into and out of the leaf. When the block is complete the leaf falls off.

W.I.R.&S.A

(West Ilsley Recreation & Social Association)

# CHRISTMAS BINGO

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In

**The Village Hall**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**At 7.30 pm**

**GOOD PRIZES**  
**MULTI-PRIZE RAFFLE**

ADMISSION (only) 20p

O.A.Ps/Under 18's – 10p

All profits go direct to Village Hall Funds

## PRISONER OF ZENDA Watermill Theatre

In recent months I have written several reviews of productions at the Watermill Theatre, always with a final admonition – if you haven't savoured the delights of the place, then GO!

Last night we saw **"The Prisoner of Zenda"** – and never could my earlier advice have been better taken. The story, as many will know from the four film versions shot between 1913 and 1987, centres on the extraordinary likeness between the future Ruritanian King and his cousin Rassendyll. Rassendyll is visiting Ruritania purely by co-incidence and is discovered in a wooded glade by the King's aide, Fritz van Tarlenheim. The future King, known throughout the Kingdom for his alcoholic intake, meets our hero and promptly drinks himself into a stupor, though this with the help of some drugged concoction from his brother, the dastardly 'Black' Michael; inevitably this means the Prince cannot attend his own coronation and Rassendyll is called upon to stand in at the ceremony to save the Kingdom – and Princess Flavia, the Princes' girlfriend - from Black Michael's treachery.

There are only five players – including David Peacock, who starred so successfully in a riot of a play (reviewed earlier this year) called "Up 'n Under". The limitations on numbers means that each member wore (quite literally) several different guises and each contributed to a running dialogue which – though a little confusing until you got the hang of it – told the story from beginning to end. Along the way, several of the characterisations were truly wonderful – the simpering Cardinal, the alluring "women" – the sight of large Army Captains putting on skirts and shawls and transforming themselves into fawning women was hilarious; Black Michael's sinister scenes, and in particular Fritz, who surely must have spent time in the Army, so perfect a Company Sergeant Major would he make. Couple this with the most astonishingly clever scene shifting on what is a tiny, in-the-round stage and – my personal favourite – the sword duels and their inevitable blood letting, and you have nearly two hours of honestly superb entertainment for the price of a couple of drinks.

One small criticism – on occasion the music was too loud and certainly all four members of our party had difficulty hearing Princess Flavia give an impassioned update at one point.

There were perhaps 50 people in the audience – on previous visits we have gone on a Thursday night which for reasons which escape me seem almost always to have full houses – perhaps Wednesdays are too "mid-week?" As an actor it must be somewhat disappointing to play to such a small audience, though no doubt many nights will be to sell-out crowds, but if you haven't booked yet and really do want to see a treat, the play ends on November 11<sup>th</sup> – Box Office number is 01635 46044. As I said at the beginning – **GO!** – you will not be disappointed. Steve Price

## THE COMPTON PLAYERS

Compton Players' next production, described as an adult comedy, is due to be performed on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November at Compton Coronation Hall, Burrell Road, Compton. Doors open at 7.00 pm for curtain-up at 7.30 pm. The comedy entitled "Dead Funny" is by Terry Johnson, and due to both the content and explicit language, is NOT suitable for children. Tickets are £4 (Senior Citizens £2) box office is 01635 578821

## PARISH COUNCIL Linda Gibson (Clerk)

The Next Meeting of West Ilsley Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th November at 7.00p.m. in The Village Hall.

All residents of West Ilsley are welcome to attend this meeting. The 'Open Forum' will begin at 8.30p.m.

## PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID COURSE

(organised by Angela Hyde on behalf of West Berkshire Under Eight Forum)

Wednesday Evenings

22nd and 29th November

At

West Ilsley Village Hall

This course is suitable for all parents and carers of children any age. It will be run by a professional first aid training company, Pre-Med Health Care Ltd. The course will comprise 2 x 3 hour evening sessions (Probably 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm). The course is funded by West Berkshire Under Eights Forum. It is free but I need a £10 deposit refundable on the second evening of the course. If you would like a place please drop a note through my door along with a cheque for £10.00 made payable to "West Berkshire Under Eight Form". Maximum 25 places.

Angela, Forge Cottage, High Street, West Ilsley

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NOTICE is hereby given that the

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the above will be held  
in  
**THE VILLAGE HALL**

on  
**WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER**  
at  
**7.30 P.M.**

All Residents of the Village of 15 years of age and above are, under the terms of the Lease covering the Village Hall, deemed to be Members of the Association and are entitled to attend, and vote at this Meeting.

The Business to be conducted will include the Annual Reports of the Chairman and Treasurer and the election of Officers and Committee Members for the Ensuing year. The Agenda for the Meeting will be published on Monday 6th November and displayed on Notice Boards.

Any Member wishing to serve on the Management Committee in any capacity may seek Election at the A.G.M. on being proposed and seconded by 2 other Members either by prior notice to the Secretary, or at the Meeting

**P.J. BARTABY**

Secretary  
Tel: 281335

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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 28th November and for the January edition, 5 pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. 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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