

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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TITTLE - TATTLE

The social calendar of those dwelling in West Ilsley has been full and rounded this month. The entertainment available to those who attended these events has been varied, top quality and interesting.

It started with the wonderful concert in The Church at the end of October. The "congregation" was treated to a wealth of musical numbers. I was ashamed to say that I knew word for word the lyrics of Showboat and found myself singing along.

The next treat in store was the wine tasting at the Harrow on the Sunday night. Two nights out on the trot! Not only was the wine good, but also the information dispatched by Danielle O'Keefe with each bottle was irresistibly interesting. I need a new profession and a new palate to help me with it (in order to become more discerning!).

Then there was The Shoot...I didn't, but those who did obviously enjoyed themselves hugely. They all got thoroughly chilly and returned to the Village Hall for platefuls of Chilli and then Apple Pie.

Lastly, we must welcome Mick Channon and his team who are now busy transforming Hodcott. We wish them every success in their ventures.

Hello, again, to Janet and Keith, Laura and Michael and to Tracey, hubby, Carrie-Ann and little brother - (I AM good at remembering names!) and if there's anyone else I need to mention please let me know!

Welcome to West Ilsley to little Alex Gregory, who weighed in at 8lb 4 1/2oz and congratulations to Tracey, Steve and brother Sam.

Miss-Toflees - (281647)

DIAMOND WEDDING

60 years ago on December 6th 1939, just after war broke out in Britain, Lewis Hayes and Cecilia Ellen Joyce Barrett married at Newbury registry office. Having joined the forces the previous year, Lew to the Royal Artillery and Joyce to the A.T.S. they were allowed leave for their marriage and honeymoon in Purbrook Hants, only for Lew to be called back to his regiment four days later.

After the war, Lew returned to farm work while Joyce was kept busy raising their six children and working part time in the farmhouses.

The move to West Ilsley came about 21 years ago when Lew accepted a job as stockman and shepherd at Rowles Farm. First working for Norman Hinds and later for the Carlisle family, this work continued until his so called retirement in 1986. Joyce in the meantime worked in the farmhouse for Mrs Hinds and later for Mrs Ann Carlisle, work that she continues to this day.

Although their family is now scattered throughout the country they continue to see it grow, with numerous grandchildren and at the last count 10 great grandchildren.

Congratulations and best wished to you both on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

S M Hayes

EVERGREENS

Christmas lunch will be held at the Star at East Ilsley on Saturday 11th December at 12.30 pm. Names to S Gore or A Carlisle.

The Bazaar held in the Village Hall on Saturday November 20th made £460.25. Thank you to all those who helped, gave, and came to make the day a great success.

Raffle prize winners

1. Mrs D Tuson
2. Mrs Fairford
3. Mrs Wells
4. Mrs Huggins
5. Mrs Green
6. Miss Angie
7. Mrs Jo Gore
8. Mr M Allen
9. Mrs Gadsby
10. Mrs Bishop
11. Mrs Dray
12. Mr B Hayes

Mrs Gadsby would like to thank members for the card and best wishes received after her hip operation.

Anne Carlisle

WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB

I have the following dates when the club bar will be open from 7.45pm on Tuesday nights for the ladies darts team:

14 December

8 February

29 February

14 March

The men's team has started (as the landlord of the Harrow would say, "a wee bit slow"). The results as follows:

10 October, lost 7-4 against The Thatcher's

18 October, won 2-9 against The Five Bells

25 October, lost 7-4 against The Catholic Club (John the postman's team.)

1 November, lost 8-3 against the Black Horse.

Come on boys!

The ladies haven't fared any differently, I'm sorry to say they lost their first game on 2nd November 8-3.
Come on girls!

The Cricket Club has just had its AGM and we looking to fill two roles, that of Treasurer and Fixtures Secretary. If you are interested and think you are capable of fulfilling this role in and up and coming club, please contact Richard Beech on 281633 or John Bowness on 32774.

The membership charge has not changed from last year. Full playing member, £25. Social family membership £10. Single social member, £5. Cheap at the price! Any new members welcome, just come along.

Jon Evans

PRAM SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The next service will be on Tuesday 14th December at 11.00am, the service will be a special nativity and Christmas one.

Services last for approximately half an hour followed by refreshments for the children and are for 0-5 year olds.

The January service will be focussed on Christingle and will take place on Tuesday 11th January at 11.00am.

Liz Dray - (281704)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for December & early January 2000:-

5th December:- 11.00 am

All Age Service

12th December:- 8.00 am

Holy Communion

19th December:- 6.00 pm

Carol Service "Tree Of Light"

24th December:- 11.30 pm

Midnight Communion

26th December:- 6.00 pm

United Benefice Evensong at Peasemore

1st January:- noon

Simple Service of Dedication

2nd January:- 10.00 am

United Benefice Communion

Christmas within the Benefice

For details of Christmas Day and all other services with the benefice, please refer to the card that will be popping through your door in early December.

Oops!

I owe an apology to those who turned up to the (non-existent) service on 21st November – there was a Downland Federation Service at Chieveley. "Fourways" was right and I was wrong (extra helpings of humble pie...).

All Saints Concert

On 30th October, we were entertained by "Downwind", a group playing 16th and 17th century music on early English instruments; St. Fillans Quartet, playing Hayden's "The Bird"; and The Steventon Singers performing up to the 20th century, including Gilbert and Sullivan and "Showboat". The organ also had its first "public" outing since the keyboard clatter was resolved.

Everyone gave well-polished and accomplished performances, with strong vocals from the choir, especially the duet "Bless This House". The evening was not without humour though: "Downwind" had listed its 16th century pieces "with one a little later" which turned out to be "The Teddy Bears' Picnic", whilst one of the choir gave a monologue on a performance of "The Messiah" as observed by a Yorkshireman.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed wine and a cold buffet in the north aisle. Miss the next concert at your peril!

Tree of Light

As the carol service format was so well received last year, we have decided to repeat it. The service will be in the churchyard (or inside the church if wet), accompanied by the

Wantage Silver Band. The Christmas tree in the churchyard will be lit up and you can sponsor a light in memory of a loved one. There is no specific amount to pay, just whatever you feel. Contact Avice (281341), Janice (281345) or me (281625) if you would like to help to illuminate the Tree of Light. *Please try and respond by Monday 13th December to give us time to type out and prepare the dedication tags.* There will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Remember to wrap up well and bring a torch!

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

WIRSA

(West Ilsley Recreation & Social Association)

The Annual General Meeting of the Association took place on Thursday 18 November in the Village Hall. Eight of the Retiring Committee Members were present plus three Members of the Public.

The retiring Chairman (Mr Clive Hooker) gave a review of the past Year' activities making special mention of the success of the Association's Bottle Stall at the last Village Show which raised £340, the continuing popularity of the weekly Football Pontoon and the occasional Bingo sessions which were well supported. He also referred to the internal re-decoration of the Village Hall earlier in the year – done wholly by Committee Members and favourably commented upon by users and the refurbishment of the Hall card tables by Mr A. Coles. Finally, he expressed personal thanks for all the assistance he had received throughout the year, from not only members of the Committee but also many other Village residents.

The Treasurer (Mrs Audrey Tizzard) produced the Annual Report and Accounts that showed an increase in Association funds over the year amounting to £1,564. She did, however, sound a note of caution stating that there would shortly be a bill of over £5,000 to meet when the main parts of the hall roof were renovated and re-tiled and, although the Association had sought a grant for part of this cost from West Berkshire Council there was no guarantee that the application would be successful.

The Secretary also gave a short report of the 'administrative' activities he had been involved with during the year.

Nominations were taken for the four directly appointed Committee Members called for under the Association's constitution. This resulted in the election of Mr P.J Bartaby; Mr Clive Hooker; Mrs M Thimbleby and Mrs A Tizzard. Nominated 'user group' representatives were notified as Mr P Barratt (Stables); Mrs Brophy (Toddlers); Mr R. Calder (Evergreens); Mrs S. Gore (All Saints Church) and Mr J. Verney (Cricket Club).

At a Committee Meeting immediately following the A.G.M. Officers were elected for the forthcoming year as under:-

Chairman Mr Clive Hooker

Treasurer Mrs Audrey Tizzard

Secretary Mr Peter Bartaby

Miss Jane Denham and Mr Phil Tizzard were co-opted on to the Committee.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW MILLENIUM

FROM

THE WEST ILSLEY NEWS TEAM

THE HARROW CHRISTMAS OPENING

24th Day: - Normal service and hours

Evening: - Drinks only, normal hours

25th Day: - Drinks only 1200 – 1300

Evening: - Closed

26th Day: - Drinks 1200 – 1530

Food 1200 – 1315

Evening: - Closed

27th Day: - Normal service and hours

Evening: - Drinks only, normal hours

28th to 30th normal service and hours

31st Day: - 1200 – 1500 Food and drink

Evening: - Closed

1st Day: - Drinks 1200 – 1400

Evening: - Closed

2nd onwards – Normal service

CHRISTMAS BINGO

ON

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER

IN

THE VILLAGE HALL

EYES DOWN AT 7.30pm

GOOD PRIZES AND RAFFLE

(Any donations of prizes would be much appreciated – please deliver to Audrey at the Post Office)