

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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WELCOME

Welcome to West Ilsley newcomers: - Family Sugden to Bramble Cottage, Gary and Steph Taylor (sorry this is almost a year late!!) and Chris and Jan Johnson (sorry if the spelling is wrong – blame the snout!!).

FIREWORKS

The fire will be lit at 1830hrs and the fireworks set off at 1900hrs thanks to Peter Carlisle.

Hopefully the Cricket Club bar will be open and there will be a BBQ.

Jo Gore

CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season may be over but this does not mean that The Club has closed down for the winter. The darts team have started their winter league and although I only have details for the men's league the ladies details will follow as soon as possible.

The club will be open from 1945hrs for home matches on the following dates:- 8th and 22nd of November, 13th of December and 10th of January. Any new members are welcome to come along and join. Social membership, at the moment, is £5.00 for a year's subscription. Darts team membership subscriptions are due NOW.

The cricket season finished on a high with the First Team winning the Berkshire League and the second team finishing mid-table after being promoted last season. Well done both teams!! (Here here – Ed)

The Club would like to thank everyone who has supported it throughout the last year.

Jon Evans

DOWNLANDS SPORTS CENTRE

Open to the public each weekday evening from 1730hrs to 2200hrs.

Please contact Tracey Weaver on 01635 578866 for further information.

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

The winners of the 2nd Pontoon of the season were:

P Muir (Leeds) and J Denham (Rangers) winning £14 each.

The booby of £8 was shared by S Price (Cheltenham) and J Steptoe (Chesterfield).

£22 went to Village Hall funds.

Audrey Tizzard

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Monday 20th September for a busy agenda. The councillors were brought rapidly into the 21st Century with a demonstration of the Internet, expertly provided by Ian Burton. The Parish Council gave support to the motion that the W.I.News should be available on the Internet and e-mail. Assurance was given by Ian Burton that a paper copy would still be available to every member of the village.

The disappointing news was reported from the Millennium Committee that their grant application for the GAZEBO had been turned down by the Millennium Commission. The Parish Council agreed to fully support the committee's efforts in continuing to raise the necessary amount to fully fund the project.

The Secretary of the Social and Recreation Society asked for the support on the Parish Council in it's efforts to raise funding to replace the roof of the Village Hall. This was unanimously given.

Several complaints had been received about noise nuisance from late night shooting and grain dryer use. The Clerk was invited to obtain a report from the Environmental Officer as to the level of noise.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 8th November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners welcome.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

This year West Ilsley scored 105 marks out of a possible 135 (77.7%), placing them 7th in the 'Small Village' category. The same position as last year! Aldworth were first with 92%.

The Judges Comments were:-

"Looking around this village it was obvious the inhabitants were very serious about the competition and the overall neatness of the village. Everywhere was cared for and tidy. Well done West Ilsley."

Thank you to all those concerned.

VILLAGE POND

Volunteers are needed to help with the upkeep of the village pond.

After many hours of hard work, Norman Carlisle has decided to 'retire'. Thanks go to him for the time he has given over the years.

If anyone is interested and has a few hours to spare, please contact Norman Carlisle on 281613.

Linda Gibson - Clerk to W.I.Parish Council

POST OFFICE

Christmas is coming and the recommended last posting dates are as follows:

For letters and cards:

Countries outside Europe 6th Dec

Europe 13th Dec

Inland 2nd class 18th Dec

Inland 1st class 21st Dec

For parcels:

Countries outside Europe 1st Dec

Europe 14th Dec

Inland 17th Dec

Leaflets with full details are available at the Post Office.

I would just like to remind everyone that you can pay many of your regular bills at the Post Office, just check "Methods of Payment" on the back of the bill. Also, did you know that if you bank with Lloyds, TSB, Co-Op or Alliance and Leicester you can pay in cash, or cash a cheque here, free of charge.

Audrey Tizzard

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

Are there any West Ilsley residents who are 80 years old or over, and would like to receive a Christmas Parcel from N.W.N. Please contact Olive Clarke as soon as possible or ring 281368

PRAM SERVICE ALL SAINTS CHURCH

At the October service the children looked for bells of various shapes and sizes hidden around the Church. The November service will be on Tuesday 9th November at 11.00am when the theme will be candles. The services last for approximately half an hour followed by refreshments for the children.

Liz Dray – 281704

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for November:-

7th November:-	All Age Service	11.00 am
14th November:-	Remembrance Service	10.55 am
21st November:-	Family Communion	9.30 am

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

EVERGREENS

Monday 1st November - meeting in the Village Hall 2.30pm to discuss the bazaar, followed by bingo and tea.

Tuesday 30th November - outing by coach leaving from the Church 9am to Moreton in the Marsh market (Members £5, Non-Members £5 - tokens may be used). Names to D Wells, S Gore or A Carlisle.

Saturday 20th November

West Ilsley Village Hall

At 2.30 pm

Cake Stall

Bric a Brac

Book and Toy stalls

Raffles

Please come and support us!