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## FAREWELL

From Yve, Peter and Elanor to the Maltings and our friends in West Ilsley. We have many happy memories of The Harrow, The Cricket Field and countless barbecues on The Butts adjoining John Noble's woods. We will be nearby in Oxfordshire in the summers and in sunny South Africa in the winters.

Adrian Boulter will be living in the Maltings. We hope he enjoys the pheasants, mountjaks and the kites as much as we have.

## Village Hall Committee AGM

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
At WI Village Hall 8pm

New faces welcome. We maintain and manage the Village Hall for the benefit of Village residents. In addition we run annual fun events such as the Summer Camp Out and other events such as The Village Fireworks, Bingo Nights and a stall at The Fete all to replenish our funds.

## ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle

The Christmas Lunch will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at the Windmill Carvery, Burford. The Coach will leave from outside the church in West Ilsley at 10.45 am.



The Bazaar held in the Village hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November made £453. A big Thank You to all those who helped and contributed for the funds.

## WHIST DRIVE

Kath Carter

The November Whist Drive held in aid of the Ilsley Evergreens was the usual sociable evening. There was plenty of chat and some slick shuffling and dealing of cards

So do join us at the next Whist Drive which takes place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15pm at the very comfortable Cricket Club.

## WELCOME ...



..... to Hugo Hagen, who arrived on  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2005  
Congratulations to Dries, Amanda and May

## DIARY

DECEMBER

3 <sup>rd</sup>	West Ilsley Christmas Party
8 <sup>th</sup>	Village Hall AGM
9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Bingo
15 <sup>th</sup>	Whist Drive
17 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreens Christmas Lunch
	JANUARY
9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

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ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY  
William and Alexandra Axtell

**Church Services for December:**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	"Mums and tots" group at Peasemore Rectory	10.00am
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Service	11.00am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Children's church (nb change of date to <u>Friday</u> 9th)	4.00pm
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8.00am
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service	6.00pm
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Crib service	4.00pm
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight Communion	11.30pm
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	United Benefice Holy Communion	10.00am

**Remembrance Day**

The church was packed for the Remembrance Day service led by Denise. We were fortunate to have the Royal British Legion in attendance – the parade through West Ilsley was featured in Newbury Weekly News and was led by piper Ian Knight from the Oxford Caledonian Pipe Band. The congregation raised £290 for the British Legion – a great effort. The service was a fitting tribute to those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

**One Horse Race**

Congratulations to Ian Fewtrell-Smith who managed to raise £131 for the **Raising the Roof** appeal with his One-Horse Race. He completed the 13 mile course in 4 hours 25 minutes and 54 seconds – a very respectable time. The winner was a work colleague of Ian's who kindly donated her winnings back to the appeal. Well done Ian!

**Fourways**

Unfortunately last year's entry was printed in the edition recently circulated. So don't worry we have raised £17,000 for the Raising the Roof appeal and not £10,000!

**Travelling Crib and Crib Service**

Mary and Joseph will be travelling through the village on their Advent journey arriving at church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. If you would like them to spend a night in your home then please sign up on the list in the church!

We hope to have lots of children at the Crib Service – children are encouraged to dress up as angels, shepherds or king...

**Christmas Giving**

The collection from the Carol Service will be going to the local section of the Macmillan Nurses. The collection from the Crib Service will be going to the West Ilsley Children's Church and the collection from the Midnight Communion Service will be going to All Saints, West Ilsley.

As usual you are invited to bring gifts such as toiletries, toys and children's clothes to the Carol Service and Crib Service for donation to the local women's refuge.

**Christmas**

Hope to see you at church over the festive period – you will be guaranteed a warm welcome! Happy Christmas and wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

ONE-HORSE RACE Ian Fewtrell-Smith  
281625

The weather forecast looked promising for Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, so no lie-in that morning – the race was on! Synchronising watches, and setting mobile 'phone stopwatches, I set out towards Farnborough with a chill in the air but the sun shining out of a cloudless sky. Not having walked this far for some time, I had a moment of doubt that lasted from Norman and Anne's up to Starveall barn. However, once across Old Street, my step became relaxed (unlike the dozen or so pairs of eyes following my every step as I passed below a herd of deer) and I surprised myself at the pace I appeared to be going at. The walk continued in the same delightful manner and after my 20 minutes lunch stop at Peasemore, I returned to West Ilsley via Beedon after 4 hours, 25 minutes and 54 seconds. There were a few close guesses, with Sandy Gore showing faith in my ability with an inspired guess of 4.24.06. However, the winning guess of 4.25.20, just 34 seconds out, came from a member of staff in my office. She offered to sponsor me having asked, "what was I doing at the weekend?" as she left work the previous day and quickly scribbled a dozen times without any thought or calculation. What's more, and under no pressure from me I hasten to add (honestly!), she donated all except her initial £5 stake back to "Raising the Roof", which is now better off to the tune of £136. So a big thank you to all who sponsored me with bets, and also those who made donations.

TITTLE TATTLE Polly Muir

I missed the fireworks. I wasn't well! Huh! I am sure that someone will report on the success of the evening. I'm distressed that I couldn't attend such a prominent bash of the West Ilsley social calendar. On with the next event...the drinks party? It must be New Frock Time of Year!

I would like to welcome Pete, Jacky (Jacqui?) and Hayley to the Harrow. It was great to see the pub busy again when we visited. It is a sign of the times that we all end up opening a bottle a wine at home (it's easier, cheaper and warmer at this time of year!) but you cannot beat downing a well-kept pint with some good mates in a pleasant environment. And you can't get better than good pub grub being cooked when you need a rest from the oven. We enjoyed good tasty Pub Grub the night we ate in the Harrow. The new landlords (ladies? / persons? Oh! To be P.C.) are offering a good and reasonably priced menu. We ate tasty food at leisure. Go on! Have a night away from the cooker, you know that you need it. I hope that all goes well for the new tenants and wish them all the best. We need to make the most of our pub!

Welcome, too (and two) to Adrian who has moved into No. 2, The Maltings. I somehow get the feeling we won't see much of him whilst he busies himself in his new abode (good plan to eat at the pub, Adrian!), he has a lot of 'doing' to do.

Catch up with on the busy rounds over the next few weeks; I do need some gossip that's repeatable! Can anyone help? Have a Happy Christmas and a great New Year.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WHICH HAVE  
RAISED £125 FOR THE ROOF**



**Merry Christmas Everyone  
Mel and Andrea Cook**

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**Wishing all our friends a Merry Christmas  
And a very Happy New Year  
With Love From  
The Carringtons**

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**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
to all our friends in West Ilsley  
Adrian, Liz, Hannah, Matthew and Ben Dray**

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**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to  
all our friends and fellow villagers in West  
Ilsley from John and Ally Mountford**

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**Jo, Tony, Ellen Tom and Katie would like to  
wish you a very merry Christmas and a  
happy and healthy New Year.**

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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all  
our friends in West Ilsley  
Neil, Cathy, Lucy and Thomas Paterson**

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**Wishing you all a very  
Merry Christmas!**

**From Will, Alexandra, Henry and Charlie**

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**David, Tracey, Carrie-Ann and Ryan Young  
would like to wish everyone a very merry  
Christmas and a happy New Year**

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**Wishing everyone a  
Happy Christmas and a great New Year  
With love**

**Ed, Anna, Caspar, JJ and Jonty xxx**

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**Seasons Greetings from The Gores in  
Australia, and hello to all our friends in  
West Ilsley**

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**A NOTE FROM DOWN UNDER!**

We have now been here for 2 years and are just about acclimatised. That is not to say we have lost our roots or gone native! We can't believe how fast the time has flown by.

In the past 12 months we have explored a bit more of the country but a month back in the UK in April restricted the amount of holiday time we have had here. We have been to Jervis Bay which is 3 hours South of Sydney and had a lovely time at the seaside and saw whales, dolphins, seals and a sea eagle. Jo and I managed to fit in a few days in Perth without the girls (when her Mum was over here). The next place we are visiting is Brisbane to see Jemma the temporary Gore Down Under who hopefully will show us all the sights.

As you can imagine much banter was exchanged with the locals during a brilliant winter (for us) of cricket and, despite enormous pressure to change our loyalties to Australia we remain true to our English roots! Well nearly, dear Victoria is a little confused and supported Australia, but we assume it is her tender years! Over here play started at 7.30pm and generally finished between 2.30 and 3.30am so was all very hard work but we probably saw more live cricket than most people in the UK. The English rugby union side restored pride last weekend so for a change we can hold our heads very high.

We have had lots of UK visitors again this year, it is so nice to see everyone and catch up with all the news, more are due out in the middle of December for Christmas, so it definitely feels like we have only moved counties rather than countries!

Last year we planned to have a cold Christmas dinner on the veranda but it turned out to be so cold that we could have had hot Roast Turkey and all the trimmings and not worried about it! This year we are hoping it will be a bit warmer!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year  
David, Jo, Alex and Victoria

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter**



**As Christmas is approaching,** please be careful with leaving shopping in your vehicle – you never know who is watching! If you are going away for Christmas ask someone to keep an eye on your house and inform your neighbours. It

is a good idea to give a neighbour a contact number where to reach you in an emergency.

**Ecards** (or electronic greetings cards) have become very popular over the last few years....If you send ecards, have you considered whether or not the ecard you are sending is safe, or whether it is OK to open an ecard you have received, even if it is from someone you know.

Most people do not consider the dangers from ecards and unfortunately, there are plenty. Having said that, most cards you receive from friends are safe and easy to use. However since there are quite a few ecard scams going around right now, Scambusters want to help you make sure you do not become a scam victim.

What are the biggest ecard dangers? A legitimate-looking ecard, once it is clicked and /or downloaded, might actually be spyware, spam or a computer virus. For example your computer might start displaying obscene images, barrage you with pop-up ads, launch adult web sites or start sending bogus ecards to those in your address book that appear to come from you.

Here is an example of an ecard scam that is trickier than the most phishing scams: The ecard looks like it comes from Hallmark and asks you to download an attachment to pick up your ecard. However the attachment is in fact a Trojan.

Telltale signs of a fake ecard. Here are a few clues than an ecard is bogus...

- Selling mistakes e.g. your name is misspelled
- Error in the message e.g. it says you sent a card rather than received one
- The sender isn't someone you know, Why should someone you don't know send you a card
- The sender has a bogus name Joe cool, Card sender, Secret Admirer etc
- Or the URL appears odd e.g. [www.http://](http://www) rather than <http://www>

How to avoid trouble from fake ecards

- If in any doubt don't open it.
- Delete any card from somebody you don't know
- Never click on anything from an unknown source
- Never open an attachment from an unknown source
- Never download from an unknown source
- Never click to accept Terms from any company without reading the fine print.

Scambuster recommend against opening any ecard with an attachment, You never know what is really in the attachment until it is too late

For further information, check the website [www.scambusters.org](http://www.scambusters.org)

WE NEED YOUR WALKS.....and pub recommendations and other leisure activities in and around West Ilsley for the web site. Fred Carter's recommended walk has already been enjoyed by visitors to the site and now we are looking to share more of your recommendations. Please email your suggestions to [info@westilsley.org.uk](mailto:info@westilsley.org.uk) and don't forget to visit the village's web site at [www.westilsley.org.uk](http://www.westilsley.org.uk)

## CRIME REPORT

*Our thanks to PC Andrew Buckingham (Hungerford Police 08458 505 505) who emails us with his NWN article, from which we extract items which may be valuable in keeping villagers alert to what's going on in the area:*



We're pleased to report that PC Buckingham's NWN reports haven't included anything local to West Ilsley over the last few weeks, so here's some "good" news:

### Crime Report 10/11

It is always good to report on good police work and thanks to the efforts of the Newbury CID a number of burglaries which impacted heavily on the rural villages in West Berkshire between 2004 and 2005 have been detected. On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, David Carlile aged 32 from the Bristol area and of no fixed abode was jailed for seven years when he appeared before Swindon Crown Court. He was charged with a number of burglaries in Wiltshire, which he admitted and asked for some 100 further similar offences committed across Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Thames Valley, to be taken into consideration. These included 26 offences in West Berkshire where goods worth £280,000 were stolen. He was linked to the series in West Berkshire by a fingerprint left at one scene and blood at another.



Christmas Trees  
For Sale

At 1 Catmore Road (behind the cricket pavilion)  
this year sales of trees will support the Raising the Roof  
fund.

Call to view or buy on 281786

Or  
knock at the door!  
Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

By  
Choral Group  
"Cantemus"

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm  
All Saints Church, Brightwalton  
Tickets £6 adults £3 children  
Mince Pies and Mulled Wine  
Tickets from Gill Judge 01488 638537  
(and on the door if not sold out)  
Proceeds to the church restoration fund





**Friday 9th December**

**In the Village Hall**

**7.30pm**

**All the Family welcome  
Bingo and Raffle Prizes**

***Bring your own refreshments***

**Admission: Adults 20p, Children 10p**

**Bingo Books 30p**

**Any donation of prizes to Audrey**

**5 Fir Tree Cottages**

**Proceeds to Village Hall Funds**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH,  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**Afterschool Service**

The next service will be on **Friday 9 December** (please note change from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>) at 4pm in the church where we will hear about Joseph and Advent.

The Afterschool 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. The services cover a variety of themes we hope of interest to the children and are aimed at primary school age children and younger ones.

**Mums and Tots (for the very young and their carers)**

We will be meeting at the Peasemore Rectory on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 10am-11.30am. We hope to be singing some Christmas songs and to have a chat over a coffee.

Our January get togethers will be on Thursday 5 January for Mums and Tots and Thursday 19 January for the Afterschool service.

If you would like more information on either of these services please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

**ILSLEY UNDER 5'S**

**Katharine Young, toddler rep.**

During the Autumn term we have had a term packed with fun activities for the children and have begun a monthly craft activity session too. The Halloween party was great fun and we saw wonderful contributions to the fancy dress competition. We are also raising some funds with a series of shopping opportunities during the sessions with Phoenix cards, Virgin Vie and Usbourne books. These are on November 16th, 23rd and 30th respectively if anyone would like to come along to look at these products please contact me for details or just turn up 10am - 11.30, 10% of the takings will go to the Ilsley Under 5's. For the children we still have the Christmas party on the 7th December to look forward to!

If you are a new mum in the area and would like to come along we'd love to see you at toddlers. We meet on a Wednesday morning : 10.00 am - 11.30am in West Ilsley Village Hall :Term time only. We have masses of toys, a 'baby area' and lots of Mums who love a chat over a cup of coffee: other Mums are a great source of ideas and information, so why not come along? or ring Katharine on 281539 for further details .

*We look forward to seeing you at*

***West Ilsley***

***Christmas Party***

***Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2005***

*in*

***the Village Hall***

***Sandra, Anne, Marnie, Angela and Andrea***

**FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**

**Felix Rayner - Headteacher**

**News from The Ilsleys Primary School**

Exciting things continue to happen at The Ilsleys Primary School. This autumn we have introduced some really positive initiatives which have really brought the school to life and have made the school a brilliant place to work and learn.

As some of you may have seen, we have replaced our climbing bars with an up to date adventure playground. The children have been delighted by the equipment and it's a joy to see them having fun, keeping healthy and using their brains with imaginary play. I would like to thank the Friends for donating money to make this all possible.

As of September, our school now has a school council which has expertly been introduced by Mrs Dunbar-Morris. The council gives the children a chance to voice opinions about the school and help make it a better place for all. Please see below for more details from the chair of the council.

Our themed week on Australia was a great success. The children loved studying the geography of the country, whilst also learning how to play the didgeridoo, bake ANZAC biscuits and make boomerangs. They also enjoyed all the week's sport in the shape of the Ilsleys ashes series and Australian Rules football. A big thank-you goes out to all those who made it so successful.

Taking about sport - netball, football and tennis clubs are now up and running and we have had our first competitive matches. The netball team played with passion in their new netball kits against St.Finnians but sadly lost two - nil. On the football front, the team played in the Small School Cup and have made it through to the next stage – I am very proud.

We now look forward to the rest of the term. We have a new assessment and achievement week coming up where we celebrate children's successes over the term and later in December we have our Christmas Concert – 'Christmas around the World'.

If you have any queries concerning the school don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

## NEWS FROM THE PUPILS

The School Council Daisy Brophy Clews

Chair of the School Council

A School Council has been introduced in the school and I have been elected chair and Alex has been elected secretary. We have had our first meeting to discuss how we could make our school better and have fed all of the important things that we discussed to Mr Rayner and our class. Once in a while we will talk to the Governors about the things that the school council have discussed and hopefully some actions will be made.

### Also important to the children this term

The Friends of the Ilsleys Primary School raised lots of money to help buy a new adventure playground for us, this includes monkey bars, scramble net, firemen's pole, rickety bridge and lots of other things that are really good fun to play on!

## DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

It has been some while since we put a piece in West Ilsley News. While not that much has changed, there may be new people in the village who may not know we exist and there may be a few people who need a reminder that were here!

The Downland Sports Centre is a small Centre that is shared between the Downs School in Compton and the local community and is open from 6 – 10.00pm Monday to Friday.

We have a large Sports Hall marked for several sports – 5-a-side Football, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball etc. We have recently purchased Volleyball posts and it would be exciting to see an interest shown in Volleyball. The hall is also used for Circuit Training and Trampoline courses. Our children's parties are very popular and are held in the sports hall. You can choose from a range of parties to suit your child and age.

In addition to the Sports Hall, we have a small Gym, Tennis Courts and an outdoor swimming pool (very popular in the summer).

For the young people in the community we offer a Junior Gym session. This is held on a Thursday (4.30 - 5.30 pm) for young people aged 11 – 16 and is supervised by a qualified instructor. The sessions must be pre-booked and paid for in advance. The sessions are designed to encourage activity, the correct use of the gym ..... and to be fun!

We are proud of the reputation we have for our Children's Holiday Activity Programme. The activities are for children aged between 5 – 11 years and take place every holiday period from 10.00 am – 2.30 pm (Mon – Fri). The children have seriously good fun, can suggest activities they would like to do and while here make lots of friends. Some of the children started attending when they were very young and are now volunteer helpers!

One recent change is that there is now a new large car park which is the last entrance (if travelling from Compton to Hampstead Norreys) on the left hand side past the school.

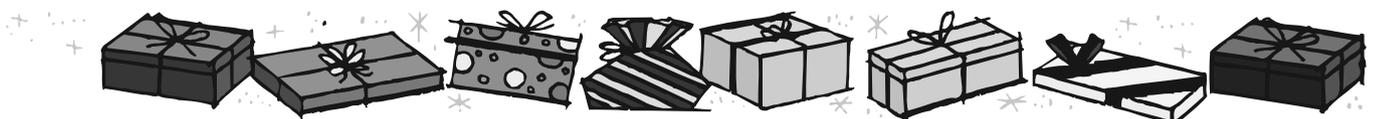
If you would like more information about any of the activities here at the Centre or would like to book a gym induction, please contact us on 01635 578866 (between the hours of 6 – 10pm Mon – Fri) or pop into the Centre and a member of staff will be pleased to help you.

***All the staff at the Downland Sports Centre would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy, Healthy New Year!***

THANK YOU

Tracey Young

The children of West Ilsley would like to say a huge Thank You for all the wonderful gifts of sweets, fruit and money they collected from you whilst Trick or Treating in the rain on Halloween Night. If you didn't recognize them, some of the children under the masks were: Danielle and Ben Willis, Elle and Tom Scriven, Lucy and Robin Sweet, Georgina Carlisle, Elliot, Alexandra, Carrie-Ann and Ryan Young, Robbie, Alex and Seth, Claire, Rosie and Ellena. They all had such fun and were really grateful to Paul Willis for their transport around the village. The children shared the sweets and fruit between them but requested that the £23 they collected from you be donated to Children in Need. Jo Scriven has kindly seen to this.



# Parish Council Update

December 2005

## From the Chairman:

Thank-you to all who have responded by providing their e mail addresses to receive future copies of the WIN electronically. We are still outstanding a few replies from the village and when we have a complete picture we will come back to those of you who have offered to print a copy for a neighbour without e mail. So if you haven't yet responded please do it now!

If you don't have email then don't panic you will still receive your copy of the WIN but please let us know.

Paul Smith

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2005

### Correspondence

Letter received back (5<sup>th</sup> October) from Melvyn May, Highways manager in response to our letter. In summary: The silt deposits (Catmore Road), blocked drainage grips, channels and ditch silting will be added to the annual grip cutting and sweeping programmes and addressed within the next 28 days.

The Council reiterated that the Ditch between the Cricket Pitch and the road is the Landlord's responsibility. The extensive drainage work done in 2000/2001 was initiated following excessive rainfall and flooding and was financed in the form of a one-off payment. This means the Council is unable to sustain this level of service under its normal budget. The Clerk to inform the Cricket Club.

Regarding the pond side railings, the Council had little success in identifying the owner. They are not of standard highway design.

Letter received back re Traffic Management (6<sup>th</sup> October). The location of the 30mph speed signs was examined and a report is due.

A speed survey was conducted and it appears that 85% of cars at 100m outside the village speed signs are travelling at 54mph for eastbound and 58mph for west bound vehicles to the west of the village and 45mph and 48mph respectively to the east of the village.

The Clerk to respond with comments – re speeding.

The local MP was asked to be our guest speaker for next May's Parish Assembly. Unfortunately he is always in Parliament on Mondays. He has suggested a Friday. The Council to consider other speakers or the Friday alternative date.

### The Play Ground working group.

The group received 20 positive questionnaires and 1 negative plus plenty of useful feedback. The group will now start to cost out various levels of play equipment and start to consider its feasibility re funding/maintenance/position etc.

### New Charity Deed between West Ilsley and Lockinge Estate

The Solicitor has requested signatories so the new Charity can be registered. The Clerk to follow up the Memorandum of Understanding with The Village Hall and Cricket Club and circulate.

### Planning Applications

05/02275 - Mr Brand, 8 Rowles Paddock – support  
05/01890/FULD – Mr & Mrs Sheppard – support with comments

05/01890/FULD – Mr & Mrs Sheppard (relaxation of condition) – support

### Rotary Club of Newbury – Life Education centres

No replies from the schools. The Clerk to inform the Rotary Club.

### Open forum

WIN photocopying. Sponsorship has been gratefully received from The Fete Committee (£100), The Village Hall Committee (£100) and The Cricket Club (£50). Cllr Hagen still to contact Oakes Bros. Advertising from Aldworth Turkeys (£14). It was decided to pursue e mail receipt of WIN. This will be the thrust for the next few months with the aim to reduce the number of printed copies whilst further thoughts go to WIN's long term future.

Attention was drawn to the new weight restriction sign (for HGVs) outside the turn off to Beedon on the A34. One wondered how this was agreed since traffic is routed through both Beedon and West Ilsley in times of accidents. Would West Ilsley obtain a sign too? The Clerk to check with Highways.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at  
8.15pm.

Date of next meeting  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2006

### Your Councillors:

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