

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL

Babtie have notified us that they will clear the drainage network 4 times a year instead of once as at present, which should lessen the risk of flooding in the village. If anyone would like to become the new parish clerk, please contact the Chairman or any of the councillors.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 15th March at 7.00 pm and not 8th March as previously advertised.

Gail Wilson-North – Clerk

TITTLE – TATTLE

I had a note in my in-tray from Emma Beswick, dated 7 January that says, "The stranger who accosted you on New Year's Eve (Oh! Lawdy! That long ago!) goes by the name of Will Perry." She then went on to say that she and Will had moved into the village in April 1998. Er, hello and welcome... it's only taken 11 months and two of those were spent on my in-tray!!!

Oxo and Carol left in a blaze. I know that I was not the only one very saddened to see them go. The Harrow was packed with all their friends that they had invited to The Bash they had planned. They certainly went on their way in style. Sue Huntingdon had said that had the evening been an equine "This is Your Life" field would be full of horses standing by ready to testify to Oxo's kindness and loyalty and that Carol would be sorely missed in the house for her willingness and conscientious help. On a personal note, I shall never forget the time Oxo dropped everything (Well, not quite.....) when we had a loose lost pony. Such was his kindness, and thinking only of the animal he trekked miles trying to find Banjo. We will miss you Carol and Oxo. We hope that you take your sparkle and friendliness with you and that Zoe is happy in Bristol, and every best wish for you both and Tommy in your home in Newmarket.

Miss Tofilees

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

The 6th pontoon ran for 5 weeks and was won by:

R.Brand (Cambridge) £35

The booby went to:

J Braithwaite (Postie) (Notts Forest) £10

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for March:-

7th March:- 11.00 am

All Age Service

14th March:- 8.00 am

Holy Communion

21st March:- 9.30 am

Family Communion

28th March:- 11.00 am

Morning Prayer

EASTER 1999

As last year, there will be an Easter workshop for the benefice, held this year in All Saints. This will involve drama for children (and adults), with a workshop in the village hall on Thursday, 1st April between 2 – 5 pm and an All Age Drama called "Jesus and The Spaceman" in the church on Good Friday, 2nd April at 10.30 am. In the afternoon, there will be a one-hour service between 2 – 3 pm with hymns and readings.

On Easter Sunday, 4th April, there will be Holy Communion at 11.00 am.

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

PRAM SERVICES

During the February pram service we looked at the Seasons and the growth of new shoots and Spring flowers. The children were then able to take away little pots with cress seeds to grow at home.

The March service will be on Tuesday 16th March at 11.00 am in the Church and the April service on 13th April.

The services are for 0-5 year olds plus parent, grandparent, carer etc. and last for half an hour.

Liz Dray – 281704

EASTER LILIES

We shall be pleased to accept donations from anyone wishing to contribute towards buying an Easter Lily as a token of remembrance.

O Clarke and A Carlisle

EVERGREENS

Monday March 8th there will be a meeting in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm to arrange the events for the coming year. There will be a raffle and tea. New members welcome.

A Carlisle

MONDAY 15 MARCH 1999

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

8.00 pm in church

All are very welcome - please come and let us know what you want of your church in this village. Last year, we had a useful debate and a lot came out of the meeting – let's do the same again!

MENCAP – COFFEE MORNING

At the end of June I will be free of all education for a year having completed the arduous task of A-levels. I have decided that I will do something constructive with my time before going to university, so I am raising money for Mencap. I have become involved in the 'LITTLE TIBET' trek that is an 11-day trek in the Ladakh area (north-India) of the Himalayas. I have targeted to raise £3,000 and have decided to have a coffee morning to help raise the money. So, everybody is welcome to pop in to 34 Church Way on Wednesday 31st March at any time between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. There will also be a raffle and a cake stall with luxury freshly made cakes by my own fair hands! (Spot the deliberate error!). Hopefully it will be a fine day so we can go out into the garden.

There are 1.2 million people with learning disabilities in the UK and Mencap helps by supporting and providing services for these people. They give them the best chance to lead a full and active life. I hope that everybody will turn up to support this worthy cause; if you can't, but would like to help or would like any more info on the trek or Mencap, then feel free to contact me on 01635 281625.

Nicholas Fewtrell-Smith

FOR SALE

Large box of Playmobile (Boats, Helicopters, Ambulances etc). £25 the lot. Telephone 281647 for more details.