

# WEST ILSLEY NEWS

1 January 1999

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## PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the West Ilsley Parish Council will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 18th January 1999 at 7.00 pm when we will discuss the Audit and Precept.

**Gail Wilson-North** - Clerk

## TITTLE – TATTLE

A very happy and healthy New Year to the readership. I hope that 1999 will provide new opportunities for you.

Christmas '98 was a happy affair, particularly the carol service. The lights outside the church and the decorations inside made the gathering feel very festive. The atmosphere was magical. Everyone waited outside in anticipation of a very special event and none of us was disappointed. I thought it was inspirational to gather outside the church around the tree with the Wantage Brass Band. Each special light twinkled on the tree, the brass band played in a rousing fashion and the congregation responded by singing heartily. It was very moving.

New Year provided much entertainment, the antics of which are largely unprintable. That said, I know that everyone who went to The Harrow had a good time. A stranger accosted me and informed me that he had moved into No.7, Rowles Paddock. Now, whether he was testing my sobriety and memory or simply being coy, he refused to divulge his name. Thus it is that I am unable to welcome him.

There would appear to be good news on the stables front as someone will be taking over part of West Ilsley Stables. I will approach him for news when he is operational and less frantic. More next month.

The permanent leak from the sky seems to have arrested, at least temporarily, but according to the weather, December only had 85% of its usual rainfall. You could have fooled me! The fields and footpaths seem to resemble the muddy conditions similar to the battlefields of The Somme.

**Miss Tofilees**

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for January:-

3<sup>rd</sup> January:-

11.00 am

Christingle (*joint service with*

*Farnborough)*

10<sup>th</sup> January:- 8.00 am

Holy Communion

17<sup>th</sup> January:- 9.30 am

Family Communion

24<sup>th</sup> January:- 11.00 am

Morning Prayer

31<sup>st</sup> January:- 10.00 am

United Benefice Communion *at*

*Beedon*

**Revd. Antonia Cretney**

I am delighted to say that Bishop Dominic has recommended, and the Archdeaconry has agreed, that the benefice has a formal recognition. Antonia will become the Incumbent rather than merely "Priest in Charge". We see this as a positive move towards the continuing of the church in West Ilsley.

**Tree of Light**

I hope everyone enjoyed the service as much as I did: from a somewhat worrying start concerning the weather, the evening was fine, although rather cold to spend an entire hour outside!

Thanks to all who made it such a memorable evening – a lot of hard work went into setting everything up, from lights to mulled wine. Thanks also to the Wantage Silver Band. We are supporting the local Macmillan Nurses and the Newbury Women's Refuge this year. Everyone I have spoken to was captivated by the idea – so watch this space for next year!

**Burns Night**

There will be tickets on sale soon for a Burns Night Celebration

*on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 1999*

**Ian Fewtrell-Smith**

**BURNS NIGHT**

For the first time in West Ilsley for several years there will be a celebration of Burns night.

This will be in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January. All profits will go towards Church Funds.

There will be a piper, dancing led by the Abingdon Caledonian Society, a traditional Highland Supper including haggis and the usual bar.

Tickets will be available from several sources including the Post Office.

### **PRAM SERVICES**

At the December service the children and babies listened to the nativity story, looked at the crib and demolished a fair amount of Christmas biscuits! The January service will be a special Christingle on with lots of songs and instruments to play as usual. The date is Tuesday 12th January at 11.00 am.

**Liz Dray - 281704**

### **VILLAGE HALL PONTOON**

The 4th pontoon ran for 3 weeks and was won by:

P Bartaby (Rangers) £21

The booby went to:

P McGuire (Plymouth) £6

The 5th Pontoon ran for 5 weeks up to 19th December and was shared by:

I Brown (Barnet)

C Hooker (Fulham)

A Morris (Hibernian)

A Butterworth (Mansfield)

J Gore (Sten' muir)

Who all won £7 each.

The booby went to:

I Brown (Charlton) £10

Profits of £46 went to village hall funds.

**WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - Year ended 31 March 1998**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Parish Council Accounts for the year ended April 1 1997 to March 31 1998 will be Audited by the District Auditor at the offices of Newbury District Council on Friday 12th February 1999.

The accounts to be submitted will be available for inspection by Registered Electors for the parish at the home of the Parish Clerk (as below) by prior arrangement on working days from 11 January to 22 January. Electors have a right to inspect these accounts and make copies of same.

On the date and at the place designated for the Audit, the Auditor will give any Elector the opportunity to question him about the Accounts and make objections to;

a) any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under sections 19 or 20 of the Local Government Finance Act 1982,

and/or

b) any other matter in respect of which the Auditor could make a report in the public interest under section 15 (3) of the Act.

Electors should note that no objection (as above) may be made unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the objection and the grounds on which it is made; and that a copy of such notice is provided to the Parish Council at the same time.

The address of the Auditor for such purposes is;

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Regional Office

20 St. Peter Street

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Hampshire SO23 8BD

**G Wilson-North - Clerk**

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