

West Ilsley News

October 2001

A thinner WIN this month, and no mention of Christmas activities yet, 'though the crackers are in the shops already! Please note that one of our email addresses has changed - details at the end

The Editors

**WEST ILSLEY
PARISH COUNCIL**

Linda Gibson
Clerk to WIPC

It has been brought to the attention of The Parish Council that an increasing number of cars and vans are parking partially on the pavement. Although it may be seen to be a good idea to pull off the road, it makes life difficult and is potentially dangerous for pedestrians, especially those pushing prams and pushchairs. Would villagers please make sure that they, their visitors and any tradesmen keep the walkways clear.

The matter of keeping the 'Open Forum' at a specified time was discussed at length. It was decided that it would continue to be the last item on the agenda but at no particular time.

I am sure that many of you will know that Tracey Allan-Jones and family will soon be leaving the village. There is therefore a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If anyone is interested in filling this position or would like to know more about it, would they please contact me (200242) or any member of the Parish Council.

The Next Meeting of West Ilsley Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th November, 2001 at 7.00p.m. in The Village Hall.

All residents of West Ilsley are welcome to attend this meeting and may raise any matters of concern or interest during the Open Forum.

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

At the September Afterschool service the children stuck pictures onto a board of the ingredients used to bake biscuits in order to understand the theme of Harvest. They then did some sampling afterwards! The little ones at the pram service had great fun loading up the trailers of their toy tractors with corn. Don't forget the Harvest All Age Service on Sunday 7 October - all families very welcome.

The theme for the October services is "Loaves and Fishes" and the dates are:

Afterschool Service - Thursday 11 October, 4.00pm
Pram Service - Monday 15 October, 11.00am

The Pram Service is aimed at 0-5 year olds and the Afterschool Service for the slightly older ones as well as the babies. If you would like more information or

would be interested in being involved with the organisation of these services, please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Antonia Cretney on 01635 248925 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.



WEST ILSLEY FIREWORKS
(Kindly paid for by West Ilsley Cricket Club
and West Ilsley Fete Funds)

MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
(next field but one to the pond)

Bonfire at 6.30pm
(Guys needed)

Fireworks at 7.00pm
BBQ in aid of Village Hall Funds
The Cricket Club bar will be open afterwards

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

The term has got off to a flying start with some new faces at Playgroup (good luck to all those who have left us to start school) and Toddlers well attended again.

The Under Fives have now got their own T-shirt available at £4.50 from Paula Oliphant - 281281. Whilst mainly sized for Playgroup age, the Toddlers are welcome to purchase too!

Tickets have been booked for Aladdin, at the Corn Exchange in Newbury on Thursday 13 December (afternoon). The cost is £6 p.p. and if you would like tickets please call Sue Carrington asap on 281354.

Another date for your diaries - a photographer will be at the Ilsleys School on Wednesday 7 November at 1.30pm. The photos are usually very good value and will be back in time to make good Christmas presents.

Toddler Group

The Toddler Group meets on a Wednesday morning, 10.00am – 11.30am in the village hall. There are lots of toys plus a climbing frame, playhouse, slide etc for the children and coffee and a chance to chat for the Mums. If you are interested in coming along please contact Tracy Gregory on 281650 for more details.

The lady from Phoenix Cards will be at Toddlers on Wednesday 10 October (10am). She has a good selection of cards, party invites, wrapping paper etc at good prices.

Playgroup

The playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Ilsleys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.25pm to 3.30pm during the school terms. The numbers at the playgroup have risen suddenly and we are currently only accepting 3 year olds if a place is available. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy on 281650 for an application form to register your child or if you would like to arrange a visit.

EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle

On Wednesday 31st October there will be an outing to Ringwood/Lyminton (New Forest Tour). The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9.30 am. Members £4, non-members £6. Names to J Collier, S Gore or A Carlisle.

VILLAGE HALL

PONTOON

Audrey Tizzard

The winners of the first Pontoon of the season were:
M Raymond (Arsenal)
R Waters (Burnley)
G Tizzard (East Stirling) who each won £9.33.

Booby – M Chaney (Chesterfield) won £8.00

£26.51 went to Village Hall funds.

There are still a few spaces on the sheet if you are interested. I have taken the liberty of entering everyone who took part last year so, if you haven't already, could you please pay up or let me know if you don't want to join.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for October 2001:

7 th	Harvest Festival	11.00 am
14 th	Holy Communion	8.00 am
21 st	Holy Communion	9.30 am

HARVEST

The Harvest Festival will be in church on 7th October at 11.00 am, with an all age service. There will be the opportunity for children to bring food gifts up to the altar during the service. These can be fruit, eggs, tins of soup, baked beans i.e. anything! The produce from the service will be taken, as we have done for several years, to Willows Edge residential home in Newbury. Come and enjoy the beautifully decorated church and celebrate the harvest!

AUTUMN CONCERT

Due to difficulties getting the musicians all together at one time, the concert on the 10th November has had to be postponed.

EXPLORE THE THAMES PATH AND RIDGEWAY NATURE TRAILS THIS

AUTUMN AND WINTER

Andrea Cook

The autumn programme of free guided events on the Thames Path and Ridgeway National Trails is now available from the National Trails Office. You are welcome to have a look at my copy, or you can obtain your own by sending a s.a.e. to National Trails Office, Cultural Services, Holton, Oxford OX33 1QQ or look under the "What's New" section on the website at: www.nationaltrails.gov.uk.

And finally: contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy, "word" file (via email or disk) or fax, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. The **latest deadline** for the next publication is **5pm** on Thursday 25th October but the editors would appreciate receiving your contributions as you get them ready during the month, to save a rush of work at the last minute.

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