

West Ilsley News

August 2001

A slimmer edition this month, but there's still plenty going on. We have a rather worrying note from Audrey regarding the Post Office, let's hope that with the emphasis on rural life currently being stressed by Prince Charles and others, at least this (our!) rural business will continue to serve us for many years to come.

The Editors

WEST ILSLEY Linda Gibson
PARISH COUNCIL Clerk to WIPC

The Parish Council met on Monday 9th July with a full Council and one member of the public.

Overhanging Vegetation. Once again this has become a nuisance in the village and a hazard as in certain areas pedestrians are forced to walk in the road to avoid overhanging trees, etc. Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of individual householders to make sure that hedges and trees are under control!

Playscheme. This year will run from 30th July to 17th August for children aged 5 - 11 years, in the School, East Ilsley. Places must be booked in advance. For further details contact myself on 200242 or Sam Jones on 01488 683692

Parish Path Maps. The new Parish Path maps have now been received from W.B.Council along with new display cabinets. These are good and clear and a vast improvement on the current one outside the church. They should be in place in the near future. A new larger bin has been purchased for the Gazebo area and is now in place.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 10th September.

POST OFFICE AND SHOP Audrey Tizzard

I am reluctant to admit it but I really would like to retire in the near future. I know you will agree that it would be a shame to lose the Post Office so is there someone who would consider taking it over? If you are interested do have a word with me soon.

ALL SAINTS
CHURCH Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for August 2001:

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| 5 th | All Age Service | 11.00 am |
| 12 th | Holy Communion | 8.00 am |
| 19 th | Holy Communion | 9.30 am |

HARVEST

The Harvest Supper will be on 28th September 2001, with an illustrated talk on The Himalayas by Dr. Paul Sievers. Those who came last year will remember his stunning slides and fascinating talk on New Zealand. So, keep an ear to the ground for ticket sales – this is one not to be missed.

The Harvest Festival will be in church on 7th October at 11.00 am, with a service suitable for children.

AUTUMN CONCERT

A concert is being planned for 10th November, so keep that date clear in your diaries also!

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The services take a break now for the summer but will re-start in September as follows:

Pram Service - Monday 17 September at 11.00am when the theme will be "Harvest".

Afterschool Service – Thursday 13 September at 4.00pm – "Harvest".

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.

OUR PARISH COUNCIL

Here are the last of the questions which we asked of Councillor Peter Bartaby. If there is anything else you would like to know about the workings of the PC, please let us know.

11. What are the responsibilities of individual Councillors? These are laid down in various documents many of which are currently being revised. Perhaps the biggest single attribute for a prospective Councillor would be Common Sense.

12. What are the rules about publicising the agendas and minutes of the PC? Notices of all meetings of a Parish Council (or of a Sub-Committee of the P.C.) have to be published at least 7 days before the date fixed for the meeting. All Members of the Council are sent a copy of the Notice which is also displayed on Parish Notice Boards. Parish Councillors are also sent a copy of the Minutes of the previous meeting as compiled by the Parish Clerk and these are also published and displayed in 'Draft' form on Notice boards for some weeks ahead of each meeting.

13. Does the PC decide points by majority vote, and if so what is a quorum? In the case of any properly proposed and seconded motion a vote is taken and the matter decided by a simple majority. Were the vote to be tied the Chairman would have a

Casting vote. A Quorum is normally stated in the Council's Standing Orders but as W.I. P.C. does not have Standing Orders at the present time I understand that the usual procedure in such circumstances is for a Quorum to be one-third of the Number of Members or Three Members – whichever is the greater.

WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB

David Gore
281618

Right now is definitely the time to get your diary out, find August 17th (Friday night) and write in the Racenight. This great entertainment will start at 7.30pm with a full card of eight races – a mixture of UK and US flat and jumping races with an odd dog or harness race thrown in. BE SURE NOT TO MISS IT! See the attached poster for more details. The pavilion will NOT be open for the Friday night bar.

Two good wins in the league have consolidated the 1st teams position in the Premier Division. The second team, following a fine win at Yattendon, have now moved to the lofty position of top of the table – promotion beckons with luck.

Opening dates for August

Another busy month and JV will soon be run off his feet. If anyone is prepared to help behind the bar please let John know.

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| Fri 3 rd | Friday night bar |
| Sat 4 th | 1sts v Pinkneys Green |
| Sun 5 th | Brightwalton |
| Thu 9 th | Hire game – bar open |
| Fri 10 th | Friday night bar |
| Sat 11 th | 2nds v Sandhurst |
| Tue 14 th | Ladies darts |
| Fri 17 th | RACENIGHT – Village Hall 7.30pm Pavilion shut. |
| Sat 18 th | 1sts v FarleyHill |
| Sun 19 th | Hire game – bar open |
| Tue 21 st | Ladies darts |
| Fri 24 th | Friday night bar |
| Sat 25 th | 1sts v Englefield (1.30pm) |
| Sun 26 th | Yattendon |
| Fri 31 st | Friday night bar |
| Sat 1 st | 2nds v Stratfield Turgis |
| Sun 2 nd | Speen |

How sobering that the last two games are in September and the game against Stratfield Turgis completes the league fixtures for the year!

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

The Ilsley Under Fives Groups are thriving. It has been a very good term for new faces and increasing numbers at both groups.

Recently a group of young children (0-5 year olds) took their mums to Legoland which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. There is plenty to do for all ages and many places to purchase food if you don't want to take a picnic. Well worth a visit (although we would

expect it would be packed during the summer holidays).

Toddler Group

The Toddler Group has now finished for the summer holidays although we meet up on a Wednesday morning 10.00am – 11.30am at one of the parents houses on a rota basis. If you are interested in coming along please contact Tracy on 281650 for more details.

Toddler Group will resume on Wednesday 12th September in the West Ilsley Village Hall.

Play Group

The playgroup has also now finished for the summer holidays and also resumes on Wednesday 12th September. The numbers at the playgroup have risen suddenly and we are currently only accepting 3 year olds if a place is available. If your child is on the registration list and a place becomes available for a 2½ year old you will be advised in writing and offered to visit before a place is offered.

The playgroup is held in the Main Hall in the Ilsleys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.25pm until 3.30pm during the school terms.

If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy Gregory on 281650 for an application form to register your interest in a place for your child or if you would like to arrange a visit.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Steve Price

On July 4th 22 people from West Ilsley travelled independently to the Watermill Theatre to see the Oscar Wilde play "The Importance of Being Earnest" – a comedy of errors written at the height of Wilde's success. It dates from about the Edwardian era – the 20's of moneyed aristocrats, titled aunts and big country houses with servants etc.

The evening weather was perfect – sunny and warm – and the West Ilsley Mob met on the lawn for drinks for the 30 minutes before the play. There were a further two intervals, both of which were taken outside in glorious sunshine, and the play was brilliantly funny.

That play is now over but elsewhere in this edition you will find an "advert" for the next production "The Clandestine Marriage" – those of you who have discovered the joys of the Watermill may wish to go and see this too.

The organised trip was voted a huge success by all concerned and we may repeat it later in the year.

KEEP FIT/

AEROBICS CLUB

Pauline van Diemen

The IAH keep fit/aerobics club was first formed fifteen years ago. We meet every Tuesday evening from 7.30 pm until 8.30 pm in the Conference Room at the Institute for Animal Health, Compton. Our qualified instructor guides us through a wide range of exercises to music. On alternate Tuesdays we incorporate a session of Step Aerobics within the hour-long class. Currently membership is 100% female (with ages ranging from twenties through to fifties) but in the past men have joined us and all are most welcome. Each session costs just £3.50 on a pay-as-you-go basis, so there is no long-term commitment. The Club is affiliated to the Institute's Recreation Association, to which members pay an annual subscription of £12.00. Among other benefits, this entitles members to use the Pickled Pig bar in Churn Road.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to know more, please contact Pauline van Diemen on 281252 (evenings) or Janet Kearn on 01635 578411 (am) or 578536 (pm), or just turn up on a Tuesday evening (please report to IAH Gatehouse to gain admission).

VILLAGE HALL

PONTOON

Audrey Tizzard

The football season will soon be upon us so we will be starting the Pontoon again. It will be the same as before - £5 for the season or if you prefer 50p per Pontoon payable every 3 or 4 weeks for 10 Pontoons. There are 130 teams on the chart so if you would like to take part please let me know. All profits go to Village Hall funds.

WEST BERKSHIRE VICTIM SUPPORT

Volunteers are needed to fill new places in the victim support team which covers the area from Lambourn and Hungerford across to Pangbourne and Tilehurst. If you are a good listener, understanding, and can get on with people of all ages, cultures and background, and would be interested in joining the next training programme which starts in late September, please call: 01635 868577



Wednesday 1st August to Saturday 15th September

THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE

By George Coleman & David Garrick

Timothy Sheader's new production of this classic comedy will turn the whole Watermill into a stage, with much of this romantic riot happening in the gardens around the theatre. It promises to be a visual, costume delight!

This is the improbable, but utterly irresistible tale of Fanny Sterling and her secret marriage to her beloved Mr Lovewell. Simple? Oh no! By the time you've witnessed the mess caused by an interfering aunt, a jealous sister and a social climbing father, as well as laughed at the foolish advances of both an aging gentleman and his nephew, you'll be as dizzy, but ultimately as delighted, as the young newly weds!

Evening performances: Monday to Saturday 7.30pm

Matinée performances:

Thursdays and Saturdays 2.30pm

Saturday 15 September (last day) 1.30pm & 6.30pm

Box office: 01635 46044

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 Tuesday 28th August 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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