

West Ilsley News

January 2001

A very Happy New Year to everyone. Many congratulations to John the Postman for reaching his diet target - we all have to fork out now!

The Editors

**WEST ILSLEY PARISH
COUNCIL** Linda Gibson
Clerk to W.I.P.C.

The Next Meeting of West Ilsley Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th January, 2001 at 7.00p.m. in The Village Hall. All residents of West Ilsley are welcome to attend this meeting. The 'Open Forum' will begin at 8.30p.m.

It was hoped that Stella Manzie the Chief Executive of W.B.C. would be able to attend the meeting. Unfortunately she is busy on that evening. However, she has agreed to attend the next meeting on March 12th, 2001.

**PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCY
FIRST AID COURSE** Angela Hyde

The West Berkshire Under Eights Forum is a group for anyone working with children under eight in West Berkshire. Part of the group's work is to offer training events to parents and carers. The group has received a Lottery Grant for First Aid training so as a member I suggested that we held a course here in West Ilsley. Over two evenings in November, 23 parents and carers from Compton, East and West Ilsley took part in a 6 hour paediatric first aid course led by Paul Evans from Pre-med Healthcare. Paul has a very broad medical background and now specialises in training. I'm sure that all who attended found it very useful and informative but most importantly gained the confidence to deal with a child or adult in a life threatening condition. It's quite a shock to hear that out of every 10 children who die in this country 8 could have been saved by someone having the confidence and knowledge to use life saving skills. It's good to know that so many of us now have the ability to deal with such situations - especially as the average ambulance response time in Berkshire is 17 minutes and that a small child can suffer brain damage after 2 minutes from lack of oxygen. I'm sure that all of us attending realised how important it is for parents and carers to be proficient with such skills. I have also worked with Paul training young people who may be looking after younger siblings, babysitting or just out playing with their friends. Accidents can happen at any time so with this in mind I'm planning to run another course but this time for younger people aged 8 - 20 years old. It will be held on a Saturday in March - date to be

confirmed. If you are interested or know someone who might be then leave a message on my answerphone on 281174. Cost not to exceed £25 if we have 20 or more taking part.

BURNS NIGHT

In Aid of All Saints Church

In
The Village Hall
Saturday 20th January
At 7.30 pm

Dancing with the Newbury Caledonian Society

Scottish Supper

Bar

**Tickets £10 on sale at the Post Office
And from members of the PCC**

Cleaner Required

For

West Ilsley Village Hall

If anyone would be interested in cleaning the Village Hall on a regular basis (4 hrs/month for £30/month - hours flexible), please contact The Village Hall committee or Alison Banks/Angela Hyde on 281705/281500.

PRAM SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WEST ILSLEY

The next service will take place in the church on Monday 15th January at 11am. The services are for 0-5 year olds plus parent, grandparent or carer etc and last for half an hour, followed by refreshments for the children. This informal service includes lots of songs with instruments for the children to play plus a short story based on a theme.

Alison Banks (281705) and Liz Dray (01488 638749)

WELCOME

To Revd and Mrs Smith from Chaddleworth who will be moving into North Cottage in January.

WANTED

For fouling the pavements



The photofit will be inaccurate, but from the "evidence" left, we do know that the culprit has a large bottom ...

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES Tracy Gregory
281650

New Term Begins 10th January 2001

Toddler Group

The Group is for Parent/Carer and baby and/or toddlers up to school age. It is held in the West Ilsley Village Hall on a Wednesday morning from 10.00am to 11.30am during which the adults get to drink tea/coffee and have a good old chat while the children play, hopefully with each other without too much squabbling. This is followed by juice and a biscuit or two and then Song Time. New faces are very welcome.

Play Group

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 or would like to see it for yourself please call either Jill Brophy on 281672 or Julia (Playgroup Leader) on 281357 for an application form or to arrange a visit.

MISS TOFFELLEES

Why is it that as soon as I get two minutes to write my bit for the news I my mind goes blank and I cannot remember all the information that I have been processing in readiness for the deadline? However, I do remember the piece for today! The old fella and I did something that we haven't done for years, and no, I don't need to censor this! We went for a walk. By ourselves! I can't think how long ago it was that we had gone alone. I love my children dearly but I so enjoyed his company...all alone, together. (Can you be all alone, together?) I am sure that other parents understand these wicked sentiments. What was hugely noticeable as we skidded round on the slowly thawing mud was the vast amount of water pouring down to reach the Pang. It traces a path through the village (from Rowles Farm cellar), down to Hodcott, where there is a fast flowing stream, then it passes under the A34, and on towards Compton. The amount of water in Compton is staggering. We all see the footage on television, but it is on our doorsteps. The sand bags are piled up in Water Street in Hampstead Norreys and in the other direction, Great Shefford still has the road closed, as does Compton. Now, I have been informed that these springs don't usually rise

until February and disappear six weeks later. How long are they with us for?

I enjoyed the December entertainment provided for me. The wine tasting in the pub was, again, most enjoyable. I love to learn about things I know little of and it was particularly good to learn that size really does matter when it comes to bubbles in Champagne. The smaller the better.

The older children went to the Xmas Bingo on their own as I wasn't able to go with them. I think they (embarrassingly) cleared the house of prizes. I believe one declined to call the last house (either out of decency or unable to carry anymore home).

Audrey is now impressively operational on her laptop. She had a personal tutor locked in behind the counter - the most scrummy young man. I thought instantly that I would offer to help in the Post Office if I could go on the same course. We never seem to attract the same calibre of tutor on the course that I go to. Anyway, he was gone the next time I went to see Audrey, so I couldn't offer to be locked in as well.

There are lots of babies due in 2001, do let your local correspondent know when they are all safely cooked so that I may announce them in due course.

VILLAGE HALL

PONTOON

Audrey Tizzard

The winners of the 5th Pontoon were:

J. Rockall (Reading)

W. Hern (Scunthorpe)

T. Barnes (Walsall) who each won £9.33.

The booby prize of £8 was won by:

M.Cook (Ross County)

£22.50 went to the village funds.

WIN XMAS QUIZ 2000 RESULTS

The competition was stiff with the Wilson-Norths, Audrey Tizzard, and PM van Diemen all scoring 19 out of a possible 20 to tie for the prestigious title of the WIN Xmas 2000 Quiz champions. To decide the winner of the grand £10 prize, the names of the highest scorers went into the hat and the Wilson-Norths were first out, and so congratulations to Gail, Tom and Giles on their win.

Quiz answers:

1. Which London Street is famous its Christmas lights?
B- Regent Street and C-Oxford Street Answer B or C is accepted as the question was ambiguous
2. Which country donates a Christmas tree to Britain every year? B - Norway
3. How many feet above sea level is West Ilsley? C - 425
4. Which is the highest order of angels? C - Seraphim
5. How many orders of angels are there? D - Nine
6. Which brewery has associations with West Ilsley? A - Morlands
7. Where was Jesus born? A - Bethlehem
8. What is the name of West Ilsley church? B - All Saints
9. Who wrote the tune for Silent night? C - F Gruber
10. Adeste Fideles is the first line in latin of which carol?
C - O come all ye faithful
11. Which country are reindeer native to? D - Finland

12. Who wrote "A Christmas Carol"? A – Charles Dickens
 13. Who famously sang "White Christmas"? C – Bing Crosby
 14. Where does Myrrh come from? A - Tree
 15. Who first had a hit with "Merry Xmas Everybody"? A - Slade
 16. What is the last letter of the Greek alphabet? D - Omega
 17. On which day does Twelfth night begin? A – 5th January 2001
 18. Who Wrote "Twelfth night"? D - Wm Shakespeare
 19. What is another name for a Christmas cactus? A – Crab cactus
 20. Which plant is a parasite? D - Mistletoe
- Many thanks to all those who participated.

JOHN'S SPONSORED SLIM

I've done it! - I've lost 29lbs 14oz. in the target period. My thanks to everyone who has sponsored me. Please can all sponsors submit payment to Audrey at the Post Office as soon as possible. When the total is known it will be advised in a further issue of the WIN - meanwhile, I am hopeful of attaining some £700.00 to be donated to the Berkshire Air Ambulance Service. Once again my thanks to you all.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for January 2001:

7 th	All Age Service	11.00 am
14 th	Holy Communion	8.00 am
21 st	Family Communion	9.30 am

A big thank you to all those who worked so hard over the last year providing such lovely flowers in the church, keeping the church clean and the churchyard looking splendid.

Christmas is always a special time in the Christian calendar and this year, many would argue is the true

millennium. The crib service saw many children beautifully dressed in costume to help tell the Christmas story. At the carol service, as a change from previous years, candles in the church were lit in memory of loved ones. We were able to make a donation of £120 to Helen House from the carol service collection, for which there is a letter of thanks on the porch notice board.

CHRISTINGLE

Our Christingle Service this year will be held on 4th February.

QUIZ NIGHT – 31st March

Put this date in your brand new diaries and prepare to oust The Four Profits! £5.00 per team (maximum of 4).

WEST ILSLEY RECREATION AND SOCIAL ASSOCIATION

If you're planning on responding to the advertisement below, the next committee meeting will be held on Monday 15th January 2001 at 7.45 pm.

W.I.R.& S.A.

West Ilsley Recreation & Social Association
(Registered Charity No.1044429)

SITUATIONS VACANT

The Management Committee of the above Association - which is responsible to the Parish Council for the running of the Village Hall -urgently require two or more Residents, who are interested in ensuring the viable future of the Hall, to join the Committee to help in the management of the Hall, planning activities to be promoted and encouraging local organisations and individuals to avail themselves of the Hall Facilities.

Following the recent Annual General Meeting there are two Offices still to be filled and anyone prepared to join the Association's Committee is asked to contact the retiring Chairman, Clive Hooker or Audrey Tizzard.

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 23rd January 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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