

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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TITTLE - TATTLE

The editor didn't have room for my column last month as a consequence I am now two months late with my gossip. There has been much coming and going!!

Some six weeks ago I was pottering up the track (as I do) and discovered three new residents; welcome to Kirsty and Brian and also to their Dutch neighbour whose name I missed (for which I apologise). You must all feel you have been here for ages now. Movings afoot also at the other end of the village. Hatty and Richard Burrows have left and in come our own Tony and Jo Scriven with Ellen who have been totally preoccupied with "Jobs" since their arrival. Therefore "Hello" to the newcomers in Bramble Cottage, Stuart and Alison Shennon. At the west end of the village, Andy and Carol Driver have moved into the house overlooking the paddock replacing the Clancys. They have called their new residence Calendar House.

Congratulations to Nicola Atkins who got married on 4th July. We wish her and her husband David Lloyd every happiness in their future life together. It is wonderful to still have the facility of a church in the community for ceremonies such as these and one of which the parish should be justifiably proud. The Parochial Church Council have a difficult task running it, they do a splendid job with little help. As we look forward to another wedding in the village celebrated next week (as I write this) we have to remind ourselves that should the attendance on Sundays dwindle the existence of the services are at risk.

Welcome to little Sefton Henry - all 7lb 8oz of him. Our hearty congratulations to Sarah and Kevin, and brothers Robbie and Alex. He presented himself conveniently between cricket matches on 7th July.

Then, just in passing, to raise a smile: Ross took one look at his dad's sports car and said, "Gosh, Dad, is it really £1.99?" Father to son, "What gave you that idea?" "It's got one ninety-nine on it!" He was, of course referring to the tax disc prominently displayed on the front windscreen. We have since found a few more expensive models on the car park at 6.99 and 7.99!

Miss Tofilees

EDITORS NOTE

It is editorial policy NOT to publish anonymous articles however names and addresses may be withheld if requested. I hope this explains, to its originator, why the long article submitted for publication with a list of environmental complaints is missing from this month's WIN. I will be happy to publish it if you let me have an identified copy.

I owe an apology to another resident who sent me a letter with a questionnaire attached. The letter was signed but I am afraid I don't recognise the signature. To make matters worse the questionnaire that was with the letter, and had the phone number on it for reply, became detached. The letter is attached to this news and if you would let me have another copy of the questionnaire I will endeavour to do better next month!! Please accept my apologies for this error whoever you are. Ed

THE VILLAGE POND

At least there is hope for our Pond in West Ilsley. By the magic of the Millennium Celebrations it might be elevated from its Cinderella status to that of a Princess. All Village Ponds deserve to be loved and cared for by their Villagers, because ponds represent the spirit and beauty of the Village itself. Which four features come to mind when we think of a lovely village? They are, I am sure, the Village Church, whether we are believers or not, the Village Pub, where we all have a pint or two now and again, the Village Cricket grounds whether we play cricket or watch, and the Village Pond which reflects peace and tranquillity, as well as the moods of nature throughout the seasons. Many of you will have travelled abroad, but have any of you ever seen in Europe or anywhere else in the world a village with its lovely pond adorned with flowers and shrubs and seats for folks to sit and feed the ducks. The V pond is purely an English feature and therefore it is our privilege to care and preserve this unique characteristic. I was delighted to read in the WIN the suggestions by Colin Sheppard about the various ways we could improve the status of our pond. For too long, it has been a sad sight indeed to see cars parked in front of it. Perhaps a special collection could be organised for the embellishment of our pond. I'll be only too willing to make my contribution.

A Giglio - Hebron Cottage

EVERGREENS

Tuesday September 8th there is an outing to Chichester, leaving from the Church at 9.30 am by coach.
Wednesday October 14th there is an outing to Cardiff. Non members welcome on both journeys, £5.00.
Tokens may be used. Names to D Wells, S Gore or A Carlisle.

Anne Carlisle

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for September:-

6th September:-

All Age Service 11.00 am

13th September:-

Holy Communion 8.00 am

20th September:-

Family Communion 9.30 am

27th September:-

Harvest Festival Evensong 6.00 pm

Note the new time of the All Age Service on the first Sunday in the month - time for a bit of a lie-in!...

HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper will be in the village hall this year on Saturday, 26th September at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be £6.00 or £3.00 for under 16's. They will soon be available on a first come, first served basis from a

number of sources, including the Post Office. Whilst we are hoping to plan similar entertainment to previous years, there will be one change - bring your own plate (for the main course only) and cutlery.

C.R.O.W.

Yes, that time of year has come round yet again when sponsored cycling, running or walking between churches takes place. It raises money for the fabric of the church of your choice through the Historic Churches Trust. It is on Saturday 12th September - short notice I know, but if you feel like an energetic few hours and can raise a bit of sponsorship in the meantime, please get in touch with me (281625).

PRAM SERVICE

I may be repeating a reminder elsewhere in this edition of the news, but don't forget the first pram service will be on Tuesday, 15th September at 11.00 am in church.

(The Other Bit - Ed: - The service will be for babies through to school age plus parent, grandparent, carer etc. and will provide prayer and praise for little ones with lots of songs and instruments to play and will last for approximately half an hour with refreshments for the children afterwards.

Do come along or call any of us for more information: - Liz Dray on 281704, Sara Laver on 281614, Denise Brown on 281825 or Antonia Cretney on 248925.)

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

THE ILSLEYS PLAY GROUP

This will be held every Wednesday and Thursday starting on the 9th of September at The Ilsleys School. It will run from 1.25 pm until 3.30 pm and all 3 to 5 year olds who wish to join will be welcome.

Jill Brophy - 281672

VILLAGE SERVICES

Mobile Library - Parks in Morlands Close between 4 and 4.45pm on alternate Fridays (11th and 25th September).

Fishmonger - Parks in Morlands Close at 1730 Hrs every Friday. (Does he still?? Please let me know - Ed)

Surgery - Telephone for appointments - 248507. Emergencies and General Enquiries - 248251. Prescriptions ordered from the surgery can be delivered to the Post Office.

Noise Complaints - (01635) 519192

Environment Agency - 0800 807060

Low Flying Helicopter Complaints - (01256) 702134.

Police - (01635) 31000.

Downland Volunteers - (01635) 578394 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings).