

West Ilsley News

September 2001

How the mind plays tricks when something unusual occurs. The response in the village to the recent flying visit from our boys in blue seems generally split 50/50 between those who slept right through it (or would have done had their sleeping partners not decided that they should witness the "close encounter") and those who were quite convinced as they surfaced that there was some late-night combining going on! We have to report another phenomenon - that of disappearing overhanging vegetation along the pavement between the Maltings entrance and WI House's window. Pram-pushers will be especially grateful to the phantom clippers for their public-spirited efforts.

The Editors

WEST ILSLEY
PARISH COUNCIL

Linda Gibson
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The Next Meeting of West Ilsley Parish Council will be held on Monday 10th September, 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. when any matters of concern or interest may be raised.

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL
SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The September services will be 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.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

The Toddler group and Playgroup both re-start on **Wednesday 12 September**. If you would like any more information please contact Tracy Gregory on 281650.

EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle

On Thursday 20th September there will be an outing to Ross-on-Wye (return via Chepstow). 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.

I have one polythene container 12" square. Some cakes were brought in it to the May Bring and Buy sale in the Churchyard, will the owner please phone 281413.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Neil and Cathy Paterson of Fir Tree Paddock on the arrival of Thomas David on 9th August, weighing in at 6lb 13oz.

BUSES - The Good News Peter Bartaby

After correspondence and telephone conversations over many months I'm now delighted to tell Residents that, at last, we're to get a PROPER service into and out from the Village to both DIDCOT and NEWBURY.

Starting on Monday 3rd September there will be 6 buses a day (Monday-Friday) with 5 on Saturdays to NEWBURY leaving the Village at 07.40(N.S); 09.31; 11.31; 13.31; 15.31 and 17.31. The return journeys are from Newbury at 07.29; 10.10; 12.10; 14.10; 16.10 and 18.10. Normal journey time each way is timetabled at 34 minutes.

From the same date Villagers will be able to get to DIDCOT on services leaving at 08.44; 10.44; 12.44; 14.44 and 16.44. Return times from DIDCOT are at 09.10; 11.10; 13.10; 15.10 and 17.10 and this service's journey time around 26 minutes.

Details as to where the service will operate to/from Didcot are not yet available but it is hoped that they will be serving both the Town (possibly even Tesco) and DIDCOT PARKWAY Station. I will get this information as soon as possible and post same on the Village Notice Board where the whole service timetable is now displayed.

I regard this as a TREMENDOUS breakthrough in getting [much] improved services for the Village and hope that they will be well used - bearing in mind the old adage - USE IT OR LOSE IT.

Services on these routes will be provided by NEWBURY BUSES whose contact number is 01635 567500.

I am also informed that Weaveaway Travel's services on Monday, Tuesday and Friday leaving the Village at 09.15 and allowing over 3 hours in Central Reading will continue unchanged.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for September 2001:

2 nd	All Age Service	11.00 am
9 th	Holy Communion	8.00 am
16 th	Holy Communion	9.30 am

HARVEST

The Harvest Supper will be on 28th September 2001, with an illustrated talk on The Himalaya by Dr. Paul Sievers. If you would like tickets, please let me know or speak to Anne Carlisle, Shirley Gore or Jan Sheppard. Last year, Dr. Sievers talked on New Zealand and I'm sure those who were at the harvest supper will vouch for the excellent evening.

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!

C.R.O.W

The cycle, run or walk is taking place on Saturday, 8th September. If you would like to take part and raise money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust and a church of your own choice (hopefully All Saints!), please contact me. There will be sponsorship forms inside the church.

Beginners Bridge Club

**Tutor and students required for
Wednesday or Thursday nights from the
1st week of October
Telephone evenings only:
John Verney 281774**

MISS TOFFELLEES

Only a quickie this month as, I only had one news item until this morning. The one news item was to report the arrival of the new chaps in the bungalow at the bottom of The Maltings (what we call Alec's bungalow-it's odd how one hangs onto the past!). However, I have messed up there and now I'm going to offend them deeply because having politely introduced myself, I can't remember their names. For this I apologise most profusely. I should have written it down as I can trust only a few things to memory these days. I shall have to get some gigabytes in my (RA)Memory or clear some of the junk that's occupying the recesses of my mind! Could you smile at me next month and I'll announce you all properly and document you decently next time? Alternatively, let Andrea or Steve know and I shan't have to be middle man. You could be announced without my knowing!

Am I the only to have noticed the number of 'cat missing' notices in both the WIN and displayed in the PO. There is yet another notice in the PO this month

following last month's plea in the WIN from the Patersons for information on their moggy. It seems to me there is a large number of cats who disappear in West Ilsley. Is this natural causes, car accidents or something more suspicious? (Cats eating poisoned rat?) How can all these cats just disappear without trace? I know that they just vanish without any trace, our cat did when I was 12 and I was heartbroken.

I have pressed on to try and get information (and gossip) from the yard. Stable news is of interest to all of us. In one quick conversation with Jill Headley, I discovered that there had been many winners from West Ilsley this month. Group (high quality!) winners at York included Queen's Logic, a two year old filly, in The Lowther Stakes, a group two winner at Deauville (Yahajah another two year old filly) and Kevin Keegan's horse, Funfair Wane at Newbury last week. Watch this space for more details next month, I have been promised!!

Lastly, we are all going to have to be vigilant against FMD again. I wonder if they will resort to vaccination? The death threat as a result of FMD hanging over the animals does not disappear and the warmth and sun of summer is going to fade along with the hopes of eliminating the virus this year.

NEW ARRIVALS

Please will departing residents be kind enough to let the Editors know who will be moving into their house when they leave so that we can welcome them to the village?

WATERMILL

THEATRE TRIP

Andrea Cook

Following the success of the last trip, we're organising another West Ilsley visit to the Watermill on Wednesday, 24th October, to see:

PIAF By Pam Gems

Directed by John Doyle

Musical Direction by Sarah Travis

Designed by Mark Bailey

Lighting by Wayne Dowdeswell

"Highly entertaining, deeply moving"

From singing in the streets to being the highest paid singer in the world, Piaf has left us with her wonderful legacy of great songs which reflect an extraordinary life.

Pam Gems' gutsy play has been a great success throughout the world and the Watermill's music-theatre company will tell this explosive story in their own inimitable way.

Milord, La Vie En Rose, Non Je Ne Regrette Rien -just a few of the classic songs you will hear as part of this remarkable story, the story of EDITH PIAF!

May be considered unsuitable for children

If you would like to join us, please complete the booking form at the end of this edition and post it through my door. Tickets will be booked on Friday 14th September so book with me by the end of Thursday evening. Tickets are £15 each, 'though we should get a discount if we get sufficient numbers.

About 1 in 12 women in Britain will have breast cancer. Early diagnosis makes treatment more effective. What do you know about the breast screening programme? Are you breast aware?

PINK RIBBON

Breast Awareness Open Day

Saturday October 6th 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

St Nicholas Church Hall

Off Bartholomew Street, Newbury

Advice from Health Professionals - be breast aware

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 27th September 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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To: Andrea Cook, Clock Cottage, West Ilsley

From:

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Please book tickets for 24th October. I/we promise to pay up on receipt of the tickets!