

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

1 February 1998

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PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of the new year saw lively debate once again including The Butts, drains, the condition of Bury Lane, SEB/BT undergrounding, and the Pond.

Tree felling in the Noble Wood on New Year's Eve stirred the Council and District Council into prompt action and within 25 minutes of being telephoned the Chief Planning Officer was here to stop unauthorised felling in a Conservation Area. Some issues might run and run, but it's encouraging to know that when it needs to, the system does work!

Gail Wilson-North - Clerk

OFFICIAL NOTICE

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Year Ended 31 March 1997

NOTICE is hereby given that the Parish Council Accounts for the year April 1st 1996 to March 31st 1997 will be Audited by the District Auditor Ms Gail Ehenulo at the Offices of Newbury District Council on Thursday 12th February 1998 at 1.50 pm.

The Accounts to be submitted will be available for inspection by Registered Electors for the Parish at the home of the Parish Clerk (as below) by prior arrangement on working days from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm (inc.) Electors have a right to inspect these accounts and to make copies of same.

On the date and the place designated for the Audit, the Auditor will give any Elector the opportunity to question him about the Accounts and make objections to:

- a) Any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under sections 19 or 20 of the Local Government Finance Act 1982. and/or*
- b) Any other matter in respect of which the Auditor could make a report in the public interest under section 15(3) of the Act.*

Electors should note that no objection (as above) may be made unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the objection and the grounds on which it is made and that a copy of such notice is provided to the Parish Council at the same time.

The address of the Auditor for such purposes is:-

The Audit Commission

Regional Office

20 St. Peter Street

WINCHESTER

Hants SO23 8BP

17th January 1988 G Wilson-North

5 The Maltings

West Ilsley

Telephone: 281650

CONGRATULATIONS - to Edward and Anna Sugden on the birth of Caspar Benedict Larnar on 6th January.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN - APRIL 1998

The annual event in the Tidy Britain Group's calendar when everyone gets involved in getting a grip on litter. This years campaign will run throughout the month of April.

Its easy to take part - start by tidying up your own immediate environment and then you could organise a group to clean up your local area. Your participation really will make a difference.

For further information contact me, Tracy Miller, on 0121 455 7584 - I look forward to hearing from you.

FARMING NEWS

The last few weeks have seen almost unprecedented demonstrations by farmers, both at the ports and in the town centres. Unlike our colleagues across the water, we are not by nature militant, and so the extent of the protest shows the degree of difficulty faced by certain sectors of agriculture, and is also a reflection of the frustration felt by the farming community in dealing with an urban orientated administration.

The beef sector is obviously suffering the worst, but all sectors of agriculture are under pressure, mainly due to the high level of the pound, which has a devastating effect on our pricing structure, and in common with many other industries, makes it very difficult to compete on world markets.

Back at grass roots level, things are very wet, but the winter crops look well, and there is no urgent need for any treatment at the moment. The sheep are making quite a mess of the stubble turnips and wasting quite a bit by trampling underfoot, but the crop originally grew well and so supplies should be sufficient for the rest of the winter.

Richard Gore

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for February:-

1st February:-

All Age Service with Baptism 11.00 am

8th February:-

Holy Communion 8.00 am

15th February:-

Family Communion 9.30 am

22nd February:-

Morning Prayer 9.30 am

1st March

All Age Service 9.45 am

A carol service with a difference this year - we were accompanied by the Watership Brass Band... and everyone seemed to enjoy the change. I think we shall be booking early for next Christmas! As usual, heartfelt thanks to all who worked so hard to make the church look beautiful. The collection of £140 for the carol service was divided between the Samaritans and Berkshire Women's Aid for their refuge in Newbury.

Sadly, the carol singing did not get off the ground - a mix of the wrong evening and illnesses left me being joined only by Antonia. I know in the past we have collected most money from being paid to move on (!), but I think the two of us would have been taking that argument to illogical conclusions! So, a few more next year please!

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

The winners of the last three pontoons were:

M BAGGS - (Manchester United) - £21

A. BLOOR - (Dundee United) - £21

The following each won £5:

N CARLISLE - (Alloa)

P.BURTON - (Caltic Thistle)

G.TIZZARD - (Hearts)

SPRATT - (Huddersfield)

A.PAYNTER - (Nottingham Forest)

J.STEAD - (Peterborough)

J.VERNEY - (Preston)

Booby Prizes were won by:

C.CHITTY - (Brighton)

D.TIZZARD - (Wrexham)

C.SMITH - (Wycombe)

C.ALLUN-JONES - (Bradford)

C.SHEPPARD - (Port Vale)

A total of £87.50 was made for Village Hall funds.

Audrey Tizzard

VILLAGE SERVICES

Mobile Library - Parks in Morlands Close between 4 and 4.45pm on alternate Fridays.

Fishmonger - Parks in Morlands Close at 1730 Hrs every Friday.

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

Newbury District Council Mobile Enquiry Office - Parks outside The Crown and Horns every Tuesday between 1045 Hrs and 1115 Hrs.

Low Flying Helicopter Complaints - (01256) 702134.

Police - (01635) 31000.

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