

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 9th November at 7.00 pm.

Gail Wilson-North - Clerk

TITTLE - TATTLE

Welcome to Piron Nicholas Aston born to Pat and Sharon on the 8th of October.

No other arrivals, hatches, matches, despatches or departures have been reported to me this month. Please let me know of any on 281647.

Miss Tofilees

FARMING NEWS

Due to the very unsettled spell of weather we have been experiencing, the planting of the winter corn has been a stop start affair, but the crops are now all in the ground, although in many cases at a later than optimum timing.

The shearling ewes have now all gone to begin their careers in lamb production, but at a price considerably less than we paid for them as lambs a year ago, so not a profitable enterprise this year.

Indeed, the selling prices of nearly all agricultural products have fallen drastically, probably by an average of 30% in the last two years. This obviously causes a major strain on budgets and it is very difficult to get the books to balance. It also raises questions as to why the consumer - you - has not benefited from these price falls, since the price in the supermarket of most commodities has only dropped slightly, if at all.

Richard Gore

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

The winners of the first two pontoons of the season were:

A Bloor	Rangers	£14
W Hern	WBA	£14
R Calder	Newcastle	£21

Boobys were won by:

J Evans	Barnet)
F Powell	Burley)
A Cook	Bury) £1.60 each
J Cox	Macclesfield)
L Hayes	Shrewsbury)

Profits of £20.50 and £31.50 were made for Village Hall funds.

There are still some empty spaces on the sheet and it's not too late to join!

A Tizzard

EVERGREENS

Tuesday 1st December, outing by coach leaving the Church at 9.30 am to Moreton in Marsh market in the morning. To Stow on the Wold in the afternoon. Home about 4.30 pm. Non members welcome £5. Tokens may be used.

Names to S Gore, D Wells and A Carlisle.

Anne Carlisle

PRAM SERVICES

At the October service the theme was learning about angels. the children first looked around the church for pictures of angels; after some singing and shaking bells and tambourines they listened to a short story about Teddy Horsley and the Angel that looked after him at night.

The November service will be on Tuesday 17th November in the Church at 11.00 am lasting about half an hour. Partly in anticipation of Christmas we will be looking at "waiting" and preparing for things to come.

The services are for 0 to 5 year olds and are very informal. Please come and join us. A special Christmas pram service will be held on Tuesday 15th December.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for November:-

1st November:-

All Age Service 11.00 am

8th November:-

Service of Remembrance 10.55 am

15th November:-

Family Communion 9.30 am

22nd November:-

Morning Prayer 11.00 am

29th November:-

Downland Federation Communion

at Chieveley 10.00 am

The Harvest Supper was a great success - thank you to all who put such a great effort into making the evening go so well. I was a little sorry that the singing did not last very long. That was a pity, since I know the effort which Polly and other "behind the scenes" individuals put in to organise it was not inconsiderable.

The Harvest Festival was equally successful, even if not quite so well supported as the supper. The church looked lovely - thanks to all who worked so hard to decorate it. The produce was gratefully received by the Willows Edge residential home in Newbury, where it has gone for the last few years.

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Saturday 21st November

EVERGREENS BAZAAR

West Ilsley Village Hall

at 2.30 pm

Cake Stall

Bric a Brac

Book and Toy stalls

Raffles

Please come and support us!