

## WESTON UNDERWOOD NEWS

HELLO EVERYBODY, February already!

### INS & OUTS

Farewell and very best wishes to Nick and Helaine Griffin moved to Olney, please don't be strangers!

Welcome to Mike Price and family who have moved into Weston House. Also to Darren and Fiona Ward in Stewarts Barn; Haydn Van Weenan and family in 3 Cowpers Orchard; the family in Cherry Tree Cottage and any others recently moved into the village. Hope you all enjoy living here.

Our traditional Carol Service on December 14th was very well supported with a congregation of over 100 enjoying the Lessons and Carols and of course mulled wine and mince pies after the service. It was a great opportunity for the village to join together to celebrate the start of Christmas. A big thank you to all those who helped to make our church look so beautiful, to Christa for leading the prayers, to the bell ringers, the choir, the accompanist and to those who provided the refreshments. Thank you everyone for coming and contributing so generously to the collection - we were able to send a cheque to Willen for £231.95. The toys were gratefully received by Home Start – some were given out at their Christmas party and others went to families who struggle to provide at Christmas.

Finally, we mustn't forget to thank the working party who helped with the winter tidy up of the churchyard at the beginning of December.

The carol singers were loose in the village in the week before Christmas collecting for Alzheimer's Society. Again, thank you to everyone who contributed so generously and also to those who provided refreshments on our way round. Despite our singing we collected a fabulous total of £303 for a very worthy cause.

Happy New Year.

Gay

On behalf of the workers on the clear-up we would like to thank the tea lady!

John and Mark

Many thanks to Simon Bond for covering the cost of the Church tree (no it didn't have O'Riordan Bond on the top, just a fairy!)

Congratulations to Kaye Lay at Ashby Cottage on winning the Christmas Wreath competition, a two-course meal at The Oak awaits!

Don't groan, Nigel Roper writes

Can you believe it..... Our bi annual village fete is now NEXT YEAR - but don't start baking cakes just yet, however, if anyone would like to help or has any ideas that would entertain our fete guests, or thoughts about silent auction lots or raffle prizes, please contact the new 2016 fete Chair, Belinda Macdonell

at [belinda.bleakley@sliptest.info](mailto:belinda.bleakley@sliptest.info). For those new to the village ours is really a cracking fete and a great way to meet other villagers.

Meanwhile, other events are in the pipeline – hopefully a “Race Night” is planned for 21 March; there is also talk of another PLAY in November!

#### PARISH COUNCIL

No meeting in December.

January’s meeting very much a budget meeting. The precept is remaining at £9500 which represents a small increase, as there is no extra grant to make up this amount. MK radical cuts to their budget were discussed, particularly cuts to transport and libraries; the Council is keen that a level of service is maintained.

The Stewarts Lane sign erected without any consultation or notification will be replaced in a more suitable position with a village matching sign.

The tree officer has looked at the Acacia tree on the Village Green and has recommended removal. It was asked if the dead wood could just be cut out; prices and second opinions are to be obtained.

The Mastertint Tarmac recommended for the path has been viewed in Castlethorpe and deemed suitable, hopefully this will now replace the loose gravel path and be used in front of the green and bus shelter.

The Parish Council website is the place to look for all village information and is being regularly updated; click on [westonunderwoodpc.org.uk](http://westonunderwoodpc.org.uk)

The Village Hall is available for hire, contact Angus or Sheridan Clarke on 712047

Any items for the next issue to [westonunews@gmail.com](mailto:westonunews@gmail.com), phone 711677 or call at Old PO

Thanks, Pat