

## WESTON UNDERWOOD NEWS

Hi everybody, 'tis the season to be jolly, apparently!

The Village has a new arrival. His name is Fraggie, he is 3 months old, and has moved in with Pete, Kaye and Pugwash at Ashby Cottage. Good Luck!

## DERRICK ROGERS

A long time Weston resident, Derrick sadly passed away on 5 October at the age of 88. His service at Ravenstone was attended by many villagers and was a fitting tribute. Our sincere condolences go to Ivy and family.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE [CHRISTMAS QUIZ](#)

5 December in the Village Hall. 7 for 7.30pm

Sausage and Mash, Mince Pies and a glass of Mulled Wine. Bring your own drinks.

Tickets £10 from Old Post Office.

We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us for our Sussex Coastal Challenge.

We walked over 22 miles for The Children's Air Ambulance Service, the first and only dedicated paediatric helicopter emergency transfer service, who transfer critically ill babies and children to specialist care units in England and rely entirely on donations.

We were lucky enough to have fantastic weather for the weekend, walking from St Leonards to Rye, taking in some beautiful scenery and raising over £3,600.

Many thanks,

Eleanor Nutt and Belinda Macdonell

Ian Roberts Writes:-

Christmas at our House.

I have some exciting news, I'm releasing a Christmas song called "Christmas at our House" for two wonderful charities; Shelter and The Trussell Trust, they do wonderful work and they need lots of support to continue with that, so all proceeds will be going to the charities, they love the song and contracts have all been agreed and signed. We recorded some of the song at Ousedale School with students engineering, playing instruments and singing,

the rest has been recorded in New Jersey USA. We are supporting the song with a video which has been filmed in our beautiful town of Olney with some wonderful local and international actors and actresses, and has been directed by my good friend David Pibworth. So look out for it on YouTube, then share it around to everyone you know, every little bit helps. The song and video will be released on Monday 30th November 2015 - the song will be available as a download only on iTunes/Amazon/Spotify, etc. Just type in Christmas at our House by Ian Roberts. And by purchasing the song you will be doing your bit to help those who need our help most, and what better time to do that than Christmas.. You can also find more information and watch the video on my website: [www.ianrobertsmusic.org](http://www.ianrobertsmusic.org)

Also, thank you from my wife Annie O'Donoghue to all the villagers who got involved in Halloween for making the kids so happy on Halloween night, we had around 15 kids all dressed up knocking on doors in the village, everyone was so kind, and the kids loved the whole day, from dressing up to going home with buckets of chocolates and sweets, thank you to all.

Ian

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Carol Service is on Sunday 20 December at 6pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

The Christmas Day service is again at 11am, so once more Granny will be left in charge of the turkey!

The Church cleaning and decorating will be on Saturday 12 December; all helpers welcome from 9.30am.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

There was a lot of discussion about Plan MK – see following article.

Superfast Broadband has no date for being available in the village, we are too far from the cabinet in Olney! The Council are keen to find out the plans to rectify this – watch this space!

2 residents had an intensive? day's training on the use of the speed indicator devices, known as SIDs. Hopefully we will see these in the village shortly.

## Plan: MK- The New Local Plan.

This will be the new local plan for Milton Keynes which will operate for 15 years after it is adopted. MK Cabinet agreed on the 9<sup>th</sup> November to put the Development Options Document out for a 12 week consultation running from 25<sup>th</sup> November – 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Option1 - Development to the West, South West and/or South of the city.**

Includes developing city in a similar way.

### **Option2 – Development East of the M1.**

Development on the other side of the Motorway in the region of 26,000 houses taking in the villages of Moulsoe, North Crawley and Salford.

### **Option3 – One or more Satellite Settlements.**

This would have the most impact for the rural areas. The option includes **Olney** along with the villages of Sherington, North Crawley, Moulsoe, Hanslope and Castlethorpe. Each site would see development between 5,000 and 10,000 houses. Olney currently has approx 2,500 homes and the neighbourhood plan being developed has 300 houses in it.

### **Option4 – Intensification and redevelopment of the current urban area.**

This would include regeneration of some areas but alone would not be enough to provide the homes needed.

Following a meeting organised by the ward Councillors and attended by Parish Councillors it was decided to call the cabinet decision, this being the one to put the document out for consultation. This is basically because the document is not considered fit for purpose with no feasibility checking . While this will only probably delay the consultation process it sends a message of dissatisfaction with the way the process has been dropped on us.

This is something we all need to be aware of; any major development in Olney will put the by-pass on the agenda and would only increase the traffic through the village.

Presentation Meetings are being held in Olney, St Peter & St Paul's Church, on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm & 7:30pm.

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

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

I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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