

# West Ilsley News

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## EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle



On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April there will be an outing to Southampton. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9 am. Members £7, non-members £10. Names to J Collier 281283.

## EASTER LILIES

Anne Carlisle

I shall be pleased to accept donations from anyone wishing to contribute money towards buying an Easter Lily as a token of remembrance.

## Easter Bingo

*Fun For All the Family*

Good Friday 6th April

7.30pm

West Ilsley Village Hall.

Lots of EASTER EGGS to win

Bring Your Own Drinks

Raffle prizes welcome to Audrey at

5 Fir Tree Cottages

Admission 20p, children 10p

Bingo Books 30p

Proceeds to West Ilsley Village Hall funds

**WEST ILSLEY**  
**BARN DANCE**  
SATURDAY MAY 19TH - 7PM ONWARDS

Come and join the fun with the live band:  
**SENSIBLE SHOES**  
PLUS  
**HOG ROAST • BAR • RAFFLE**  
(INCLUDED)

Adults and over 12s £12.50  
Senior Citizens £8.00  
Children over 5 & under 12 welcome until 9pm £6.00

For ticket sales please contact:  
Jo Scriven 281405 or  
Cathy Paterson 281242

on behalf of 'The West Ilsley Trust'

## DIARY

APRIL

6<sup>th</sup> Easter Bingo

19<sup>th</sup> Youth Club

MAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council

Elect ions

3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Club

12<sup>th</sup> Plant and Cake Stall

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish

Assembly

17<sup>th</sup> Youth Club

19<sup>th</sup> Barn Dance

JUNE

Village Camp Out

23-24<sup>th</sup> Flower Festival

30<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup>

JULY

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy and "word" file (via email or disk), but most importantly, please do contribute. Contact details:

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**8<sup>th</sup> Village Fete**

**ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY**  
**Ian Fewtrell-Smith**

**Church Services:**

**NB new format...**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Family	10.00am
Palm Sunday	Communion and Sunday Club	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Activity in Cricket Pavilion	10.00 am – 12.30
Good Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Devotional Service	2.00pm
Easter Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	No service at West Ilsley	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Songs of Praise	6.00pm

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March and two more committee members were elected on to the PCC. John Townend reviewed the year, sad to see Trevor and Olive Maines leaving for Newbury but looking forward to new challenges. The most significant change is the new format of services, with more emphasis on visiting other churches within the benefice. The most noticeable change at All Saints is the Songs of Praise, held in place of evensong, the first having been held in March. The service was fairly short, with a brief introduction to each hymn, usually a note about the author. Topically, "Amazing Grace" was one of the hymns, written by John Newton who had a profound influence on William Wilberforce and the abolition of the slave trade. Anyone is welcome to request a favourite hymn.

You should have received a card giving details of all Easter services within the benefice. I am sure there will be a service within the benefice to suit all.

**Don't forget the Plant and Cake Sale** on 12 May and the **Flower Festival** over the weekend of 30 June/1 July.

**YOUTH CLUB** Clare Alexander

The youth Club dates for next half term are Thursdays April 19th, May 3rd and 17th. 7-8.30 pm at the Cricket Club.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Why not apply to join your parish council this year and do something positive for your community? The elections will be on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are 18, are on the electoral register (or live within 3 miles) you could be eligible. Your council meets 6 times a year on a Monday evening in the village hall.

Simply watch out for more information in the local press or, contact the parish clerk on 281705, for a nomination form.

If you want information about the duties of a councillor, contact BALC on 01296 383154 or [balc@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:balc@buckscc.gov.uk)

What's on at  
**THE HARROW**  
Bar Staff **URGENTLY** required at The Harrow, please phone for more details  
01635 281260  
  
Don't forget to book for the Easter weekend  
  
Quiz Night Wednesday April 25th, menu £8 each, £2 per person to enter - Dewi Morris is The Quiz Master

**Domestic Electrical Installation**  
"Bright sparks" are all well and good on Bonfire night but when it comes all electrical work, installation/inspection/ testing/fault finding and certification. Insist on a local electrician who is, "Building regulation Part P Compliant". And P.A.T., full Portable Appliance Testing @ 110/240 VAC.  
Contact Keith Pentecost  
Tel: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)  
Mobile: 07985-797333

Don't have time to walk the dogs? Can't be bothered to muck the horse out? Going away and need someone to look after the animals? I also do ironing!!  
Call Hayley at The Harrow 01635 281260

**FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**  
News from The Ilsleys Primary School  
Felix Rayner, Head Teacher

The term continues to go really well here at The Ilsleys; everyone seems to have a spring in their step – children, staff and parents alike. We continue to make great progress in all aspects of the school and are very proud of all the achievements we have made so far. We have recently been awarded the prestigious Quality Mark from the Basic Skills Agency. The school was assessed on how well we teach and assess our children in English and Maths. I was very pleased that the school got the recognition of this gold standard in these vital skills. I feel it is a

reward for all the hard work of our dedicated staff. Thank you to everyone.

Sport continues to be an important element of our school life and our provision goes from strength to strength. We have recently played a range of football matches with some excellent results and our netball team has just taken part in the small schools netball tournament. We were just pipped at the post in the final. The children were extremely proud of their silver medals, plus their behaviour was exemplary.

The school choir has also been very busy all term preparing for the Berkshire Maestros Junior Music Festival at The Anvil in Basingstoke. All their work paid off and the children sang their hearts out. Special mention must go to Nicola Osborne who sang a stunning solo to an audience of over 1000 people. Brilliant stuff.

We have a busy end of term with netball matches, cross country running competitions, Easter Eggstravaganzas, Easter assemblies etc. All the things that make The Ilsleys what it is – a great place to learn.

As always, if you have any queries about the school or want to know more please don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### Afterschool Service

In March we had a wonderful afternoon visiting the lambs at Folly Farm. We were lucky enough to see three lambs being born and enjoyed delicious homemade cakes and tea at the farmhouse afterwards which equipped us well for the journey home. Very many thanks go to David and Jane – to David for giving so freely of his time to show the children round and to explain everything to them and to Jane for her very generous hospitality for what seemed like an even bigger number than ever. The children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the chance to cuddle a real lamb was an added bonus.

In April our afterschool service will be replaced by an Easter activity morning for those aged three and above (younger siblings welcome). This will be held at the cricket pavilion on **Wednesday 4 April from 10am-12pm**. During the morning we follow the story of Easter with activities relating to different parts of the story. We end the morning with lunch (please supply). We are now full but if you are interested please call Liz Dray and I will let you know if there is a cancellation. We ask that Mums of children under 6 stay and for a small donation of £2 per child to cover materials. Please can children wear old clothes and if possible provide a painting apron and small

paintbrush (the type used for watercolour painting). On **Thursday 17 May** we will be back in church at 4pm when our theme will be the Ascension.

Our Afterschool services are held at 4pm in the church and are very informal with songs to well-known tunes and a simple story to listen to. The children have the opportunity to become more familiar with the church and learn about prayer, religious festivals and other topics in a relaxed atmosphere. The services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones.

The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Do come and join us if you have a free half an hour.

### Mums and Tots Coffee morning (for the very young and their carers)

This is a monthly get together from 10am – 11.30am. It is an informal gathering where the Mums and carers have a chance to have a coffee and a chat while the children play. We are initially trying a new idea of moving the coffee morning around to different homes and would welcome offers from anyone willing to have us! The next date will be:

### Thursday 3 May – Whiteways Cottage, West Ilsley – home of Anna Sugden

There will not be a coffee morning in April due to the Easter holidays.

If you would like more information about either of these services please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

## MASSAGE THERAPIST IN COMPTON MASSAGE THERAPY TO REDUCE STRESS AND AID RELAXATION



MASSAGE TREATMENTS TARGETED  
AT SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS ON THE  
BODY, USING SPECIALLY BLENDED  
MASSAGE OILS

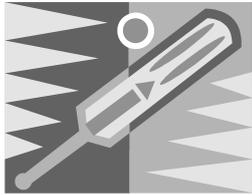
**FULL BODY - 1 HR**  
**NECK, BACK AND SHOULDERS - 30 MINS**  
**INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE - 30 MINS**

Dianne Beechey  
ITEC Dip. VTCT Dip. IHM  
Tel: Compton 01635 578446

**WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB**

**Jon Evans -Membership secretary**

Hello - just a reminder that membership is due from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007. You can chose the type of membership from the list below that suits your requirements. If you receive this as an email please print the membership form and return to me at the address on the end of this letter.



**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:**

**SENIOR FULL PLAYING MEMBER.**

This includes the playing member over 18 yrs old plus partner and children.

**JUNIOR PLAYING MEMBER.**

A playing member under 18 yrs old and/or in full time education.

**SOCIAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP.**

A non-playing membership which includes parents and children.

**SINGLE SOCIAL MEMBER.**

A non playing member over 18 yrs old



**WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name.

Additional names.

Date of birth if under 18 yrs

Address.

Post code.

Telephone numbers.

Email.

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP**

Senior full playing. £25.

Junior playing. £10.

Family social £15.

Single social. £10.

Please circle your preference and make cheques payable to: West Ilsley Cricket Club and return to: Jon Evans, 1 Catmore Rd, West Ilsley, Newbury, Berkshire. RG20 7AT