

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Thursday 24th February

DIARY FEBRUARY

1st Tennis AGM 8pm at The Harrow
5th Winter warmer

Please come to our
Bring and Buy Sale
Saturday 5th February
10.30 – 12.30

1, The Maltings, West Ilsley.

Briony is going to visit a school in Uganda in May and would like to raise money to buy a pencil for every child in the school. There are 1,500 children in the school with about 150 children in each class. Please save any unwanted gifts, toys you have grown out of, or good quality bits and bobs. Bring them on the day, drop them off any time before hand or we will come and collect. Come and buy on the day! Coffee and cake available too! Many thanks Briony Slater and Lucy Paterson. Please call 281325 and we will come to collect any items for sale.



DOWNLANDS
MONTHLY
UPDATE -
JANUARY 2010

Here is the latest update for the Downlands Neighbourhood from Police Community Support Officer Dominic Bartlett. I am very pleased to report that the neighbourhood has seen an 11.6 per cent fall in all crime compared to the same three month period in 2009 (September-November). Latest figures for the end of 2010 will be available on the next monthly update.

Burglary offences have fallen by 32.3 per cent which is very encouraging. I am also pleased to say that reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) have decreased during this period by 23.2 per cent.

During December two males were seen to be in the process of hare coursing in Catmore by a local gamekeeper. The males were later found in Newbury town centre by a local officer. The males' details were taken along with the vehicle details, and given strong words of advice. The males were not arrested due to the fact their dogs were not seen to chase a hare. However, this is another great example of the community working with the police. The hare coursing season is still very active and busy and we rely on the help of the public to help prevent and detect such activity. If you see anything please report it immediately using the non-emergency number.

Speeding along Beedon Hill, Beedon and Fiddlers Lane, East Ilsley, are still a priority for the neighbourhood team and we are hoping to visit both locations in the new year to conduct speed checks with the speed indication device to make drivers aware of their speed and the dangers of speeding.

Throughout December two pieces of farm machinery were stolen from across the Downlands neighbourhood. If you own any farm machinery please be vigilant and where possible lock your machinery in a secure premise, as machinery is a popular item for people to steal. You can also have your machinery marked using a new scheme called CESAR. Using CESAR will help to prevent your machinery being stolen and in the event of a theft it is 6 times more likely to be recovered. For more information please visit www.cesarscheme.org.

Anti-social behaviour in Leckhampstead and Beedon has reduced over recent months as we have received very few reports. If you are having problems with anti-social behaviour such as underage drinking, criminal damage, nuisance behaviour, etc please report it to us immediately. Home and vehicle crime continues to be a priority for the neighbourhood. I would like to stress to everyone for the new year to look at your security and check that you currently have not become

complacent. Anyone can become a victim of crime and simple measures can prevent you from becoming a victim. More than ever we rely on the general public to report suspicious activity in the neighbourhood. There are a number of ways you can do this. Call the non-emergency number 0845 8 505 505 or if you are concerned about revealing your identity then please report any suspicious activity via crime stoppers on 0800 555 111. Your suspicions could be a vital link solving a crime!

Some of you may have heard of our rural text alert but for those of you who haven't I will quickly explain. During 2009 we decided to create a text alert system to help combat rural crime such as hare coursing. It is a system we use where by if we receive a report of coursing we send the vehicle details and incident details out via text message. It has been very successful and we have received excellent feedback from those who receive the messages. If you would like to receive these messages please contact me via email

dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

I am still working hard to promote community messaging and the benefits it has for our community. It is a free service that provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour, and information on opportunities for local residents to raise concerns with their local policing teams. More information can be obtained directly from me or via our website, and you can sign up here too:

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. To do this, please follow the link:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-about-nh-pol/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n155-hys>

Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.

For more information about your local Neighbourhood Police Team, contact 0845 8 505 505 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Can you make a difference to young offenders?
Are you looking for a new challenge for 2011?



If you are living or working in West Berkshire, are aged 18 or over and genuinely want to make a difference for

young people regardless of your previous experience then we would like to hear from you.

We are looking for volunteers to support us in a number of ways. Training will be provided.

We are holding an information evening on the **10th February 2011 at 6.30pm-8.30pm** and there will be presentations on the various volunteering opportunities as well as more informal discussions with members of the Youth Offending Team.

If you are interested in volunteering, but unable to make the Information Evening then please contact the Youth Offending Team on **01635 553600** for an information pack.

Further information on Youth Offending Teams and volunteering can be found at

www.youth-justice-board.gov.uk

Youth Offending Team

Merchant House

14-20 Oxford Road (Opposite Waitrose)

Newbury

RG14 1PA

CRICKET The season starts for West Isley Cricket Club John Golding

Over the winter months many of us have been glued to our television sets to see how the English Cricket Team have shown the way to winning the series and retaining the Ashes with professional preparation, outstanding teamwork and brilliant individual performances when it mattered. Not only has the male team done well but the ladies are now finding the form that made them all conquering a couple of years ago. Your local club, West Isley (WICC), is now starting the training and preparation



required to make its season a success with a programme of indoor nets sessions. See the WICC web site www.westilsleycricket.net for more details. Last season this paid off with one of the junior sides reaching the semi-finals of the County Cup only to loose to the eventual winners Slough. This season is already starting with some great news. WICC are organising Girls cricket training (with Berkshire Cricket) to support the **Downs School Year 7 Girls**. In addition a "**Chance to Shine**" Scheme promoting Cricket in the **Primary Schools** surrounding West Isley is being organised. Hopefully these two schemes will help to increase the number of Girls at WICC and provide a larger Girls Squad.

We are also buying new kit for the girls for this season. Gee Evans and Louise Parkes have recently taken their ECB Level One coaching

course to support the coaching and development of Girls cricket at WICC. This is great news as it gives further depth and support to the existing two Level 2 Coaches of Girls cricket at WICC. All in all it promises to be an exciting season for Girls Cricket at WICC and throughout the County.

Of course success does not come without the tremendous support required from the "backroom" team consisting of the ground staff, managers, coaches, players, umpires and scorers and it is the latter two positions that West Ilsley are still desperate to fill. If you fancy a go please make contact with any club member, details on the web site.

No experience is required – I know. The beauty of the officials' structure is that you can start to officiate straight away and then with appropriate training progress to any level you aspire to. So start with your local youth team, the Sunday friendly's and progress up through the leagues to representative matches. It is really enjoyable and rewarding.

From a personal perspective I started umpiring in the local Wednesday evening friendly league eight seasons ago, then was asked to umpire for West Ilsley and following the training programme I was fortunate to be selected to umpire the British Army Final, The Army v Kent 11, and a Charity match including a team of internationals last season. However, there were two matches that provided me with the best memories, West Ilsley under 11's v Slough in the previously mentioned Berkshire semi-final and the final itself. Both matches were very hard fought games, a large number of noisy and enthusiastic spectators, with the result of the final being decided on the last ball of the game – no pressure then. The matches were a real credit to all the players, their parents & the backroom teams of all the clubs.

This season promises well having just heard that I have been appointed to the full Army panel for their representative matches and, now with time on my hands, am heavily involved in the development and delivery of the new ECB training/mentoring schemes.

To help train umpires and scorers across the County a scholarship has been set up by the **Peter Harris Memorial Trust** to provide for the training of one Umpire and one Scorer annually. As this comes under the auspices of the Berkshire Youth Foundation, it has asked the Berkshire Cricket Officials Association (BCOA) to administer the scholarship and select suitable candidates.

Ideally, but not exclusively, the recipients would be under 18. However, anyone applying should be willing to dedicate time during his/her first and second year of mentoring / assessment to youth cricket within the County of Berkshire.

More details about umpiring and scoring can be found on the website www.berkscoa.co.uk.

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE

Sunday 3rd July

The fete committee this year is Alan Bloor, Doug Brown, Jo Coles, Terri Muggeridge and Hayley Watling.

This year the fete will be held on Sunday 3rd July on the cricket pitch, opposite The Harrow. Could everyone please collect their un-wanted, chipped crockery for our crockery smashing stall. You can drop it off at The Harrow or bring it along on the morning of the fete. Also we are having a second hand clothes stall and a bric-a-brac stall again this year after the success of last years, so please keep hold of any clothes, toys etc. that you no longer want or need. Anyone wanting to have a stall at this year's fete please contact one of the committee.

If anyone would like to join the fete committee our next meeting is Thursday 3rd February at 7:30pm at The Harrow. The more the merrier and new, fresh ideas are very welcome.

This year one of the children's classes will be a Guy building competition. Every year we have a huge bonfire but never have a Guy. So we thought this year that we would ask the children of the village to build some Guys and include it as a class at the fete. The best Guy will sit on top of the bonfire in November, the others will of course be used as well. There will be two age groups under 10's and under 16's. So if you are interested in entering the class then start building now! Good Luck !!

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

5th March 2011 9.30am – 3.15pm

Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury RG14 7HW

Olympic giants, community woodlands and local crime prevention are just three of the topics you could find out more about at the Building Stronger Communities Conference.

This year's event takes place on Saturday 5 March at Newbury Rugby Club from 9.30am until 3.15pm. It is organised by the West Berkshire Partnership and specifically Community Council for Berkshire and West Berkshire Council.

There will be a keynote speech from Newbury's MP, Richard Benyon giving an insight into the Coalition Government's plans for Localism and the Big Society. He will also be joined by his colleague, Reading West MP, Alok Sharma, to take questions from the audience.

You can find out more about successful projects helping local people to improve their own communities, including the benefits of a partnership in Mortimer, and extensive work taking place in Greenham.

Five themed workshops will cover everything from an exciting project to celebrate the 2012 Olympics to encouraging young people to have their say. Also if you're looking for funding for a local project, then there will be a dedicated session offering the latest information.

The whole event will provide a great opportunity for communities to pick up information, meet organisations that can help, and get tips on developing projects.

Feedback on the 2010 conference included "*I had a great day and came away with lots of good ideas and contacts to pass onto my community.*"

It is free of charge and there will be lunch and refreshments provided. Last date for booking a place is 21st February 2011.

To book a place please contact Sarah Ward at CCB email sarah.ward@ccberks.org.uk

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The next service will be in the church at 4pm on Thursday 10 February when we will hear the story of the Good Samaritan. Services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones and last approximately half an hour followed by drinks.

In March, David and Jane Carlisle have kindly invited us once again to see the lambing at Folly Farm on Thursday 17 March (this will replace our usual service). We will walk up through the fields starting from The Malthouse at 4pm.

If you would like any further details please do contact us on the following numbers:

Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

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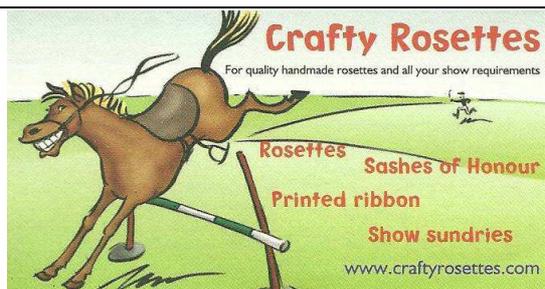
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