

West Ilsley News

September 2002

A small but perfectly formed WIN (but probably not perfectly typed!) this month. The "for sale" boards abound - please don't forget to use the WIN to welcome your successors/new neighbours.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for September:

8 th	All Age Service	11.00 am
15 th	Holy Communion	8.00 am
22 nd	Family Communion	9.30 am

DOWNLAND FESTIVAL - CAR QUIZ TRAIL

Well done to the four families who took part in the quiz trail and particularly to Mr and Mrs Brunt from Stockcross, gaining 47.5 out of a total 48 marks. It was a pity more didn't join in, even if only to come and have cream tea in the village hall afterwards. Thanks to all who helped make scones and cakes.

C.R.O.W.

The annual Cycle, Run Or Walk in aid of The Historic Churches Trust will take place on 14th September. The objective is to visit as many churches in the area as possible, each visit being sponsored. The money raised will help maintain the fabric of our local churches, as well as one of your own choice. If you would like to take part, please let me know.

HARVEST FESTIVAL & SUPPER - 6TH OCTOBER

Harvest Festival will be in the morning at 11.00 am, followed by Harvest "Supper" in the village hall at midday. Tickets will be on sale later in the month. For more details, please see Anna Sugden (281784)

QUIZ NIGHT - 15TH NOVEMBER

This autumn's quiz night will have a musical slant to it, so don't bother with the Times or Newbury Weekly News: just take out your subscription to NME and tune in to Radio 1, 2, 3 and 210FM! (and KickFM of course!). Please put the date in your diary now - as usual, a good time is (almost) guaranteed.

EVERGREENS

There will be an outing to Stratford on Avon on Tuesday 17th September. The coach will leave from outside the Church in West Ilsley at 9.00 am. Members £5, non-members £7. Names to J Collier 281283

FETE 2002 - LAST WORDS

The surplus generated by the fete has been distributed as follows;

West Ilsley Fireworks £285.00
Cricket Club £350.00 for grounds maintenance
Tennis Court £200.00 for replacement fencing

The Editors

Under 5's £200.00 in view of increasing numbers at play group, to help towards tables, chairs, etc
Brownies (Compton) £150.00 towards upgrading kitchen
Evergreens £150.00 to subsidise Christmas Lunch
Village Hall £150.00 towards financing of Saturday Club
All Saints Church £400.00 towards re-roofing

All profits from the Pre-Fete Dinner were retained by East Ilsley School

Once again, many thanks to all who contributed to making the fete such a success.

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL Linda Gibson (Clerk)

Interested in village matters? Ever wanted to be a Parish Councillor? Then this is your opportunity! The Notice of Vacancies will again be displayed on the notice board from September 12th. I have some information packs for anyone who would like to know more. Please contact me on **200242** and I will put one in the post to you.

P.S. In the absence of any volunteers from the village, it is likely that West Berkshire Council will appoint people from further afield!

DON'T BE AIR CONNED Ian Burton

I've been looking at new cars of late and I was surprised at how much has changed since I last took a look about 5 years ago. I recently read that motoring costs have now grown to exceed grocery costs in the "average" family budget. Strange you might think - since the purchase cost of cars has dropped so dramatically in this time.

Regular service costs might well be lower since cars now have longer service intervals - but what seems very very costly now are replacement parts. Costs of headlight assemblies of high-volume super-mini type cars can be over £200 each. A very costly (to repair) feature of many modern cars is the air con. Conned you may not be if charged four figures for the repair of a failed system. That is the going price these days - even if you only paid £300 for it as an option!

Having learned that, I have a seasonal tip - for all air con owners. Many air cons are switched off completely during the winter. This leads to critical seals drying out which in turn leads to a loss of refrigerant which leads to failure of the compressor.

You should turn on the system to full cold for a couple of minutes every week during the winter. This will circulate lubricants for the system and seals. Ideally then use the system on heat to dry out the ventilation passages where mould may accumulate.

Visit <http://www.honestjohn.co.uk/faq/faq.htm?id=14> if you would like more information on this point.

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The dates for the September services will be as follows:

Afterschool Service
4pm Thursdays

19 September

Pram Service
11am Mondays

Sharing Life

23 September

The Pram Service is aimed at 0-5 year olds and the Afterschool Service for the slightly older ones as well as the babies. The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Each service lasts approximately half an hour followed by drinks for the children. If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Antonia Cretney on 01635 248925 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

HELLO!

We are pleased to welcome Simon, Wendy and Megan to the Village - they have moved into W heatsheaf Barn next door, in fact, to one of the Co-Editors. We are sure they will find the Village a warm and welcoming place.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meets on a Wednesday morning, 10.00am – 11.30am in the village hall. There are lots of toys plus a climbing frame, playhouse, slide etc for the children and coffee and a chance to chat for the Mums. If you are interested in coming along please contact Tracy Gregory on 281650 for more details.

Toddlers re-starts on Wednesday 11 September.

Playgroup

Playgroup also re-starts on Wednesday 11 September.

The playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Ilsleys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.25pm to 3.30pm during the school terms. The numbers at the playgroup have risen suddenly and we are currently only accepting 3 year olds if a place is available. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy on 281650 for an application form to register your child or if you would like to arrange a visit.

West Ilsley Cricket Club's

4th Annual Race Night



Admission Free

Saturday 7 Sept 2002

At 7.30 pm

In The Pavilion West Ilsley

With B.B.Q. And Bar.

If you are interested in purchasing a horse please contact our bloodstock agent Kevin Holloway 01635 281556

And finally: contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy, "word" file (via email or disk) or fax, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. The **latest deadline** for the next publication is **5pm** on Thursday 26th September but the editors would appreciate receiving your contributions as you get them ready during the month, to save a rush of work at the last minute.

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