

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY

### JULY

5 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-fete dance
7 <sup>th</sup>	Fete
7 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow post fete BBQ
8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>	Village hall meeting
25 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow coffee & cake morning
31 <sup>st</sup>	Harrow quiz night

## EVERGREENS

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July there will be a coach outing to Weston-super-Mare. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9.00 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall on 281597.

## MENCAP BARN DANCE

We would like to thank everyone who came along to the barn dance for their support on such a wet and cold evening and the generous donations to West Berks Mencap.

We are pleased to inform you that £1023 was raised for funds which will go towards running a summer playscheme for young people with learning difficulties. Thank you very much.

David and Jane Carlisle

## VILLAGE FETE SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY

The Village Fete and Dog Show is fast approaching and we still need a few volunteers to help man some of the stalls on a rota basis so please let one of the committee know if you can help.

Any bottles for the bottle stall will be gratefully received. They can be collected or delivered to one of the committee members. Please let us know.

Teams for the family five aside football need to register before the show day to ensure they are in the draw. Again please let us know.

Any items for the bric-a-brac stall can be delivered to the cricket club on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Don't forget the fancy dress competition for the children (Walt Disney Theme).

Make sure you enter the produce show in what ever category and give this year's judges the pleasant task of having to decide on the best in each category. There are always certain categories that are very competitive but remember if you don't enter you cannot win.

There are plenty of different classes for the dog show which again attracts many entrants but if you don't enter your dog he or she cannot win.

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Details of classes are at the end of this WIN

## A USEFUL LINK FROM KEITH PENTECOST

I came across this Electrical Safety Council Product recall online link : [www.esc.org.uk/real](http://www.esc.org.uk/real), for the parish magazine readers as it is of a public content. The site automatically updates whenever there has been a change.

**OPEN VILLAGE HALL MEETING ON  
16 JULY AT 8 PM. Dries Hagen**

**"Not everything that is faced can be changed,  
but nothing can be changed until it is faced"**  
(James Baldwin)

Further to my article, Call to Arms, as circulated in early May I would like to update you on the status of issues surrounding our Village Hall.

As an asset which is virtually gifted we still have some way to go before a sustainable solution is in place to **ensure the Village Hall survives**. We need to raise funds to the tune of £1,300 per annum over and above current revenues if we want to keep the Village Hall as it is. Many members of the community also agree that the Hall needs additional "TLC" if it is to remain a valued asset of the community. By additional TLC I mean upgrading where for instance the West Ilsley under Fives club don't have to keep their coats on when they convene once a week during winter months. Harsh words you might say. Yes, is say! If you knew me you would understand.

I mentioned in the May report that our hall has in the past benefitted from well supported management committees. Unfortunately in recent times the committee was not that well supported by the community and as such was effectively disbanded along with any fund raising initiatives.

A big thank you to the 5 volunteers who turned up on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June to discuss the issues at hand. Whilst the discussion was fairly general with some good brainstorming we were all in agreement that we need more interested parties. The Village Hall will not survive if the management as well as fund raising falls to only half a dozen people.

Yes, Yes you might think:

"A LACK OF PLANNING ON OUR PART  
DOESN'T CONSTITUTE A CRISIS ON YOUR  
PART....."

**but**

**Please join us at this open meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
of July at 8 pm.** We are not looking for experts in fundraising, book keeping or building maintenance. We just need enthusiastic supporters of the Village and the Hall.

**Leckhampstead Fayre**

**13 July 2013**



**Come and join the fun on the village green  
12.30 – 5pm**

**Competitions for all – Bonny baby, scarecrow,  
baking & much more....**

**Entry forms available at the Stag or online**

**Vintage tractors, sheep, chickens & bee keeper  
displays**

**Farm Shop & BBQ with local meat**

**Skittles, coconut shy & lots more games**

**Crafts, cakes & sweet stalls**

**Children's activities area**

**Fun dog show**

**Dancing demonstrations**

**Football tournament, tractor pulling, welly wanging**

**See [Leckhampstead.com/leckhampsteadfayre](http://Leckhampstead.com/leckhampsteadfayre)**

**Join our Facebook page Leckhampsteadfayre**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**July Church Services**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	9.30am
14 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Communion	8.30am
21 <sup>st</sup>	*No service in West Ilsley	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	11.00am

\*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at [www.eastdownland.org.uk](http://www.eastdownland.org.uk)

**Concert in Church**

Five Voices, each accomplished singers in his or her own right, showed great enthusiasm as they entertained us with a range of songs from various shows, old and new, poignant through to boisterous and carefree. We were not let off completely and with little encouragement, the audience joined in lustily with the chorus of one song.

Those who were unable to join us missed out on a splendid evening. We feel sure they will be back.

**Contacts**

If you have anyone or anything specific you would like mentioned in church prayers at services throughout the year, do speak to either Ian (281625) or Alexandra (281306). If you would like to organise a baptism, wedding or funeral or would like to talk to a member of the clergy for any other reason, ring Revd John Toogood (our Rector) on 01635 247566 or email him at [edownlandrector@gmail.com](mailto:edownlandrector@gmail.com) (N.B. new email address) *Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith*

## ILSLEY UNDER 5s

We have been taking full advantage of the sunshine when it does appear and spending a lot of our Wednesday mornings at West Ilsley Park, we have even enjoyed the odd craft whilst there, ice cube painting seemed to be a great hit with the children and they all came up with some fantastic masterpieces.

This month we will be spending our time mostly outside again, at several parks around the area so please feel free to come and join us. We meet at the usual time of 10am and you will be able to find a calendar of dates on our Facebook page 'Ilsley Under 5's'.

We are also looking forward to West Ilsley Fete, our stall will include a baby changing area, lucky dip, ball pool, face painting and bubbles. Hope to see you all there!!

Ilsley under 5's is a well established parent and carer play group which in partnership with Surestart provides a great place to play in a friendly safe atmosphere and fun environment. We meet every week, most weeks of the year, in West Ilsley village hall between 10am and 11.30am. The children have a snack and drink half way through the session, with tea and coffee available for mums, dads and carers. Every week we offer a new activity table; painting, drawing, play dough etc, not forgetting the regular toys that are available and suit all ages of toddler or baby. We finish the session with a group sing along!

If you are planning a party or event remember the small tables and chairs as well as our indoor and outdoor toys are available for hire throughout the year for a donation of £10. Please call Natasha 07502393842 or Rachel 281350 for more details.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Sunday 7th July  
After fete BBQ / Braai  
Cooked by Wes



Thursday 25th July  
Coffee and Cake Morning  
Come and enjoy a coffee  
and a slice of homemade  
cake with some friends



Wednesday 31st July  
Quiz Night 8pm  
£2 each to enter, Winning team gets  
half, losing team gets a round of  
drinks on us !!  
Book your tables NOW !!



Don't forget Pie Night on Wednesdays and  
Burger Night on Fridays !!

## LAND GIRLS GATHER WITH THEIR MEMORIES

Land Girls who helped to keep the people of Berkshire and North Hampshire fed during the last war were celebrated on Sunday (23 June) when survivors from a bygone age gathered with their memories.

The get-together happened at the initiative of the Royal County of Berkshire Show which will say a formal thank you at this year's event on 21 and 22 September to women whose role is often forgotten. In the meantime, the organisers decided to hold a tea party so that those who will take part in the show could meet one another in advance.

Amongst them was Meg Stone from Compton.



Some 100,000 Land Girls took over in Britain's fields between 1939 and 1950; while they did not prevent food rationing they did help the nation avoid famine. Some joined straight from school at 17. Others left roles as barmaids, secretaries, maids, hairdressers and factory workers to learn new

skills on farms, earning 28 shillings a week, of which half was deducted for board and lodgings.

More than 30 former members of the Land Army from all over Berkshire, Oxfordshire and North Hampshire responded to an appeal from Newbury and District Agricultural Society earlier in the year. Given age and infirmity, some are no longer able to travel, but more than a dozen made the journey on Sunday to the home of Show President Sally Stockings near Wallingford.

In an address to the former Land Girls, Sally Stockings, who runs a successful pig farm, said: "You changed things for women in agriculture. And for that we will be eternally grateful". Ali Brown, Berkshire Show chairman, added: "It is only in the past few years that the nation has given proper recognition to the Women's Land Army from both world wars in growing food at a time when men were fighting. As the modern face of farming in Berkshire, we were keen to contact those who are still alive and make a bit of a fuss of them."

92-year-old Meg Stone was born in St Albans. Meg's grandmother thought she should do something to help the war effort and Meg knew the lady running the Women's Land Army in Berkshire so she volunteered in 1942, working as a land girl in Shropshire, Warwickshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire and Devon. She overcame a fear

of cows to become a dairy maid and grew to rather like them before too long. Meg would rise at 4.30am ready to start milking at 5am. She had to work 7 days a week with only three days leave a year. It was hard work and tiring so after a year Meg moved to another farm that allowed her one weekend a month off. While working at Manor Farm, West Ilsley, Meg had a milk round, using a pony and cart to deliver the milk.

The Land Army girls will be just one of many attractions at this year's Royal County of Berkshire Show at the Newbury Showground where they will on one day meet RAF parachutists and on the other take a salute from the RAF Battle of Britain's Memorial Flight as wartime bombers fly overhead.

Competition amongst livestock is looking as strong as ever and there will also be opportunities for families to enjoy a host of rare breeds amongst the ever-popular cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry. Favourites returning include the captivating Sheep Show, in which the woolly stars dance to disco music, and Sports Zone with its host of hands-on activities for children and electric displays of BMX and skateboarding from Team Extreme.

Tickets are now on sale from [www.berkshireshow.co.uk](http://www.berkshireshow.co.uk) with big savings if you buy early.

### Afternoon Teas

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Aldworth

WEDNESDAYS

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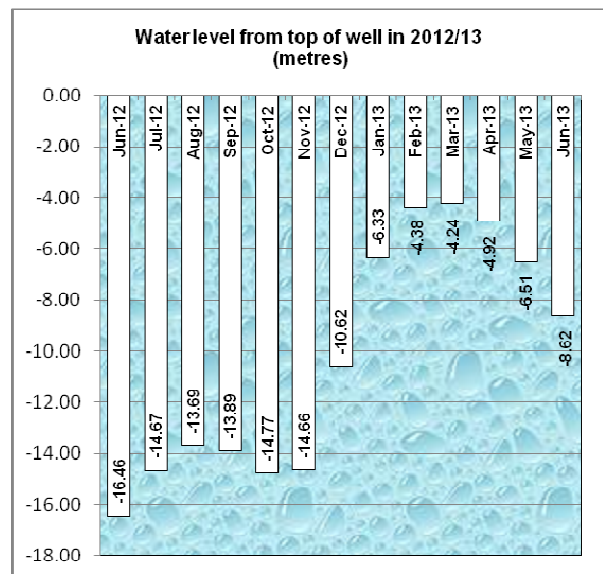
### **PARISH PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**

13<sup>th</sup> July

7<sup>th</sup> September

West Ilsley – Main Street - 1400/1430

## **LATEST WELL READING**



## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Read the latest Parish Council Minutes and hear how village matters are being addressed. Visit our village website at [www.westilsley.org](http://www.westilsley.org) - all the latest minutes from our meetings are available under the "Parish Council" tab.

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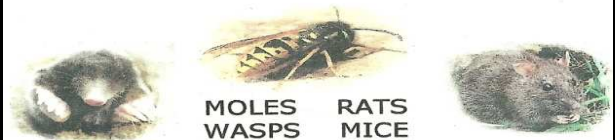
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Need help looking after the horses?  
Or a hand taking the dogs for a walk?  
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I am a second level black belt in karate and it has long been an ambition of mine to pass on one of my passions to others- traditional Okinawan Goju Ryu. I have been training for ten years under some of the highest ranking instructors in the style.

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I plan to hold training sessions for people on Tuesdays, starting at 5.30pm lasting for an approximately 90 minutes at Compton village hall. Sessions will be £4 for children and students, £5 for salaried adults, payable on the day to begin with. If you are interested, please contact me on 07503 719136 or mail me at [Compton.dojo@gmail.com](mailto:Compton.dojo@gmail.com).

Vicky Green, Nidan EGKA/IOGKF



**Come and join the party at Compton Village Hall every Wednesday from 6.30 – 7.15pm.**

**£5 per session.**

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# West Ilsley Fete

## Produce Show 2013

The Produce Show promises to be every bit as competitive as other years.

*Who will win The Best Hanging Basket Cup?*

*Who will win The Best Kept Garden Award?*

*Whose Home Cooking will sweep the board?*

*The competition for the largest number of potatoes grown in a pot is as keen as ever.*

One thing is for sure - you won't win anything if you don't enter the competition!

There is something for everyone so why not have a go? You might be a winner!

### Flowers

- 1 Single rose or flower specimen
- 2 Arrangement of cottage garden flowers
- 3 A small patio container
- 4 Best hanging basket  
(Judges will be around the village the week before the fete)
- 5 Best kept front garden  
(Judges will view front gardens from the road / path)

### Vegetables

- 6 Gardeners choice  
(A basket containing potatoes and two other vegetables)
- 7 Heaviest home-grown potato
- 8 Three onions or shallots
- 9 Funny mishapen vegetable of any variety
- 10 Largest number of potatoes (grown in a pot)
- 11 A bunch of 3 culinary herbs (tied and in water)

### Home Cooking

- 12 A jar of fruit jam
- 13 A jar of marmalade
- 14 A jar of chutney
- 15 A homemade alcoholic drink  
(e.g. Beer, Sloe Gin, Wine)
- 16 A homemade soft drink  
(e.g. Lemonade, Elderflower Cordial)
- 17 **Ladies only** - Millionaires Shortbread
- 18 **Gentlemen only** - Lemon Drizzle Cake
- 19 A Loaf of Yeast Bread - open to all

### Childrens Classes (Under 7's)

- 20 An Ascot hat
- 21 A drawing of West Ilsley life
- 22 Cress grown in an unusual container
- 23 2 Gingerbread Men

### Childrens Classes (Under 12's)

- 24 An Ascot hat
- 25 A photo of West Ilsley life
- 26 Cress grown in an unusual container
- 27 4 Macaroons

### Photography (Open to all)

- 28 West Ilsley life / scene / event
- 29 Favourite shot

### Entry Fee

Adults - 50p per class

Children - 20p per class

*All proceeds go to Village Charities*

**Entry registration  
closes at 12.30 pm  
on show day  
Sunday July 7th 2013**



Please return any trophies from last year, suitably polished, in preparation for this year.  
**Thank you for your support and GOOD LUCK!**