

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE

Please remember the plant stall when you're sowing seeds and dividing plants this spring. Details of the produce classes will be in the next edition of the News.

We're thinking of allocating some space at the Fete for a small "table top" Sale - which is like a car boot sale but without the car boots! For a fee of £10 per table villagers would be able to put up a table and sell their bric-a-brac and keep the profits. If we advertise on the posters etc. this may be a bit of a draw to the fete for some people, but we don't want to advertise it unless the number of tables is sufficient to call it a "Sale". If you would be interested in having a table or even part of a table with a friend, please let me know before Easter so that we can pursue or abandon the idea at the next committee meeting.

Andrea Cook - 281224

PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy has been created on the Parish Council caused by the resignation of Dr Alan Muir, due to commitment to work. The Chairman thanked Dr Muir for all he has done over the past few years as a councillor.

Pond restoration continues with the contractor agreeing to return to tidy up and level off the pond margins, following which a working party will plant up the area with indigenous species.

A Children's Playground Management Committee has been formed to look into the possibilities of creating a new playground in the village, or upgrading the existing one.

A request for help with funding has been received from the Ilsleys School who may have to cut down on staffing levels due to the low numbers of children on role at present, hopefully the numbers will rise soon as there are so many babies and small children around the village now.

The Senior Rights of Way Officer has informed the Parish Council that the owner of Hunter's Ride is prepared to realign the fencing on the western end of Footpath 16 level with the trees.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 11th May at 7.00 pm followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 8.00 pm to which everyone is invited - come and hear what has been achieved in the village over the past year.

Gail Wilson-North - Clerk

FRIENDS OF THE ILSLEYS COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE ILSLEY'S SCHOOL has gone green during the current term.

We have visited the Rainforest at Wyld Court and have hosted a workshop session run by a group called Trading faces. Years 5 and 6 were joined by children of similar age from Chaddleworth and Brightwalton schools for a day of mask making and thought provoking drama. Red class are also into drama and will be attending a puppetry session at Chieveley School together with children from years 1 and 2 from other local schools.

On the evening of March 23rd The Ilsley's School will be welcoming Jay Mercer, the new Corporate Director of Education in Newbury District, who is coming to talk with our Governors and those from other local schools.

By the time this is published I hope you will have already taken part in the Federation Quiz Night on March 27th, raising money to fund combined Sports Days for the children in the Summer Term.

The Downs Federation of Primary Schools (including The Downs at Compton) is alive and well and operating and co-operating in West Berkshire!

Mark Jones - Head of the Ilsley's Country Primary School

The winners of the school '100 club' Lottery drawn on Friday 6th march '98 were:-

1st prize No.33 James Kidd £45.00

2nd prize No.61 Mrs. P.Hibbert £22.00

3rd prize No.22 Mrs.J.Stevenson £9.00

4th prize No.44 Mrs.M.Hibbert £4.50

5th prize No.6 Mr. & Mrs, Savage £4.50

6th prize No.88 Mrs. C. Sheppard £4.50

The 'Friends' would like to thank all who helped to raise £90.00 for the school funds.

Sue Tooke

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

The winners of the last two pontoons were:

C Scowden (Albion)

J Evans (Burnley)

J Rockall (Cowden Beath)

F Tizzard (Notts County)

...who all won £7 each.

R Baggs (Notts Forest) won £28

Booby prizes of £8 each went to:

J Chaney (Southend)

B Hayes (Reading)

£52 profit went to village hall funds.

Audrey Tizzard

EVERGREENS

Saturday April 18th leave West Ilsley at 1.30 pm to go and see Newbury Operatic Society in "Me and My Girl" at the Corn Exchange, Newbury. Tickets £4. Names will be taken at the AGM.

Anne Carlisle

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for April:-

5th April - Palm Sunday

All Age Service with Baptism 9.45 am

12th April - Easter Sunday

Holy Communion 9.30 am

19th April -

Family Communion 9.30 am

26th April -

All Age with Baptism 12.30 pm

EASTER SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Holy Week:-

6th, 7th & 8th April -

Meditation and Night Prayer

at Beedon Church 7.30 pm

9th April - Maundy Thursday

Easter Children afternoon

workshop at Peasemore Hall 2 - 5 pm

Holy Communion

at
Beedon
School
7.30 pm

*10th
April -
Good
Friday*

Easter Children All Age

Worship at Peasemore Church 10.30 am

Reflections on Good Friday

at Peasemore Church 2 - 3 pm

The Easter Children's workshop and service is for
children of school age. For further details, see

Hattie Burrow (281708)

It was good to see a number of people at the APCM
and we now have some new faces on the PCC.

Various topics were discussed, particularly times
and types of service. The PCC will be looking at
these issues in more detail as soon as possible.

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

VILLAGE HALL BINGO

There will be a Bingo session held, as usual, on Good Friday April 10th, commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, with proceeds going to Village Hall funds. Please show your continued support as usual.

Donations of prizes are always welcome and help us to raise even more - your generosity is always welcome! Please deliver any donations to Audrey Tizzard at the Post Office.

Steve Price - Village Hall Secretary

VILLAGE SERVICES

Mobile Library - Parks in Morlands Close between 4 and 4.45pm on 24th April 8th and 22nd May.

Fishmonger - Parks in Morlands Close at 1730 Hrs every Friday.

Surgery - Telephone for appointments - 248507. Emergencies and General Enquiries - 248251. Prescriptions ordered from the surgery can be delivered to the Post Office.

Newbury District Council Mobile Enquiry Office - Parks outside The Crown and Horns every Tuesday between 10.45 and 11.15 am.

Low Flying Helicopter Complaints - (01256) 702134.

Police - (01635) 31000.

Downland Volunteers - (01635) 578394 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings).