

# West Ilsley News

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February 2009

## DIARY

2<sup>nd</sup>

MARCH  
Evergreens AGM

## ALDWORTH SATURDAY MARKET

10 a.m. to 12 noon in Aldworth Village Hall  
YOU would be warmly welcome!

We open EVERY Saturday with Pang Valley Organics' MEATS on the FIRST Saturday of each month, as well as all the fresh fruit and vegetables, cakes, groceries, sweets, bird foods, postage stamps, books etc. Refreshments are always available so come along with a friend to "shop and chat" and maybe make some new friends in Aldworth.

N.B. From March we open from **9 a.m.** to noon.

Occasional craft/charity stall holders welcome.

Contact: Pauline Sheppard 01635 578177

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH Rosanne Pilditch

### February West Ilsley Church Services

1 <sup>st</sup>	All Age Communion	10am
8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion – BCP	8am
15 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Worship	11am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	No Service	



### Burns Night

We celebrated the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Robert Burns last Saturday with a very festive evening of Haggis, neeps and tatties and lots of laughter and dancing!

We are very grateful to John Butterworth for organising the Newbury Caledonian Society to bravely encourage and guide us through the evening. There was no keeping anyone off the dance floor as there was much fun to be had in moving our bodies through steps we had never

thought of! A huge thank you must go to Alexandra and Will Axtell, Ian and Kay Fewtrell-Smith and Justin Pilditch for making it such an enjoyable evening. Everyone's support raised over £500 in aid of the church.

### Date for the Diary

From 30<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February the church will have a display of golden flowers and everyone is invited to come and see them. They will have been arranged by Chieveley Floral Group as part of the celebrations surrounding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies. The Association has asked its affiliated clubs to make a 'golden ribbon' of flowers from Lands End to John o'Groats and this will be one of their contributions.

## ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Toddlers has reconvened for the New Year with numbers fairly consistent. Although we have lost a couple of regular children to preschool we do get a few new faces through the door sporadically.



This Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup>) we are taking the children on a trip out to Krazy Klub, the indoor soft play centre in Thatcham. Running and climbing there for a couple of hours should get rid of any excess energy! The monies raised from the sponsored bike ride and the Fete Committee donation has helped fund this trip as well as replenishing our craft activity supplies! We now have a drawing/colouring table available each week for those who want to be creative! On this note, if anyone has an easel with chalk board and/or white board (in good condition) they would like to

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

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

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donate to the Group we would be very grateful. Please contact me on the number below.

Ilsley Under Fives meet during term time on Wednesday mornings, 10am to 11.30am, at West Ilsley Village Hall. The session is an informal meeting, providing playtime for the children, an occasional craft activity, a drink and biscuit with tea/coffee and chat for the parents or carers. The session ends with a singsong! For further details please feel free to contact me on 280622 or any other member of the committee or simply pop along on a Wednesday. New faces are always welcome!  
Louise Taylor

## EVERGREENS

The annual general meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 2pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

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## WELCOME ...

To Jenny, Harry, Angus and Grace who have come to live on the corner of Bury Lane and Main Street.

## WEST ILSLEY YOUTH CLUB

A good number re-appeared for Youth club in January and as we go to print we will be enjoying activities run by the Splat group on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January in the village hall.

In February we will be meeting on Thursday 12 February and again on Thursday 26 February. Both sessions will be at the cricket pavilion from 7-8.30pm at a cost of £1 per child.

Dates in March will be Thursday 12 March at the cricket pavilion and Thursday 26 March back with Splat at the village hall.

The youth club is open to children of West Ilsley and Farnborough between the ages of 8-15 years old.

If you have any queries please contact Liz Dray on 281688 or Clare Alexander on 281254.

### Mother's Day fair and Activity Afternoon

Saturday 14th March 12-4pm  
West Ilsley Village Hall

Come and make your very own Mother's Day gift.....

#### Activities to choose from;

Card making

Badge making

Make up your own planter of Spring flowers

#### Also Available;

Beautiful painted glass from Kath  
New range of Spring scarves from Bewitched Access.

Badges, mirrors and purses from Amy  
Wooden crafts from Marnie Moyle  
Card and Gift ideas from Phoenix Cards

Home made cakes

Embroidered towels and other gifts

Come and browse and join in the fun  
Refreshments available

All Proceeds to West Ilsley Village Hall

Anyone wishing to have a stall  
contact Alison or Angela on  
281705/281500

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### **Afterschool Service**

In January the children learned about Christingle and then proceeded to make their own Christingle oranges before lighting their candles for our final song.

Our next service will be on **Thursday 26 February**, when we will be talking about "Lent".

In March, by kind permission of Jane and David Carlisle, we will be walking up to Folly Farm to see the lambs. This will be on **Tuesday 12 March**.

Our Afterschool services are held at 4pm in the church and are very informal with songs to well-known tunes, participation from the children 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. Do come and join us if you have a free half an hour.

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

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688

Louise Taylor on 01635 280622.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW



**Book now for  
Valentines Day  
Saturday 14th February  
Menus now available**

### Quiz Night

**Wednesday 25th February**

**£2 each to enter**

**Menu - Curry, Fish Pie or  
Chilli all homemade at £9  
each Starts at 8pm (ish)  
New Quiz Master !!**



**Live Irish Music  
Saturday 14th March  
for  
St.Patricks Day  
9pm onwards**

### Summer is just around the corner

It hardly seems possible with last year's glorious summer just behind us that this year's summer is approaching very quickly.

Life at a cricket club does not just stop at the end of the season. As soon as the last match has been played the grounds men start their work to prepare the playing surface for the next season. The club members also assist by carrying out maintenance work on the pavilion and equipment. The result of which is that we play on one of the prettiest and best village grounds in the Berkshire / Oxfordshire area and this is down to the hard work of our members.

2008 was a very successful season for the club, both senior teams playing in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association (OCA) finished in the mid to top of their respective leagues. The mid week team won their league and the Sunday team played some very enjoyable friendly matches including the last match of the season in a 20-20



format against the winners of the Cherwell League (approximately seven divisions above our First Team).

Our aim is to make West Ilsley Cricket Club the club of choice for potential cricketers within our local catchment area, for both juniors and seniors. Over the last 4 years we have developed a successful youth academy (for boys and girls) which started with a handful of local boys practising their cricket. We now regularly have over 70 children attending formal coaching sessions. You only need to drive by on a Friday evening to see the success of this venture! These sessions are run by a number of English Cricket Board (ECB) qualified coaches who we have developed through our own club, with 3 more due to qualify this winter.

The success of this is really good news for the local area. We have teams playing in the under 9, 11, 13, 15 & 17 boys Berkshire League plus an under 13 girls team, who all performed well in their respective leagues.

The icing on the cake is that Louise Parkes, Georgetta Evans, Agatha Bebbington, and Nicole Beesley have all been selected to play cricket for the county. West Ilsley is seen as the beacon of girl's cricket in West Berks.

Lets not forget the boys, Adam Barnes was selected for Berkshire U10 winter squad and joins Tom Scriven who has again been selected to represent U10 and U11 at county level where he has scored 550 runs in first 2 seasons for the county including 5 half centuries. Robbie Dibble and Rob Lawson have both represented the West Berkshire district side whilst George Storton was cruelly denied the chance with a broken leg.

In June this year our junior club, in conjunction with Brightwalton Primary School will take part in the Kwik Cricket festival. Further details will be posted on the club website in due course.

Joining the OCA resulted in the cricket club having to provide independent umpires. We are fortunate to have four umpires on our books (more than any other club of our size), three of whom have been trained by the ECB, one fully qualified. The junior academy has also resulted in an increase to our social membership. Friday evenings is a popular haunt for parents during the summer, enjoying a drink whilst watching their children enjoying their cricket!

A number of fundraising social events are being planned for 2009 to further enhance our ability to maintain the quality of both the pavilion and ground maintenance equipment. All members are welcome, not just cricketers so please do attend any or all of the events which will be publicised on the cricket club website.

What we need to keep this success going are more members.

- If you fancy playing for one of our Senior Teams, are interested in our Youth Academy, Coaching or Umpiring then please contact us.
- Equally come along and join us as a social member we have one of the best watering holes around.

Please look at our new web site [www.westilsleycricket.net](http://www.westilsleycricket.net) for further information.  
John Golding, **West Ilsley Cricket Club**

### NEWS FROM THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL - JANUARY Chris Prickett

#### A Happy New Year

After a restful festive break we all returned refreshed to a new – albeit icy – term and a new year.

The second half of our Autumn term included a couple of outings we all enjoyed. The school had a very active day at the 'Look Out Discovery Centre' in Bracknell. There was so much to do – from running through the trees to climbing the tallest tower – that we ended the day wanting more. Our visit to the Watermill Theatre was equally exciting and children, as well as adults, laughed and cheered at the theatrical performance of a traditional tale.

Our Christmas activities in school made my first at the Ilsleys in 2008 a good one to remember. The Christmas Bazaar was busy and included a good range of stalls run by children and adults. The whole school sat down together to pull crackers and enjoy a traditional dinner. For our presentation this year we based it on the classic poem 'Twas the Night before Christmas' with the addition of song and dance – including a Calypso carol and Line dancing. We were very proud of our choir's contribution to the 'Crib and Carol service' at St Mary's church, as well as the active involvement of our young bell ringers.

We continue to make physical activity a high priority in the school. Our football and netball teams have been playing in a number of matches – home and away. We were fortunate for all of our children to benefit from FA football coaches providing a fun training session. It was a day enjoyed by the children and staff and we are grateful to Tom Pearce for his role in arranging the day. We also have had a team of children representing the school in a local Cross Country competition. We have this week commenced swimming lessons as part of our sports programme to ensure all our children leave Primary School with this life skill.

I look forward to reporting further events in 2009.

### ACHIEVE MORE AND MAKE IT HAPPEN IN YOUR VILLAGE WITH NEWBURY COLLEGE

Newbury College are currently designing a set of brand new, part time courses for surrounding



villages in 2009 and would like your input!

Due to a number of Adult Learner successes in 2008, Newbury College are planning to branch out into local village venues. If you live in Aldermaston, Compton, Ilsley, Pangbourne, Speen, Hermitage, Curridge, Kintbury or Hungerford please contact the ACL team at Newbury College to let them know what part time courses would be of interest to you in your area. Even if you don't reside in these villages, all course ideas are welcome, as the College will consider them for future development!

Newbury College Adult learner, Malcolm Hill, has achieved above and beyond anything initially expected from the part time Saddlery course he has attended for over three years.

Throughout the Saddlery course, learners gain the basic techniques to prepare and finish leather for simple repairs or projects. Malcolm has taken this one step further and, as a jockey by profession, decided to embark on making each item of tack he would need for his job. The term tack is used to refer to the equipment worn by the horse for riding or driving and is usually made and supplied by a Saddlery company, so this was an ambitious project to undertake. Malcolm is currently on the home straight of his venture and is completing his final item – a racing saddle.

Jo Houghton, Adult Programme Organiser at the College, recently observed one of the Saddlery classes and commented, "The standard of equipment being produced by the entire class is superb and to produce such high quality work from a part time course is a fantastic achievement. Malcolm Hill is a perfect example of how you can reach for your potential on a part time course and achieve your own, personal goals."

Malcolm Hill particularly chose to study this course for future career development and will endeavour to use his equipment at Alan King's racing yard; other learners on the course simply want to learn the skill for enjoyment.

Malcolm said, "The size of the class allows each learner to have personal feedback from the tutor which is essential when making equipment for live use. The variety of projects set also keeps the learning interesting and allows us to be creative."

Newbury College Adult Learning students also celebrated another success earlier on in the year

when the GCSE Spanish class gained 100% pass rate, with 60% A\* grades!  
 For more information about Newbury College Part Time Courses or to order a prospectus please call 01635 845000 or visit [www.newbury-college.ac.uk](http://www.newbury-college.ac.uk)

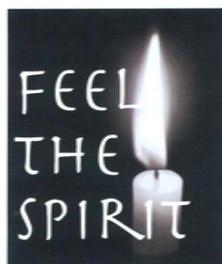
**WEST ILSLEY TENNIS UPDATE**

Right...dust down your rackets, find your balls, get out your pens and cheque books and book yourself a court - The Court is playing well. We have played in the very cold (minus something) and we didn't slip, though you would be well advised to do a careful risk assessment and wrap up cosily....and we have played after a very soggy night of wet stuff and 'the going' was still exceedingly good. Chilton Sports have done a fab job. So, it's ready to use for all you promising tennis players, months before we think about strawberries and cream and Wimbledon (it's the Australian open right now, in Melbourne, so think sun!).

Membership fees are currently:  
 Family £40  
 Single £25  
 Concessions £20  
 Hourly rates are possible

The online booking system and code will be passed on once you have paid your membership. Apply soon and you could find yourself joining the Rusty Racquet Class. There, obviously, will be a certain amount of honesty involved in using the court. We feel that this will give everyone the flexibility and ease of access that they require. However, if you rook the system you will, inevitably, be grassed up, as someone will find you out and then you will have to prepare to meet your nemesis. It's ready, go!!

Please find attached to this edition of the West Ilsley News a form for you to fill in. Drop it into Hunter's Ride, or similar to the cricket, Pete is quite happy to take forms at The Harrow.  
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 281647



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