

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY

JANUARY

11<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

FEBRUARY

6<sup>th</sup> Winter Warmer

### **Domestic Electrical Installation**

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## FESTIVE FLOWERS

A huge thank you to Alexandra, Rosanne and Veronica for the excellent time we spent making a Christmas table decoration on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Veronica demonstrated how it should be done after which we all attempted our own "masterpieces" from material provided by Veronica and several ladies who had clearly robbed their gardens or the surrounding hedgerows.

Rosanne and Alexandra provided a fantastic lunch of homemade soup, cheese, pate and french bread followed by homemade biscuits and mince pies.

This was such an enjoyable event and we all went away well pleased with our efforts. Hopefully Alexandra and Rosanne will organise a similar fund raiser, maybe with a demonstration of flower arranging - what about it girls?" Janice Sheppard

## West Ilsley Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm Village Hall

**Guest Speaker – Hugh Whitaker of the  
Ambulance Service**

on how to respond to emergencies at home and the benefits of introducing a defibrillator in West Ilsley to deal with heart attacks.

## POLICE UPDATE FOR DECEMBER

Here is the latest neighbourhood update for Downlands from Neighbourhood Specialist Officer PC Simon Easton.

The latest ASB and crime figures for the Downlands can be viewed at <http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley>. The facility allows you to view the crime statistics for various types of crime and also allows you to view the statistics for different areas of the force. Crime is down by 13% across the Downlands area when compared to the same three month period at the end of 2008. Many residents have stated that they have noticed an increased police presence in the area this year and I hope that this is directly related to the decrease in crime.

During November, two people were arrested here coursing; we will continue to respond to reports robustly so please report any sightings that you witness promptly. The offenders often travel across a wide area to carry out these activities and we will continue to collate evidence to link offenders to as many reports as possible.

We have further joint operations planned with officers from Hungerford and Wantage, to tackle and disrupt hare coursing. The operation involves hi-visibility patrols by each neighbourhood team whilst working closely with local landowners. Please be vigilant and report any sightings of such activity immediately to increase our chances of catching the offenders before they leave the area.

We are still in the process of liaising with local residents, businesses and parish councils with a view to establishing a Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) for the Downlands area. If you are

interested in becoming a member or would like more information about what it involves please contact Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Dominic Bartlett via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505 or email us using the addresses below.

Our main priority is currently hare coursing as it is still a problem in the Downlands area along the Ridgeway. The areas which appear to be targeted most are the Ilsleys, Catmore, Brightwalton, Farnborough, and Beedon. We are still actively patrolling these areas throughout the day and night with the view of disrupting and preventing any further coursing. However if you have any information or witness such activity please contact us.

PCSO Bartlett has also received reports of anti-social behaviour including under age drinking and littering in some of the local parks across the Downlands. We have been actively targeting this issue in the Leckhampstead area as a priority.

We are also currently reviewing the issue of speeding on Beedon Hill: we are liaising with other agencies such as Road Safety to ascertain the extent of the issue through the results of previous speeding statistics.

PCSO Bartlett and I are working hard to engage with various members of the community, such as businesses, parish councils, residents, local schools, etc. We would very much like to be invited to any meetings, or fetes which you would like us to attend. If so please email myself or PCSO Bartlett via

[dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or [simon.easton@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:simon.easton@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk). We have arranged a meeting for local landowners and farmworkers regarding the current hare coursing situation which takes place at the Village Hall in Beedon at 7pm on 18 December. We will be actively promoting schemes such as Country Watch at the meeting and informing residents about the appropriate ways to report any suspicious activity. Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

During November, PCSO Bartlett attended a meeting in Leckhampstead to discuss Neighbourhood Watch schemes and give crime prevention advice. The meeting was very successful as residents were able to raise any queries that they had and receive appropriate advice on how to deal with a range of situations. PCSO Bartlett can be contacted to talk to local groups on crime prevention issues, so please email him if this would be beneficial to you.

For more information about your local Neighbourhood Team contact us via 0845 8 505 505 or visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

## CAR WASH

We would like to thank everyone for their very kind support at the car wash in December and for the very generous donations received. We are very pleased to let you know that we raised £330 towards our Honduras expedition next July. Also, many thanks to Doug Brown for kindly supplying the car wash materials.

Tom Carlisle

## Re-arranged – Village Hall Committee AGM

Tuesday 19th January, 2010

At WI Village Hall 8pm

New faces welcome. We maintain and manage the Village Hall for the benefit of Village residents. In addition we run annual fun events such as the Summer Camp Out, The Village Fireworks, Bingo Nights and a stall at The Fete all to replenish our funds.

We meet 3-4 times a year to discuss and organise the above.

New committee members most welcome and needed as Angela and Alison are stepping down as Chairperson and Secretary. Please call Angela (281500) or Alison (281705) if you are interested

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Our next service will be a Christingle service at 4pm on Thursday 21 January. The following month we will meet on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February (not Thursday) when we will hear the story of the "Calming of the Storm". In March, David and Jane Carlisle have kindly invited us once again to see the lambing at Folly Farm on Thursday 18 March (this will replace our usual service).

Services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones and last approximately 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.

## WASTE COLLECTIONS

Thurs 31st December 2009 will be collected 2 days later on Sat 2nd January 2010.

Thurs 7th January 2010 will be collected 1 day later on Fri 8th January 2010.

## Aldworth Saturday Market

wishes a very  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
to all our "Shop and Chat" friends.  
ASM opens from **10 a.m.** to 12 noon  
during January and February.  
Weekly Market reopens on  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January.**  
**Homemade, warming SOUP**  
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### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

#### January Church Services

3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Age Communion	9.30 am
10 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8 am
17 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Worship	11 am
24 <sup>th</sup>	* No service at West Ilsley	
31 <sup>st</sup>	* No service at West Ilsley	

\* Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice. There has been a rearrangement of the benefice and the services may change slightly when the new rotas have been finalised. If in doubt, please phone 281625.

#### Festive Flowers

A number of dinner tables in West Ilsley would have been beautifully decorated on Christmas day with magnificent centre pieces, arranged in our village hall at the beginning of December. Those who attended that morning enjoyed an inspiring and informative demonstration given by Veronica Smith, followed by a delicious lunch provided by Alexandra Axtell and Rosanne Pilditch. A

welcome sum of £400 was added to All Saints funds, so many thanks to all concerned.

#### Christmas Giving

Thanks also to those who brought gifts of toiletries, small toys and stationery to our Christmas services. These will be taken to our local Berkshire Women's Aid charity, while our Christmas Day service collection of £196.70 will be donated to the Two Saints hostel in Newbury, which provides support and accommodation for the homeless.

We would also like to thank those who sent Christmas greetings via the West Ilsley News and gave a donation to All Saints Church, as well as to Andrea and Liz for suggesting the idea.

#### All Saints Church

Many would have seen how magnificent All Saints looked when they attended our Carol Service earlier in December. Various members of the village read familiar passages from the bible, telling the Christmas story from the early prophesies to the coming of the wise men, while the children were invited to come up and look at the crib by the Rev. Denise Brown. Everyone sang with gusto the well known carols and went home warmed by the mulled wine and mince pies that were provided at the end of the service. Thank you to everyone involved, including those who cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully.

#### Forthcoming Events

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – Winter Warmer.**  
Don't forget to put a note in your new 2010 diary now!

### THANK YOU

The Village Hall Committee would like to say thank you to everyone who gave prizes for the Xmas Bingo on 11th Dec. As a result of your generosity we made £114.30 for Village Hall funds.

The Ilsley Evergreens would also like to say thank you to The West Ilsley Male Voice choir for their donation of £30 collected on Monday 21st Dec. when they sang around the Xmas tree by the pond.



**WEST ILSLEY PARISH PLAN**  
**Anna Sugden**

Parish planning has proved to be a successful way for rural citizens to make their voices heard, and to influence the local authority, service providers and planners. This can lead to improved services, as well as an enhanced quality of life within the parish.

It has been proposed by the Parish Council that (in line with other parishes across the country) we, the villagers of West Ilsley carry out a Parish Plan to state our vision and shape our action plan for what we, the residents of West Ilsley want for our village now and in the future. A group of village volunteers are looking into the benefits of, and desire for, a plan for the village, and as a first step to gauge the feeling of residents we would be very grateful if you would think about the following questions:

1. What do you love about West Ilsley
2. What would you like to preserve
3. What would you like to change in the village
4. Is there anything that would improve life in the village

The response to this note is going to be our barometer as to the interest that the village has for producing a plan.

It would be great if you could email your thoughts on the above via the WIN email address, or if you would prefer to respond by paper (anonymously is

fine if you wish) you can use the tear-off questionnaire at the end of this WIN and drop it in to me, Anna Sugden at Whiteways Cottage, or Doug Brown at 4 The Maltings by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

If the response to this initial exercise suggests that moving forward with a plan is a good idea we will have a further more comprehensive questionnaire for everyone to complete at a later date.

<b>WHO TO CONTACT</b>	
<b>VILLAGE HALL</b>	
Audrey Tizzard - Treasurer and Bookings	281646
Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers	
<b>CHURCHWARDENS</b>	
Alexandra Axtell .281306	Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625
<b>TENNIS COURT</b>	
Membership: Amanda Hagen - amandahagenuk@yahoo.co.uk	
Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609	
Dave Gardhouse - 281391	
<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>	
Clerk:	
Alison Banks - Alison@poplars.org.uk	281705
Chairman:	
Sean Ryan - Sean.ryan@sunday-times.co.uk	281336
Jo Scriven - Jo.clifton@tynan-darcy.com	281405
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**PARISH PLAN THOUGHT-STARTER**

1. What do you love about West Ilsley
2. What would you like to preserve
3. What would you like to change in the village
4. Is there anything that would improve life in the village

Any other comments you would like to make about the village:

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Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Anonymous responses **will** be considered