

West Ilsley News

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January 2009

DIARY JANUARY

24th Burns Night

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Rosanne Pilditch

January West Ilsley Church Services

4 th	All Age Communion	10am
11 th	Holy Communion – BCP	8am
18 th	All Age Worship	11am
25 th	No Service	

Christmas Giving

It was lovely to see so many people in the church for the Christmas services. Thank you to everyone who decorated the church so festively and to those that brought gifts for the Berkshire Women's Refuge and Loose Ends.



Burns Night – Saturday 24th January

Come and join us for **Burns Night Dinner and Reeling** in the Village Hall. The evening will start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall with a welcome drink, followed by a traditional dinner of haggis, neaps and tatties. Reeling is purely voluntary and will start at approximately 9.30pm – there will be members of the Newbury Caledonian Society to set us on our way!

Ticket Price: £15 each / £10 concessions to include welcome drink, supper and dancing.

Numbers are limited so please book early. Tickets are available from Rosanne – 280553 or Alexandra – 281306.

Date for the Diary

From 30th January – 1st 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 50th

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

The last session in December was the Christmas party! Fortunately, Father Christmas did drop by



the Village Hall with some early presents for the children. A sack was left outside and the children distinctly heard his sleigh bells as he left! The children also

enjoyed Christmas music, balloons and festive biscuits and the mums and dads endeavored to remember the words of some popular Christmas songs at the end! The week before the children also made Christmas baubles to hang on their trees at home.

In January, we are taking the children on a trip out to Krazy Klub in Thatcham and in June a visit to Bucklebury Park Farm.

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

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Wednesday 28th January

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HARROW NEWS



Happy New Year to all from The Harrow!! Mexican Night!! Spice up your January on Friday 16th January, 7pm till late. Enchilladas, Chilli and rice, Tortillas and dips £10 per

head!! Corona and Tequila will be flowing!! Come and join the fun and book your tables NOW !!!!

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A huge happy new year to all our friends in West Ilsley and all the best for 2009 love from Carol Oxo Zoe and Tommy X

WEST ILSLEY YOUTH CLUB

Youth Club will start again twice monthly commencing on Thursday 15 January with a couple of changes. Our original funding is now coming to an end so we will be asking for a contribution of £1 per child per session. We will also be meeting at the slightly later time of 7pm until 8.30pm.

On 15th January youth club will be at the cricket pavilion. However on Thursday 29th January we will be meeting 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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

In December the children listened to the Christmas story with the wooden Godly play figures.

Our next service will be on **Thursday 22 January**, when we will be making Christingle oranges with the children.

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.

Thank you to those who have given us such tremendous support during the year and best wishes to you all in 2009.

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.

POPPY APPEAL

The house to house collection raised £183.23. A big thank you to Audrey Tizzard and her helper. The church collection raised £263.75. The Harrow collected £33.35. This was a great effort for such a small village – a big thank you to all those who donated. Alex Lister Branch Chairman. The branch of the RBL meets at the Crown and Horns in East Ilsley – next meeting 25th February. We are always looking for new members – ladies and gents, ex-service or not, it's always an excuse for a night out!

DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

With Christmas over and done with may we firstly wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year! Well the festive season may be over but I am guessing that several of us over indulged and are now paying the price.

This is an opportunity (as usual) to plug the Centre. We now have two new classes that have replaced the previous classes held on a Thursday evening. If you think you might be interested please read on..

Boxercise Thursday 7 – 8pm £3.35 Mem / £3.85 Non Mem

Boxercise is one of the best stress busters around and is one of the most effective forms of cross training available today. It enhances sports specific senses, including hand/eye coordination;

balance and timing but most importantly, Boxercise classes are FUN, energetic and addictive. Beware!

Do come along and give it a go. We are sure you'll be back!

Strengthen and Tone Thursday 8 – 9pm Price as above

This class is a slower pace and as the name suggests, concentrates on strengthening the muscles and will help to give you a toned look to your body.

For further information about the above or what goes on at the Centre, please give us a call on 01635 578866 (6 – 10pm Monday – Friday)

We look forward to seeing you!

WEST ILSLEY FETE Sue Fribence

A note for everyone to add to their calendar for 2009 the West Ilsley Fete will take place on the Sunday the 12th of July.

We are delighted to announce that a committee has been elected and further details of the fete will appear soon.

WEST ILSLEY CAROL SINGERS

Liz Dray

Well the village lived up to its reputation of true community spirit on the rather damp night of Tuesday 23rd December. Many enthusiastic singers turned out including visitors and several children; a huge thank you goes to Neil Slater for his flawless and tireless accompaniment on the euphonium (no mean feat with the length of some of the carols we sang!); thanks also to Andrea Cook for helping with the very welcome refreshments and to the Watling family at The Harrow for kindly opening their doors to our bucket collectors; above all thank you so much to the hugely generous donations given by so many villagers which enabled us to raise an amazing £156.28p for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A belated apology to those upon whose doors we did not knock; we had failed to predict a blockage on the A34 which meant that the village turned into a grand prix circuit for the majority of our journey proving a little hazardous with the children in the dark! We did pride ourselves on our traffic calming measures however (namely a few gentlemen risking life and limb!) and are open to offers if you would like us to provide this service again in the future!!!

COMMUNITY ACTION WEST BERKSHIRE is organising two interesting workshops - would you like to come?

Developing a Village or Community Market

22nd January 7.30pm Woolhampton Village Hall.

This workshop is suitable for anyone already running a community market or thinking of starting one. Come and pick up some tips on getting started and funding. Many markets provide a great meeting place for all the community and they can generate much needed income for community initiatives. Both the Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire Food group and the Hungerford Food group will be coming along.

Putting wildlife on the map

4th February 7.30pm Nature Discovery Centre Thatcham - This workshop is suitable for anyone living in West Berkshire or North Hampshire who is interested in conservation.

There will be the chance to meet a range of environmental organisations, to gather information on environmental funding opportunities and to hear how one community got their whole community involved in a conservation audit. Details of a brand new toolkit of ideas to help any community with conservation projects will also be available.

To book places at any of these workshops contact: Sarah Ward at Community Action West Berkshire on: 01635 523857 E mail: sarah.ward@cawb.org.uk

FARMLIFE

Puppy in the kitchen
Puddles on the floor
Wellies in the passage
Dirt for evermore

Barley in the bathroom
Straw up all the stairs
Worm drench bottles everywhere
Collie casting hairs

Washing done this morning
Weather forecast fine
Cattle in the garden
Clothes all off the line

Husband came in swearing
Combine bust again
Says we could be ruined
And its coming on to rain

Men are in already
Telly on the blink
Nothing for their supper
Pots all in the sink

Mother warned me long ago
When I was just sixteen
Farmers all have smelly feet
And language quite obscene

The man is just impossible
He rants and raves all day
I'd like to have him certified
But who'd take him away