

West Ilsley News

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May 2008

DIARY

MAY

12th Parish Assembly
17th Cake and Plant Sale

JUNE

28-29th Camp out

JULY

5th Pre-fete dance
6th Fete

MESSAGE RECEIVED ON THE WEBSITE

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank one of West Ilsley's residents for an act of uncommon kindness. I was walking the Ridgeway on Monday with my 11 year old son, Michael, and having downloaded all the necessary maps/timetables etc, decided to catch the 4:57 bus from West Ilsley to Didcot. As we walked into the village, I couldn't see the church or bus stop, so asked a lady walking towards me saying I was looking to catch the last bus. She pointed me in the right direction and hoped I caught it as she wasn't sure that the Didcot bus still ran. When I reached the bus stop, I discovered that there was no Didcot bus, so started to look for a taxi number in my rucksack. Before I could call for one, this kind lady pulled up in her car and told me that the buses had stopped running on 1st April, and that she would give us both a lift to Didcot. We arrived at the station and our next bus to Wallingford arrived 5 minutes later. She didn't tell me her name and wouldn't accept petrol money, in the hope that someone might do the same for her one day. It wasn't a life or death situation, we could have easily sorted a cab, but this lady was kind enough to put herself out for me and my son. As she would accept no more than our thanks, then I hope you could add this note to a Parish noticeboard or magazine in the hope that she reads it and knows we were very grateful for her help. Despite all the gadgets the modern world offers (and I was using them all on Monday !), help and kindness still get us to our destination as better people.

Many thanks, Steven and Michael Davis

CONGRATULATIONS

To Fred Carter, who was a highly commended nominee in the Newbury Town Civic Award scheme, for his work as a volunteer at the Corn Exchange for fifteen years – well done Fred!

Bonhams 1793

FREE ANTIQUE VALUATION DAY

Bonhams, the International Fine Arts and Antiques Auctioneers, will be holding free Antiques Valuation days at the West Ilsley Village Hall, Main Street, West Ilsley on Friday May 30, and Friday June 27 between 10am and 12noon. Our expert would be delighted to appraise items including silver, ceramics, pictures, clocks and furniture with a view to sale. To make an appointment or for further information about our other services please contact the local Henley on Thames office on 01491 413636 or email: henley@bonhams.com. Bonhams, The Coach House, 66 Northfield End, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 2JN

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

Contributions to the WI N 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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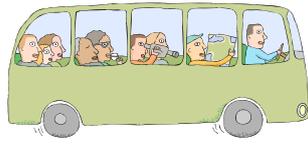
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EVERGREENS

On Wednesday 7th May we shall be leaving by coach from outside West Ilsley church at 8.30 am for an outing to Weymouth. Members £7, non-members £10. Tokens can be used. Names to J Collier 281283.



Domestic Electrical Installation

Building regulation Part P Compliant installation/inspection/testing/fault finding and certification

Portable Appliance Testing @ 110/240 VAC
Contact Keith Pentecost
Tel: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)
Mobile: 07985-797333

WEST ILSLEY FETE AND PRE FETE DANCE 2008

This years fete will be going ahead thanks to Richard Gore, who has kindly offered to organise the pre fete dance. Armed with this news, the fete committee has been galvanised into action and preparations are under way.

All the old favourites will be there including the raffle, dog show, bric a brac, crafts, cakes and plenty of entertainment for the children. The Friends of the Ilsleys will be providing refreshments and Dewi & Co will be manning the BBQ. There will as always, be prizes for the best hanging basket and best kept garden and the produce show is very competitive. To give you time to practice your flower arranging and baking here are the categories for this years competition:

Flowers & Ornaments

1. Roses - three blooms of any variety
2. Button hole/corsage
3. Five flowers in shades of pink
4. Container of flowers (max pot dimension 30cm)
5. Miniature arrangement (max W 15 cm x L 15 cm x H 15 cm)

Fruit & Vegetables

6. Three potatoes of any variety on a plate
7. Three onions or shallots
8. Strangest shape fruit or vegetable
9. Longest runner bean
10. Tray of mixed vegetables (max 6)

Home Cooking

11. Jar of preserve (Jam, Marmalade or chutney)
12. Home-made drink (e.g. Elderflower cordial, lemonade, wine)
13. Gentlemen only - Cookies of any variety

14. Victoria sponge

Photography

15. Photo of West Ilsley village life
15. Photo of family or friends
16. Photo of wildlife/countryside
17. Photo of pets

Children's Classes (Under 7's)

18. A miniature garden (under 30 x 45 cm)
19. Painting or drawing of family, pets or your house
20. Fruit/vegetable animal
21. Six fairy cakes on a plate

Children's Classes (Under 12's)

23. A miniature garden (under 30 x 45 cm)
24. Hand made card for any occasion
25. Painting or drawing of family, pets or your house
26. Six fairy cakes on a plate

As in previous years, the fete will run between 12noon and 4pm and your help is needed to make the day a success. Please volunteer some of your time to help set up, man stalls and clear up at the end. Get in touch with any member of the committee to offer suggestions or help. We are; Jo Coles, Katharine Gibbs, Vikki Griffiths, Sue Simmons, Helen Tallant and Hayley Watling.

Sue Simmons [281460](tel:281460)

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

At our April service the children heard the story of St George as it had just been St George's day. Our next service will be on **Thursday 22 May** when we will be learning about the Holy Spirit.

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.

The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Do come and join us if you have a free half an hour.

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

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

TENNIS COURT

Committee members urgently required, please ring John Clemenger on 281344. Court ready to open on 1st May.

**West Ilsley Parish Council Annual
Assembly
And AGM**

Monday 12th May, WI Village Hall

**7pm AGM followed by Parish
Assembly at 7.30pm
Parish Assembly**

Come and hear all about the activities of
the West Ilsley clubs and committees.
Short presentations from each committee.

Annual General Meeting

Come and listen to the activities of the
Parish Council and we welcome comment
and contribution.

**West Berkshire Capacity Builders
Supporting Community Groups**

A day conference where you can discover and
experience the wide range of support and
assistance available for voluntary organisations
and community groups.

**Already involved in a voluntary or
community group?**

Come and find out how we can help you do it
better and more easily.

**Thinking about starting something
new in your community?**

Come and find out how easy it can be.

Keynote addresses from local and national
speakers

Workshops **Question Time**

Saturday June 7th 2008 10am-3.30pm

Newbury College, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14
7TD

Visit www.ba4all.org.uk for a booking form or
contact the CAWB office on 01635 523861

**WHIST DRIVE
For the Evergreens
At the Swan, East Ilsley
8th May at 7.30 pm**

The Village Hall Management Committee
announce

**The West Ilsley Camp Out
Weekend 28/29th June**

Following last year's success, the Village Hall
Committee is planning to run the Camp Out again.
This time it will be a more informal activity for all
the children and adults, centred around camping
and located in nearby woods.

It is likely to start (about 3-4pm) with a trek for the
children, led by volunteers from the village, to the
camp in time to cook tea on the fire. Adults can
join in for the trek or meet us at the campsite at
tea time (5-6pm), followed by a camp out over
night. As usual an adult and a tent is required for
the sleep over. We camp within 1 mile of the
village. Bring provisions to cook your own supper
on the fire and bring your own refreshments.
Children's tea and breakfast for all included.
Tents can be pitched at any time and at £10 per
family. Open to all villagers and ex villagers.
More details to come.....but book the date and
your adult now!!!!

Alison and Angela (281705 and 281500).

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Rosanne Pilditch

Church Services for May

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

**Plant, Cake and Produce Sale – Saturday 17th
May**

The **plant, cake and produce sale** will be held on
Saturday 17th May from 10am –
noon in the garden of The Old
Rectory. You will be able to buy
cakes for tea and plants for your
garden as well as books, children's toys, china
and glassware. There will also be light
refreshments and a raffle. It's a sale not to be
missed as there is something for everyone – so
do come and join us. If you would like to donate
any plants or cakes please bring them to the sale
by 10am.



WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB

The 2008 season began with 2 matches played
over the weekend of 26/27
April.

The 2nd XI christened our own
ground with their first league
game against Marsh Gibbon
2nd XI. Marsh Gibbon elected
to bat and set an easily
achievable target of 133 - a particular highlight
was WICC's Ralph Taylor taking two wickets in
his first two balls, the 2nd taken by Chris Benning



at slip in an effortless stretch of the right arm. Following tea, Alan Bloor set the pace making 38 but, unfortunately, there was the dreaded middle order collapse – Marsh Gibbon using a devious tactic known as line and length – resulting in West Ilsley being bowled out for 113 and a frustrating start to the season.

Flying in the face of a poor weather forecast, the sun shone and the Sunday side began their season with a match at home against Woodlands St. Mary. 7 wickets down, WSt.M left us chasing 236 after tea - Adrian Dray and Hugh Evans led the way with a partnership of 87 and Kevin Holloway put up 62 not out. But as with the light, the overs were diminishing and the match ended with West Ilsley on 196/8.

Not the best results for the weekend, but all were happy that the season had finally started.

If you would like to sign up to play or just for social membership, contact Paul Simmons on 281460 or email membership@westilsleycricket.net.

Results, news, picture galleries and more will become available throughout the season on the new club website www.westilsleycricket.net.

For any other queries, please feel free to contact the club secretary, Justin Pilditch, on 280553 or email secretary@westilsleycricket.net.

Fixtures:

May 3	1 st XI	Radley	home
	2 nd XI	Chipping Norton	away
May 4	Sun XI	Hampstead Norreys	away
May 6	U15	Thatcham Light Blues	away
May 8	U9	Sulhampstead	away
May 10	1 st XI	Northleach Town	away
	2 nd XI	Ducklington	home
May 11	U11	Theale & Tilehurst	away
May 13	U15	Compton	home

May 14	Weds XI	Aldworth	away
May 15	U9	Compton	home
May 17	1 st XI	Broughton	home
	2 nd XI	Kings Sutton II	away
May 18	U9	Reading	home
	Sun XI	All Stars	home
May 19	U11	Compton	home
May 21	Weds XI	Quantel	home
May 24	1 st XI	Fringford	home
	2 nd XI	Risinghurst	away
May 25	U11	Sulhampstead	away
	Sun XI	Chaddleworth	home
May 27	U15	Mortimer West End	home
May 28	Weds XI	The Monument	home
May 31	1 st XI	Cup round 2	home
	2 nd XI	Marsh Gibbon II	away
June 7		Junior Cricket Festival	home

We plan to field 2 U11 6-a-side teams and hope to invite 4 others to play.

Types of membership:

1. Senior playing membership £25.00
This includes player's membership for one player over 18 and social membership for their partner and children.
2. Junior playing membership £10.00
A playing member who is either under 18, or in full time education who plays for one of the West Ilsley adult sides. The junior cricket (U9 to U15) is treated separately.
3. Family social membership £15.00
A non playing membership for parents and children.
4. Social member £10.00
A non-playing membership for one adult.

Membership application form is below.

West Ilsley Cricket Club 2008 Membership form

Name: _____

Additional names (Family members) _____

DOB if under 18 _____

Address: _____

Post code:

Telephone: home _____ mobile _____

Email: _____@_____

Type of membership : See above for categories and prices

Please make cheques payable to West Ilsley Cricket Club and return to:

Paul Simmons 6 The Maltings, West Ilsley, Berks. RG20 7AX

Tel: 01635 281460 or 07793 440 991

Email: psimmons1@toucansurf.com

Alternatively you can submit the form to the Harrow or the Cricket club. Additional forms are also available at the Harrow and the Cricket club.