

West Ilsley News

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ILSLEY EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle



On Tuesday 24th October there will be an outing by coach to Salisbury, leaving from outside the church in West Ilsley at 9.00 am. Members £7, non-members £10. Names to J Collier 281283.

The Evergreens Bazaar will be held on November 18th at 2 pm in the Village Hall

SAD NEWS

We were shocked to hear of the death (after several weeks in Winchester hospital) of Glenis Allen, also known to regulars at the Chieveley surgery as Glenis Mendes. It was only a couple of years ago that Glenis and Malcolm enjoyed a wonderfully happy wedding in the church and reception in their garden up at Coldharbour surrounded by their families and friends. They left the village in May when Malc's job move took them further south but Glenis had intended to keep her job as receptionist at the surgery and will be sadly missed not only by her friends and family but also by those of us who enjoyed seeing her smiling face as we checked in for appointments.

QUIZ NIGHT

at

The Harrow

on

Wednesday 18th October

at 8 pm

Menu: bobotie, fish pie or chicken curry £8

TESCO SPORT

Jane Denham

The Ilsleys Primary School needs your help collecting vouchers for this promotion. If you have any spare vouchers, please give them to me, Tot or Adam, and I will pass them on to the school. Alternatively, drop them in to 4 Rowles Paddock or call me on 281162 and I will collect them. Many thanks.

DIARY

OCTOBER

1st Harvest Lunch
8th Cricket Club AGM
18th Harrow Quiz Night

NOVEMBER

5th Fireworks
13th Parish Council Meeting
18th Evergreens Bazaar

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Thursday 26th October.

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

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VILLAGE "CELEBS"

It was great to see the lovely photo of Alec and Wendy Coles in the Newbury Weekly News alongside an article marking their 50th wedding anniversary – many congratulations to them.

Also spotted in the NWN – twice! – is Gordon Cramp, who was featured in the first of the paper's 'True Heroes of Racing' series, following which he was awarded a VIP day at Newbury Racecourse. Well done Gordon – enjoy your day.

GOODBYE

Stuart, Liz and Isabel (Shoehorn Cottage) would like to say goodbye after a happy two years in West Ilsley. Many thanks to all those who gave us such a warm welcome in the village. We're hoping that there will be as good a supply of tractors and farm animals to entertain Isabel in our new village home in Norfolk!

Domestic Electrical Installation

"Bright sparks" are all well and good on Bonfire night but when it comes to all electrical work, such as installation, inspection, testing, fault finding and certification, insist on a local electrician who is, "Building regulation Part P ELECSA scheme compliant".

Contact; Keith Pentecost
Tel / ans: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)
Mobile: 07985-797333

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services for October:

Sunday 1 st	All Age Worship - Harvest Festival	11.00am
Sunday 8 th	Holy Communion	8.00am
Sunday 15 th	Family Communion	9.30am
Sunday 22 nd	No service	
Sunday 29 th	Rededication of the Roof Service (United Benefice – All Saints Day)	10.00am

Rededication of the Roof

A special service will take place on Sunday 29th October to rededicate the new church roof. We do hope as many of you as possible can make it – it has taken a lot of hard work and great generosity from many in the village and beyond to get us to this stage. It will be a public opportunity for the church to say a big thank you to the village.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival service takes place this Sunday – this always has a special place in our predominantly rural community. There is also the Harvest Festival lunch taking place in the village hall afterwards. A big thank you to all those who helped to tidy up the church last Saturday in readiness for the service.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES Amanda Knight

Following our summer break the Toddler Group has resumed meeting at the Village Hall where it has been a pleasure to welcome some new members to the group as well as the return of our regular members.

We held our AGM last week and copies of the Minutes will be available shortly. In the meantime, one key piece of business was that the committee agreed that our weekly fee should increase to £2 per family per session. The increase follows a trial reduction in our fee but has proved necessary in order to cover our costs. It is also in line with fees charged at other toddler groups in the area.

Our AGM also saw the resignations of Paula Finch, Tracy Gregory and Katharine Young from the committee. I would like to convey here the committee's thanks to them for their hard work this past year and in previous years. Also many thanks to Debra Jones and Alexandra Axtell for agreeing to remain on the committee and to Amanda Hagen for agreeing to join as Secretary. (And whilst on this subject, my thanks to all those who have volunteered to join/remain on the rota for setting up each week).

Ilsley Under Fives Toddler Group meets on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall (term time only). We have heaps of toys, ride-ons and a baby area for the littlest ones and tea and coffee for the parents/carers. New faces always welcome! For further details please feel free to contact me (281609).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

At the September service the children enjoyed acting out the parable of "Sowing the Seeds" in the village hall. We will be back in the church for the next service which will be on 19 October where the children will hear the story of John the Baptist.

Our Afterschool services are held at 4pm in the church and are very informal with songs to well-known tunes 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.

Mums and Tots Coffee morning (for the very young and their carers)

This is a monthly get together at The Rectory in Peasemore from 10am – 11.30am. It is an informal gathering where the Mums and carers have a chance to have a coffee and a chat and the

children to play and sing. Forthcoming dates are as follows:

Thursday 5 October

Thursday 2 November

Thursday 7 December

If you would like more information about either of these services please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

WEST ILSLEY YOUTH CLUB

The youth club is again up and running and is free to all children aged 8-15 years from West Ilsley and Farnborough. Sessions will be fortnightly, 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm at the cricket club. Dates for sessions are 5th and 19th October, 2nd and 16th November. We also hope to have a Christmas Disco in December, date to be confirmed. Contact Paul Willis for more information on 281185

WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB

West Ilsley Cricket Club hold their Annual General Meeting in the Pavilion on Sunday October 8th at 7.30PM. All members, both playing and social are urged to attend. As after a successful first season competing in the Oxford Cricket Association league, the club is keen to progress further in 2007. Key to the future development and progress of the club is an ambitious plan to upgrade the pavilion facilities, and the planned further development of children's cricket at the club. However, none of this is possible without the help and support from as many people as possible in and around the village. Whilst we have a number of very committed members who continually 'make it happen', the club are very keen to hear from anybody interested in getting involved in the club in any capacity – be it helping with the upkeep of the ground, umpiring, helping with the children's coaching, or just pulling a few pints behind the bar on a Friday night in the summer. New members, whether playing or social, are always very welcome. If you would like to get involved please get in touch with Dick Beech, (07785 305904) Ian Osborne (281652) or Alan Bloor (281341)

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News from The Ilsleys Primary School

- July 2006

When I wrote to you last we had an OFSTED inspector in and I promised you feedback. Well here goes.

I am delighted to announce that the inspector gave us a stunning report, and whilst we still have things to achieve, I was proud that he judged the school as **good with some outstanding features** and stated that we are a rapidly improving school. I was also delighted that he recognised that teamwork throughout the school was excellent.

He rightly praised the children for their behaviour and hard work and felt that personal development and well being were a real strength of the school.

Schools are judged on a four point scale – Outstanding, Good, Satisfactory and Inadequate – here are inspector's judgments in full.

Overall effectiveness – GOOD

Achievement and standards – GOOD

Personal development and well being – OUTSTANDING

Teaching and learning – GOOD

Curriculum and other activities – GOOD

Care, guidance and support – GOOD

Leadership and management - OUTSTANDING

Nothing I can write can express how proud I am of the OFSTED report – The Ilsleys Primary School is a school that our communities should be very proud of, a school, and I quote, 'where every child can be a star'.

Please take the time to read the whole short report at

http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports/109/s5_109813_20060627.pdf

Or phone and we can send you a copy.

The summer holiday is nearly over and the Autumn Term is about to begin and I know the children and staff will come back refreshed and motivated for another successful year at The Ilsleys. A year where we can build on our successes and ensure we keep the momentum going and achieve even more. As always, if you have any queries about the school or want to know more please don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

Felix Rayner - Headteacher

Wanted

Does anyone have a sewing machine they don't want anymore?

If you have please give me a ring.

Jill 281665

TITTLE TATTLE

Polly Muir

It's a lazy news this month, I haven't much to report. Firstly, I should say that the church roof is growing on me. It's looking either better or I'm getting used to it. Or both! And I have been assured that it will continue to mellow. It certainly looks very splendid with the new finials in their place atop the roof. So, Hey! Ho!

Congratulations to the Carlisle family on their successes awarded to them with the annual judging in association with the Newbury Show. Pete was awarded best big (yes?) farm and David best small farm (no?) That is the right way round, isn't it? If that's not the correct way, it's t'other way around, and sorry!! (I don't get the NWN). But, anyway, great first prizes for the both of them.

News from the yard is that Mick Channon is in 6th place as trainer most capped - you know what I mean!! Winnings won! It is possible, if all goes swimmingly, he could finish 3rd (Sir Michael Stoute

apparently has an unassailable lead). Come on, someone from the yard/yards, send us some of your news. Tell us when the yearlings are in, what horses are running and who has won what - and then send it to Andrea. Or, alternatively give me the news and I will write it.

I was cycling to the village hall to collect my newspaper the other day, as you do, in my long floaty skirt and flat pumps (trying to be new romantic....with the wind sending my floaty skirt places floaty skirts should not go). First, I lost one pump, then the other on the road. Silly! Thus always be aware, woman on cycle with loose shoes. Next, on arrival at said destination I endeavoured to get off bicycle. Impossible! Skirt had been frothed up between tyre and back brake and was well and truly in wedge position. Unable to move (best Bridget Jones moment yet - except too ancient to be BE.J.!). Could not get leg-over....the crossbar. Was very firmly stuck. Skirt would not release me. It was a stuck moment. That will teach me to try and travel through the village quickly. Enter one dashing young man (in the guise of Cullum!) who on seeing my dilemma rushes to my assistance and rescues me from a fate worse than murder. On releasing me from my shackles (at least it wasn't the greasy chain cogs that fettered me!) he muttered something in his wonderful Irish lilt about his sister doing the same thing. Ah! Such gallantry in a village as small as this. Fancy even noticing my predicament! If I do it again I suspect I should be taught a lesson and he pass by on the other side of the road. Moral of parable: wear sensible footwear and clothing when out and about on wheels!

PARI SH COUNCIL NEWS

Sean Ryan, Chairman (281336)

CRACKDOWN ON DANGEROUS DRIVERS

A new campaign to curb dangerous driving through West Ilsley and make the roads safer for children, riders, cyclists and pedestrians has been signalled by the parish council. The campaign got off to an encouraging start when the 30mph limit was extended up the Farnborough road to reduce the speed of cars and vans entering West Ilsley by the recreation ground. The move, which was requested by the parish council, was approved by West Berkshire officials after they carried out a survey of traffic speeds in and around the village. According to the survey, one in six cars heading towards the village from the Farnborough direction was doing 54mph at a point 100 metres from Tony and Jo Scriven's house, the first on the left. They were still doing 41mph when they entered the old 30mph zone next to the Scrivens'. The parish council's hope is that moving the 30mph signs further out beyond Norman and Anne Carlisle's house, the first on the right as you enter the village, will give drivers more time to slow down before they reach the recreation ground, where

there are often children crossing the road. White gates have also been added to the signs to make drivers aware that they are leaving the open road and entering a more built-up area. However, West Berkshire Council turned down a request for the same measures on the East Ilsley road at the other end of the village, even though its own survey showed that speeding is even worse there. The survey found that one in six cars coming from the direction of East Ilsley was doing 48mph at a point 100 metres from the turnings left to the stables and right on to the cart track. They were entering the 30mph zone at 44mph. The parish council will now ask West Berkshire to consider other ways of slowing down traffic at this point. West Berks has already accepted that action must be taken to reduce the risk of accidents at the East and West Ilsley turn-off from the A34. Although it has ruled out a roundabout on cost grounds, it has agreed to introduce new signs and markings following an intervention on the parish council's behalf by George Chandler, the local district councillor. In West Ilsley itself, average speeds recorded in the traffic survey were 34mph coming into the village past the Old Chapel, 32mph heading towards the centre of the village past the recreation ground and 25mph going past the Morland Close lay-by. The figures suggest that while most people in the village drive at reasonable speeds, further action is needed to curb the one in six who break the limit by a big margin. An application has been made to West Berkshire for a "vehicle activated sign" that would flash speeding drivers a warning to slow down. But West Berks has received 160 applications and only has the money for about 10 signs. Philip Knight, the parish council's vice-chairman, is to investigate whether West Ilsley could share a sign with neighbouring villages if its application is unsuccessful. He and John Mountford, a new member of the parish council, will study a range of other possible measures and their recommendations will be put to the council's next meeting at 7pm on Monday, November 13. Everyone with concerns about speeding drivers is urged to attend.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday 10th October, Fir Tree Paddock. Between 2.30 and 3.10pm

**MASSAGE THERAPIST IN COMPTON
MASSAGE THERAPY TO REDUCE
STRESS AND AID RELAXATION**



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Dianne Beechey

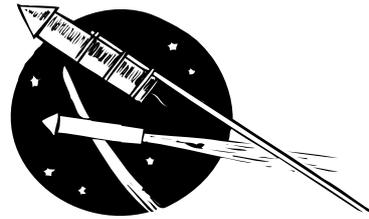
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I hardly dare mention it as it still seems like summer, but this year I will again be co-ordinating Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours in the village via the WIN and donating a sum towards Church Funds rather than sending cards. The greetings will appear in the December WIN, so if you would like to take part, let me have a note of what you want to appear and your donation - any time from now up until the deadline for the December edition. Andrea Cook

**VILLAGE
FIREWORKS**



Sunday 5th November

Bonfire 6 pm

Fireworks 6.30 pm

**In the usual field behind the pond
Fireworks donated by the Village Fete
fund**

**Barbeque in aid of village hall funds, hot dogs,
burgers, refreshments and
sparklers for sale**