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9th Parish Assembly
20th Barn Dance at Folly Farm



DOWNLANDS MONTHLY UPDATE - APRIL 2011

There is a new website www.police.uk, set up by the government to allow members of the public to view the crime figures for the area or road they live in. It is a useful website as it not only provides you with crime figures but allows you to see who your current neighbourhood police team are, and how to contact them but also has advice on crime prevention.

Back in January 4 males were arrested following a report of hare coursing in Brightwalton, and were pursued by police to Compton. The four males have now been charged with the offence of criminal damage to crops whilst hare coursing.

A man from Abingdon was arrested during March for carrying a 7 inch hunting knife whilst he was at Bury Down car park in West Ilsley. He was later charged for carrying a bladed article in public.

One of our main priorities in the Downlands is to tackle hare coursing. Throughout February and March we have received very few reports of hare coursing in the Downlands neighbourhood which is very reassuring. However, as the weather is improving and the nights are becoming longer it may encourage people to commit this offence. If you witness any person/s who you believe to be hare coursing or have any information about such activity please report immediately using the non-emergency number.

Since the start of 2011 we have received 2 reports of raves or large parties happening at the under bridge along the Ridgeway near to Bury Down car park in West Ilsley. Raves are illegal and cause noise problems for local residents, and will often leave a large amount of litter behind. If you witness, or suspect people using this location for the purposes of a rave please report it immediately as we will have more chance of tackling the event and preventing any further offences.

Throughout March we have received a small number of reports of distraction burglaries across West Berkshire. Although we have not suffered any in the Downlands neighbourhood, I would like to take this opportunity to provide some advice on bogus callers and distraction burglars. A bogus caller or distraction burglar is someone who calls at your house posing as officials or asking for your help with something. They often make up a story to enter your house with the intention to steal. Some work alone but often they work in groups of two or three; usually one person will knock at your door, with a convincing excuse. If you are not expecting someone either use your door chain before opening or speak to them from an upstairs window; never let them in if you are unsure. If they are genuine they will happily wait outside for you to check on them by calling their organisation. If you do have someone calling at your house and you feel they are not genuine, report it to us immediately.

During March I attended Beedon's parish council meeting to answer any questions or concerns that the council or a member of the public may have had. The main concern which was raised was speeding vehicles along the Beedon straight. I have advised them that as part of the neighbourhood team I will raise this with my colleagues and endeavour to try and conduct speed checks. I also attended East Ilsley's parish council meeting and answered any questions. It was a nice opportunity for me to meet the community and for them to meet me. And I have been into visit the year 5 pupils at The Ilsleys primary school to provide a talk on personal safety.

Unfortunately I will not be attending any groups or meetings during April, as I will be resigning from

the position of Police Community Support Officer for the Downlands neighbourhood.

I am still working hard to promote community messaging and the benefits it has for our community. It is a free service that provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour, and information on opportunities for local residents to raise concerns with their local policing teams. More information can be obtained directly from me or via our website, and you can sign up here too:

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. To do this, please follow the link:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-about-nh-pol/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n155-hys>

Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.

For more information about your local Neighbourhood Police Team, contact 0845 8 505 505 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Flower Festival St Mary's Church Aldworth

**11th & 12th June
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**(6 p.m. Festival Evensong on 12th
with Archdeacon of Berkshire)**

TEAS

**Plant and Cake Stalls
Donations welcome in aid of
St Mary's Church Restoration Fund
Details: 01635 578791**

ILSLEY EVERGREENS

On Thursday 19th May there will be a coach outing to Stratford-upon-Avon, leaving from outside West Ilsley Church at 9.00 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall 281597

BIN COLLECTIONS

Normal collection

Thurs 28th April
Thursday 5th May
Thursday 2nd June

Revised Collection

Friday 29th April
Friday 6th May
Friday 3rd June

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The next service will be in the church at 4pm on Thursday 19 May. Services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones and last approximately half an hour followed by drinks.

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

Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

**Barn Dance
20th May 2011
Folly Farm West Ilsley
7-11.30pm**

**Fish and Chip Supper
In aid of West Berks Mencap
Tickets Adults £14.00
Children £6.00 (3-14yrs) Family
£35.00**

**Tickets available
Jane Carlisle 281340
West Berks Mencap 01635 41464**

TENNIS COURT NEWS

The Tennis Court Committee are delighted and pleased to re-announce that the court is open and playing well. We are delighted with the way that the balls are bouncing on the spanking new surface and pleased with the use by villagers and members. We hope that you, in return, are delighted and that everything (booking, playing and court) is working for you as well. Membership funds have been paid by many. For those of you who have (or haven't!) been tempted and have yet to play or join, let me encourage you. The Spring has brought some fine and settled weather - it may have been a little too hot for some to be lured onto the court, but grab your racket and have a go. There are some clandestine coaches who might be persuaded to give the odd lesson - many of them are busy playing their own matches, but we do have a few contacts who will make the odd evening/weekend. If you aren't sure that you want to play again or worried that you can't manage and want a taster session, ring one

of the committee and we can book for you. You can have a go and discover how much fun it is, even if you can't aspire to dizzy heights! The tennis management committee would love to accommodate you!! Polly Muir 281647

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Ilsley Under 5's is an established parent and carer run playgroup in partnership with Sure Start offering a great space to play in a friendly and safe environment. It is a great opportunity to get together with other local families and chat, play, go on picnics, trips, learn together or just have fun. Every week we provide a creative activity such as painting, play dough and sticking, and special themed events throughout the year.

We provide drinks and snacks for the children, and tea and coffee for the adults and every session ends with circle time sing song.

We have organised another visit to The Ilsleys Primary school for our Link Group. It will take place on Tuesday 3rd May at 10.30am with the Reception and Year 1 class. Please contact us if you want more information. These visits for children over the age of 2 give them a chance to play and familiarise themselves with the school.

If you're planning a birthday party or any other event, remember that the Ilsley Under 5's small tables and chairs as well as our toys are available for hire throughout the year. All for a donation of £10. Please contact me for more details.

We meet on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall. Simply pop along and join us. New members are always welcome. Angélique Ravion 01635 281 327

Drum & Guitar Lessons

**Enthusiastic teacher looking for students!
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Tel: 07768800739

Equipment not necessary!



East Ilsley Sheep Fair

Sunday, 5th June

12:30pm - 4:30pm

FREE ENTRY!

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

**Craft tent *Kids' zone *Dog show*

**Local charities *Side shows *Farm animals*

**Laser clay pigeon shooting *Grand raffle*

Food & Drink

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

May Church Services in All Saints, West Ilsley

1st	Family Communion	9.30am
8 th	Holy Communion	8.30am
15 th	Family Service	11.00am
22 nd	* No service in West Ilsley	
29 th	* No service in West Ilsley	

*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice.

There will be a United Benefice Communion service at 10.00am on Sunday 29th May at Peasemore. All welcome.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Alexandra Axtell and Ian Fewtrell-Smith were once again re-elected as church wardens for the coming year. Thanks were extended to various people for their hard work in helping to maintain All Saints and a beautiful Ken Messer painting of All Saints' church was presented to Ian to celebrate his twenty years as church warden.

Easter

Following various services around the benefice during Holy Week, All Saints hosted a service on Good Friday, following a walk from Peasemore, via Beedon and Farnborough, made all the more enjoyable by the various bluebell woodlands passed en route. Our thanks to all those who decorated the church so beautifully for Easter Day. The congregation was greeted by the ringing of the bell, the long silence over the last two or three years being broken with the fitting of a new bell rope.

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Sue Simmons - Treasurer and Bookings 281460 9 am - 3 pm,
Monday to Friday) or suesimmons@toucansurf.com
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Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers

CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306 Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

TENNIS COURT

Membership: Liz Dray - lizdray@btinternet.com 281688
Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

PARISH COUNCIL

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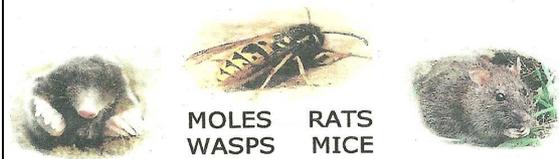
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