

West Ilsley News

April 2002

Plenty going on, and no need for us to add anything apart from "Happy Easter" to all, and let's hope the sun continues to shine!

The Editors

EVERGREENS

There will be an outing to Banbury (Market Day) on Thursday 18th April. The Coach will leave from outside the Church in West Ilsley at 10.00 am, and will depart from Banbury at 3.00 pm. Members £5, non-members £7. Names to J Collier, S Gore and A Carlisle

BINGO

In the Village Hall
Good Friday, March 29th
7.30 pm
Bingo and Raffle prizes
Bring your own refreshments
Proceeds to the West Ilsley Village Hall
Any donations of prizes to:
Audrey at 5 Fir Tree Cottages

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

11TH MARCH, 2002 Linda Gibson (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed Joanna Scrivens to her first meeting as a newly co-opted member of the Council. See below a full list of P.C. Members and their telephone numbers.

Queens Golden Jubilee.

Four suggestions on how to celebrate this occasion have been received.

1. Light a Beacon
2. A virtual tour of the village (Available on CD/DVD or Website)
3. A children's tea party
4. An adult's party

At the Parish Council meeting it was decided that the Parish Council would organise a Children's Tea Party (and if the interest is there, a party for the 'grown ups' later in the evening). This will take place on the afternoon of Monday, June 3rd on the Recreation Field. At the party, the Parish Council hope to present each child in the village aged 0 to 16 years with a Souvenir Jubilee Mug.

Obviously, volunteers are needed to help organise such an event, also to assist on the day with the catering and to help the afternoon run smoothly. Please offer your help willingly and as soon as possible. There is a tear off slip on the back page, please return it sooner rather than later.

Area around the Gazebo

Spring is here and the grass around the Gazebo is already growing fast! Volunteers are needed to give the grass an occasional cut to help to keep the area looking it's best. Could you spare a little time to help? If so, Avice Morris would be pleased to hear from you, Tel. 281341. The aim is to recruit enough volunteers to operate a rota system.

Parish Council Members

Richard Gore (Chairman)	281241
Colin Sheppard (Vice Chairman)	281345
Avice Morris	281341
Peter Carlisle	281220
Peter Bartaby	281335
Jo Scrivens	281405
Linda Gibson (Clerk)	200242

Avice Morris represents the P.C. as a School Governor and on the Downland Practice Patient Representation Group. If any parishioners have any issues they would like aired at these meetings, please do not hesitate to contact her.

The next Meeting of West Ilsley Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th May 2002 at 7.00p.m. in The Village Hall. This will be followed by The Annual Parish Assembly at 8.00p.m.

All residents of West Ilsley are welcome to attend this meeting and may raise any relevant matters in the open forum.

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

At the March services the theme was "Mothers" and the children looked at lots of dolly sized irons, mops, food, etc in our efforts to demonstrate the many things a Mummy has to do (or indeed a Daddy!) as well as being entertainment manager!

The next Afterschool Service will take place on **Thursday 18 April at 4pm** and the Pram Service on **Monday 22 April at 11am**. The theme will be "Easter".

The Pram Service is aimed at 0-5 year olds and the Afterschool Service for the slightly older ones as well as the babies. The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Antonia Cretney on 01635 248925 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

**Ilsley Under 5s and All Saints
Church Joint Fundraising
JUBILÆ BARN DANCE
Saturday 18 May**

£10 per adult to include live band, raffle, hog roast supper with salad and bar available, £4 for children up to 12 to include burger. 7.30pm at Harcourt Barn, West Ilsley. Tickets from Anna Sugden on 281784 or Janice Sheppard on 281345.

PLEASE SUPPORT US AND
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

**ALL SAINTS
CHURCH**

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for April 2002

7 th - United Benefice Service at Farnborough	10 00 am
14 th - Holy Communion	8 00 am
21 st - Family Communion	9.30 am

Quiz Night

Each time I think, "this will be my last" as the heckling takes its toll – but then the volume of that's a measure of success, so I reckon this last one quiz night was pretty good. The winning team from previous years (The Four Profits) did not appear on the list, so was the field open? Well, no – the same ruthless foursome appeared under the new name of "The Full Set", romping home and setting new standards of challenge for the next time...

APCM

The church's annual meeting took place on Wednesday, 20th March. I am pleased to welcome Tony Scriven on as the second churchwarden. Church membership on the electoral roll is up slightly on previous years and we have two new members on the PCC, Joe Scriven and Anna Sugden.

**EVENING CLASSES
IN WEST ILSLEY?**

Andrea Cook

Thank you to everyone who responded with interest in classes. The top three votes are:

	Number interested
Ballroom dancing	11
Yoga	15
Step/aerobics/keep fit	9

I have sent the details to my contact, and now wait to hear if something will come of it. I will keep you posted.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Term re-starts for both Toddlers and Playgroup on Wednesday 10 April.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meets on a Wednesday morning, 10.00am – 11.30am, in the Village Hall. There are lots of toys plus a climbing frame, playhouse, slide etc for the children and coffee and a chance to chat for the Mums. If you are interested in coming along please contact Tracy Gregory on 281650 for more details.

Any Mums-to-be finding themselves at home for perhaps the first time may like to come along for a coffee and a chat. We also have some baby equipment in good condition looking for a home in return for a donation to Toddlers. Please call Jo Gore on 281618 for more information.

Playgroup

The playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Ilseys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.25pm to 3.30pm during the school terms. The numbers at the playgroup have risen suddenly and we are currently only accepting 3 year olds if a place is available. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy on 281650 for an application form to register your child or if you would like to arrange a visit.

Dates for your diaries!

Saturday 18 May

All Saints Church and Ilseys Under 5s Barn Dance. See ad under Pram Service section.

Sunday 2 June

Sheep Fair, Puzzle Meadow, East Ilseys, 1pm-5pm – The Under 5s will be manning the bookstall – please come and support us! Entry £1.50 to Sheep Fair, children under 14 and OAPs free.

Sunday 14 July

West Ilseys Village Fete – The Under 5s will be running afternoon teas – all hands on deck!

'ELLO ELLO ELLO'

Sgt Rob Athawes

GENERAL INTEREST

Last month I touched on shed security but the same applies to other out buildings and barns. We have been investigating several thefts from both barns and larger store sheds across the rural Downlands area. Quad bikes and saddles appear to be targets at present, as well as the usual Chain saws, strimmers and other heavy duty goods. So make sure you well and truly, lock 'em up and security mark as much as you can.

We are also starting to suffer from thefts from cars in our beauty spot areas, in particular the Bury Down car

park at West Ilsley (Ridgeway). PLEASE do not leave handbags and other valuables in your car when out walking your dogs, as they will and DO get stolen on a regular basis.

GOOD NEWS

Our new Chief Constable has just announced that our Police Authority has released funds for 100 additional officers to be employed across the Thames Valley Force plus many more additional support staff. This comes at a time when they are desperately needed. Whether this will mean that we will get extra officers based at Hungerford in the long term remains to be seen, but it's definitely a move in the right direction.

CRIMES AND ARRESTS

Chieveley

The fantastic news is that crime in Chieveley is down considerably with only 2 reported crimes for the month of February.

A car was broken into in the Hazeldene area overnight 15th/16th Feb and a security light was smashed outside the Village Hall overnight 16th/17th Feb

An adult male was arrested from the village for failing to appear on a court warrant and another adult male from Chieveley was arrested for making threats to commit criminal damage with intent to endanger another's life. He was charged with the offence.

The Ilsleys

Apart from the car crime at Bury Down that I have referred to above where handbags were the target, the following offences have been committed.

On 4th Feb a quad bike was stolen from a barn. On 24th Feb another quad bike, chain saw and power tools were stolen from Winterbourne which isn't too many miles away.

A storage area was broken into and 4 saddles were stolen at a premises in Main Street W. Ilsley.

Leckhampstead

On 19th of Feb an attempt was made to break into the shed of a large detached house but then 6 urns were removed in a wheelbarrow from the garden.

We have had a constant flow of arrests throughout the month. These are some of the more interesting ones

We had an excellent arrest in Lambourn when a man, who is known to us, was caught with cannabis on him but, after his arrest, both his car and home address were searched and a large quantity of Ecstasy, Cocaine and Ampethamines were recovered. We also had a further arrest from Lambourn for possession of ecstasy.

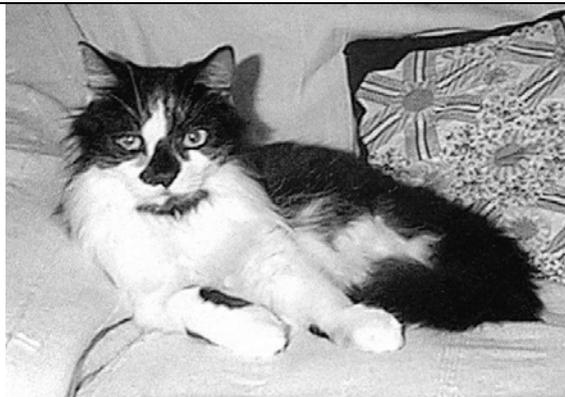
Two of my officers had to use their incapacitant spray on a male in a car after a simple routine stop check that got completely out of hand when he started trying to fight them and then pulled a knife on them. After his arrest it transpired that he was 'high' on drugs and he wasn't fit for interview for 10 hours after the event.

Two men from Kintbury were arrested after a nasty assault on the late night train from Newbury. This incident is still under investigation.

There have been several arrests throughout the area for drink drive related offences which appear to be on the increase. The simple message is DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE as you are likely to get caught and disqualified from driving for at least a year.

Good home for two guinea-pig sows. Live out and come complete with accommodation! Easy to handle and look after.
For more information call 281647

NEW 'KIT' ON THE BLOCK!



We are writing to introduce our "rescue" cat – Ilsley. We understand he has already been making his own introductions all over the village but we thought you might like to know a little bit about him. We rescued him from the Cats' Protection League in Curridge in early February. He had been found in someone's car on the A4 in Thatcham (so if anyone leaves their car door open whilst they unpack their shopping, he may well hop in!) He is estimated at being about 8 years old and seems to have a tendency to wander and follow people. Don't believe him if he says he's hungry – he's a little piggy and gets plenty to eat at home! So if anyone should see him wandering about, swaying his big black bushy tail, he's not a stray! He lives on the corner of Bury Lane, opposite the Church (with the Eucalyptus tree) – he's as bold as brass and loves dogs and cats so may try his best to break in – deterred by nothing. If there are any concerns or if he is proving to be too much of a nuisance we will gladly come and get him! He is a very friendly cat – a real character and he is very loved by us all. We would just like to make sure everybody knows where his home is. Many thanks, Katy, Dewi and Dai (the dog)
28 Main Street 07876 243442

FOR SALE

**Ifor Williams HB505R Double Horse Trailer
Good Condition**

Tel: Jo Gore 281618

THE WEST ILSLEY FETE

***A reminder of the date – Sunday 14 July 2002
(sunshine and a great day guaranteed)***

A COMPETITION FOR UNDER 16s

To help promote the fete we are inviting everyone of 16 and under to design a poster or logo which will be used in all pre-fete publicity and posters. The design should be eye-catching and original, and might represent some of the excitement of the day or could

WANTED

be bold and simple. The entries can be produced by any means; paint, pen or pencil, computer generated or any other medium. The only 2 limits are, firstly, your imagination and secondly it should be no bigger than a sheet of A4 paper. A prize will be awarded to the winning entry. Easter holidays are the ideal time to be creative, so let your imagination run wild.

Please post or deliver your entries, with name and address on the back, to;

Gordon Bewick
Tanglewood
West Ilsley
RG20 7AL

or by e-mail to gordonb1@ntlworld.com

All entries should be submitted by 6.00 pm Monday 15 April.

ENGLAND WIN THE WORLD CUP!!

The fete will be an ideal opportunity to celebrate England's triumph or, if the unthinkable happens and England don't win, for all budding David Beckham's to show how they would have won.

We are hoping to run a 5-a-side competition throughout the afternoon of the fete for U-7, U-11, U-16, and adults. To ensure that the pride of West Ilsley is upheld we are looking for volunteers to coach the teams and to ensure that they are at the peak of performance on the day of the fete. Anyone who feels that they may be able to help should contact either Gordon Bewick on 281876, e-mail Gordonb1@ntlworld.com or Ian Burton on 281536, e-mail ian@netdra.freeseve.co.uk.

SPONSORSHIP

The value of the fete to local businesses has been proven over many years and this year has already seen a significant increase in sponsorship. If you are a local business, or work for a local business, please contact June Cook, 281565, or via e-mail at Ron1.June2@virgin.net to see how your business could benefit from sponsorship. The more sponsors we have the more exciting the fete will be for everyone with valuable prizes for all winners in every competition.

FOR SALE

Trek Y24 all terrain youths bike. Full suspension, speedo and lights.

Bike now outgrown!

£120. Call Ross on 281647

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

The results of the 7th and 8th Pontoons of the season are:

Winners

M.GADSBY (Rangers) - £21

TED CLACY (Cardiff) - £21

Booby

R. BROWN (Halifax)

M. COOK (Stoke) -£2each

D. CARLISLE (Stranraer)

A. THIMBLEBY (Hull) - £6

A profit of £70, for the two pontoons, was made for Village Hall funds.



DOWN'S AFTER SCHOOL CHILLED OUT MAX

WANTED

An enthusiastic leader to run this club for children aged 11 – 14 years

Qualifications would be useful in Childcare or Youth work, but not essential.

Experience of this age range would be useful **but** a genuine interest in the success of this club and a commitment to learn is essential.

20 Hours weekly

(to include administrative duties)

@ £6.50 per hour

(to include holiday pay)

Hours of the club 3.30 – 6 pm

Monday – Friday (Term time only)

Please contact Mrs. Evans at the Downs School
01635 270000 or Lindsay Hartley Russell on 01635 519537

SPRING CLEANING

When you are turning out those cupboards & drawers this spring, please remember the West Ilsley Show and the Bric-a-brac stall.

Mary Hughes is also running a Quality Nearly new stall and would be grateful for all contributions.

Mary can be contacted on 01635 281737 or 07836 200031, or deliveries can be made to 6 The Maltings.

MR GREENFINGERS' ADVICE FOR BEGINNERS

March/April

Vegetables for beginners

Beans / Peas

Beans and peas are among the easiest vegetables for the beginner to grow. Nothing can compare with the flavour of freshly picked beans or peas.

Broad Beans are most commonly planted directly into open ground in late March to Mid April into well dug and composted soil in a double row about 8" apart and about 2" deep. About a week before sowing a dressing of granular fertiliser should be applied at the rate of about 4oz per square yard. Germination should take about 14-21 days.

French Beans require a sheltered sunny spot in well cultivated soil to which well rotted manure has been added in Autumn. They will not succeed in heavy or acid soil. The seeds should be sown about 2" deep and about 4" apart in early May. Germination should take 7-14 days. Seedlings must be protected from slugs.

Runner Beans are probably one of the most productive of all garden vegetables; a 10' double row can produce up to 60lb of beans. Seed should be sown in early May 9" apart, 2" deep in a double row

18" apart. Germination should take 7-14 days. Thorough soil preparation is vital for best results. **Peas** will succeed best in soil that has had a lot of well rotted mature or compost incorporated in the autumn. For a crop in June/July an early pea such as First Early is the best choice. Plant in the base of a trench 6" wide and 3" deep about 3" apart. It is vital to protect

the seeds from birds, black cotton is normally very effective. Look out for aftercare tips next month.

And finally: contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy, "word" file (via email or disk) or fax, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. The **latest deadline** for the next publication is **5pm** on Tuesday 30th April but the editors would appreciate receiving your contributions as you get them ready during the month, to save a rush of work at the last minute.

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Golden Jubilee Celebrations 3rd June 2002

I/we would like to attend the children's Jubilee Tea Party on the afternoon of June 3rd

Name/s of child..... Age/s

Signed (Parent) Tel.

Unfortunately, we are unable to attend but are aged between 0 – 16 and would like to receive a Jubilee mug.

Name/s of child..... Age/s

Signed (Parent) Address:

I/we are able to offer help with the organization. I/we are able to help on the day.

Name(s) Tel.

I/we would be interested in attending a Jubilee Party in the Cricket Club Pavilion on the evening of June 3rd.

Name(s)

Please return to Peter Carlisle, Richard Gore or any P.C. member as soon as possible and before April 30th.