

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Wednesday 26th October

DIARY OCTOBER

2nd Harvest festival and meal

4th Cookery group

NOVEMBER

19th Safari supper

LEW HAYES

Peter Carlisle

Sadly Lew Hayes passed away on 21st September, 2011 – this was 13 days short of his 90th Birthday. Lew and his wife, Joyce, arrived in the village in 1968 and he was employed by Norman Hinds briefly and then Norman Carlisle from 1969 onwards at Rowles Farm as a Shepherd. Lew and Joyce have six children, Brian, David, Carol, Sue and the twins, Colin and Lyn and he subsequently became a Great Great Grandfather.

Lew's funeral is being held on Thursday, 6th October at 2 pm in West Ilsley All Saints' Church. Only family flowers please but donations to Cancer Research would be gratefully received. Our thoughts are with Joyce Hayes and her family at this very sad time.

WEST ILSLEY COOKERY GROUP

We are delighted with the response to our Great British bake-off inspired idea and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th October at 8 pm at the village hall. Please come armed with:

- Your flapjacks (and a plate/tray to set them out on)
- A copy of your recipe
- £2 contribution to overheads

If you've not yet registered your interest, please contact one of us, or just turn up on the night. Andrea 281224 Angela 281500 or email WIN

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS

Tony Elliott has kindly volunteered to lead a working party during October to clear the land around the garages behind the village hall. This will enable work to start on repairing the garages. There are trees to cut back and some ground clearance to be done. If you would be able to support Tony please email him at ronaldelliott989@btinternet.com. We would like to thank Tony very much for offering his time and expertise to get this project started.

EVERGREENS

On Tuesday 18th October there will be a coach outing to Salisbury, leaving from outside West Ilsley church at 9.00 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall 281597.

DOWNLAND PRACTICE NEWS

Flu vaccinations

We're holding turn up clinics again this year - dates are:

Chieveley:

Friday 7th Oct (1-3pm)

Friday 14th Oct (1-3pm)

Friday 21st Oct (1-3pm)

Monday 31st Oct (5-6.45pm)

Monday 7th Nov (5-6.45pm)

Compton:

Wednesday 12th October (9-12)

We've only sent letters to patients under 65 in an at risk group.

Connie (pharmacist) will be offering private flu jabs to patients who wish to have one and aren't entitled to one on the NHS.

Mini-Bus to Chieveley and Compton Surgeries

There are probably some people unaware that there is a mini-bus service from villages in our area to Chieveley and Compton surgeries and costs £1.50. Our driver (Ted) has set days for each village as follows:

Monday

Farnborough, Brightwalton, Chaddleworth, Leckhampstead, East Ilsley, West Ilsley

Friday

Frilsham, Yattendon, Hampstead Norreys, East Ilsley, West Ilsley

If you would like to make use of this service please tell reception when making your appointment that you would like to come on the bus, you can then be booked into an appropriate appointment. As travel on the bus has to be booked these appointments are for routine matters rather than urgent appointments when you need to see the doctor that day.

Internet Appointments

We now offer a number of appointments that can be booked on line. These are starting to prove more popular and are working well. We are going to start offering appointments for blood tests on line. However, please ensure that you have a blood form before making the appointment as Brenda will be unable to do the test without a form. Forms to apply to use this service and to request repeat medication on line are available from reception or the dispensary.

DOG MESS

Colin Sheppard

I have noticed the amount of dog mess within the village increasing steadily over the last few weeks, to the point where the footpath at the rear of the Maltings is becoming almost impassable, this is a public footpath not a dog toilet and should be treated as such, with all mess picked up (one kind person did so recently and then hung the bag on the fence!)

As a final straw, when walking my dogs through the village this morning, there was a trail of droppings stretching from Morelands Close to Bakery Cottage! I always carry 'poo sacks' but draw the line at retrieving mess left by other peoples dogs.

From the amount of poo this must involve several dogs, as their owners, you know who you are, please behave responsibly and avoid giving responsible owners a bad name.

BLEWBURY BRASS BAND

Blewbury Brass band are running a series of enjoyable "step up to brass" music courses, at their rehearsal hall beside the Blewbury recreation ground. The course runs for 8 weeks and costs £50. The next course starts October 12th, playing each Wednesday evening from 6.30pm to 7.20pm. There is also the opportunity to stay on and play with the main band afterwards as playing improves.

The course is aimed both at youths and adults aged between 10 and 100 who can read music and play an instrument to something like grade 2, 3 or 4 standard. We provide good instruments and professional tuition, and all you need to provide is enthusiasm. Instruments include Cornet, Trumpet,

Tenor Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium and Drums. Perhaps you play in the recorder group or are learning the violin at school. Maybe you played a brass instrument at school (perhaps 20-30 years ago) and fancy starting again. Or just maybe, you have a teenager who wants to play drums in a rock band and you'd like a peaceful evening once a week. Either way, this could be just your cup of tea.

To reserve a place or find out more please contact Jolyon Tidmarsh on 07979 031273 & oxtid2@hotmail.com, or check us out on facebook or www.blewburybrassband.org.uk.

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SPANISH NIGHT

FRIDAY 21ST

OCTOBER

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MENUS AND WINES

BOOK YOUR TABLES

NOW !!

7PM TILL LATE



QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 24TH

NOVEMBER

GUEST QUIZ

MASTER !!

£2 EACH TO ENTER,

TEAMS OF UP TO 6

8PM

TITTLE TATTLE

Polly Muir

Belated congratulations to Simon & Becky on their recent union and with apologies for the lateness of my report. Many Saturdays ago, I was waiting for the bride and groom at the pub (as you do) to catch a glimpse of the happy pair and I caught the tail end of the wedding photographs. It was one of the few very warm days of the summer and we were all sitting outside The Harrow, enjoying the sunshine (you know, that warm, dry stuff!) and swatting the wasps. Egged on by three male, nameless accomplices, I borrowed Pete Carlisle's bike and just caught Becky getting her leg over....the gate to Richard's field. Richard did say that he would have opened the gate had he known she would be attempting to vault in posh finery. I would love to have had a look-see of the official photos taken in the field, because the ones

I took on David Gore's phone made the day look a veritable country affair! I apologise for the tardiness of the photos - it must be the jetlag between here and Australia (David took them back with him, but eventually sent them to Richard). The marvels of modern technology! Anyway, we thought that you would all like a look - I just hope they can be printed somewhere in the news!



Golly-gosh! Harvest was a protracted affair this year. I have never know the Carlisles to finish after the August Bank Holiday Monday (or after Richard!!!). Both families and their workers must have despaired of the coldest (wettest?) summer since time immemorial. Can we remember any worse? So, they must be very relieved to have it all tucked away and now need to perpetuate the circle of life and plough and plant all over again, and await the mercy of the elements again! I was staggered to see hay being made the other day - in September! The very dry spell in Spring made life very challenging for hay-making then, so it has been a topsy-turvy year!!

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Anyway, I am pleased to report both farmers were able to relax and enjoy the recent trip and break to Corsica. To those villagers who remember Tom Wilson-North, he was married yesterday (September 20th!) in Corsica to a beautiful and vibrant young lady called Laura. The setting for the service was idyllic and, as one of the guests pointed out, epic! The immense backdrop of the blue sea, clear skies and the mountains made for a stunning location: one perhaps Tom had only ever dreamt about. It was a picture-perfect chapel, with a small gathering of guests, both family and friends, young and old, to witness this very special occasion. There was a band of folk from West Ilsley who attended and

had known Tom for 30 years. The reception was held in the magnificent citadel that sits aloft the ancient and beautiful town of Calvi. It will take me more than a lifetime to forget the extraordinary beauty and charm of both The Event and The Place. We all wish them both a long and happy marriage.

TENNIS

Eight couples took part in the tennis tournament over August Bank Holiday - it could have been the January Bank Holiday, it was so cold. This did not deter the players, or the crowd that turned out to watch. Unfortunately, many of the tennis players from the village were harvesting or away that weekend, but it still took some time for all five couples to play each other on the village court, whilst three battled away on the Hanbury's court. We had a great group of supporters who braved the elements to watch the matches. I'd like to say they were all rivetting, but modesty prevails!!! The spectators egged us on, with great support for the biggest sports. Marnie brought us some very welcome hot drinks and then some freshly-baked, warm scones, which were very welcome. The winners were declared after several hours of exposure to the chill weather and were, predictably, the ones who had the most competition experience (Alison and David). There was a very close contest between them and the winners from the Hanbury Court (Emma and Jack) who played very skilfully as the younger members on the day. The event raised some funds for the "club" and we are grateful to all those who participated, either on or off court!!

West Ilsley Village Hall Committee Bonfire Night



Fireworks

All villagers and their friends and families welcome to join us for a fun evening on

Saturday 5th November

(next field but one to the pond)

BBQ from 6pm

Bonfire lit at 6.30pm

Fireworks at 7pm

BBQ (Hot Dogs and Burgers) and Refreshments available for sale from 6pm
ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Children, parents and carers all enjoyed meeting up this summer and we even made the most of our local facilities. For 3 consecutive weeks in August, we met up at the West Ilsley playground, then in East Ilsley and finally in Compton. These meetings proved very popular and we were very lucky with the weather each time.

Everyone has now settled back into their school routine and we are planning our AGM. It will be happening on Wednesday 12th October. Please get in touch for more details.

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 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.

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.

Angélique Ravion 01635 281 327

**COMPTON DAY CENTRE
UPDATE. SEPTEMBER 2011**

A final report with good news is that later this month the building will be given to Compton Village Hall Management Committee of Trustees. The private care company called Care@Home will continue as they are at present to give professional elderly day care at this centre. Some residents may already have this company as their home day care providers.

I have been told by AgeUK that there was insufficient feedback to ensure sustainability for the proposed Active Retirement Club at the Day Centre. This was in response to our publicity campaign and handouts to Downland local residents who would wish to go to the centre as an alternative if a care provider could not be found. My thoughts on this are that it could have been a combination of a variety of reasons such as there are lunch clubs already active in some

villages, that some thought that was a good idea and wanted to go but didn't contact AgeUK, or that the incorrect cost of attending the club mooted at the time was too expensive. Whatever the reasons I would like to thank all involved in circulating the appeal and the form filling from residents. Last but not least to those who volunteered to help. It was a conundrum that we had enough volunteer's names to run the centre but not enough people to go. This says a lot for the untapped community spirit and the help there is available in our villages.

Thank you all. Dave Morris



**WEST ILSLEY NEEDS
YOU**

In mid October the West Ilsley Parish Plan Questionnaire will be emailed to you for completion. If you would prefer a hard copy delivered to you, please let Anna Sugden know (01635 281784)

This is your opportunity to influence the future of the whole of West Ilsley, and to determine what facilities are available to you and your family. So **please** take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and you will be entered into a **PRIZE DRAW**, where 3 households will **WIN A £50 VOUCHER** for the Harrow.

Any queries please contact Anna Sugden
(annasugden@btconnect.com) or Jo Scriven
(Jo.clifton@tynan-darcy.com) Tel: 01635 281784 or 01635 281405



Update for
September
Here is the
latest update

for the Downlands Area from PCSO C8851 Andrew Whitaker.

The latest crime statistics can be found by visiting www.police.uk, which provides helpful information about crime and policing in your area. It shows the crime figures for your area by entering your location in the search box on the main screen. This allows instant access to street-level crime maps and data, as well as details of the neighbourhood team and providing useful crime prevention advice.

As the new PCSO to the Downlands Area I will take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself. Over the coming months I will be doing my utmost to meet people within the Downlands Community and engage as much as possible. I understand that the area has been without a PCSO over the summer and I am gathering as much information as I can from our team in Thatcham who have been covering the post. I am thoroughly looking forward to the role. I come from a rural background and my attributes make me well equipped for this role.

On the 19th August there was a large theft of diesel at Rowles Farm in West Ilsley between 1.00am and 3.00am. The offenders had stolen 1800 litres of diesel from a secure tank, in which the lock was cut off and the diesel taken. If you heard anything or saw anything suspicious that night please do not hesitate to get in touch on the police non-emergency number – 08458 505505.

Hare coursing has remained an issue throughout the summer and in one incident a Green Land Rover Discovery was seen travelling between West Ilsley and Farnborough on the 19th August. Officers attended and completed an area search of the area but could not find the vehicle or the four males that were identified inside. In a separate incident hare coursers were seen on August 25th on Bury Lane. If you suspect hare coursing is happening call 999 immediately and pass on as many details as possible.

There have been ongoing issues with youths acting anti-socially in the Beedon area. Criminal damage has also been reported in connection to this. Investigations are ongoing to reduce levels of ASB in the area to find who committed the offence. If you are suffering from acts of anti-social behaviour then please report it to the local police, who can work in resolving the problem.

Theft of scrap metal has been reported in various areas across the Downlands. Local policing teams are continuously patrolling the area to find those who are possibly involved. If you see any suspicious vehicles loitering in the area please call our non-emergency helpline on 08458 505505.

Speeding is a priority in the area as set by our local policing team. With that in mind the team have been speed monitoring in various spots. These details will be passed onto the safer roads partnership who will assess the results and look to carry out enforcement operations in the areas that have been identified to be a particular problem.

I will be 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>

Contact us - If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 0845 8 505505 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: DownlandsNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk - please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111.

To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

October Church Services in All Saints

2 nd	Harvest Festival	9.30am
9 th	Holy Communion	8.30am
16 th	* No service in West Ilsley	
23 rd	Family Service	11.00am
30 th	Downland Communion Service	10.00am

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

On the evening of Thursday 8th September, a group of people from the East and West Downland benefices went to St Mary's Church, Shipton under Wychwood where Kate Stacey was licensed as the new vicar. Just on the borders of the Cotswolds, the beautiful church was packed. In addition to the lovely service, which was conducted by the Bishop of Dorchester, we were made most welcome by Kate's new congregation. Moves are afoot to find Kate's successor for our benefice as soon as possible.

Harvest Festival and Lunch – Sunday 2nd October

As usual, you are invited to bring gifts of fruit, vegetables, eggs and tinned produce to the service. These will be taken to Willow's Edge Residential Home in Newbury.

We hope you are able to come to the service and look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall at 12.00. For more details, contact Rosanne on 280553 and let her know as soon as possible whether you are coming.

New Benefice Website: Although still under construction, there is a new benefice website at <http://tinyurl.com/east-downland>

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com
Fred Carter - fred_kathcarter@btinternet.com 281621
Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers

PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close, between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday 281997. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone to ask if it's convenient. Prescription requests can be put through the door any time. The surgery bus makes deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306 Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

TENNIS COURT

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Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

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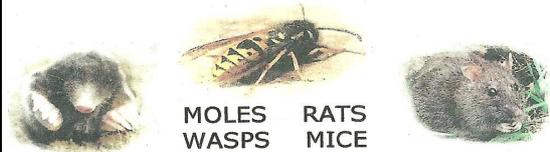
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 12pm
WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL
 Everybody Welcome

To help cater for everyone, please advise
 Rosanne (280553) if you would like to attend.
 Proceeds in aid of All Saints Church, West Ilsley

Adults	£7
Concessions	£5
Children	£3

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
SAFARI SUPPER
 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH
WEST ILSLEY

8pm Village Hall - Canapés, Cash Bar and host venue details given out
 8.45pm Depart for Main Course at host venues
 10pm Village Hall - Pudding, Raffle + Cash Bar

Please contact Sue Carrington (281354) or email
 sue.hightrees@tiscali.co.uk if you would like to purchase
 tickets or if you would like to be a host for the main course.
 All tickets need to be purchased by 17th November.

Adults	£15
Concessions	£12
Dinner hosts	Free