

West Ilsley News

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EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle



On Wednesday 23rd May there will be an outing to Weston-super-Mare. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley

church at 9 am. Members £7, non-members £10. Names to J Collier 281283.

Sunday 3rd June is the East Ilsley Sheep Fair. Mrs Burnett and Mrs Rockall will run a bric-a-brac stall and tombola. Contributions will be gratefully received.



Music Lessons

oboe, piano, keyboard, theory

Contact: Jane Wiejak DipABRSM

Tel: 01635 281665

AU REVOIR

Our best wishes go to Karen and Gordon for their new venture in Belgium. We hope you won't be away for too long - we'd love to hear your news via the WIN once you've settled in.



YOUTH CLUB

Clare Alexander

The youth Club dates for next half term are Thursdays May 3rd and 17th. 7-8.30 pm at the Cricket Club.

FOR SALE



Boys Bike

In good condition
£25

Jill Wiejak

Please Call Me On:
01635281665

DIARY

MAY

3rd Parish Council Elections

3rd Youth Club

12th Plant and Cake Stall

14th Annual Parish Assembly

17th Youth Club

19th Barn Dance

JUNE

3rd Sheep Fair

23-24th Village Camp Out

30th

- 1st Flower Festival

JULY

8th Village Fet e

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Friday 25th May.

Contributions to the WIN 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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WEST ILSLEY BARN DANCE
SATURDAY 19TH - 7PM ONWARDS

Come and join the fun with the live band:
SENSIBLE SHOES
PLUS
HOG ROAST • BAR • RAFFLE
(INCLUDED)

Adults and over 12s	£12.50
Senior Citizens	£8.00
Children over 5 & under 12 welcome until 9pm	£6.00

For ticket sales please contact:
Jo Scriven 281405 or
Cathy Paterson 281242

on behalf of 'The West Ilsley Trust'

WEST ILSLEY FETE 2007

Following a great response to our appeal in WIN we now have a (almost) completely new Fete committee who are working hard to ensure the Fete this year is as enjoyable as ever. The big day is the 8th July and we are planning all the old favourites, plus some new attractions, and so it promises to be a great day. Compelling reasons to attend include a display of the History of horse racing in



West Ilsley, we have football matches, a variety of craft stalls, the ever popular Dog show, competitions for the best kept garden and hanging baskets and, of course, tea and cake stalls. All whilst being serenaded by the Ilsleys School choir. Exciting stuff.

As if that wasn't enough the Produce show this year promises to be better than ever. The men will, no doubt, be practising their baking skills to create the perfect Victoria sponge cake. For the younger children we have baking and kite painting. A local theme is added with the children's collage and the photography competition. With everyone now growing their

own salads we have added a class for you to show off your lettuce and juicy tomatoes! Enjoy your preparations and messy kitchens and we hope to see the end product on the big day.

Produce show classes:

Flowers & Ornaments

1. Roses - three blooms of any variety
2. Three sweet peas in a vase
3. Five flowers in shades of pink
4. Container of flowers (max pot dimension 30cm)

Fruit & Vegetables

5. Three potatoes of any variety on a plate
6. Three onions or shallots
7. Home-grown salad bowl
8. Longest runner bean
9. Tray of mixed vegetables (max 6)

Flower Arranging

10. Arrangement in a kitchen utensil
11. A button hole
12. Miniature arrangement (max W 15 cm x L 15 cm x H 15 cm)

Home Cooking

13. Jar of preserve (Jam, Marmalade or chutney)
14. Carrot cake (any size)
15. Home-made drink (e.g. elderflower cordial, lemonade, wine)
16. Gentlemen only - Victoria sponge cake

Photography

17. Photo of West Ilsley village life
18. Photo of family or friends

Children's Classes (Under 7's)

19. A miniature garden (under 30 x 45 cm)
20. Kite painting (Kites available from Toddlers, School & Cricket club on May 7th)

21. Hand made card for any occasion
22. 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. Collage of West Ilsley village life
26. Six fairy cakes on a plate

To help boost the fund raising for local causes we are appealing for advertisers for the show programme. Adverts cost £25 for a full page, £15 for a half page and only £10 for a ¼ page. Please contact Sue Simmons on 01635 281460 or email at suesimmons@toucansurf.com if you are interested. With so much going on we would also appreciate an hour or two of your time on the day to help with the running of stalls - if you are able to help please contact one of the Committee. The Committee this year is Amanda Hagen, Caroline Overall, Hayley Watling, Helen Tallant, Katherine Gibbs and Sue Simmons.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on the 8th July!

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

Will and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services:

Sunday 6 th	Family Communion and Sunday Club	10.00am
Sunday 13 th	Holy Communion	8.00am
Thursday 17 th	Children's Church	4.00pm
Sunday 20 th	Songs of Praise	6.00pm
Sunday 27 th	No service	

Plant and Cake Sale:

The **Plant and Cake Sale** takes place on Saturday 12th May from 10-12 in the churchyard. A great opportunity to buy some delicious, homemade cakes and some plants to liven up your garden. There will be light refreshments and a raffle. One not to be missed!



Flower Festival:

All Saints will be holding a weekend flower festival on Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July. The theme is "The Season" with each display representing our favourite social occasions including Wimbledon, Henley Royal Regatta and even our local Newbury Show! The church will be open to visitors on both days and we hope you will encourage your friends and family to come and enjoy this floral extravaganza!

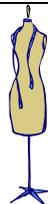
The Sandham Singers will be providing entertainment for our summer evening drinks party on the Saturday evening (tickets available now from Alexandra Axtell – tel. 281 306). We will also be auctioning a number of the flower festival arrangements. So come and enjoy a glass of Pimms, some relaxing music and great company on an English summer's evening.

There will also be a special festival evensong on Sunday at 6.30pm at which the new Bishop of Oxford will be preaching!

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The annual parish assembly will take place on Monday 14th May at 7 pm in the village hall. This is your opportunity to hear about the activities of the various village committees and groups over the last year. There will also be a guest speaker from the West Berks Transport & Road Safety Team. Everyone welcome.

WANTED



Dressmaker's Dummy
Does anyone have one to lend for a few weeks or even one they do not want?
Many thanks
Jill Wiejak 281665

Calling any upholsterers

Free to anyone who would like it
bag of horsehair
bag of coco fibre
281665

Domestic Electrical Installation

"Bright sparks" are all well and good on Bonfire night but when it comes all electrical work, installation/inspection/ testing/fault finding and certification. Insist on a local electrician who is, "Building regulation Part P Compliant". And P.A.T., full Portable Appliance Testing @ 110/240 VAC.

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

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE CAMPOUT

This summer's campout will take place on the 23 – 24 June.

All villagers are invited to join us. Children between 5 – 10 will have activities on Saturday afternoon from 3 – 5pm, tea for children of all ages 5 – 6pm. Adults to arrive at 6pm to put up tents and the BBQ will be lit for supper at 7pm. Then we all have a fun evening around the camp fire! The next morning we have a 'bacon butty' breakfast and then go home to have a rest at about 10am.



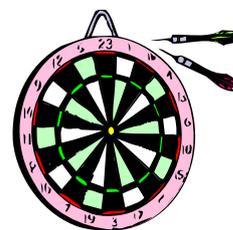
The cost per family is £10. We look forward to many of you joining us then.

Please note that the campout is for villagers only and those who have

moved away in recent years.

For more information contact Angela Ryan (281500) or Alison Banks (281705).

LADIES DARTS



A Ladies Dart team, representing West Ilsley Cricket Club, has recently been entered into the Wantage & District Ladies League for the coming summer season. Anyone interested in taking part

should contact Sue Hughes on 01235 834487 or E-Mail on Jimhughessue@aol.com.

Enthusiastic young Drummer Looking to Teach

Enthusiastic young Drummer
Looking to Teach Beginners
(up to about grade 5
standard). I am aged 15, I am
a grade 8 standard drummer,
and I am looking to teach
young enthusiastic drummers,
whether you are only just starting or whether you
would just like to expand your playing skills.



I will visit you in the village (if a kit is supplied)
but can also teach from home. Half an hour
lesson will cost £7.50.

My main aim is to create a sense of enjoyment
whilst playing the drums, and to teach you any
area of drumming which you wish to learn about.

Contact Ross Muir on, mobile: 077688007399

Home: 01635281 647 or email

rawmuir@btinternet.com

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

In April we finished off the term with an Easter
activity morning at the cricket pitch. Denise
explained the story of the death and resurrection
of Jesus with the Godly play wooden figures and
the children made crosses, rosary beads and egg
cups. Many thanks to everyone who helped, plus
Cathy for the delicious cookies, Angela for the
shopping, the cricket club for the use of the
pavilion and John and Marnie for kindly supplying
us with all the bits for the crosses.

Dates and themes for the forthcoming services
will be as follows:

Thursday 17 May - Ascension

**Thursday 14 June - Joseph & the amazing
technicolour dream coat**

**Thursday 12 July - Afterschool picnic at the
cricket pitch**

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.

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

This is a monthly get together from 10am -
11.30am either in West Ilsley or the surrounding

villages. It is an informal gathering where the
Mums and carers have a chance to have a coffee
and a chat, there are toys for the children and
occasional songs. Forthcoming dates are as
follows:

Thursday 3 May - Whiteways Cottage - Anna
Sugden - 281784

Thursday 7 June - 4 Manor Farm Barns - Amanda
Hagen - 281855

Thursday 5 July - 5 The Maltings - Tracy Gregory
- 281650

We are initially trying a new idea of moving the
coffee morning around to different homes and
would welcome offers from anyone willing to have
us!

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

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



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MASSAGE OILS

FULL BODY - 1 HR

NECK, BACK AND SHOULDERS - 30 MINS

INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE - 30 MINS

Dianne Beechey

ITEC Dip. VTCT Dip. IHM

Tel: Compton 01635 578446

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES Amanda Knight

The Toddler Group has begun to meet again
following our break over the Easter holidays. At
our last session before Easter the children enjoyed
painting pictures of Easter eggs and then had
great fun finding some chocolate ones at an Easter
egg hunt kindly arranged by Amanda Hagen.
Looking forward to this term, we have a craft
activity planned for 16 May and we are also
planning to participate in the "Pedal/Push" event in
aid of Child Line. Details to follow.

(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).

WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET

Tony Scriven

Friday night cricket coaching will be starting again from Friday 4 May. This is for those aged 5 and up and will be held from 6.30-8pm at the cricket pitch. Cost £1 per child. Any queries please call Tony Scriven on 01635 281405.



FIXTURES FOR MAY

1st XI SATURDAY

05 May 2pm Northleach Town Home
12 May 2pm Oxford Rescue (Cup) Away
19 May 2pm Fringford Home
26 May 2pm Tetsworth 2ndXI Away

2nd XI SATURDAY

05 May 2pm Wantage Away
12 May 2pm Westbury 2ndXI Home
19 May 2pm Risinghurst Away
26 May 2pm Chipping Norton Home

SUNDAY

06 May 2.00pm Hampstead Norreys Away
27 May 2.30pm Chaddleworth Away

TITTLE TATTLE

Polly Muir

There are usually a couple of nights when the sun and the bluebells are out together and you can be a teddy bear and trek up to Park Wood (remember that song we used to sing?) The bluebells are, once again, staggering in their beauty. I do love the carpet of intense indigo blue against the backdrop of the bright and vivid green net canopy of the new deciduous leaves and the fluorescent yellow of the rape. And, my! What a lot of rape flowering this year. Is it me or are there more fields than usual and is it for bio-fuel or bio-feed for which it is being grown?

Welcome to Louise and Ralph Taylor and their son, Mark. Ralph has been playing cricket for the village for a year now, so will be well-known to a fair number of you. He is obviously besotted by those of you he has met, so let's hope the rest of us come up to 'the mark'. Louise was wondering why quite so many people in this village played musical houses. She said that we all move into each others houses; and she is quite right. We discussed it, but failed to come up with a definitive answer. nice people, great pub, community spirit



(is that whisky!), easy access to the car park (er! A34!), wonderful walking and attractive location. You do not have to go far in West Ilsley to find a companion with whom to have a chinwag over a pint. The old man would retort that I don't ever stop having a gossip! We did go through all the people who had moved on multiple occasions, Gail, Audrey.. and then there are those of us who have moved from W.I. to elsewhere and back, from small to smaller, smaller to bigger and big to smaller (at least 8 of us by the last count). I think it's Audrey who currently holds the record for most number of moves in the village (has to be worth a free pint!) - even more than Gail's seven moves.

I am going to miss the Barn Dance. Those of you who know me will understand that I am going to very distressed by this. I love a yeehah whoopedoo and a dozydoats as much as the next cowboy! I will be attending a friend's large birthday party. (The age and not the party is large). Were it not such a commitment I would ditch it, but why is it, when I only go out once a year (!!?) these events always happen on the same weekend. So, if anyone sees me sulking, it is simply because I am unable to attend.

Everybody is out in the sunshine and everybody heads up to the pub in the sunshine. The weather has been glorious, it really is such a nice time of the year: my favourite. Quite a few flies and insects about though, but that should be good news for the insect-eating birds and animals. My neighbour reckons that she has seen a flycatcher and nightingale in the garden which is very exciting. We do have quite a large number and variety of birds visiting the garden so something is obviously right for them - habitat comfortable (in spite of several predatory cats) and plenty of food.

TENNIS COURT OPENING

John Clemenger - Chairman TCMC

There is a disappointing start to the season. The court was officially booked in November of last year to be professionally cleaned on 10th April. The firm 'Colour Court Ltd' of Bedford notified me on 7th April that on account of Schools/Educational pressure they could not now keep to this date and would be offering a new one. Although I expect the court to be cleaned by this firm in early May, I have, as yet, been unable to secure a new firm date. Colour Court has previously given good service and was responsible for an excellent resurfacing of the court about 15 years ago. I am continuing to press them for an early definite date. Meanwhile, I regret the opening of the court will be delayed (for safety reasons) until the professional cleaning has taken place.

