

West Ilsley News

August 2003

West Ilsley residents must all occasionally do something right, to have secured such lovely weather for the fete weekend. The day itself was glorious, and on the Saturday night it was wonderful to stand in the evening sun enjoying a pre-supper drink and chat prior to the excellent pre-fete "do". So what, we ask, had the six members of the ballroom dancing class done so wrong, to merit a total drenching last Saturday night at a much looked forward to open-air Glen Miller Band concert at Stowe School? If you're sorry you didn't take advantage of the classes in the Village Hall, see the ad at the end - it's not too late.

The Editors

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Linda Gibson - Clerk - Tel 200242

Parish Council Vacancies.

The next Notice of Election will be posted on 13th August with a view to an Election Date of 18th September.

For those of you who are not aware, the minimum number of Councillors required to form a Parish Council is three! This could be your opportunity to get involved and have an input into local issues. If you would like more information on the role of a Parish Councillor, including the Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors, please contact me on 200242.

WEST ILSLEY

CRICKET CLUB John Verney

August 2 nd	2 nd XI	2.00
7 th	The Star	6.00
9 th	1 st XI	2.00
12 th	Ladies Darts	7.00
16 th	2 nd XI	2.00
19 th	Ladies Darts	7.00
23 rd	1 st XI	1.30
30 th	2 nd XI	1.30

Open Fridays at 7.00 pm

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for August:

3 rd August	All Age Service	11.00 am
10 th August	Holy Communion	8.00 am
17 th August	Family Communion	9.30 am
31 st August	United Benefice Communion	10.00 am

PRE-SHOW DANCE

After all the nervousness at late ticket sales, the last minute rush (so what's new?) resulted in a fantastic party enjoyed by all. The weather was a real bonus but without you, it would all have been to no avail. Thanks to all who provided raffle prizes, salads and puddings, as well as man/woman power before or on the night, wiring up the marquee or serving food. There are too many to mention by name but I cannot

resist a three-cheers to Anna, Barbara and Sarah, who dealt with the million-and-one things with such ease and proficiency to the extent that my role seemed merely to hang from the top of the marquee pole and put up decorations! You were promised a great night, and from the comments I have heard, you got it!! The last bills have to be confirmed but early indications are that the church roof fund has been kick-started to the tune of about £1500. Thanks again!

C.R.O.W

The annual Cycle, Run Or Walk takes place on Saturday, 13th September. As we are in real need to raise funds for the roof repairs, it would be good if a few could take part, visiting as many churches in the area as possible. Half the sponsorship money will go to the Berkshire, Historic Churches Trust, the other half to a church of your choice (All Saints of course!). Please see me for details (281625).

GRASS CUTTING

If there is anyone with just a little time to spare every so often, we would be very grateful for any help you can give. Please let either Tony Scriven or me know.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES

ACTION REQUIRED BY 6TH AUGUST
SEE SPECIAL BULLETIN FOR DETAILS

THE WRONG BOWL!

I made a salad for the pre-fete party, but ended up with a white bowl which isn't mine - will the person who collected mine, give me a call to arrange a handover please? Andrea 281224

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

Audrey Tizzard (281646)

The football season is to start again soon and we would like to get the Pontoon under way to bring in a little extra income towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

If you would like to take part, it only costs £5 per person for the whole season, please let myself or John Verney know as soon as possible.

STEVE AND ALISON PRICE

Well, judging by the reaction of one or two residents when I popped up in the Mobile Library last week, it's quite clear that our departure from the Village after 12 very happy years is a well-kept secret!

For those of you who don't yet know, we moved out of Manor Farm Barn on July 10th. We have moved but two miles as the crow flies - to "South Stanmore Barn" in Stanmore - and in fact on the following Saturday enjoyed the pre-fete bash in the Marquee on the Cricket pitch - so I'm afraid you haven't quite seen the last of us yet!

In response to several enquiries, I'm pleased to report that the joint Editorship of the WIN will continue and thus my role as "Senior Production Director" (I'm in charge of the photocopier) will be unaffected. Clearly "dropping a note through my door" won't be quite as easy as before (though please feel free) but of course, reports via email, telephone or fax are always welcome too.

One final note - the Mobile Library service - we say it a lot but we really do mean it! - USE IT or LOSE IT - it's clear that our cash-starved (though heaven knows why!?) Council look for any and all opportunities to save money - and such rural services are always under threat if they're not used. The van is in West Ilsley every third Tuesday at 2.20pm starting August 12th 2003.

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

About twenty children joined us for the July service and we had a super turnout of animals for Noah's Ark. We made the most of the glorious weather and adjourned to the cricket pitch for tea to round off the summer term. There will be no services in August. Dates for your diaries for the rest of the year are as follows:-

Afterschool Service		Pram Service
4pm Thursdays		11am Mondays
11 September	New beginnings	15 September
9 October	Harvest	13 October
13 November	The Good Samaritan	17 November
11 December	Advent	11 December

We will also be holding a Crib Service this year on Saturday 20 December at 4pm.

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. Each service lasts approximately half an hour followed by drinks for the children. If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Antonia Cretney on 01635 248925 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

IT REALLY WORKS Andrea Cook

We followed the advice with the April WIN about stopping junk mail/telephone sales and can report that the system really does work! We have noticed a huge reduction in junk mail and far fewer of those irritating phone calls. Amazingly I have even received a letter of apology from one organization who found they had mailed me in error - is that double junk? I don't know, the mind boggles. If you want to give it a try, the details are:

For letters:

Mailing Preference Service,
DMA House,
70 Margaret Street,
London W1 W8SS
Telephone: 020 7291 3310

For unwanted telephone calls:

Ring DMA Telephone Preference Services on:
0207 2913320

It really is worth making the effort.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY Jonathan Sugden

Details of the new system for Village Residents wishing to buy Newspapers are given elsewhere in this issue of West Ilsley News and this is based on a bulk supply being put into a Box at the Village Hall and Villagers collecting their Papers on a daily basis from the box.

There may be some people who are unable or unwilling to 'collect their own' and for them I'm offering to deliver to their door (Confined at the beginning to properties in Main Street; Bury Lane (lower end); Fir Tree Paddock/Cottages; The Maltings and Church Way.)

I would provide this service as a private arrangement with each user and would make a small charge of 75p. per week per Property for 7-day delivery or 50p. per week for Sat/Sun Only delivery.

If this service would be of value/use to you please contact me a.s.a.p. on 281291.

(commencement of the service is dependent upon at least 20 users)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Andrea Cook

Following the publicity in the WIN about this, Angela Money, who is the Ringmaster Administrator for West Berkshire Neighbourhood Watch, reports that one person from West Ilsley phoned for the information pack, but unfortunately nobody has volunteered. Just as a reminder, we only have one Neighbourhood Watch scheme in West Ilsley - in Bury Lane - so the village could do more to protect itself by setting up further "schemes". To obtain a pack (without commitment) telephone Angela on 01635 264718, or have a look at the one I've got. The role doesn't look too onerous - just good neighbourliness really - but could well be an opportunity for some of the newer residents to get to know their neighbours.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Fundraising

A big thank you to all who supported us on the teas at the West Ilsley fete whether by baking, taking a turn on the rota or purchasing from us! Sue Carrington has some Tupperware boxes and 2 ice packs which were left over either from the teas or the pre-fete dance – if these are yours please contact Sue on 281354.

Ilsley Under Fives AGM

This will be held on Wednesday 10 September at 8pm in the hall at the Ilsleys School. All committee positions will be re-elected. Please come along and hear what has been going on during the year (new ideas always welcome) – we look forward to seeing you.

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 Jess Logan on 281670 for more details. During the summer holidays we will continue to meet on a Wednesday morning at the same time via a garden rota, weather permitting (list available from Jess). Toddlers re-starts on Wednesday 10 September.

Playgroup

The playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Ilsleys 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 Gregory on 281650 for an application form to register your child or if you would like to arrange a visit.

Playgroup will re-start on Wednesday 10 September

FOR SALE

Large amount of Duplo including railway £25

Barbie horse and carriage £5

Barbie house furniture £10

Various board games

Wooden Brio style train track £25

Various boxes of Lego and Playmobil

If interested call 281665

PANG & KENNET VALLEY

COUNTRYSIDE PROJECTS

The Friends of the Pang and Kennet Valley Countryside Project has been set up to represent all of the people who care about the countryside in the two valleys. The events below are co-ordinated by The Friends and give you the opportunity to come out on practical tasks, learn new skills, meet new people and, above all, enjoy yourself. The tasks usually begin around 10am and finish by 4pm but you are very welcome to come for as much time as you wish to give during these hours. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing, and bring a packed lunch if you are coming for the full day. Hot drinks are usually provided, as are the necessary tools.

Friends diary

Conservation tasks

Tues 5th Aug

Meadow Management Pangbourne

We will be clearing ragwort from Sulham Meadows SSSI, so that this important site can be grazed. Meet at Black Barn, Rushall Manor Farm* at 10.00am or phone the project office for details of meeting on site.

Sun 10th Aug

BBQ

Tools Maintenance & Englefield

All the hard work we put in through the year puts a strain on our tools! We will be working at our tool store to repair those broken handles and sharpen those worn blades. We will also be having a BBQ so why not join us to find out more about what we do? Meet at the Old Estate Office, Englefield Road, Theale from 10.00am onwards.

Tues 12th Aug

Glade Management

Ashampstead Common

Spend the day in one of the valley's most attractive woodlands helping local resident Dick Greenaway improve wildlife habitats on the common. Meet at Black Barn, Rushall Manor Farm* at 10.00am or phone the project office for details of meeting on site.

Tues 19th Aug

Footpath Work Aldermaston

Help to clear some of the unknown footpaths to improve access to the hidden treasure of Paices Hill, to further it's transformation into a country park. Meet at 10.00am at Paices Hill (through Youngs Industrial Est.) or phone the project office for details. Grid ref: SU586638

Guided Walks

Sun. 6th July

Historic Norreys

A two mile walk around Hampstead Norreys with Ted Palmer to look at woods and forestry, organic farming and local history. Meet at Hampstead Norreys Village Hall (SU 526762) at 11am. Bring a packed lunch. Dogs on leads. Booking essential as numbers will be limited to thirty.

Thur 17th July

Nightjars and Glow worms at dusk

Bucklebury Common

Join BHCG leader Tim Culley for a late evening walk looking at heathland restoration and some of the specialised wildlife associated with the habitat, including Nightjars and Glow worms. Stout footwear is necessary. Meet at Angel's Corner, by the Scout Hut on Bucklebury Common at 8.30 p.m. SU 550 688.

Sun 27th July Holt Lodge Farm Kintbury
 Join farmer Ian Freeland on a walk around his farm to see traditional farm buildings, flower rich unimproved wet meadows and wet woodland set in the picturesque North Wessex Downs AONB. Meet at the farm (SU 390647) at 2pm. No dogs. Booking essential, as numbers will be limited.

Sun 3rd Aug Marsh Meadows 2pm Thatcham
 A two-and-a-half mile walk starting from Marsh Meadows – a Kennet Valley Community Project site – and heading north towards Cold Ash, before visiting Southend on our way back to Thatcham. An opportunity to appreciate both the urban and rural wildlife value in the valley. No dogs. *N.B. This walk includes passing through a field containing cattle.*

Sun 17th Aug Corn, pill boxes, ancient woods. 11am-3pm Haw Farm
 A four & a half mile walk with Dick Greenaway across the World War II airfield and through ancient woods to Hampstead Norreys and back. The walk starts at Haw Farm Grain depot (SU 548771) with a talk about the harvest by Yattendon Estate's Farms Director Alistair Jeffrey. There will be a lunch break at The White Hart pub at Hampstead Norreys or bring a picnic. Booking essential as numbers are limited to thirty. Anyone planning to have lunch in the pub should mention this when booking. Dogs on leads through the woods. *Please note that this walk contains a steep hill.*

Sun 24th August Exploring Bucklebury Common 10.30am
 Join Ray Clayton and the Pang Valley Ramblers on a 3 mile ramble exploring the many footpaths on the common. Meet at Angels Corner near the scout hut on Bucklebury Common, about 400 yards west of the junction with Pease Hill & Carbinswood Rd (signed Bucklebury Farm Park). SU550688

Sun 28th Sept Sheep Fairs and Chalk Downs 11am East Ilsley
 A five and a half mile walk with Dick Greenaway to look at the head of the Pang Valley and the view over the watershed followed by an optional look at historic East Ilsley village. Meet at East Ilsley pond (SU 494810), bring a packed lunch. Well behaved dogs welcome. *Please note that this walk contains a steep hill.*

Talks and Events

Sun 7th September Wokingham Show Spencers Wood
 This year we will have a stand at Wokingham Show.

Sat 20st – Sun 21st Sept Royal Berkshire Show
 Come and meet the new team in person at our stand in the Countryside Area.

* The Black Barn is situated off Back Lane between Stanford Dingley and Bradfield, to the west of Scratchface Lane (Grid ref. SU 583723).

JEWELLERY BY JANE

If you didn't have a chance to come to my stall at the West Ilsley Show, I still have some stock left. Earrings, bracelets and necklaces are all handmade by myself and I always use Sterling Silver Fittings. I also make jewellery to order. Please ring for further details on 281665

FETE UPDATE

Once again the weather was kind for the fete, although perhaps too hot for many.

The fete was a great success and the proceeds exceeded everyone's expectations with over £2000 available for distribution to local organisations. Applications are invited from all local organisations or individuals who feel that they have ideas to improve the village environment, amenities, facilities or access.

Applications should be in writing and should be addressed to either Alison Banks at the Malthouse or to Ron Cook at April Cottage, Fir Tree Paddock with full details of the project and the amount required. Applications to be submitted by 17 August.

The success of the fete is largely due to the many people who give their time and energy to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Special thanks go to the judges who have a very difficult task, especially when the standards are so high.

Many thanks to Mick Channon for his generosity and for making the football so memorable for the players (and many of the fathers).

Peter Bartaby for his unstinting cheerfulness that helps make the fete so enjoyable for everyone.

Jill Channon and Sue Huntingdon for their generosity in supporting the Companion Dog Show.

The Gore and Carlisle families, the first to arrive and the last to leave.

All of our sponsors and finally, thanks to all who came to the fete and made it such a success.

The winners of the major competitions are ;

Fancy Dress, 5 years and under

1st prize Caspar and JJ Sugden (Surfers)

2nd prize Mark Banks (Neptune)

3rd prize Lucy Paterson (Mermaid)

Fancy Dress, 6 and over

1st prize Sophie Evans (Hawaiian Girl)

2nd prize Hana Oliphant (Mermaid)

3rd prize Emily Evans (Hawaiian Girl)

The East v West Football Tournament

Boys, 5-9 West 3 East 0

Boys, 9-12 West 3 East 0

Over 12's and dads West 0 East 2

Newbury PRODUCE SHOW

Colling Cup Homecrafts A Pearlman

Sheilah Hearn Flowers A Carlisle
 Rosebowl

Walton Cup Fruit and Veg A Carlisle

Country Gardens Best kept garden Denis Gilmour
 Cup

Millennium Cup Hanging basket Janice Sheppard

Best Childrens Exhibit

Under 7 Storm Ryan

7-11 Annabel Jones

Men's Muffins Paul Willis

COMPANION DOG SHOW

CUP WINNERS

BEST PUPPY - JASMINE EXHIBITOR = MRS STIRK FROM SWINDON

BEST IN SHOW - MURPHY, KERRY BLUE, EXHIBITOR A. LEE

BEST VETERAN - ROWAN, COCKER SPANIEL- EXHIBITOR MRS SUE HACKER FROM COMPTON

BEST CHILD HANDLING - HOLLY, LABRADOR RETRIEVER, EXHIBITOR GEORGINA CARLISLE FROM WEST ILSLEY

FIRSTS FROM WEST ILSLEY

BEST CONDITION - MILLIE, LABRADOR

RETRIEVER, EXHIBITOR GEORGINA CARLISLE

BEST DOG RESIDENT IN THE PARISH - MOLLY, STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER - EXHIBITOR =

TONY SCRIVEN

DOG THE JUDGE WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME - MATILDA-, CROSS WHIPPET, EXHIBITOR =CARRIE-ANN YOUNG FROM WEST ILSLEY

Congratulations to all our winners, and thank you to all exhibitors for an excellent turn out in such hot conditions. We had 39 different dogs, with over 80 class entries.

The breakdown of the costs and revenues is as follows;

WEST ILSLEY FETE 2003

STALL	PROFIT
BAR	£510.00
GATE total	£476.20
BBQ	£381.22
RAFFLE	£301.20
BOOKS	£246.35
CAKES	£166.72
ART SHOW	£148.00
BRIC A BRAC	£127.16
REMOTE CARS	£126.10
TEAS	£124.90
BOTTLE	£112.00
DOG SHOW	£81.20
PLANTS	£75.08
ICE CREAMS	£68.80
PENALTY SHOOTOUT	£64.80
SKITTLES	£60.50
SOFT TOY RAFFLE	£56.60
MICK CHANNON donation	£50.00
AUNT SALLY	£45.00
CATCH a DUCK	£32.60
MR CHIPPERFIELD	£27.00
JEWELLERY / LUCKY DIP	£20.00
HOMEMADE CARDS	£15.00
KINESIOLOGY	£10.00
JEWELLERY / POTTERY	£10.00
CARDS	£10.00
SPINNING JENNY	£10.00
KIDS TOYS	£10.00
GOLF	£7.80
DOGS for the DEAF	£5.00
Unclaimed Prize 2002	£5.00
BOUNCY SLIDE	-£47.30
Sub-totals, stalls	£3,336.93

Other Costs

MARQUEE	-£376.29
LOOS	-£180.00
INSURANCE	-£195.00
FANCY DRESS PRIZES	-£20.00
CUPS	-£43.50
KENNEL CLUB	-£10.00
FOOTBALL MEDALS	-£29.70
MR MAGIC	-£150.00
NEW TABLES	-£138.90
PROMOTION & ADS.	-£76.17
SKIP	£0.00

Sub-totals, other costs **-£1,219.56**

TOTAL PROFIT **£2,117.37**

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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 Wednesday 27th August 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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GEMINI DANCE

Ballroom and Latin American Dance Classes

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Beginners' classes		
Sutton Hall, Stockcross Every Friday Commencing 19 th September 2003	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	£6.00 p.p
Village Hall, West Ilsley Every Tuesday Commencing 23 rd September 2003	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	£6.00 p.p
Victory Room, Bucklebury Every Thursday Commencing 25 th September 2003	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	£6.00 p.p

Improvers' Classes

Village Hall, West Ilsley Every Wednesday Commencing 24 th September 2003	7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.	£6.00 p.p
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All enquiries: Tel. No. 01635 43091

Personal Notes

Name: Patricia Litherland

Address: Shaw, Newbury

Moved to Newbury 2 years ago

Qualifications: Professional degrees with the International Dance Teachers' Association

Teaching Experience: Qualified for 20 years.(teaching social dance and training pupils for medal tests).

Previous Classes: Marlow, High Wycombe and Reading