

West Ilsley News

December 2003

As the year draws to a close we would like to say many thanks to Anne Carlisle, Kay Fewtrell-Smith, Angus Muir, John Verney and Carrie-Anne Young for delivering the WIN during 2003, and to all the contributors who have kept us informed as to what is/has been going on. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, and looking forward to your continued support in 2004.



The Editors

EVERGREENS The Evergreens Committee

The Christmas lunch is at the Swan at East Ilsley on Saturday 13th December at 12 noon.

The bazaar held in the Village Hall on November 22nd made £396.45. A big thank you to all those who helped and supported us.

Whist Drive, 11th December at 7.15 pm at the Star Inn, East Ilsley.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES

Our newspaper delivery boy will shortly be leaving the village. If there are any other budding entrepreneurs out there, they might like to seize the opportunity to take over.

Christmas Craft Fair

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**Saturday 29th November
1 – 4 pm**

West Ilsley Village Hall

All crafts hand-made here in the village

A great opportunity to buy unique

Christmas presents

In aid of the Ilsleys School

Further details, Jill Wiejak or Toni Sugden

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON Audrey Tizzard

The results of the last 2 pontoons are as follows:

3rd pontoon - 3 weeks to 11/10/03

Winners - £10.50 each

D. Carlisle (Doncaster)

K. Gillott (Ross County)

Booby - £3.00 each

A. Dockrill (Macclesfield)

T. Hughes (Yeovil)

4th pontoon - 3 weeks to 01/11/03

Winner A. Coles (Forfar) £21.00

Booby A. Thimbleby (Bristol R.) £6.00

£60.00 went to Village Hall funds.

POPPY APPEAL

Audrey Tizzard

The total amount collected round the village for the Poppy Appeal was £127.99. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed.

ALL SAINTS

WEST ILSLEY

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for December:

7 th December	All Age Service	11.00 am
14 th December	Holy Communion	8.00 am
20 th December	Crib Service	4.00 pm
21 st December	Carol Service	6.00 pm
25 th December	Christmas Day Communion	9.30 am

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A card with the services throughout the benefice will be dropping through your door any day now.

"RAISING THE ROOF"

Your gifts have already been coming in, in response to the appeal launch. Thank you all very much.



CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE

For all you singers and musicians, the date has been set for Thursday, 18th December. We will meet at the entrance to The Maltings at 7.00 pm. Let Paul Smith know if you would like to practice sometime beforehand (281163 or paulsmith@palgo.u-net.com). Don't forget your torch, thermal undies, hip flask, hearty voice etc and prepare for a good time!

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

In December the Afterschool service and the Crib Service will be combined and held on Thursday 11 December in the church at 4pm. The theme will be "Advent".

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.

Crib Service – This will be held this year on Saturday 20 December at 4pm. Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds and wise men.

VILLAGE HALL

West Ilsley Village Hall Management Committee
(Registered Charity No 1044429)

Chair: Angela Hyde

Thursday 4th December 8pm, Village Hall (New date)

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 4th December 2003, 8pm

ALL RESIDENTS of the Village are entitled to attend and participate in this meeting and it is hoped that it will be well supported.

AGENDA

1. To receive and approve the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive and approve the Chairman's, Treasurer's and Secretary's Annual Reports.
3. To elect the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and 4 Village Residents to the Management Committee.
4. To confirm the appointment of 'User-Group's nominated Representatives to the Management Committee.
5. To consider possible Objectives for the Association in the coming year.
6. Public Questions, Comments and Discussion.
7. Matters arising and actions from last Committee meeting 22nd September 2003.



Christmas BINGO

Friday 12th December

In the Village Hall

7.30pm

All the Family welcome

Bingo and Raffle Prizes

Bring your own refreshments

Admission: Adults 20p, Children 10p

Bingo Books 30p

Any donation of prizes to Audrey, 5 Fir Tree

Cottages

Proceeds to Village Hall Funds

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Ali Allan

We are sorry to lose Liz Dray who previously handled the entries for 'WIN', 'Compilations' and the Newsletter and thank her for all her hard work during the last couple of years.

Baby & Toddler Group

The Baby & Toddler Group meets every Wednesday morning in the village hall between 10 – 11.30am We love seeing new faces so please come along, you would be made very welcome – a great introduction to the villages if you are new to the area and/or motherhood! If you need further details, contact Penny Dillon on 281375. The Christmas Party for Toddlers is Wednesday 17th December- more details from Penny on the above number.

Playgroup

Term restarted with the Photographer's visit – now we can look forward to receiving the photos back in good time for Christmas. That's another present sorted out! The children have been busy doing their Sponsored caterpillar for the charity 'Childline' which involved collecting different items for each segment such as rice, pasta etc.

Playgroup end their term with a visit to the Panto – Robin Hood at the Corn Exchange in Newbury on 11th December. Both groups are also planning their Christmas parties when it is hoped that Santa will visit. The Christmas Party at Playgroup is Wednesday 10th December, any Mums willing to help out during the session, please let Emma or Hayley know, any help would be greatly appreciated! Spring Terms starts again on January 7th 2004.

Playgroup is every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon during term time at the Ilsleys Primary School in the Main Hall. If you are interested in joining, please call Tracy Gregory on 281650 for further information.

The Mums are looking forward to their night out on the 15th December – we are all off to the Langley Hall Inn at Beedon. So, Dads, don't plan anything that night as you'll be babysitting!

BT BROADBAND

Apparently if we would like have BT Broadband available to us in East and West Ilsley we have to have 150 sign up as interested in this service. Approximately 50 people have done this so far using the BT website. You can register your interest on www.bt.com. You do not have to have the service but the option would then be there for you at a later date.

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THE COMPTON PLAYERS

The Compton Players are staging a pantomime called "The Eighth Dwarf" written by their very own Dave Hawkins in the Coronation Hall, Compton. It will be on from Wednesday 4th February to Saturday 7th February 2004 with a matinee on Saturday afternoon. It promises to be a lot of fun with the usual suspect characters - a baddy, a couple of goodies, some dwarves, a lot of glitter and sparkle, not to mention a Pantomime Dame and many others..... oh yes, and of course a Moose! Audience participation is a must and this pantomime will be fun for both young and old.

So please look out for the posters from January 2004 - and book your tickets. A fun night out for all the family.

For more information please contact Jane Gartshore on 01635 579365 or email jane@coolconcerns.co.uk You can also find information about The Compton Players at www.newburytheatre.co.uk



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SEASONAL CHEER!

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.

I went to a seafood disco last week.....and pulled a muscle.

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. They lit a fire in the craft... it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak

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 Friday 2nd January 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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and heat it too.

Two elephants walk off a cliff...boom, boom!

So I was getting into my car, and this bloke says to me "Can you give me a lift?" I said "Sure, you look great, the world's your oyster, go for it."

A man walked into the doctors, he said, "I've hurt my arm in several places" The doctor said, "Well don't go there any more"

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West Ilsley Parish Council

Monday 10th November, 2003 at 7.00p.m.

Present: N.Carter (Chairman), A.Day, D.Holling, L.Gibson (Clerk), and 3 members of the public.

Matters Arising

Royal Mail Post Boxes. The clerk having written to Jill Owen of The Royal Mail reported that over the coming weeks the Royal Mail would be carrying out a survey of volume of use of the post boxes and would be reporting back as to the action that should be taken. Parish Council Vacancies. The deadline for nominations is Friday the 14th November, and the election date 11th December.

Correspondence received.

Thames Valley Annual Police Report, copy with the clerk, also copies of The Winter Service Plan (West Berks Highways Dept) and West Berkshire Partnership first year annual review. Letters of appreciation for donations received from, The Downland Volunteer Group, The Downland Practice, West Ilsley News and The Downland Sports Centre. Richard Morris of H.W.Dean (agent for the Old Chapel, Main St) had written expressing concern that twice in the past 18 months the Old Chapel had been hit by speeding vehicles and asked if there were any future plans for traffic calming in Main Street. Nick Carter to investigate. Clerk to acknowledge letter. Mrs Amy Banks had written asking for the Parish Council's agreement to plant a tree near the village pond in memory of her late husband, Eric Banks. Nick Carter suggested that he request a land search to ensure that the proposed site was Parish Council land. It was unanimously agreed that if the search proved it to be so, then the clerk should write to Mrs Banks with the go ahead.

West Ilsley Village Hall and Recreation Field

Following quotes for legal advice from three local firms of Solicitors, which ranged from £110 - £185 per hour, Andy Day proposed that the Legal Services Team at W.B.C. quote of £60 per hour should be accepted and that they be employed to assist in the matter should legal representation be required over the ongoing dispute with The Charity Commission. Nick Carter seconded. David Holling declared an interest.

Consideration of Grant Applications

Three applications had been received:

Downland Volunteer Group for ongoing costs associated with providing a volunteer car service. £75.00

The West Ilsley News for production costs. £75.00

Ilsley's Under Fives for Father Christmas Outfit £150.00

As all applications met the criteria, Andy Day proposed that they be allowed for when setting the precept for 2004/5. Nick Carter seconded. Clerk to write to the above organisations informing them of the decision and that the approved grants will be paid in April 2004.

The Future of West Ilsley Parish Council

Following the suggestion at the previous meeting that West Ilsley may be grouped with a neighbouring council (see attached paper) David Holling proposed that the clerk write to the parishes of Catmore, Farnborough and East Ilsley to gauge their interest. Nick Carter seconded.

Open Forum

From the floor, dismay was expressed that it should be necessary for West Ilsley to consider grouping with a neighbouring parish. The Chairman stated that all efforts to encourage parishioners to come forward had failed and that the future of West Ilsley as a parish in its own right rested with the parishioners of the village not officers of the District Council. The Chairman agreed to write a report for the West Ilsley News explaining the situation.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 12th January, 2004