

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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TITTLE – TATTLE

The News was rescued last month by Steve Price who very gallantly printed it (at his own expense) at the eleventh hour (actually the thirteenth hour, it was late!) Thank you very much Steve.

Welcome to Tracy and Steve Gregory and young Sam who have moved into The Maltings. I missed them on my list last month. We hope you will be happy in the village.

Audrey has drawn to my attention that it is possible to purchase foreign currency at the Post Office. Don't forget the multitude of household bills that can be settled at The PO e.g. telephone, water, electricity, gas, cable, etc.

Was I the only soul to get very excited when the new bus timetable flopped onto the mat? Every Friday we can leave the village at 0915, travel to Reading for 1024 and return at 1330 to arrive back for 1440. I thought this was progress, the old man just grunted and said, "What if I want to go to Reading on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday?"

Miss Tofilees

THE WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE

A date for your diaries - Sunday 11th July 1999

This is the first bulletin regarding the 1999 Fete. Each month we will be dropping in updates and reminders for the various activities in order to give you time to get your competition entries prepared.

Planning has already started in earnest for this year's fete. As always, there is much to be done and the date, though quite a way off right now, will be upon us before we know it. At this early stage we are still determining which stalls, displays and entertainment to provide and would welcome all suggestions. If you have any ideas we would be glad to hear from you. We would particularly welcome suggestions for companies or individuals that might be interested in sponsoring the event in some way. We are also looking for volunteers who would be willing to lend a hand either setting up, helping out on the day, or clearing up afterwards. The committee has some new faces this year. Please feel free to contact any one of them if you have any questions or ideas.

The committee:

Neil Paterson Chairman 281242

Jo Gore Secretary 281618

Adrian Dray Treasurer 281704

Liz Dray Committee Member 281704

Kirsty Mitchell Committee Member 281827

Brian Mitchell Committee Member 281827

Sean Ryan Committee Member 281336

Chris Allan-Jones Publicity & Produce Show 281306

This month's reminders!

Pre-show dance - Saturday 10th July

This year the pre-show dance is being organised by the Millenium Committee. Details about ticket prices, outlets and the event itself will follow soon.

Best kept garden competition

The best-kept garden competition will be judged the week before the show.

Plant Stall

We hope that this year, as in previous years, the plant stall will be well supported. This is just a timely reminder for you to consider the plant stall when you start filling up your seed trays and taking cuttings. Your contributions will be warmly received. Please direct any enquiries regarding the plant stall to Chris Allan-Jones.

Produce Show

The competition classes in this year's produce show are; Flowers and ornamentals, Fruit and vegetables, Flower arranging, Homecraft, Photography and Children's classes. This month we are providing a list of categories within the Flowers and ornamentals, Fruit and vegetables and Photography classes to ensure that you have time to prepare your entries. Details of the other classes will be published in the near future. Again, if you have any queries regarding the Produce Show please contact Chris Allan-Jones.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for April:-

2nd April:- 10.30 am

Good Friday Drama & Workshop

2nd April:- 2 - 3 pm

Good Friday Service

4th April:- 11.00 am

Easter Day Communion

11th April:- 8.00 am

Holy Communion

18th April:- 9.30 am

Family Communion

25th April:- 11.00 am

Morning Prayer

APCM

It was unfortunate that the re-arranged Parish Council meeting clashed with the APCM and the attendance was rather disappointing. However, another year has started and All Saints will continue to have a service every Sunday, except on one or two special occasions. But (isn't there always a "but"!) it does need your support.

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

MENCAP – SPONSORED TREK

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to everybody who has already sponsored me for the trek. I have raised just over £300 but there is still a long way to go to reach my target of £3000. I am planning to raise some money by shaving my head. If anybody feels they would like to sponsor the Mencap Trek, then please contact me on 01635 281625 or pop cheques payable to "N J Fewtrell-Smith Trek Account" or "Mencap Promotions". Thanks again on behalf of Mencap.

Nicholas Fewtrell-Smith