

West Ilsley News

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YAHOO!

Andrea Cook

No, not a whoop of joy, but the name of an email system. Unusually, I had a lot of trouble sending the WIN to some yahoo email addresses last month, so apologies to those who didn't receive it. I don't always know if it hasn't got through, as some systems send me delay and failure notices, others don't. So my message continues to be "if you don't receive it by the 1st please shout by email as something may have gone wrong" – if my subsequent attempts fail though, you can still pick it up off the website.

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

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WEST ILSLEY TENNIS COURT

£2 per hour per adult

£1 per hour for children under 16

To book please call 281344

Events at The Harrow

Live Country & Western Music and
BBQ Saturday 1st September 9pm till
Midnight

EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle

On Wednesday 15th August, we shall be leaving by coach from outside West Ilsley Church at 10 am for an outing to Stratford-upon-Avon. Members £7, non-members £10. Tokens can be used. Names to J Collier 281283.



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Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Tuesday 28th August

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THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY

On 8th October 2008, The Ilsleys Primary School will be celebrating 100 years in its present building at the top of Church Hill in East Ilsley. The School is planning various events to celebrate this momentous date and we are hoping that as many past pupils, teachers and staff – anyone who was involved with the school - as possible will be there to celebrate with us on the weekend of 11th and 12th October.

If you were once part of the Ilsleys Primary School and would like to join us, please let us know your interest by going to www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk and clicking on the "School Centenary" link. Or you could phone the School Office on 01635 281225. It's not a commitment but it does mean we can get your name on the invite list.

It is a long time 'til October 2008 but we want to make sure everyone who wants to has a chance to join us. Getting an idea of numbers will help us to organise the events – and it's a great chance for you to get together and have a reunion with all those people you haven't seen for years!

We look forward to hearing from you!

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY Will and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services for August:

Sunday 5 th	All Age Service	10.00am
Sunday 12 th	Holy Communion	8.00am
Sunday 19 th	Songs of Praise	6.00pm
Sunday 26 th	No service	

Flower Festival and Bishop of Oxford's visit to West Ilsley:

We had a wonderful Flower Festival weekend at the beginning of July with the church full of fragrant flower decorations celebrating the Season. There were some very imaginative and creative displays – a photo album will be on display in the church if you missed them. The Sandham Singers gave us a memorable concert in the evening followed by Pimms and canapés in the Church. Ali Eyston was a very skilled and entertaining auctioneer of many of the displays and over the weekend we managed to raise £1,200 for general church funds.

On Sunday we were very fortunate to have the new Bishop of Oxford attend the service and give a very interesting sermon. Thank you to all who contributed their time, creativity and funds to the weekend (in particular Veronica Smith for masterminding the event with support from Anne Carlisle, Rosanne Soffe and Alexandra Axtell) and for the village as a whole for their support.

THE DOWNLAND VOLUNTEER GROUP NEEDS DRIVERS

You could make a difference to people in your community by becoming a volunteer driver.

Who benefits? People in the Downland Villages who may be infirm or have no access to public transport. Drivers benefit, too, from being out and about and feeling valued by their passengers.

How much time must I give? The choice is up to you – once or twice a week, once a fortnight, once a month. You decide.

Who pays for my petrol? A mileage allowance is paid so that you are not out of pocket.

What type of journeys will I be expected to do? Journeys can be long or short. For instance, it may be to an Oxford or Reading Hospital or just to the local Surgery. It depends on the type of driving you like to do, the choice is yours.

Drivers are also desperately needed for the Handybus, which is used most afternoons for shopping trips. These trips normally last no more than about three hours but, again, the amount of time which you contribute is your choice.

If you can help by either driving your car and/or the Handybus, please telephone the Downland Volunteer Group Office on 01635 578394 between 10.00am and 12.00 noon on any weekday morning.

UNDER 5s Amanda Knight

The Toddler Group has been pleasantly busy during the summer term. The parents have enjoyed a visit from Phoenix cards/Usborne books and we had 8 children from the group participating in the Pedal Push event in aid of Childline. The children were sponsored to pedal their way around a circuit of Snelsmore Common (or be pushed!) and raised £65 in the process. Well done to all those who participated. We rounded off our term with a picnic at the recreation ground. The weather was perfect (the first clear day for weeks) and it was lovely to be joined by some former members of the group who had already broken up for the summer from pre-school. Our next session will be on 5 September at the village hall (no garden rota this year). Amanda Hagen will be e-mailing us the new setting-up rota shortly.

(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 FETE 2007

Once again the sun shone on us at West Ilsley and given the weather either side of the weekend I am sure you will agree we were very lucky.

The day got off to a bad start with a power cut – people setting up were worried about the electricity for the bouncy castle and the P.A system – the Committee was on the verge of murder due to deprivation of tea!

With the new start time of 12 noon the fete got under way without Clive Hooker's smooth tones on the microphone (did he mention he came second in the cake competition) (?). We were entertained by Goring and Streatley Silver Band, the children of The Ilsleys primary school and Mr Muddle. Hungry customers were admirably catered for at the BBQ and The Friends of The Ilsleys sustained us all with tea and wonderful cakes. Talking of cakes – the stampede to the Evergreens cake stall nearly brought the marquee down! The dog show gave owners a chance to parade around the ring and I would like to point out that my dog Ned was a star and walked away with Best in Show! All the usual stalls saw a steady stream of visitors and the raffle drew a large crowd at the end of the fete.

The produce show was well attended this year with fantastic kites from the children; lovely jams and flower arrangements and not forgetting Jon Evans' unfeasibly large onions! Rosettes and cups were duly presented to the worthy winners and everyone went home happy (I hope)!

Of course, the fete would not have been a success without **YOU** – the villagers of West Ilsley. Huge **thanks** must go to those of you who helped set up; man stalls, clear up and generally ensured that things ran smoothly. You all know who you are. Thank You.

Most of this years Committee have decided to have another go next year to make it even better so, if you have suggestions or complaints we really do want to know. We are; Caroline Everall, Katharine Gibbs, Amanda Hagen, Sue Simmons, Helen Tallant and Hayley Watling. Get in touch and give us some feedback please.

Finally, the important matter of money. If you support a local cause and you feel it needs a boost – apply to the Committee for a donation. You can do this by email, letter or phone to suesimmons@toucansurf.com or 281460. Please submit applications by Friday 10th August.



FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News from The Ilsleys Primary School –
July 2007

Wow, what a busy and exciting summer term we have had – we just haven't stopped.

We started the term with the run up to SATs. The children were, as always, a real asset to the school - calm, focused and wanting to do their best. I will feed back the outcomes to you all when they have all been verified, but early signs show the results may be even better than last years excellent results.

That said, here at The Ilsleys we are not just concerned about results. Our main endeavour is to provide a fun, exciting and challenging curriculum for our children, one where we treat them as independent individuals. We care about the whole child. Here are some of the exciting things the children have been up to.

Challenge Day – In May the school held a Challenge Day where all activities were organised and run by a group of pupils. The day was a wonderful event; full of exciting tasks such as 'who can make the longest marble run' and all children got a lot out of it. Well done to all the children involved.

Sport - As always this has been a high priority for the school. The children have played in a tennis league, Newbury area athletics and a High 5 netball tournament. We have provided various sporting clubs and the term ended with a wonderful sports day including track, field and team events.

Gardening Club – This new club was started by a parent this term and has already yielded a large crop of potatoes and lettuces from our new allotment in East Ilsley. The club has been very successful and I thank everyone for making it happen.

Music – The school choir sang at the Summer Concert where a range of songs were sung by groups and individuals. We also had ex-pupils coming back performing which really made the evening a very special event. The choir also sang at the East Ilsley Sheep Fair and The West Ilsley show to great applause.

Summer Trip – To help bring the curriculum to life we organised a trip to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. The children dressed up as Victorians and wandered the cobbled streets investigating what life was like in a bygone era. A great day was had by everyone.

School play – This year we took the educational high ground and allowed the year 6 children to write a play for the whole school. The children rose to the challenge and wrote a stunning play based

on what The Ilsleys have given them over the years. The play 'Zoo' was a roaring success and really showed what talented pupils we have here at The Ilsleys – playwrights, actors, singers, dancers and musicians.

We now look forward to next term where we continue our exciting educational journey. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school over the year – without this The Ilsleys wouldn't be the success it is.

As always, if you have any queries about the school or want to know more please don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

Felix Rayner

Headteacher - The Ilsleys Primary School

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MESSAGE THERAPY TO REDUCE
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**THE BERKSHIRE BIRD ATLAS GROUP
- AN APPEAL FOR HELP IN
STREATLEY, EAST AND WEST
ILSLEY Neil Bucknell**

This winter sees the start of a project to map the distribution of both the breeding and wintering birds of Berkshire. The project is being run at the same time as the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) is organising a national survey, but the intention is to survey Berkshire in greater detail.

The local project in part repeats a survey of the breeding birds of Berkshire carried out between 1987 and 1989, the results of which are incorporated in "The Birds of Berkshire", the first complete account of the County's birds which was published in 1996. The organising group, The Berkshire Bird Atlas Group, aims to publish a

second edition of the book incorporating the results of the new surveys and records since the first edition to provide an updated definitive guide to the county's birds for use by birdwatchers, conservationists and policy makers.

How will the survey be organised?

The survey will be based on tetrads - squares 2km x 2km which each comprise four of the familiar 1km Ordnance Survey squares you find on all large scale Ordnance Survey maps. There are 25 in each Ordnance Survey 10km square, and they are each given a letter to identify them. Do not worry about remembering the system for this - each square will also be named after a village or feature in it for ease of identification!

The survey will include any tetrad which includes part of Berkshire, however little of the county actually occupies the square. A group is also running a similar project for Oxfordshire, and the two groups will be cooperating and exchanging information as they did in the late 1980s.

The group has appointed a network of organisers, each normally responsible for the 25 tetrads in an Ordnance Survey 10km square. However as there are only nine tetrads which lie wholly or partly in Berkshire in 10 km square SU58 and 12 in SU48, these have been combined into one area for organisational purposes.

What does the survey involve?

There will be two types of survey in each season, winter (November to February) and the breeding season (normally April to July). There will be timed counts and "roving" surveys, backed up by casual records.

Timed visits (known as Timed Tetrad Visits or TTVs) will be visits of one or two hours to the tetrad recording the total number of birds of each species that you see. The minimum time required will either be one two-hour visit or two one-hour visits in each season.

Roving visits will simply involve visiting your tetrad as often as you can, recording the species you see and (during the breeding season) the best evidence of breeding you observe. Anyone can also submit casual records to help fill the gaps in records from those carrying out roving visits.

The BTO is intending to provide on-line facilities for the submission of records for the National Atlas, and to provide those organising local or county atlas surveys facilities for using their system.

The survey will run for four winters and four summers, starting this November. Our aim is to cover all the tetrads in Berkshire for at least one year with timed counts in this period, and to achieve good coverage from roving surveys.

How can you help?

We need volunteers to cover the 21 tetrads in (or which include part of) Berkshire in Ordnance Survey 10km squares SU 48 and 58, an area comprising approximately all of the county north of

a line from the Holies National Trust reserve south of Streatley in the east to Woolley House in the west and lying east of the A338 Hungerford to Wantage road. It therefore includes the parishes of Streatley, East and West Ilsley and Farnborough, and northern parts of Aldworth, Compton and Chaddleworth, The remainder of these parishes are covered by other 10km organisers. No special skills are required beyond the ability to recognise all the birds you normally encounter, and a willingness to put in some time (on a more regular and disciplined basis if you undertake Timed Tetrad Visits) and to ensure that your records are submitted. The group is though hoping to organise or participate in training sessions this autumn if you feel some guidance will help if you have not participated in survey work before.

Atlas survey work is a good way of making your walks in the country and local bird watching count as a contribution towards conservation. It is also a great way to get to know an area and its birdlife better. If you think you would like to help please contact your local organiser, Neil Bucknell at 10 Cleeve Court, Streatley, Reading RG8 9PS (telephone 01491 873836, e-mail nebula@btinternet.com), giving your name, address and contact details together with

details of where you are prepared to help (help in the west of the area where few people live being particularly welcome) and whether you are prepared to help in the winter, the breeding season or both and whether you want to undertake Timed Tetrad Visits.

WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB

Fixtures for August

1st XI SATURDAY

04	August	2pm	Tetsworth 2ndXI	Home
11	August	2pm	Deddington	Home
18	August	2pm	Wootton & Boars Hill	Away
25	August	1.30pm	Begbroke	Home

2nd XI SATURDAY

04	August	2pm	Chipping Norton	Away
11	August	2pm	Kings Sutton	Away
18	August	2pm	Marsh Gibbon	Home
25	August	No	2ndXI Game	

SUNDAY

2ndXI	Cup	Final		
05	August	2.30pm	Donnington	Home
19	August	2.30pm	Aldworth	Home
			1 st XI Cup Final	