

West Ilsley News

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April 2008

DIARY

APRIL

9th Harrow Quiz Night
13th Fun run, walk, cycle
17th Evergreens Whist Drive

MAY

12th Parish Assembly

JUNE

28-29th Camp out

JULY

6th Fete

floor, kitchen, decorated throughout, upgraded the heating, added secondary glazing and purchased 8 new tables. Our plans for the future include outside decoration and repairs, replacing and upgrading the porch and extensive roof repairs. We look forward to welcoming you to the Hall in the future.

Village Hall Committee. Bookings Tel 281646

SCHOOLDAYS AT WEST ILSLEY SCHOOL - Can you help with my researches?

This year The School at East Ilsley is celebrating the Centenary of its buildings on the present site, (although the school dates from 1832). To mark the occasion, I am compiling a booklet on the history of education in The Ilsleys. I wish to include the story of **West Ilsley's school** which closed in 1966 when the two schools amalgamated.

At the moment I know very little about the history of West Ilsley School, but I have made a partial list of head teachers, from old documents, going back to 1847. The school, which closed in 1966, was built in 1870. Where was the school before that? Can anyone help with information?

For some months now I have been collecting old school photographs of East Ilsley, and other documents and memories of ex pupils, and would now like to extend my search to West Ilsley. **We are mounting a major exhibition to mark the Centenary in October.**

There must be many West Ilsley residents who attended either West or East Ilsley School, before moving on to Compton, and I would like to make contact with them, and record their memories.

VILLAGE HALL

Following our recent Village Hall meeting we all agreed that due to regular annual increases to our running costs (Insurance, Electricity, rent and rates), we have no choice but to increase our hire and rental charges. In addition we also have some large maintenance bills looming. Therefore in order to keep the Hall up to a high standard we must make these changes. In fact the last time the charges were raised was nearly 10 years ago. Therefore as from 1ST April, 2008 the new charges are as follows:

Hall Hire

Villagers rate rises from £5/hr to £7.50/hour

Non villagers rate rises from £10 to £15/hour

Garage Rental

Rises from £2.50/week to £3.50/week

We hope that you appreciate that this is necessary and not beforetime.

In the meantime thank you for your valued custom and we hope that you continue to rent/hire the hall and garages.

In addition to financing the running costs we have, in the last 10 years successfully replaced the

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

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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Does anyone remember the evacuees during the war, school concerts or outings? Has anyone got old photographs showing pupils or teachers? If so please get in touch. My email address and phone number are below.

Eric Saxton. Tel: 01635 281388 or email eric.saxton@tiscali.com

THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY

Plans are now well underway to mark the occasion of the Schools Centenary and we had a successful meeting of the senior citizens of the village who brought along some memories and photographs which will be included in a booklet being put together by The Local History Society.

We are now looking to have another get together of those people who were in School between the years of 1940 and 1970. The date of this meeting is to be Tuesday 13th May at 7.00 pm at the School. Wine and nibbles will be made available.

Do come along with any photographs you might have and help to identify people in the collection of photographs we already have.

THE DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

Once again, our half term activities for children aged 5 to 11 years will soon be upon us. We have nine days of fun and games planned from the 7th April to the 18th April (excluding Tuesday 8th April). The type of activities we offer are; Arts n' Crafts, Roller Blading and Scooting, Trampolining, Football, Parachute Games – in fact the list is 'nearly' endless. The emphasis here is to have a good time and lots of fun and we will do our best to ensure that your child does just that. The sessions run from 10.00am through to 2.30pm (including a supervised lunch break) and cost £5.80 (Members) and £6.70 (Non Members). The activities are very popular so pre-booking a place for your child is essential. To do this, or for further information please call us on 01635 578866 between the hours of 6 -10pm.

Quiz Night
at The Harrow
Wednesday 9th April
Menu

Bobotie, Fish Pie or Chilli all at £9 each
£2 each to enter

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES TODDLER GROUP Amanda Knight

Many thanks to everyone who joined us for a coffee during our session on 19 March and shopped at the Phoenix Cards and Julia's

Embroidery stalls. A very welcome £20 was raised for the Toddler Group and is much appreciated. Our last session for this term is on 2 April after which we will break for the schools' Easter holidays. The first session of next term is on 23 April. Amanda Hagen has circulated the new rota for setting up by e-mail (first up are Penny and Esther).

(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).)

EVERGREENS

On Thursday 10th April we shall be leaving by coach from outside West Ilsley church at 9 am for an outing to Marwell Zoo at Winchester. Members £7, non-members £10. Tokens can be used. Names to J Collier 281283.



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Bonhams 1793

FREE ANTIQUE VALUATION DAY

Bonhams, the International Fine Arts and Antiques Auctioneers, will be holding free Antiques Valuation days at the West Ilsley Village Hall, Main Street, West Ilsley on Friday 25 April between 10am and 12noon. Our expert would be delighted to appraise items including silver, ceramics, pictures, clocks and furniture with a view to sale. To make an appointment or for further information about our other services please contact the local Henley on Thames office on 01491 413636 or email: henley@bonhams.com. Bonhams, The Coach House, 66 Northfield End, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 2JN

LOOK GOOD, FEEL GREAT!

Want to be beautiful on the beach this summer? Then now's the time to do a little exercise and shed a few unwanted pounds.

A free fun run will be held in West Ilsley at 10.30am on Sunday, April 13 - and cyclists, riders and walkers are just as welcome to join in.

We'll start in Church Way and work our way round Hodcott Down, finishing where we began. It's about two-and-a-half miles in all - a 20- to 30-minute run, depending on how energetic you feel on a Sunday morning, or a walk of about 45 minutes. For inspiration, you might want to tune into the start of the London Marathon on TV before coming down to Church Way - two-and-a-half miles will seem like nothing compared to that! If there's enough interest on April 13, the Parish Council will organise some longer runs during the summer months. So do come along and bring a friend: the beach isn't that many weeks away.....

SEAN RYAN Chairman (15 stone, 6lbs)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

This is a message for all NHW Co-ordinators with a warning about cold callers. The first concerns individuals who have been seen around the Thatcham area touting for roofing work then asking for inflated prices when the work is complete. A Vauxhall Movano registration no W367PLK is possibly involved. (URN 710 of 25.03.08).

The second warning is from Hampshire Constabulary about 'tree surgeons' that are currently operating in their County although there is no indication yet that they are in West Berkshire. They are cold calling on residential homes to offer gardening services but for the amount of money they charge the standard of service is very poor.

In order to protect yourself never agree to have work done by a cold caller. If you think the work needs doing always obtain two or three quotes. Use the Yellow Pages or ask your neighbours if they can recommend a company.

If you have any information about these incidents please contact the police on 0845 8 505 505 quoting the URN reference and date.

WEST ILSLEY FETE AND PRE FETE DANCE 2008

You may recall that in last month's WIN the Fete Committee appealed for help with hosting the annual Pre Fete Dance. An additional email was forwarded to villagers with a plea to help us find a solution. Thank you to those who responded with positive comments. Despite several responses supportive of having a dance, no volunteer to host it has been found.

Therefore, unfortunately there will be no dance this year.

The Fete Committee relies on partial funding from the dance and has limited funds. We have looked into options to use a smaller marquee for the fete. This is still very expensive and is likely to deplete fete funds considerably. The committee is due to meet again on Sunday 6th April at 7pm in The Harrow to make a decision on the fete. If you have any ideas to keep the fete and dance going this year please get in touch or attend the meeting.

Sue Simmons [281460](tel:281460)

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EVERGREENS Whist Drive At The Swan, East Ilsley 17th April, 7.30 pm

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Help is required to mow the grass in the churchyard and around the gazebo. We are drawing up a rota to try and share the workload and request any volunteers to contact us. I am sure you all appreciate that the grass mowing through the spring and summer months is an essential requirement in maintaining the pleasant surroundings that everyone enjoys in the village.

A lawn mower can be provided.

If you can help please contact Dries Hagen 281855 or Alan Bloor 281341

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Our next service will be on Thursday 24th April when we will be hearing about St George.

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.

If you would like any further details please do contact us on the following numbers:

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

WEST ILSLEY YOUTH CLUB

The dates this month will be:

Thursday 3 April
Thursday 24 April
from 6.30-8pm

The youth club is held at the cricket pavilion and is open to children of West Ilsley and Farnborough between the ages of 8-15 years old. If you have any queries please contact Paul Willis on 281185.

West Ilsley Parish Council Annual **Assembly** **And AGM**

Monday 12th May, WI Village Hall
7pm AGM followed by Parish
Assembly at 7.30pm
Parish Assembly

Come and hear all about the activities of the West Ilsley clubs and committees. Short presentations from each committee.

Annual General Meeting

Come and listen to the activities of the Parish Council and we welcome comment and contribution.

The Village Hall Management Committee announce

The West Ilsley Camp Out **Weekend 28/29th June**

Following last year's success, the Village Hall Committee is planning to run the Camp Out again. This time it will be a more informal activity for all the children and adults, centred around camping and located in nearby woods.

It is likely to start (about 3-4pm) with a trek for the children, led by volunteers from the village, to the camp in time to cook tea on the fire. Adults can join in for the trek or meet us at the campsite at tea time (5-6pm), followed by a camp out over night. As usual an adult and a tent is required for the sleep over. We camp within 1 mile of the village. Bring provisions to cook your own supper on the fire and bring your own refreshments. Children's tea and breakfast for all included. Tents can be pitched at any time and at £10 per family. Open to all villagers and ex villagers. More details to come.....but book the date and your adult now!!!!

Alison and Angela (281705 and 281500).

CHURCH SERVICES

6 th	All Age Communion	10 am
13 th	Holy Communion – BCP	8 am
20 th	All Age Worship	11 am
27 th	No service	11 am

Easter

It was lovely to see the church so beautifully decorated for Easter. Many thanks to all of those that give of their time so generously to ensure that our church always looks so festive.

Date for the diary:

The **cake and plant sale** will be held on **Saturday 17th May** 10am – 12.00.



Further details will follow in next month's WIN but in the meantime please keep the date free to come and buy a treat for tea or some plants to brighten up your garden.

Rosanne Pilditch