

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY

### OCTOBER

5 <sup>th</sup>	WICC AGM 7.30 pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Arc de Triomphe at The Harrow
9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Curry week at The Harrow
12 <sup>th</sup>	Spanish evening at The Harrow
17 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz night at The Harrow
31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween pie evening at The Harrow

### NOVEMBER

16 <sup>th</sup>	Wine tasting and game night at The Harrow
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### DECEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	West Ilsley "At Home" Christmas Party
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## FROM SEAN RYAN, PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

### CRIME

While crime is down by 15% in our area this year — and burglaries and thefts from vehicles are down 35% - the last few months have seen an unusual spate of incidents in West Ilsley which were listed by PC Matt Allen at September's parish council meeting. There was damage to a vehicle in March, fences in April and crops in May. In June, a quad bike was stolen and the pavilion and four vehicles were broken into in a single night. July and August saw four thefts, ranging from a horse box to a bin. In all, 15 crimes were reported in six months, 85% of which have yet to be solved. Since the parish council meeting, two people have reported that someone tried their back doors one evening while they were watching television and a lock was apparently broken on the same night at the pavilion, although nothing was stolen. PC Allen suggested a possible link to travellers and warned that people from Wales and

Bristol might come in occasionally to break into a few cars. He urged everyone to be vigilant. Anyone who sees a crime being committed should dial 999. Any information about these incidents should be reported by dialling 101.

### SPEEDING

September's parish council meeting heard renewed concerns about speeding at either end of the village, especially past the recreation ground and the Malthouse. Speed cameras will be in operation in the coming weeks. Don't get caught out!

### FOOTBALL GOALPOSTS

Some support has been expressed for the idea of temporary football goalposts for the recreation ground. We used to have goalposts and they're cheap to buy. If you'd be willing to get involved in looking after them and the ground, please ring Sean Ryan, on 07831 350233 or Alison Banks, the parish clerk, on 281705, or email us at [sean.ryan@sunday-times.co.uk](mailto:sean.ryan@sunday-times.co.uk) or [alison@poplars.org.uk](mailto:alison@poplars.org.uk)

### PLAY AREA

Our play area continues to be very popular with under-12s and needs occasional attention to fences and equipment. Dries Hagen, the vice-chairman of the parish council, has done a fantastic job in keeping everything in good condition but could do with more help. If you'd be willing to join in, please contact Alison Banks on 281705 or email her at [alison@poplars.org.uk](mailto:alison@poplars.org.uk)

### CHURCH WAY PARKING

The police have stepped in to stop double parking by drivers blocking the entrance to Church Way outside Keeper's Stables. PC Matt Allen has warned two drivers that they must ensure the road - a public right of way - remains passable at all times. He said tickets would be issued to anyone who fails to take heed.

## EVERGREENS

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October there will be a coach outing to Stratford-on-Avon.



The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9.00 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall on 281597.

## ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

### October Church Services

7 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Family Communion	9.30am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8.30am
21 <sup>st</sup>	*No service in West Ilsley	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	11.00am

\*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at <http://tinyurl.com/east-downland>

### Safari Supper

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves: in fact some just did not want to go home! So many thanks must go to the hosts who entertained their guests so well, all those guests who just about managed to drink the bar dry(!) and to members of the PCC who organised such a fun evening. The "Indian themed" raffle prize was won by Tracy and Steve Gregory, while Hayley and Wes put their professional noses to good use and won the 'Guess the Spice' Quiz. Just under £900 was made for church funds.

### Harvest

As you can see from the above notice, our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October in church. As usual, you are invited to bring gifts of fruit, vegetables, eggs and tinned produce to the service. These will be taken to Willow's Edge Residential Home in Newbury. This year as a change, instead of a Harvest Lunch, there will be coffee and home baked cakes after the service from about 10.30am. So, even if you are unable to attend the service, do come and join us in church afterwards for 'Coffee and Cakes'.

### Questionnaires

Churches across the country are seeking to review their role within the local community. To that end, we will soon be sending out a short questionnaire, which we very much hope you will complete.

### Contacts

If you have anyone or anything specific you would like mentioned in church prayers at services throughout the year, do speak to either Ian (281625) or Alexandra (281306). If you would like to organise a baptism, wedding or funeral or would like to talk to a member of the clergy for any other reason, ring Revd John Toogood (our Rector) on 01635 247566 or email him at [cwando@btinternet.com](mailto:cwando@btinternet.com)

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

## THE HARROW

Sunday 7th October

**Arc de Triomphe**

at 3:25pm

Racing starts at 2pm

Sweep stakes will be running

Come down for lunch and a flutter !!



### Spanish Evening

Friday 12th October  
from 7pm

Spanish wines and food,  
book your tables now !!



### Quiz Night

Wednesday 17th October 8pm

Guest quiz masters!!

Teams of 6 maximum  
£2 each to enter, winning  
team receives half, losing  
team receives a round of

drinks on us !! Please book your teams in.

### Halloween Pie Night

Wednesday

31st October 7pm

Come down and sample  
our blood curdling pies !!

Friday 16th November



### Wine Tasting and Game Menu



Please come along and  
join us! You might also  
learn a thing or two about  
the wine we all drink and  
which wines complement  
what foods. Our very own  
wine expert will be

talking you all through it with blind wine  
tasting and a fun quiz to all take part in.

**BOOK YOUR TABLES NOW!!**

Limited spaces.

## ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

It's been a busy summer for the group. Each week throughout the school summer holidays the group have met up at our local village parks, East Ilsley, West Ilsley and Compton. Each week we had a great attendance especially if the sun was shining! Our families seem to really enjoy the group meeting each week even through the school holidays, giving families at least one activity to do each week, giving the children time to play and meet their friends and mums to catch up and socialise. Now the new term has begun again we are back to our usual routine of meeting each week in the hall. Ilsley Under 5's is a well

established parent and carer playgroup which in partnership with Surestart provides a great place to play in a friendly safe atmosphere and fun environment. We meet every week, most weeks of the year, in West Ilsley village hall between 10am and 11.30am. The children have a snack and drink half way through the session, with tea and coffee available for mums, dads and carers. Every week we offer a new activity table; painting, drawing, play dough etc, not forgetting the regular toys that are available and suit all ages of toddler or baby. And we finish the session with a group sing along. If you are planning a party or event remember the small tables and chairs as well as our toys are available for hire throughout the year for a donation of £10. Please call myself for more details. Kate Storrar 281132

## WEST ILSLEY "AT HOME"



## NOW ON SALE

Purely for enjoyment – not a fundraiser! Any surplus funds will be donated to the village hall. Tickets £17.50 (concessions £15) which include:

- drinks and canapés from 7 – 9 pm
- bar available afterwards
- a warm welcome and a party atmosphere
- the chance to receive one of six gifts from under the tree

Tickets on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Limited to one hundred only  
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## Aldworth Bazaar & Turkey Tasting

YOU are invited to Aldworth's annual **Bazaar & Turkey Tasting** on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November** from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Our village hall will be decorated, there will be **FREE** mulled wine, **FREE** turkey tasting and Father Christmas may drop in!

The **R.N.L.I.** will be selling Christmas cards, calendars and gifts and there will be a variety of produce, craft and gift stalls.

The Bazaar is organised by the same volunteers who run Aldworth's weekly Saturday morning market. If you ever wish to have a stall, or need further details, please contact Kathy on **01635 578090**. We look forward to seeing you at Aldworth!

## COFFEE AND HOME MADE CAKES

at 10.30am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
at All Saints' Church  
after the Harvest Festival service.  
All welcome



## RAINFALL IN WEST ILSLEY

Liz and Adrian Dray

Latest well reading:

The readings are in meters and cms, so for example in July 2011 the level of water was 16meters and 38 cm from the top of the well.

Jul 11	16.38	Feb 12	22.09
Aug 11	17.52	Mar 12	21.58
Sep 11	18.92	Apr 12	20.90
Oct 11	20.04	May 12	19.47
Nov 11	21.03	Jun 12	16.46
Dec 11	21.39	Jul 12	14.67
Jan 12		Aug 12	13.69
		Sept 12	13.89

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To see more of the band go to [www.moonrakers.net](http://www.moonrakers.net)

## BLING FLING PHOTOS

A belated link to the photos is below:

[http://www.jingo.net/bling\\_fling](http://www.jingo.net/bling_fling)

Password is 'bling' =

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (RBL) - NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL BRANCH AUGUST 2012 - COMPTON, ISLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH

Thanks to all our readers who had a go at our golf chipping game at the Compton Fete on 7<sup>th</sup> July. It wasn't much easier than our usual egg throwing game but altogether less messy! The Branch collected £41 during the course of what became a wet afternoon.

The Branch is to hold its annual lunch at the Compton Swan on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. We have this year as guest speaker a representative from 11 EOD Regiment Didcot who joined the army as a boy soldier, worked his way through the ranks to become a Regimental Sergeant Major and is now commissioned as a Captain. You do not have to be a member of the RBL to attend this event with your partner. The cost will be £15 per head for a two course lunch with choice of menu and table wine. If you would like to attend this event which raises money for the Poppy Appeal please contact one of those undersigned.

This year's Remembrance Parade and Service will take place in Hampstead Norreys on Sunday

11th November. Please come and support us. Those wishing to parade should be at the White Hart car park by 1030hrs. We are expecting a good turnout in this special year of Jubilee and Olympics.

Finally, may we renew our call for new members? You do not have to be an old stager or have been a serving member of our armed forces but just be a believer in the RBL cause – young applicants are particularly welcome and the annual membership fee presently stands at £13. If you are interested in joining please use the points of contact below - we look forward to hearing from you.

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## WHO TO CONTACT

### VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 [rosduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:rosduckworth@btinternet.com)  
Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers

### PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close, between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday 281997. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone to ask if it's convenient. Prescription requests can be put through the door any time. The surgery bus makes deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

### CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306 Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

### TENNIS COURT

Membership: Liz Dray - [lizdray@btinternet.com](mailto:lizdray@btinternet.com) 281688  
Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

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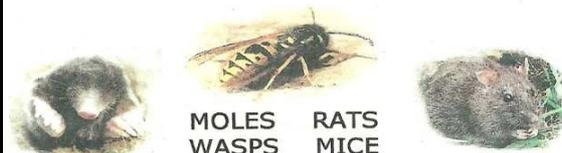
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