

West Ilsley News

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5pm on Wednesday 27th May

DIARY

MAY

16th Cake and plant sale

18th Annual Assembly

JUNE

6th Mencap Barn Dance at Folly Farm

JULY

12th Fete

Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir
in concert

St Mary's Church, Aldworth

Saturday 27th June

7.30 p.m.

Tickets **£10** to include a glass of wine
and finger refreshments

in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund

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THE VILLAGE VET RETIRES

The bush telegraph failed us this month and it took an article in the Newbury Weekly News to inform us that John Clemenger who has lived and worked in the village for the last 29 years, retired at the end of March to concentrate on his many hobbies which include photography, playing the accordion, gardening and riding motorbikes! Following national service with the royal Navy, he attended night-school to gain the O levels which lead to his being awarded the Lord Kitchener scholarship to train as a vet. Following qualification and a brief time in a civilian surgery, John returned to a military career and rose to the rank of Major. Postings at Harwell, Singapore, Germany and Oman (with the SAS!) followed. His last appointment before leaving the army in 1977 was as vet to the Kings Troop. Elaine and daughter Anna both helped run the surgery as

veterinary assistants and John says that he couldn't have done it without Elaine. We wish them a long and happy retirement.

RECREATION GROUND AND CHICKEN ALERT

I know we take our chances letting our little bantams loose whilst living so close to the recreation ground. Yet It is always very upsetting when one goes. Our little dynasty is now greatly demised. I simply request a little live and let live and demonstrate awareness whilst visiting the rec' with dogs.

Thank you, from Marnie behind the cricket pavilion

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ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

The summer term is upon us and the Under Fives have a number of exciting activities ahead. On the 10th June we have a visit planned to Bucklebury Farm Park. The children, as well as viewing the animals and playing in the play areas,

can also stay for a picnic lunch. The term will end with our usual Teddy Bear's picnic, the venue and date to be confirmed. In addition, we will be represented with stalls at the East Ilsley Sheep Fair on the 7th June (donations of cakes and biscuits for this stall would be most welcome!) and the West Ilsley Fete.



Ilsley Under Fives (babies and toddlers welcome) meet during term time on Wednesday mornings, 10am to 11.30am, at West Ilsley Village Hall. The session is an informal meeting, providing playtime for the children, an occasional craft activity, a drink and biscuit with tea/coffee and chat for the parents or carers. The session ends with a singsong! For further details please feel free to contact me on 280622 or any other member of the committee or simply pop along on a Wednesday. New faces are always welcome!
Louise Taylor

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

A big thank you to Donna and Steve Cobrin and to Angela Ryan plus our usual committee members for enabling us to have a colourful and fun Easter activity morning in April. The children thoroughly enjoyed making food, kippah hats and seder plates and learning more about the Passover. We will re-convene back in church on Thursday 21 May at 4pm when the topic will be "Ascension". The June service will be on Thursday 25 June. If you would like any further details please do contact any of us on the following numbers:
Denise Brown on 01635 281825
Liz Dray on 01635 281688
Louise Taylor on 01635 280622.

EVERGREENS

On Thursday 14th May the coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9am to go to Gloucester. Members £7, non-members £10.



Names to Pat Burnett 281131

UFTON COURT OPEN DAY

Sunday 17th May 11 - 4pm

A FUN day out that ALL the family will enjoy!!!
Living history: learn about medieval life through the eyes of characters in the Tudor Manor House, the interactive medieval market and the weaponry displays and more.
Entertainment: including a live theatrical performance from 'The Pantaloons' and more.

Activities: try horse riding, the climbing tower, archery or take home a brass rubbing and more .
Refreshments: Stalls, Beer Tent, BBQ, Cafe and more.

Admission: Adults £6, Children £1 (under 3 free), Concessions £4

Ufton Court, Green Lane, Ufton Nervet, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 4HD

For Volunteering opportunities and full details of all the activities available on Open Day, visit www.uftoncourt.co.uk or call 01189 832 099

All proceeds support the work of the Ufton Court Educational Trust.

Flower Festival

St Mary's Church

Aldworth

Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th June

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Plants and Cakes Stalls

Refreshments all day

in aid of

St Mary's Restoration Fund

Details: 01635 578791

West Ilsley Parish Council Annual Assembly And AGM

Monday 18th May, WI Village Hall

7.30pm AGM followed by Parish Assembly at 8pm

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.

TENNIS AND GOSSIP

I have potted around the village on a few occasions this month and each time have been struck with the thought that there are more than a number of villagers all strutting their stuff for West Ilsley. My goodness me, do we realise just how many people are chipping away at the churchyard, the playground, the cricket pitch, outside the village hall, not to mention those busy and organising The Fete? And those are only the ones that I have seen! The grass is trimmed, the verges tidied and the roof is replaced over the newspaper box and no-one is thanked publicly by name. I would like to thank all the people that work hard to make W.I. a special place to live (and boot the grumpy buggers up the jacksie!). Now, tennis...an update after our meeting. Sue Evans has, unfortunately tendered her resignation as work, travelling down the M4 and meetings in the week are incompatible. Sorry to lose her, but

Amanda Hagen has offered us a hand (for which we are extremely grateful). We are no different from any other organisation in that many hands make lighter of the work and it is much better to have another opinion amongst us. Anyone else with a burning desire to join us and would enjoy The Harrow on a bi-monthly basis? We'd be pleased to have your company!

We are delighted to announce that membership is thriving. If anyone else wishes to join the serried ranks - fantastic - and to those who have already, get out there and play! Please bear in mind that we do not wish to clear up unsavoury mess. This includes the pile of dog poo that some(dog)one kindly left for David to clear. Nobody wishes their child (or adult for that matter) to slide in this stuff. Dogs should not be on the court being exercised and should always have their mess cleared up, anyway.

I requested last month that the net needs to be carefully lowered after use so as to prevent damage and ease the tension on it after play. Please ensure that this instruction is adhered to. It also needs to be cleared from the tarmac underneath and so we shall be buying some special hooks to 'hoik' - er, hook it up.

Sadly, the balls in the box have not worked - we thought it would be a good idea to have these available, but they are not being tidied away and the box lid is now broken. The box (bottom) is going to be used as temporary litter bin.

Access to the court may need to be changed but members will be informed of this. Predictably, the code has been passed around, without discretion, to those who aren't entitled to use it. Apparently, there were some youngsters playing football inside. It is a dedicated tennis court, not a 5-a-side pitch. Would parents please do their best to ensure that this facility is not abused and that it is used appropriately? It is reasonably easy to police the situation as there are, fortunately, a number of sharp-eyed and vigilant villagers out. Thank you for that.

Oh! Dear! Am I going to continue to moan? Yes! If you are going to play, please book online first if you want to have priority. The online bookings will always, unfortunately have to take precedence over those who don't book. If you are unable to book online, please ring one of the committee who will do it for you. (Amanda, 281609, or David, 281391). Please note that the court will be booked out for the day of the fete.

The **tennis tuition** for the children went down a wow! Sadly, the weather won on the Friday when it threatened terrible precipitation and then couldn't quite make up its mind after that. However, the previous day was much enjoyed by all who participated. There is another course arranged for the morning of 27 May during the week of the Whitsun half term for those who are

keen. Please contact Amanda Hagen on 281855 (or even me as I can be piggy in the middle).

After all the whingeing, do enjoy it! Just please treat the facilities with care as there are a large number of us who are enjoying them. Thank you.

Polly Muir pollymuir@btinternet.com

01635 281647

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Wantage Brass Band

Sunday 10th May

Playing at lunchtime by the pond

Summer Quiz Night

Wednesday 20th May

8pm start

£2 each to enter

Maximum of 6 per team

Menu from our blackboard

Earn Extra Money

Washing Up and Waitressing shifts available at

The Harrow, no experience necessary. Pop in or give us a call 01635 281 260

West Ilsley Fete

I am still struggling with raffle prizes for the village fete on Sunday 12th July. I have had a couple of very generous prizes but still need more. All donations very warmly accepted.

Hayley 01635 281 260



PALS FUNDRAISER CAR WASH

A big thank you to all the villagers who either donated cakes, brought their car for a wash or gave a donation to PALS for the car wash fundraiser. Also thanks to JJ, Caspar, Storm and Anna Sugden for helping wash the cars. All the PALS boys had a great time and really enjoyed the experience. They raised over £110 which will go towards the transport costs for their holiday in August. It wasn't just about the money - it gave them a great sense of achievement and pride! My final thanks go to Peter and Sandra Carlisle who kindly allowed us to use their farm yard facilities!

PALS GREENHAM GIFT APPLICATION

I have applied for a grant to the above for my PALS group. People in West Berkshire are asked to vote for their favourite application (there are 12 applications that go into the NWN - and PALS 18+ group is one of them) via the Newbury Weekly News, in either the publication on 30th April or 7th May. Votes are cast by completing the form and asking to be sent a ticket for the Corn Exchange evening - please do this so that even if you can't make it I can bring along someone else to support us! If you could help me by voting that

would be great. If we get enough votes then the final 4 community groups are invited to rally the troops for an evening at the Corn Exchange where the final vote is made. Basically if I can get enough people to support via postal votes and come on the evening then I should get a grant which would enable the group to grow, develop and include more disabled youngsters (aged 18 - 25) to access a wide variety of social and leisure opportunities which encourages their independence and self esteem. Many thanks again - please contact me if you would like to know more about the PALS group!

Angela Ryan - Villager and PALS Co-ordinator



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

May Church Services

3 rd	All Age Communion	10 am
10 th	Holy Communion	8 am
17 th	All Age Worship	11 am
24 th	*No Service at West Ilsley	
31 st	*No Service at West Ilsley	

* Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice.



Spring Clean of Church and Churchyard

Thank you to the dozen or so stalwarts who kindly donated a couple of hours of their time to give All Saints a spring clean and tidy up, both inside

and out, in time for Easter. That, together with the display of beautiful flowers in church on Easter Sunday, meant the church was sweet smelling and sparkling for one of the most important days of the church year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The annual meeting was held in church on 20th April, at which a report on the various aspects of the church for 2008 was given. At the meeting, Alexandra Axtell was elected, together with Ian Fewtrell-Smith, as church warden for the coming year. It was good to have had Graham and Kate Stacey join the benefice as curates during the year and since then to have enjoyed their distinct style in the services they have been taking. Part of the meeting discussed the church finances, illustrated by a leaflet giving graphic representations of income and outgoings. This shows clearly a deficit of £2,020 (about 21%) of income over expenditure, an untenable situation that we feel would be of concern to the whole village. A copy of the leaflet is attached to the WIN.

Cake and Plant Sale – Saturday 16th May at 10.30am



This will be held in the churchyard (or in the church if wet) with the usual stalls, including cakes, plants and raffle. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while the children are kept amused with their own activity. Any donations of plants and cakes will be most welcome on the day, but please let us know in advance (tel. 281625 or email: fewtrell-smith@keme.co.uk) if you are able to bring something. See you there!!

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE - SUNDAY 12 JULY

Preparations are well underway for this year's village fete to be held on the recreation ground. There will be many attractions, new and traditional, for everyone to enjoy and participate in.

Schedules for the flower show, produce and cookery classes will be available shortly.

Similarly, more information will follow regarding the dog show, five-a-side football, tug-of-war and children's fancy dress.

If there are any villagers who have not yet informed us that they intend to have a stall at the fete could they please let Helen Tallant know as soon as possible (01635 281529 or h.tallant@tiscali.co.uk)

We are still looking for volunteers on the day to help so please make yourself known to Doug Brown (280665) or Alan Bloor (281341) if you are able to spare a few hours.

THE WEST ILSLEY GREEN GYM

I can't believe that spring has well and truly sprung, the snowdrops and daffodils have been and gone and the village grass is ris!

First and foremost, thanks is well overdue to Anne and Norman Carlisle and Richard Gore for their tireless dedication and care over many years in maintaining the churchyard so beautifully. It is due to them that the church is such a focal point in the village.

Last summer the mowing of the churchyard, the duck pond and the play area was shared between 12 village volunteers who I would also like to thank (Andy Carrington, Philip Knight, Sean Ryan, Neil Paterson, Nigel Ryan, Steve Banks, Will Axtell, Andrew Pigott, Ralph Taylor, Ian Fewtrell Smith and Peter Carlisle) who gave up time over their busy weekends to mow these areas. I would very much appreciate it if those of you who are up for a workout during the summer months could let me know as soon as possible so I can set up another rota for this year. Last year we could have done with more hands on deck and therefore I am hoping to increase our "gym membership" if at all possible! There are always jobs to do at home but the more people who are able to help, the less it will fall on the shoulders of a few!

Please contact me or email Amanda as soon as possible if you are able to help (with your availability). See you at the gym!
Dries Hagen 01635 281855
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CRICKET CLUB

The cricket club has re-opened for the familiar Friday evening gatherings.



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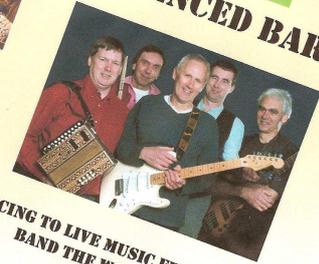
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BARN DANCE

Saturday 6th June
at Folly Farm, West Ilsley
7:00—11:30pm



BBQ



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BAND THE WOODPECKER

TICKETS FROM Jane Carlisle 01635 281340 or
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NEW ARRIVAL

We have a new resident in the village - Georgia Alice Pilditch arrived at 11:24am on Thursday weighing in at 7lb 2oz. A pretty impressive birthday present for Justin! Congratulations to Rosanne and Justin, and welcome to Georgia.



VILLAGE HALL

Audrey Tizzard – Treasurer and Bookings 281646
Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers

TENNIS COURT

Membership: pollyimuir@btinternet.com

Play without joining - to book the court:

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