

West Ilsley News

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We're not even going to mention the weather here's to an Indian Summer this month!

The Editors

PARISH COUNCIL Linda Gibson
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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 13th September at 7.00p.m.** in the Village Hall. See the village notice boards for the Agenda which will be 'posted' during the week preceding the meeting

EVERGREENS

On Tuesday 7th September, there will be an outing to Cardiff. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9 am. Members £6, non-members £8. Tokens can be used. Names to J Collier 281283.

THANK YOU Eileen Calder

I want to thank the people who gave so generously towards cancer research on my birthday. We made £155 which was very good, and very much appreciated.

THANK YOU Antonia Cretney

West Ilsley and its villagers have surely made their mark upon me, and your lovely generous parting present means that there will now always be a tangible sign of that hanging in my study. Thank you all for the fine Ken Messer watercolour of the church - an early morning view to remind me especially of arriving for those 8 o'clock services, lovely on a summer morning, rather more challenging in the depths of winter. It has been a privilege to get to know many of you, sharing the sorrows and joys of life and helping to keep the lamp of faith alight in the village.

I wish you good luck in 'Raising the Roof', so that All Saints can continue to stand in the centre of the village as a place of peaceful remembrance, joyful celebration and living faith.

And if you see me down the aisle in Waitrose in Wantage, please come and say hello!

CREAM TEAS Sunday 15th August

Someone up there clearly wanted our "raising the roof" effort to succeed, because the rain held off for a few hours to allow us to put tables and chairs out in front of the hall as well as inside. We were very pleased to see around thirty adult villagers plus some children on the afternoon, and would like to thank them for their support and generous overpayments for their refreshments. Our not-so-subtle posters around local villages and on the Ridgeway, meant that we attracted getting on for another thirty people, who were very complimentary about the village and the teas - without them we would have been a little disappointed in the attendance, but with them, our waiters were kept busy and we made a profit, so it clearly pays to advertise! Once we'd taken out some of the expenses we'd incurred, we were able to hand over a profit of £112.70. Many thanks to Paul and Mel for their "waiting" - some people said they left extra cash because of their efficiency! Andrea, Lynne and June

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter



A reminder to car owners not to leave valuables on display in cars at any time.

DIARY

SEPTEMBER

6 TH	UNDER 55 AGM
8 TH	TODDLERS AND PLAYGROUP TERM STARTS
13 TH	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
25 TH	50-50 BABY EQUIPMENT SALE
	OCTOBER
9 TH	TABLE TOP SALE
29 TH	CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
30 TH	ADULTS' HALLOWEEN PARTY

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

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ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

We had a very good day at the West Ilsley fete, possibly helped by the weather and made £180.00, many thanks to all those who supplied cakes and their time to 'man the teapot' as it were.

We are keen to keep the Ilsley Under Fives running for the benefit of the villages and more than anything we need your children to attend Toddlers and Playgroup to make this happen. It also means that your child will make friends early on with the same children that they may end up going to school with and also have friends their own age in the villages. Playgroup is especially beneficial as it's a pre-cursor for joining the Ilsleys school and means that your child should settle in very easily, in familiar surroundings when they eventually start.

Playgroup

Term Starts – Wednesday 8th September

Playgroup runs on Wednesday & Thursday afternoons at the Ilsleys school but at present is not running to capacity. Playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Ilsleys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.25pm to 3.30pm during the school terms. We are currently looking at different ways of perhaps offering more sessions and also ways to raise funds. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup or if you would like to attend a session to see what the children get up to please call Tracy Gregory on 281650 to enrol.

Toddlers

Term Starts – Wednesday 8th September

If you're new in the village and feel like meeting some new friends, we'd be very pleased to see you and your little ones. We get together on Wednesday mornings – 10.00 -11.30am in West Ilsley Village Hall. (Term time only) We have heaps of toys, a 'baby area' and lots of Mums who love a chat over a cup of coffee, so come along. For further details – ring Penny Dillon (281375)

50/50 Sale – Saturday 25th September

We are holding a second-hand Baby equipment, clothes, toys sale on Saturday 25th September at West Ilsley Village Hall between 10.00am – 1.00pm.

If you have anything you would like to sell, please contact Paula after 6th September for further details or look at the notice boards around the village. Proceeds will be split between the seller and Ilsley Under Fives.

Halloween Parties – Childrens and Adults

There will be a Halloween Fancy Dress Tea Party on Friday 29th October for 7 year olds and under, between 4 – 6pm at the village hall. Tickets are £2.50 for over 1's and are available from Penny Dillon on 281375. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** If you fancy yourself as a Wizard, Witch or Pumpkin there will be a Halloween Dance for the adults on the Saturday night (30th), tickets will be available from Sarah McNaught on 281700 or Cathy Paterson on 281242 and are £10 and will include a chilli supper. Music and a bar will also be available. More details will appear on the village notice boards in due course. Please do come and support us.

Under Fives AGM

The Under Fives AGM is on Monday 6th September at the Star Inn at 8pm in the Dining room, it's your Toddler and Playgroup so come along and hear what has been happening over the last year and meet the committee, you'd be most welcome.

Ilsley Under Fives

Raising the Roof

Table Top Sale

West Ilsley Village Hall

Saturday 9th October

9am – 12 noon

Book a table and sell your unwanted items and help the Church Roof fund at the same time.

Tables £5.00

Tea/Coffee available

Contact Tracy Gregory on 281650 or Sue Carrington on 281354 to book a table. Limited amount of tables

FETE UPDATE

The Cup Winners were:

Colling Cup - Homecrafts	Shirley Gore
Sheilah Hearn Rose Bowl – Flowers	Anne Carlisle
Walton - Fruit and veg	Sandra Carlisle
Millennium Cup - Best Garden	Alison Banks
Country Gardens Cup - Best Hanging Basket	Peter Barrett

Childrens best in show - Under 7 Piers Oliphant

Childrens beat in show - 7-11 years Hanna Oliphant

A special award to Fred Carter for winning the man made scones

Companion Dog Show

Best in show	Sally Gill	Bertie
Reserve best in show	Barbara Hutchison	Tilly
Best Puppy	Julie White	Joker

Congratulations to all winners and special thanks to all judges

PANG & KENNET VALLEY COUNTRYSIDE PROJECTS

The Friends of the Pang and Kennet Valley Countryside Project has been set up to represent all of the people who care about the countryside in the two valleys. The events below are co-ordinated by The Friends and give you the opportunity to come out on practical tasks, learn new skills, meet new people and, above all, enjoy yourself. The tasks usually begin

around 10am and finish by 4pm but you are very welcome to come for as much time as you wish to give during these hours. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing, and bring a packed lunch if you are coming for the full day. Hot drinks are usually provided, as are the necessary tools.

4th – 5th September Pond Restoration

Malt House Farm West Woodhay

Come and help restore the pond at Malt House farm using a new geo-textile lining. Meet at Black Barn, Rushall Manor Farm* at 10.00am or phone the Project office for details of meeting on site. Grid ref. SU 583 723.

Sunday 12th September

Heathland Restoration Bucklebury Common

Come and help maintain the heathland at Bucklebury Common. For all tasks meet at Angel's Corner, by the Scout Hut on Bucklebury Common (Grid ref. SU 550688) at 10.00am Contact Tim Culley for more details on 0118 9714830

Sunday 12th September

Just above the Bottom End Tidmarsh

Come and continue our exploration of the Lower Pang Valley. This 5-mile walk starts and finishes at Moor Copse car park. Water meadows, quiet lanes and ancient woods. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Start time 1pm. Please contact the Project office to book your place. Grid ref: SU 633 737

Tuesday 14th September Glade Management

Ashampstead Common

Come and maintain our three flower rich glades by removing cut herbage. Meet at Ashampstead Common Car Park Grid Ref: SU 587 751 at 10am.

Sat 18th – Sun 19th Sept

Royal County of Berkshire Show

Come and visit our new and vastly improved stand in the Countryside Area at the Royal County of Berkshire Show. Our display is being designed in conjunction with the Barn Owl Conservation Network and Murray MacLean (grower of hedgerow trees and shrubs) and will demonstrate how all three organisations' work is linked to comprehensively improve the wildlife in the Pang & Kennet Valleys.

Saturday 18th September 10am

Meadow Management Hose Hill LNR Theale

The meadow cuttings need raking up to encourage more wildflowers at Hosehill. Come and help us in this late summer task, suitable for all ages and enjoyed by all. Meet at the entrance opposite the Fox & Hounds pub at 10am. Grid ref: SU650697

Tuesday 21st September

Pond Restoration Pangbourne School, Pangbourne

Come and help restore the pond at Pangbourne School using a new geo-textile lining. This will enable the pupils of the school to use this important educational resource once again. Meet at Black Barn, Rushall Manor Farm* at 10.00am or phone the Project office for details of meeting on site. Grid ref. SU 583 723.

Sunday 26th September

Meadow Management Riverside Meadow Turnpike

Help to rake up the cuttings from the recently established wildflower meadow in Turnpike. Set alongside the River Lambourn, the meadow is a valuable resource for the local community to enjoy. Meet outside the Riverside Community Centre at 10am. Grid ref: SU485678

Tuesday 28th September

Meadow Management Leyfield Meadow

Spend the day cutting back invasive bracken to maintain a wildflower Meadow. Meet at the Black Barn Rushall Manor Farm* at 10am or phone the Project office for details of meeting on site. Grid ref. SU 583 723.

**SPONSORED BEATING OF THE BOUNDS
of the Parishes of Brightwalton with Catmore
August Bank Holiday, Monday 30th August
2004**

Sponsorship or donation forms may be obtained from:
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to whom any who do not wish to walk may send a
donation if they wish.



NEWBURY AND DISTRICT
CANCER CARE TRUST
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Would you like to help The Newbury & District Cancer Care Trust by purchasing their 2005 calendars of local scenes at £5 each? All profits will go towards maintaining the Rainbow Rooms in the new hospital and supporting cancer patients and their families in West Berkshire.

The Trust is unusual as it is a *local* community charity run by *local* Trustees able to respond quickly to the needs of *local* people. No-one with cancer should suffer in ignorance, pain or isolation. Please contact [Christine Fairbrother](mailto:Christine.Fairbrother@0163546356) on 01635 46356 or chrisef@msn.com if you are interested. Mail order available. Your help really would be very much appreciated. Thank you.