

West Ilsley News

September 2003

What a difference a newspaper makes! Not only is there a sense of relief amongst the newsaholics of West Ilsley at the reinstatement of the delivery, but those who have elected to collect their own, are enjoying a little community interaction which had rather disappeared when the Post Office closed. As some advert used to say - "it's good to talk" - and so say all of us!

The Editors

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Linda Gibson - Clerk - Tel 200242

Parish Council Vacancies.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday 25th September** at 7.00p.m. in the Village Hall. **Please note the change of date.**

CAFE CULTURE

Frank O'Phile

During my visits to the Village Hall over the past week, to collect my newspaper, it became apparent that this task seems to be, in the main, carried out by the senior male of the household, as indeed happens in France. What is missing and is there a business opportunity waiting to be exploited?

Imagine the scene on arrival at the Village Hall the menfolk collect their newspaper and rather than returning home, sit reflectively over a cup of strong black coffee and perhaps a small cognac or pastis, reading the headlines, putting the world to rights, spreading rumours and gently easing themselves into the day beneath a haze of Gauloise smoke. Some may even wish to partake in a gentle game of boules on the newly established boules court (gravel car park area)

Is this a summer dream? The weather has been spectacular, even at 7.30am. Would this dream and any profits for the would be proprietor vanish once proper English weather returns?

CAR WASH

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

2-4 PM

£5.00 PER CAR

@ ROWLES FARM

IN AID OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

ROOFFUND

ENQUIRIES:

PLEASE CALL GEORGINA WILLIAMS

OR THOMAS ON 281220

ALL AGES WELCOME TO HELP

THE MORE THE MERRIER!!

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for September:

7 th	All Age Service	11.00 am
14 th	Holy Communion	8.00 am
21 st	Family Communion	9.30 am

DENISE BROWN

Denise is being ordained into the priesthood on Sunday 28th September at St. Mary's church in Reading and will be taking her first holy communion service at Beedon on Monday 29th September at 7.30 pm. All are welcome at Beedon, and if you would like a lift, please let me know.

HARVEST

Harvest Festival will take place on 5th October at 11.00 am with a lunch in the village hall afterwards. Tickets are £5.00 (as last year) and will be available from members of the PCC shortly.

C.R.O.W

It's not too late to enter the annual Cycle, Run Or Walk on Saturday, 13th September. Please see me for details (281625).

EVERGREENS

There will be an outing on Tuesday 16th September 2003 to Bristol and the Shopping Centre. The coach will leave from outside the Church at 9.00am. Members £5, non-members £7. Tokens can be used. Names to J Collier.

HARVEST REPORT Peter Carlisle

The 2003 Harvest started on the 14th July after our sun drenched Flower Show – well, it couldn't start before could it?? It all seemed so normal; the winter barley was gathered whilst the sun beat upon us, and then the rains came. We managed to snatch days during the rest of July to harvest the remaining winter barley and the winter oilseed rape crops.

We re-started harvest with the spring barley crop on Saturday, 2nd August at 3 o'clock thinking we may get a chance for a couple of days of combining whilst the weather lasted. Little did we know what was in store. We have had the most wonderful August weather; the bulk of the harvest was in the grain stores within two weeks. The noise from the grain 'coolers' was minimal! and the 'old wags' were likening the proceedings to 1976. I can't remember that far back!

The wheat yields were affected by the hot weather, being slightly down, (but not as much as our European counterparts), whilst the barley and oilseed rape yields were about average. So, not a moaning farmer to be seen or heard!

**The West Ilsley Village Hall
Committee announce their
Clay Pigeon Shoot
on
Sunday October 19th**

Morning Shoot followed by lunch, prize giving and raffle in the Village Hall

Refreshments i.e bacon butties and tea wagon available at the shoot site.

Tickets (Shoot only or shoot plus lunch) available from Angela Hyde 281500 or Alison Banks 281705 from mid September.

Any raffle prizes gratefully received.
For more info please contact us or available in the next issue.

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We re-start in September after our summer break. The September services are as follows:-

Afterschool Service		Pram Service
4pm Thursdays		11am Mondays
11 September	New beginnings	15 September

The Pram Service is aimed at 0-5 year olds and the Afterschool Service for the slightly older ones as well as the babies. The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Each service lasts approximately half an hour followed by drinks for the children. If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Antonia Cretney on 01635 248925 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB



**ANNUAL RACE NIGHT
At The Cricket Pavilion
Friday 26th September – First race 8.00pm
To sponsor a race or purchase a horse contact:
Kev Holloway 01635 281556 or Russ Jeffries**

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Ilsley Under Fives AGM
This will be held on Wednesday 10 September at 8pm in the hall at the Ilsleys School. All committee positions will be re-elected. Please come along and hear what has been going on during the year (new

ideas always welcome) – we look forward to seeing you.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meets on a Wednesday morning, 10.00am – 11.30am in the village hall. There are lots of toys plus a climbing frame, playhouse, slide etc for the children and coffee and a chance to chat for the Mums. If you are interested in coming along please contact Jess Logan on 281670 for more details.

Toddlers re-starts on Wednesday 10 September. Playgroup

The 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. The numbers at the playgroup have risen suddenly and we are currently only accepting 3 year olds if a place is available. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy Gregory on 281650 for an application form to register your child or if you would like to arrange a visit. Playgroup will re-start on Wednesday 10 September.

West Ilsley Cricket Club

Annual Presentation Evening



**Friday 10th October 2003 – West Ilsley Village Hall
7.30pm to Midnight
Buffet, Bar and Live Music**

£12.50 – including Buffet

Contact:

Russ Jeffries 01235 851176 or
Kev Holloway 01635 281556

WELCOME

To Fred and Kath Carter, who have moved into Elvira.

FETE UPDATE

Following the request in last month's WIN for applications for funds from the profit generated at the fete, the following donations have been made.

Evergreens	£200
Under 5's	£150
Poor's Wood Trust	£150
Village Pond Improvements	£200
Cricket Club	£350
East Ilsley School	£400
Village Hall	£500
Fireworks	£217

The recipients of the donations are asked to contact the treasurer of the fete committee, Lynne Smith, The Ridgways, The Maltings, tel 01635 281163 with details of to whom the cheques should be made payable.

Curtains for Kids

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www.curtainsforkids.co.uk

(more designs coming to the web-site soon)

The editors have accepted a donation towards running costs of the WIN in return for running this advertisement.

The Heartache of Separation

Living away from home, from mum and dad, when you're just a child is hard enough. It's doubly difficult when you have to separate from brothers and sister too. Sadly, it's a reality for a number of children in foster care across our region

According to local fostering agency director, Andy Clipson, "*children are often separated from brothers and sisters because there are simply not enough foster carers and those that are available nearly always have a full house.*"

familyplacement.com is launching a new recruitment campaign this autumn to urge more people to come forward to care for these local children. If you think you can help, or would simply like more information, please telephone 01993 706925 or email: info@familyplacement.com

Ballroom and Latin American Dance Classes

Beginners' classes

Sutton Hall, Stockcross

Every Friday Commencing 19th September 2003

7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. £6.00 p.p

Village Hall, West Ilsley

Every Tuesday Commencing 23rd September 2003

7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. £6.00 p.p

Victory Room, Bucklebury

Every Thursday Commencing 25th September 2003

7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. £6.00 p.p

Improvers' Classes

Village Hall, West Ilsley

Every Wednesday Commencing 24th September 2003

7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. £6.00 p.p

All enquiries: Patricia Litherland

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BEWARE! This article appeared in the Mencap Newsletter

We have been informed of the following scam, which is targeting females in particular, They receive a phone call from the Post Office asking them to confirm their postcode. When this is given, they are told that they will become eligible for some gift vouchers for their co-operation and are asked to provide their home address and postcode in order to receive the vouchers. So far 90% of the women who have provided this information have been burgled, as it is assumed that their homes are unoccupied during office working hours. The police are aware of this scam and the Post Office have confirmed that they are NOT conducting any postcode surveys. Also, it has been reported that if you receive a telephone call from an individual who identifies himself or herself as being a BT Service Technician who is conducting a test on that line, or if anyone asks you to do the following DON'T! They will state that to complete the line test the recipient should dial nine, zero (90) then the hash (#) key and then hang up. This will give them full access to your phone line which allows them to place long distance, international or chat-line calls. These are then billed to your account. The information which the police have received, suggests that many of these calls are emanating from prisons. The information has been checked out by the police and is correct. DO NOT PRESS 90 FOR ANYONE. Please pass this information on to friends and colleagues, as it could cost someone a lot of money.

And finally: contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy, "word" file (via email or disk) or fax, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. The **latest deadline** for the next publication is **5pm** on Thursday 25th September but the editors would appreciate receiving your contributions as you get them ready during the month, to save a rush of work at the last minute.

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