

# West Ilsley News

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June 2005

Gosh - there was a bit of education going on in the Village Hall on Monday night, when Isabelle Boscaro-Clark from Diamond Light Source at Harwell gave a presentation on the Synchrotron project to the Annual Parish Assembly - no excuses now for not knowing what they're up to over there, tho' we can't claim to have understood absolutely all of it, it was a very informative and interesting talk, and full marks to the organizers.

The Editors

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

### Church Services:

5 <sup>th</sup> June	All Age Service	11.00am
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion	8.00am
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Children's church ( <i>'Joshua and the walls of Jericho'</i> )	4.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Communion	9.30am
26 June	No service	

### Plant and Cake Sale

On a rather damp Saturday in May a plant and cake sale in the church raised £400 for general church funds. With the Chelsea Flower Show just around the corner people took inspiration from Veronica's well set-out plant stall! As always the stalwarts baked some fantastic cakes and games were run for the children. Thanks to all who ran the stalls and those who donated the goods. The £400 raised will help All Saints' rather anaemic general finances.

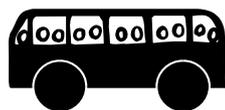
### Mothers Union - "How to Pray with Children".

We hope mothers will come and support this first mothers' union event in West Ilsley when we will learn how to pray with our children. It will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 8.00pm in the church.

## ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June there is the East Ilsley Sheep Fair. Mrs Collier will be running a raffle.



On Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be an outing to Weston-Super-Mare. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9 am. Members £7

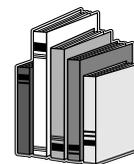
Non-members £10. Tokens can be used.  
Names to J Collier 281283

## THANK YOU!

To all the Parish Councillors past and present who contributed to my retirement gift of a wonderful painting by Ken Messer of the cricket ground with the Harrow in the background. It looks very good on my sitting room wall! Thank you also for coming to the gathering, it was really good to see you all again.

Kind Regards and Best Wishes for the Future.  
Linda Gibson (Retiring Clerk).

## BOOKS WANTED!



Books wanted for the Fete bookstall

Bring on the day or deliver to  
Alison at 'Campion', Main Street  
281296

## DIARY

JUNE

5 <sup>th</sup>	East Ilsley Sheep Fair
9 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Activities
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Evergreens to Weston
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee Morning
25/26 <sup>th</sup>	Camp out

JULY

7 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Activities
9 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Fete Dance
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fete

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

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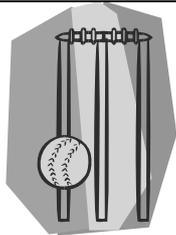
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## WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB Hugh Evans



**JUNIOR CRICKET** has started with over 20 attending each session - the reaction appears to have been very good and we can take more!! All ages welcome. We split coaching into young 'uns (5-11) and old 'uns (12+). The Bar opens at 7pm and with parents relaxing over a TGIF drink and the kids charging around the cricket pitch, it makes for a very convivial end to the week and start of the weekend!!

**SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP** - only £10 for a family and £5 for an individual. Well priced drinks and a friendly welcome and atmosphere - come and join.

Upcoming **fixtures** to be played at the club:-

28th May 1st XI vs Yateley  
4th June 2nd XI vs Swindon NALGO  
11th June 1st XI vs Swindon NALGO  
18th June 2nd XI vs Woodley  
25th June 1st XI vs Pinkneys Green

Please do come down to the club for a drink and a natter - all very welcome.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter

### Vehicle Crime is a serious problem

Did you know that vehicle crime accounts for one fifth of all crimes recorded by the police? The cost of vehicle crime affects all owners because the more claims the insurance companies deal with – the more the premiums go up for everyone. But you can stop your vehicle being the next on the criminals list by taking some very simple precautions that are free or cost only a few pounds.

How to stop property being stolen from your vehicle. Remember that your vehicle is like a shop window for thieves. If you can see any of the property left in the vehicle you are inviting the opportunist criminal to steal them:

- briefcases
- CDs and tapes
- cheque books
- coats ( old and new)
- credit cards
- handbags
- loose change
- mobile phones
- shopping bags
- sports bags and equipment
- wallets
- cameras



Remember, even if you know that the items left on display in your car are worthless the opportunist thief doesn't. If you have to leave items in your car, put them out of sight at the start of the journey.

Make sure that your property is etched with your postcode or house number. This will help the police return it to you in the event that it being lost or stolen. It will also provide evidence that the property is stolen and help the police to get a conviction.

Lock all doors, close all windows and shut the sunroof every time you leave your car – no matter how briefly. Many cars are broken into in the few seconds it is out of the drivers sight.

Buy a tamper proof tax disc holder. Hundreds of thousands of tax discs are stolen every year, and a tamper proof disc can deter a thief from breaking into your car – saving you repairing a broken window or door lock and replacing the disc.

### Mobile Phones

Beware.....Nearly 4,000 drivers have been fined by Thames Valley officers for making a phone call whilst driving in the first year since new legislation came into force

## Subaru outback 2.5i SE 4x4

For sale

Dark Green, metallic paint

45,000 miles

First registered 12/11/2002 (52 plate)

Manufacturers warranty & road side assistance until 11/11/2005

This model includes: Leather upholstery, heated front seats, front wind-screen de-icer, climate control, radio/cassette/CD player, twin electric sunroofs, tow bar, cruise control, snow tyres, floor mats etc.

In very good order, full service history and good bodywork.

Price £10,250

Contact Angela on 01635-281500

## WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE PRODUCE SHOW 2005

I hope that you are all preparing your entries for this years' Village Fete Produce Show, which is now only a few weeks away. More people than ever seem to be growing their own vegetables and I know that many of you are keen gardeners – so please make an effort to enter the show. It's great to see the tables stacked with entries on the day and it costs nothing to enter. All you have to do is simply write down the category number and your name on the labels provided, and then stick them to the underside of your entries. Children should write their age down too. To help you out, the categories and instructions will be posted in the marquee on the day. Entries will be accepted until 1pm and the judging should be finished by 2pm. There

will be prizes and rosettes for the best children's exhibits, and cups will be awarded for the overall winners in the Homecrafts, Flowers and Ornamentals and Fruit and Vegetables categories. Don't forget there is a cash prize for the winner of the men-only challenge! This is the most hotly contested prize in West Ilsley, so make sure you are in with a chance. Keep your garden looking good too as there will be a cup and a prize for the Best Kept Garden and Best Hanging Basket. You don't need to enter for this category; the judges will be stopping by every house in the village and making their decision on the weekend before the village show. The judges value your privacy, and will judge your garden as viewed from the edge of your property, unless you leave a note on the gate to say that it is OK to enter! If last years' cup winners could return their cups to Tanglewood one week before the show I would be grateful.



The men-only challenge is to make Shortbread this year. Making shortbread is quick and easy, and it tastes good too! You can use any recipe you like, but if you don't have a recipe then this one may help:

#### **Recipe for Shortbread**

225 g (8 oz) butter  
 125 g (4 oz) caster sugar  
 225 g (8 oz) plain white flour  
 125 g (4 oz) ground rice or rice flour  
 pinch of salt  
 golden granulated sugar for coating if you want to be flash  
 caster sugar for sprinkling

#### **Method**

Make sure all the ingredients are at room temperature. Mix the butter and sugar with a mixer or processor (or by hand!) for a few minutes until pale and fluffy. Sift the flour, ground rice and salt into the butter and sugar mixture and then mix in until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs.

Gather the dough with your hands and knead very lightly until it forms a ball, then roll into a sausage shape about 5 cm or 2 inches in diameter. Wrap in cling film and refrigerate until firm

Unwrap the dough and slice into discs about 7-10 mm (1/3 – 1/2 in) thick. If you wish, roll the edge of each shortbread disc in golden sugar to coat. Place the biscuits cut side up on baking sheets lined with greaseproof paper.

Bake in a pre-warmed oven at 190 deg C (375 deg F, Gas Mark 5) for 15 – 20 minutes until very pale golden in colour. Sprinkle with caster sugar on removing from the oven. Leave on the baking sheet for 10 minutes, and then transfer to a wire rack to cool. This should make 18 – 20 biscuits, so choose your six best biscuits to bring to the show and eat the rest!

Below are the produce show classes for 2005. There are some new entries for the children to enjoy and some old favourites too. If you have any questions, then please contact Karen Miller on 281876. Enjoy the preparations, and I look forward to seeing all your entries this year.

#### **Produce Show Classes 2005**

##### Flowers and Ornamentals

- 1 Roses - 3 blooms of any variety
- 2 3 blooms of any flower
- 3 Houseplant, in flower or just foliage
- 4 A fuschia in a pot
- 5 Five pink flowers

##### Fruits and Vegetables

- 6 One dish of soft fruit, any variety
- 7 Potatoes, 3
- 8 Onions or shallots, 3
- 9 Beans / peas, 3 pods any variety
- 10 Courgettes, 3
- 11 Highest weight of potatoes - grown from one seed potato (provided) in up to 30cm diameter pot

##### Flower Arranging

- 12 Arrangement in any container, max 60w x 60d x 60 cm high
- 13 A buttonhole
- 14 A summer wreath

##### Home Cooking

- 15 Jar of jam
- 16 Jar of marmalade
- 17 Jar of chutney
- 18 6 sausage rolls
- 19 Fruit bread / tea loaf
- 20 Home made drink (eg elderflower, lemonade, sloe gin, wine, beer)
- 21 Gentlemen only - 6 shortbread biscuits

##### Handicraft

- 22 Specimen of needlework
- 23 Knitted item
- 24 Specimen of any handicraft
- 25 A decorated horse shoe

##### Photography

- 26 Views of the countryside
- 27 Photo of a pet
- 28 Photo of a flower / flowers
- 29 Photo of family or friends
- 30 Holiday photo
- 31 The seasons

#### **Children's Classes (under 7)**

- 32 A miniature garden, not exceeding 30 x 45 cm
- 33 A drawing or painting of your parents and/or pets
- 34 A decorated plant pot
- 35 Food face on a paper plate

- 36 Home made article; eg. toy, needlecraft, handicraft  
 37 A bird or animal made from fruit, vegetables and matchsticks

#### Children's Classes (7-12)

- 38 A miniature garden, not exceeding 30 x 45 cm  
 39 A painting or drawing of your favourite thing  
 40 Hand made article; toy, needlecraft, handicraft  
 41 Mosaic; picture or decorated object (eg plant pot)  
 42 Home made sweets  
 43 A bird or animal made from fruit, vegetables and matchsticks

Cook breakfast, take down camp, clean and tidy up.  
 Finish 10am Sunday.

Open to all West Ilsley children of any age.

Part 1, all children over 3 can be left, but helpers welcome and needed.

Part 2, a responsible parent/adult/volunteer to accompany (on a ratio of no more than 1 adult to 4 kids), help out and sleep over from 5pm to 11am.

The camp site is located 1 mile outside West Ilsley. Take the Catmore road and follow the signs. Park inside the gate on the LHS.

All food and drink is included for Part 1. For Part 2 please bring your own supper. We shall have a BBQ fire going so we suggest you bring something to cook and your own refreshments. Juice and water will be available throughout plus tea/coffee, sugar, milk, cereal, bacon, bread and jam for the morning. Please bring anything else you wish to eat or drink. Adults bring your own – cork screw and barrel of bitter supplied!

There is no charge this year, but we do require your signed booking form in advance. Without this we cannot accept the child/ren. The weekend will go ahead whatever the weather!!

To join in, wear appropriate old clothing that you don't mind getting dirty or torn. For Part 2, the following kit is required.

- ✓ Tent for you and your child/ren. Do try to acquire one or buy a cheap one (Millets/Argos £40)
- ✓ Thick sleeping bag/duvet and Sleeping mat (optional)
- ✓ Waterproof top and trousers
- ✓ Thick wool jumper or fibrepile
- ✓ Spare warm trousers, socks and long sleeved shirt
- ✓ Warm hat/gloves and good shoes or boots
- ✓ Torch
- ✓ Plastic mug, plate & bowl plus cutlery for you.

Do **not** bring anything electrical, any money or excessive sweets. (While it is nice to have a few sweets to share – when every child brings a large packet they then often feel sick!). Please be aware that they are only going for one night!.

We hope this provides a great event for all ages and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please return the form at the end of this WIN to Angela Hyde, Forge Cottage. Tel 281500 or Alison Banks, The Malthouse Tel 281705 **BY 17th June 2005**



I have two free tickets available for the production of Mack and Mabel on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to join us please call me on 281224 – Andrea Cook

## Village CAMP OUT

Angela Hyde, Alison Banks, Paul Willis and Tracy Young on behalf of The Village Hall Committee and thanks to Peter Carlisle.

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce that the annual Village Camp Out will take place on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> (from 2pm) and extend through to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> (10am).

It will be centred round camping, with an afternoon activity around the camp and in the woods followed by a camp sleep over.

The aim of the Camp Out is to invite all West Ilsley villagers and ex villagers to enjoy a camp out together and for all ages to mix and socialise.

Details as follows:

### Part 1 – Saturday afternoon 2-5pm

Activities for all ages of children who can be left (under 3's accompanied please), led by volunteers from the village.

under 5yr olds – mini treasure hunt and games

5-8yr olds – camp skills

8yr plus – adventure trek (min 2hr walk)

To conclude the afternoon, hot dog tea and marshmallows for all cooked on the fire.

### Part 2 – Saturday 5pm to Sunday 10am

From 5-6pm the camp is prepared for the night and for those children staying a responsible adult should arrive. Tents are put up and we strongly recommend that this is done as a family activity after 5pm. We then play games and enjoy a family BBQ supper in the evening (from 7pm).



### WEST ILSLEY FETE

#### CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED FOR A HAMPER

If you have any items you would like to contribute to enable us to make up a food hamper as a Raffle prize  
Please contact June 281565

### Fund Raising Coffee Morning

Thursday 23 June

10 - 1pm

4 The Maltings

**West Ilsley**

**In the garden, weather permitting.**

**Come along for a coffee and chat**

**Local crafts and produce on offer**

**Funds raised will be split between**

**All Saints Church Roof Appeal**

**& The Ilsleys School**

### CRIME REPORT

*Our thanks to PC Andrew Buckingham who emails us with his NWN article, from which we extract items which may be valuable in keeping villagers alert to what's going on in the area:*

#### **5<sup>th</sup> May**

Although 'road rage' is not a specific offence it can be intimidating and frightening for the victim and such behaviour could encompass offences under the road traffic and public order acts. If confronted by a road rage incident, consider the following advice:-

- ✓ Stay calm and don't react angrily with violent gestures. Diffuse the situation and let them overtake or have the parking space.
- ✓ Should the situation escalate, pull over where there are other people around.
- ✓ Don't leave your vehicle; keep all doors and windows locked.
- ✓ If you are in fear for your personal safety and it is safe to do, make a note of the number plate and the description of the driver, if you have a mobile phone call the police.

A trivial incident could trigger a road rage situation so to reduce your chances of becoming a victim, drive with consideration for other road users and keep your distance.

#### **Crime Report**

Between 4.15pm and 4.40pm Monday, offenders smashed the window of a black Audi Estate parked in Snelsmore Country car park and stole a pair of binoculars.



Between 1pm and 4.30pm Monday, a red Ford Escort was damaged when the vehicle was scratched down its entire nearside.

Between 4.50pm and 5.50pm Saturday, offenders smashed the window of a grey Ford Focus parked in the Ridgeway car park on the B4494 Farnborough and stole a holdall which was later found minus its contents on the B4494.

Between Thursday 28th and Friday 29th Rushmere Stables Ermine Street Lambourn Woodlands was broken into and a generator was stolen.

During the past week there have been numerous reports of youths riding motorcycles/mini motor bikes/quad bikes etc illegally in Lambourn, Gt Shefford, East and West Ilsley. Over the coming weeks local officers will be paying particular attention to these areas and anyone found using one of these machines could find themselves giving an explanation to a magistrate.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> May**

Between Last Thursday and Friday a blue and silver 'Kraken' mountain bike was stolen from outside a property on the Hampstead Norreys Road Hermitage.

#### **19<sup>th</sup> May**

Whilst I imagine that thousands of people have met loved ones through dating agencies there are inherent risks when meeting a stranger for the first time.

By following some simple guidelines these risks can be reduced.

- ✓ Arrange to meet in a busy public place and if you have a mobile phone take it with you.
- ✓ Consider taking a friend along on the first meeting and arrange to meet again at a pre-arranged time and location.
- ✓ Tell someone where you are going, who with including their name, phone number and address and when you'll be back.
- ✓ Don't accept a lift or an invitation back to their home and don't extend an invite back to your home either.
- ✓ If you feel unsure about someone, there may be a reason, don't give them personal details about yourself and don't arrange a second date.

#### **Crime Report**

Saturday between 5.30pm and 6.20pm a silver Renault Clio had the drivers door lock forced whilst parked on Inkpen common.

Friday between 5.10pm and 5.25pm the front offside window of a black Mercedes was smashed whilst parked on the West Ilsley Road. Thieves stole a handbag which had been left covered on the floor. Again during the same evening between 6pm and 6.20pm thieves entered a grey Peugeot estate whilst parked by the Inkpen Gate on Hungerford Common and stole a handbag which had been placed under the driving seat. As you can see there have been a number of thefts from cars this week and even though 'handbags' have been concealed, thieves have found them. Please remember to remove all valuables from the car, a handbag hidden under the drivers seat is the first place a villain will look.

**26<sup>th</sup> May  
Crime Report**

Shortly before 1am on Saturday offenders ram-raided Wilson's Convenience Store in Fairview Road, Hungerford using a stolen Mitsubishi Shogun. In an attempt to steal the cash point machine a metal cable was placed around it and attached to the vehicle. They did not manage to steal the cash point but did escape with an unknown amount of cash once the cash point was forced open. The stolen vehicle, which was later found abandoned in Priory Road, Hungerford. Anyone with information should contact DC Tomblin Newbury CID on 08458 505 505.



**Lambourn armed robbery – do you know this man?** This is an electronic likeness of a man Newbury CID wish to speak to about an armed robbery in Lambourn on Tuesday (17/5). Two men who were involved in the robbery, where a knife was held to a woman's throat and a five-figure sum stolen. The men are both

thought to be of Eastern European origin. One was pale skinned; about 5ft 6ins, of medium build, with fair cropped hair and long sideburns. He was in his early 20s and spoke with an Eastern European accent. It is this man who is featured in the electronic likeness. The second man was taller, around 5ft 10ins, aged in his early 20s with tanned olive skin and dark hair which was short and wavy. He was wearing a blue nylon jacket and had dirty fingernails. This man threatened the woman with a knife.

Investigating officer DC Jason Watkins said: "This was a serious crime which has elements to it which we would rather not reveal at the present time. There was no sexual motive. But the crime is unusual in its nature and we need people to come forward if they recognise the men in the descriptions.

Anyone with information should contact DC Watkins on 0845 8 505 505 Again in Lambourn PC Tim Offer from Hungerford would like to hear from anyone who saw a youth with a fire extinguisher during the evening of Wednesday (18th) in the vicinity of Close End/Station Road area.

During the afternoon of Thursday (19th), fifteen cartons milk belonging to the playgroup were stolen from outside the Village Hall Chaddleworth. When the theft was discovered a vehicle was seen to drive off containing local youths.

During the past week in Kintbury, Hermitage and Leckhampstead garage doors have been tampered with and forced open. Please be aware and take appropriate security measures.

**Police contact number: 08458 505505**

**AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

At the May service we celebrated the Ascension of Christ. Our next service will be on Thursday 16 June at 4pm. The theme will be "Joshua and the walls of Jericho". If you are able to attend please bring a cardboard box for your child as we will be building the walls of Jericho!

The July service will take place on Thursday 7 July followed by a bring your own picnic tea at the cricket pitch, weather permitting.

The Afterschool 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 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

**WEST ILSLEY FETE**



**Old crockery wanted for crockery smashing stall  
(No Glass)  
Please contact Gordon 281876**



DOWNLANDYOUTHNETWORK

**THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES  
TEAM IS COMING BACK  
TO WEST ILSLEY**

8-13 year olds

9<sup>th</sup> June

7<sup>th</sup> July

and

4<sup>th</sup> August

7.00 – 8.30 pm

Games and sports, computers, arts and crafts,  
dance, drama, circus skills!

Bring some pocket-money for the tuck shop

Polish Aupair -in the village

Looking for extra work - Call Anna 281784

**CAN YOU LISTEN AS WELL AS HEAR?**

If you can, we want to hear from you. June is Listening and Advising Month at Volunteer Centre West Berkshire in this the Year of The Volunteer. There are many West Berkshire organizations all of whom serve West Berkshire People in a variety of ways and need more people to serve in a voluntary capacity which could be you !To find out more we invite people of your parish to visit our Volunteer Recruitment Day at

Newbury Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury where you can find out about volunteering with The Citizens Advice Bureau, Samaritans, Cruse Bereavement Care, Thames Valley Police, Home Start West Berkshire, Buddies, Berkshire Womens Aid, 14-21 Time To Talk, Age Concern, West Berkshire Library Service and Link Up, on Saturday 25 June between 9:30am and 4pm. Alternatively, contact: Volunteer Centre West Berkshire on 0163549004 at [newbury@volunteerbureau141.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:newbury@volunteerbureau141.fsnet.co.uk) visit [www.volunteerwestberks.org.uk](http://www.volunteerwestberks.org.uk)

*Hot off the press!*

**CAT FOUND:** Some of you may have seen posters around the village for a missing cat - Baxter. Martin is pleased to report that after three weeks away Baxter turned up one morning healthy but extremely skinny and very hungry. Thank you to everyone who was on the look out.

Village CAMP OUT  
Booking Form

Please return the form to:  
Angela Hyde, Forge Cottage. Tel 281500  
Or  
Alison Banks, The Malthouse Tel 281705  
**BY 17th June 2005**



Name	Age	Part1 or 1&2 (delete) Part1 or 1&2 Part1 or 1&2 Part1 or 1&2
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Accompanying Adult for Part 2.....

Please give details of any relevant medical information regarding any of the above child/ren.....

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Camp Out. I understand that the activities are led by volunteer leaders and helpers and I take full responsibility when sending my child/ren. Our emergency contact (in the village) during the event is.....

Signed by a parent/guardian.....Date.....



Children's Fancy Dress Competition  
"The Olden Days"  
West Ilsley Fete  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2005  
1.00 pm  
Two age groups  
0-5 years  
6 years upwards  
Prizes to be won  
Free entry on the day

