

West Ilsley News

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MISSING - ASH

Ash is a very friendly black smoke cat with orange/yellow eyes. He has been missing since the morning of Saturday 25th February and we are very anxious to know where he is. Please could you check your sheds / garages and outbuildings in case he has got himself shut in. If you have any information about Ash, please contact Cathy Paterson on 281242. Thank you.

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services for March:

Sunday 5 th	All Age Worship	11.00am
Sunday 12 th	Holy Communion	8.00am
Sunday 19 th	Family Communion	9.30am
Sunday 26 th	No Service	

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Monday 13th March

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2006 is taking place on Monday 13th March in All Saints church at 7.45pm.

During the meeting reports will be presented by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Churchwarden. These include the annual report, a finance report and the accounts. We would warmly encourage villagers to attend this meeting to discuss the continued life and work of the church in this village.

WELCOME

To Jill and Hughie Quinn who moved into No.6 Fir Tree Cottages at the beginning of February.



Easter Bingo
Good Friday 14th April
7.30pm
West Ilsley Village Hall.
Lots of EASTER EGGS to win
For all the family
Bring Your Own Drinks
Raffle prizes welcome to Audrey at
5 Fir Tree Cottages
Admission 20p, children 10p
Bingo Books 30p
Proceeds to West Ilsley Village Hall funds

DIARY

	MARCH
3 rd	Evergreens AGM
13 th	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
13 th	Parish Council Meeting
	APRIL
14 th	Easter Bingo
	JUNE
17 th /18 th	Camp Out

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Monday 27th March

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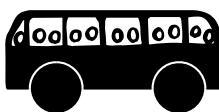
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I LSLEY EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle



The Evergreens will hold their Annual General Meeting at West I lsley Village Hall at 2 pm on Friday 3rd March. The programme for this year will

finally be decided, then Bingo, and a Raffle followed by tea and biscuits. Subscription £5 to be paid please for the year.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter

Serious and Organised Crime Act 2005

Police will be able to arrest anyone for any criminal offence, including minor misdemeanours such as dropping litter, under new laws which have just come into force...Until now Police have had the power to arrest only those suspected of committing an offence carrying a sentence of at least five years in prison.

The new law requires only that the Police have reasonable grounds for believing that a persons arrest is necessary. This can include a suspects refusal to give their name and address.



The changes are part of the Serious and Organised Crime Act 2005, which removes the distinction between "arrestable" and "non-arrestable" offences. Offences that have until now been non-arrestable include impersonating a Police officer, not stopping a vehicle when ordered to do so and making or selling an offensive weapon.

In the future Police will be allowed to photograph suspects on the street where they have been arrested or issued with a fixed penalty notice, rather than back at the Police station.

"The introduction of a single rationalised power of arrest simplifies arrest powers" said Home Office minister Hazel Blears. "These tough new powers make a significant contribution to creating a modern, efficient Police service equipping front line officers with the tools they need to fight modern crime effectively and keep our neighbourhoods safe."

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

In January the children enjoyed making Christingle oranges and in February they heard the story of Jonah and the Whale.

As in previous years, by kind permission of David and Jane Carlisle, our March service will be replaced by a visit to the lambs at Folly Farm. The children always love this special afternoon which really heralds the start of spring for us all. We will be meeting at The Malthouse at **4pm on Thursday 16 March** and walking up through the fields to arrive at Folly Farm by 4.30pm (off road buggies and wellies advised!). We will also be asking for donations to "The Raising the Roof" appeal in return for the opportunity to visit the lambs. Please be advised that pregnant Mums are advised not to enter the lambing pens.

Mums and Tots (for the very young and their carers)

We will be meeting at the Peasemore Rectory on **Thursday 2 March** from 10am-11.30am. This is a more casual get together where the children can play and sing and the Mums get to have a chat and a coffee.

If you would like more information on either of these services please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

Holy Week Activity Morning Wednesday 12 April

10am – 12pm

West I lsley Cricket Pavilion

Our April afterschool service will be replaced by an activity morning suitable for 3-10 year olds (younger siblings also very welcome). We will be making wooden crosses, rosary beads, hunting for eggs on the cricket pitch and listening to the story of Holy Week. Places will be limited to 25 and can be booked by telephoning Alison Banks on 01635 281705. We will be asking for a suggested donation of £2 per child and ask for children up to 6 to be accompanied by an adult. Please also provide your child with a packed lunch as we end the morning with lunch together.

I LSLEY UNDER FIVES Amanda Knight

This coming Wednesday (1 March) Alexandra Axtell will once again be leading the toddlers' monthly craft activity. This month we will be helping them to make their Mother's Day cards. These sessions are very popular with the children who are enormously proud of their efforts. We are also in the process of organising a treat for the little ones along the lines of a visit from a puppet show or a mobile soft play centre. Our intention is that this will take place on 29 March but this will be confirmed at next week's Toddlers (8 March).

Ilsley Under Fives Toddler Group meets on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West I lsley Village Hall (term time only). We have heaps of toys, ride-ons and a baby area for the littlest ones and tea and coffee for the parents/carers. New faces always welcome! For further details please contact me (281609) or Katherine Young (281539).

NEWSPAPERS – note from a reader

A couple of weeks ago our newspaper was not in the box when we went down to collect it mid morning. When we phoned Compton shop they said it had been delivered but that they had had the same problem the day before with a Daily Mail. It was not convenient for us to go to Compton to get another paper so we had to buy

one when we were out, so paying twice for the same paper. We were not very impressed when we checked the box in the evening to find our Daily Express was now there. If people tick off the newspapers they collect, it should be obvious a paper has already been collected. We had this problem quite regularly when we collected a Daily Mail for our neighbour, although the paper did not always reappear, and it has happened to us several times now. It would be a shame if the service was stopped just because people take the wrong newspapers.

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Felix Rayner, Headteacher

News from The IIsleys Primary School – February 2006

The new term has begun just as positively as the autumn term ended, with the children coming back refreshed and ready to do their best. They have all settled back and are focusing on their studies. I would like to mention how well the children of the school behave; they are a pleasure to teach and a real credit to the villages.

As usual, after school Clubs have begun again with a wide range of activities taking place including art, choir, netball and country dancing. The clubs are well attended by the children and they gain a lot from them – I would like to thank the staff for running the clubs.

The highlight of the term so far has been the wonderful week themed on the 'The Swinging Sixties'. The school halted normal lessons and focused on all things relating to this iconic decade. The activities and learning experiences obviously have a strong historical focus – we looked at key events, the fashions and the music. We also developed skills in a range of areas including the arts, technology, sport and independent study. The children experienced building rockets as part of a moon landing study, an Andy Warhol art project, learning to knit and took part in a football tournament re-enacting the 1966 world cup. The week came to an end with a 60's disco and a well attended whole school assembly. Other key activities included having input from staff members on their childhood in the 60's, one of whom attended our school between '62 and '68. We also welcomed back old staff members who worked in the school during the period. The week was a roaring success and I thank everyone who made the week possible.

As I sit here in my office I am thinking about and looking forward to the exciting things to come over the next few months, for example ... the school choir singing at The Anvil Theatre in Basingstoke in a concert organised by the Berkshire Music Trust in March... remodeling the school gates and entrance...being part of a school network where we will be videoconferencing with other small village schools as part of a speaking and listening project...oh yes, The IIsleys School is an exciting place to be!! Look out for further information on the above in the coming months.

As always, If you have any queries about the school please don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

The Village Hall Management Committee announce

A THANK YOU FROM BARCELONA

We would just like to thank all our friends in West IIsley for their Christmas cards. As usual we were way to disorganized to send xmas greetings. Normally we rush round the village on Christmas eve busy delivering to everybody. I must admit that we did miss our house a bit at Christmas time and the kids made me buy a huge tree here, we have tall ceilings here too, but the tree was so big it blocked the stairs. Luckily we have an elevator in house (very useful for getting drunk husband up to his bed!!) so we just had to use that during the festive period. We introduced all the neighbours to Marks and Spencers' mince pies which we served at our xmas drinks party. They were not too impressed by this English delicacy, next year I shall introduce them to Oily balls and see how that goes!

I must say that drinks parties here are a lot cheaper than in WI, the people here do not seem to drink half as much as you guys in WI, which pleases John as it means there is more left over for him to enjoy. We have settled in well here and the Nienke and Merel are doing really well in school although they have to work a lot harder here than they did in England. They go to the American School and Merel is starting to have a bit of an American accent. Nienke is holding on to her Dutch/British accent!! John is happily commuting between London and Barcelona, finds it a big improvement on travelling between London and Didcot . Now that there is plenty of snow in the Pyrenees we sometimes go skiing for the weekend, which is great, its only a 2 hour drive from our house to the mountains. Other weekends we have visitors over and now that spring is in the air (well here anyway) my bookings are up!!! Its always great fun when people visit, that way I end up doing some sightseeing as well!!! So if any of you fancy a visit, please book promptly as we are filling up fast!!! Big thank you all again for all your cards and we wish you all a very happy 2006. Love from all the Summerhills in Barcelona.

THE WEST ILSLEY CAMP OUT

WEEKEND 17/18TH JUNE

Following last year's success, the Village Hall Committee is planning to run the Camp Out again. This is an afternoon of activities for all the children, centered round camping and located in nearby woods, followed by a camp out over night. Children can be left for the daytime, but an adult and tent is required for the sleep over. We camp within 1 mile of the village.

More details to come.....but book the date and your adult now!!!!

WEST ILSLEY FETE

It is already time to begin preparing for the 2006 Village Fete Produce Show, so get planting your seeds, tending your plants, taking those photographs and making those handicrafts. To guide you, here is the list of the produce show classes for 2006. This year, the men-only competition is to bake scones, so you had better start practising. There are some very good male scone-makers in the village, and the competitive spirit is high, bordering on cut-throat. I am sure the scone champion will not want to lose his title..... As it was so popular last year, we will once again be running the competition to produce the highest weight of potatoes grown from one seed potato. As usual, the seed potatoes are provided (to make the competition fair) and can be obtained from Karen and Gordon at Tanglewood. Enjoy your preparations, and thanks for taking part.

Produce Show classes 2006

Flowers and Ornamentals

1. Roses - 3 blooms of any variety
2. 3 blooms of any flower
3. Five flowers in shades of pink
4. Container of flowers (max pot size 30cm longest dimension or diameter)
5. Houseplant, in flower or just foliage

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 pot

Flower Arranging

12. Arrangement in any container, max 60w x 60d x 60 cm high
13. A buttonhole
14. Miniature arrangement (max 15w x15d x15h cm)

Home Cooking

15. Jar of jam
16. Jar of marmalade
17. Jar of chutney
18. 6 sausage rolls
19. Victoria sponge cake
20. Home made drink (eg elderflower cordial, lemonade, sloe gin, wine, beer)
21. Gentlemen only - 6 scones

Handicraft

22. Specimen of needlework
23. Knitted item
24. Specimen of any handicraft
25. Home made greetings card

Photography

26. Funniest photo
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 a butterfly
34. Hand made greetings card
35. Food face on a paper plate
36. Home made article; eg. toy, needlecraft, handicraft
37. A bird or animal made from fruit and / or vegetables

Children's Classes (7-12)

38. A miniature garden, not exceeding 30 x 45 cm
39. Hand made greetings card
40. Hand made article; toy, needlecraft, handicraft
41. Painting or drawing of an under-water scene
42. Home made cake, biscuits or sweets
43. A bird or animal made from fruit and / or vegetables