

# West Ilsley News

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As no response was received from villagers to the request for help with the production of the WIN, the Parish Council considered the matter at their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. It was agreed that the WIN has evolved into a vital communication tool for the village and that everything possible should be done to ensure that a free copy continues to be delivered to each household every month. The cost of commercial copying is approximately £50 per month and sources of financial support such as donations and sponsorship are being explored by PC members, in the meantime the production costs for this month's edition are being privately sponsored.

The Editors

## ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

### Church Services:

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	All Age Service – Harvest Festival	11.00am
6 <sup>th</sup> October	“Mums and tots” group at Peasemore Rectory (new pram service)	11.00am
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Communion	8.00am
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Communion	9.30am
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Children’s church	4.00pm
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Downland Holy Communion at Brightwalton	10.00am

### Harvest Festival

There will be the usual Harvest Festival service on 2<sup>nd</sup> October followed by the popular Harvest Festival lunch in the village hall. Tickets on the door (£5 for adults and £2 for children) – should be fun and is a sure sign that the autumn is firmly with us! Any funds raised will go to the church’s general fund. Hope to see you there.



### Church Break-In

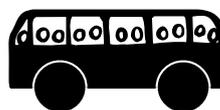
Sadly there was a break-in at All Saints Church, West Ilsley on 7th September. The break-in took place at the back of the church through a stained glass window. The police are looking into the matter.

### Raising the Roof

We are very grateful to the West Ilsley Fete Committee for the £450 donated towards the Raising the Roof appeal fund. Thank you to the committee and to all the fete goers in the village.

## ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle



On Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> there will be an outing to Coventry. 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

## MISSING CATS

“Popeye” whom we reared as an orphan kitten from day one! Black, sleek, neutered male, about 5 yrs. Yellow eyes. Missing since Thursday evening 21/9. Not usually out after 9 pm. Friendly, but shy; responds to name. Usually brings in mice from fields behind the Cottages! Does not have a great hunting area, but could go further if frightened by dogs or loud noise. Please ring the Clemengers on 281344. Also missing from Hodcott at around the same time, Gizmo, 11 yrs, tortoiseshell-ish with white chest, neutered male. Please ring Barry and Helen Tallent on 281228.

## DIARY

OCTOBER

12<sup>th</sup> Evergreens to Coventry

NOVEMBER

5<sup>th</sup> Fireworks  
14<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> West Ilsley Christmas Party

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October

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**WEST ILSLEY FETE**

Ronnie Cook

The fete committee have now completed the allocation of funds . The total profit was £2027 of which we have allocated £1600 to various organisations, (see details below). You will notice we have retained £427 for future purchases of games etc to enhance next years fete activities.

As always the committee are looking for new recruits , particularly next year as some members will not be available , this includes myself as chairperson. You will find, as both my wife and I have, that becoming a committee member is a great way to get to know people and make new friends in the village, and at the same time make a difference by supporting such a worthy event. The West Ilsley Fete has a history of success over many, many years and the village needs YOU to support this event. If you are interested please contact Kath on 281621 or Karen on 281876.

Distribution of Fete Funds

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Church	Raise the Roof Appeal	£450
W.I.	Relief In Need Christmas Gifts elderly	£150
W.I Cricket Club	Childrens cricket equip	£200
W.I Cricket Club	Replace ground equip	£150
Ilsley Evergreens	Xmas Lunch	£150
Ilsley Under 5's	Baby activity mats	£200
Firework Party	Fireworks	£200
1 <sup>st</sup> Compton Brownies	Refurb Scout Hut	£100
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1600</b>

*Come and meet your friends and neighbours and join in the West Ilsley*

***Christmas Drinks Party****on****Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2005****at the****Village Hall******Includes Drinks and Canapes******7 pm to 9 pm******pay bar available after 9 pm****Tickets £12.50 each, Evergreens £8.00**available from:**Andrea Cook, Clock Cottage, 281224**Sandra Carlisle, Rowles Farm 281220**All Profits to the Raising the Roof Fund***NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter**

Mobile Phones.

If your mobile phone is stolen it is bad enough that it is expensive to replace. There is also the hassle of losing all of those stored numbers, messages, pictures and downloads...So how can you protect your phone.



- Don't leave your phone on tables in pubs or restaurants and try not to use it in crowded places
- Avoid using your phone near a tube or train station or when getting on or off a bus. Wait until you are further away from the stop or station.
- If you need to make a call in public, make it brief and keep an eye out for those around you. Remember, if you are chatting you're less likely to be aware of what's going on around you.
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- Always ask yourself "Is it safe to answer my phone right now"
- Register your phone with your network operator. This means they can block calls if your phone is stolen which means that the thief cant use it.. You can also register mobile equipment on 'MEND' at [www.menduk.org](http://www.menduk.org) (MEND, or Mobile Equipment National Database, is a police-approved programme for registering mobile phones and other mobile IT equipment.)
- Record your registration number ( also known as the IMEI or International Mobile Equipment Identity ) and phone number. Keep theses numbers in separate and safe. You can find your IMEI No. by keying in \*#06# into most phones or by looking underneath the battery.
- If your phone is stolen, report it to your network operator ( or call 08701 123 123 ) and to the Police...Your phone can be blocked, just like a stolen credit card. Once blocked it cannot be used again.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS****TO RAISE THE ROOF!****Andrea Cook**

Last year several people expressed an interest in sending Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours in the village via the WIN and donating a sum towards the Raising the Roof appeal rather than sending cards. The greetings will appear in the December WIN, so if you would like to take part, let me have your name/names as you would like it/them to appear and your donation – cash or cheque payable to "Raising the Roof" – please note, only the total amount raised will be published in the WIN.

## West Ilsley Village Hall Committee *Fireworks*

(kindly paid for by Fete Funds)

All villagers and their friends and families welcome to join for a fun evening

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
(next field but one to the pond)

Bonfire at 6.30pm  
Fireworks at 7pm

BBQ (Hot Dogs, Burgers, Soup and Baked Potatoes) and Refreshments available for sale plus Sparklers and Glow sticks

The Cricket Club bar will be open afterwards

### JOHN COX

Audrey Tizzard

JOHN COX who lived at 6 Firtree Cottages for 23 years died on September 4<sup>th</sup> aged 96 years. The following is an extract from the Racing Post: "John Cox, the former jump jockey who broke Brigadier Gerard as a yearling, has died at the age of 96. A jump jockey in the 1930s, he was employed by Peter Cazalet and Frank Cundell, and was working for John Hislop when Brigadier Gerard was foaled in 1968. Hislop wrote in his book, *The Brigadier*, Our stud groom at that time, Cox, who later went back into racing, was a good man with horses, quiet, gentle and an excellent rider. Cox drove him about the stud and when the time came for a saddle to be put on him he humped his back once and thenceforth never put a foot out of place." John was cremated at Basingstoke Crematorium on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2005.

### FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News from The Ilsleys Primary School

Felix Rayner Headteacher

The autumn term has begun smoothly and the children have all come back with a very positive spirit. We welcome all the new children and families who have all fitted in extremely well.

The end of the summer term was full of fun. The children loved the new format for sports day and all made super effort in all the different sports and races during the day. It was a little too hot but the children

persevered and the new sports shield was won by the 'Spades' house, although 'Hearts', 'Clubs' and 'Diamonds' were not far behind and all children enjoyed the taking part.

The summer musical concert was, as always, a hit. The choir and staff sang and the audience (we hope) had an entertaining evening. If you missed the concert the choir will be performing at the Royal Berkshire Show in the education tent on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> – catch them if you can.

Our summer trip was to @Bristol - a hands on science museum. The children had a wonderful time finding out about all aspects of science. The children's behaviour was impeccable and a real asset to the villages.

Children, families, friends and staff had a wonderful end of term BBQ – the sun shone, the disco played and delicious food was eaten. A very big thank you goes out to the Friends for organising this great event.

We have lots of exciting events happening over the coming term. After school clubs begin soon. We kick off the football season with a friendly at Chieveley on the 27<sup>th</sup> September and we hope to have lots other sporting fixtures over the coming weeks. Plus later in the term we having two special weeks - one a cross curricular week with a geographical focus on Australia and a special week of 'Assessment and Achievement' where we will celebrate the children's progress over the term.

The staff and I are very optimistic about the coming term and know it will be a success. If you have any queries concerning the school don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

### CRIME REPORT

*Our thanks to PC Andrew Buckingham (Hungerford Police 08458 505 505) 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:*

1 Sept

Quad bikes on the patch are being targeted by thieves with a green Kawasaki having been stolen from Home Farm Woolley between 11am and 8pm last Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and a navy blue double horse box stolen from a farm in Upper Lambourn last Saturday night. This is the second theft of a horse box in the area in recent weeks. Theft of farm machinery and often diesel fuel on a rural area such as Hungerford's, is I'm afraid ever prevalent. Please remember to lock and secure all machinery and if possible keep it out of sight. If you see a suspicious vehicle or person enter your yard, if you can make a note of the number, it might be nothing but then again it might be just the piece in the jig-saw we need.

15 Sept

During Friday night three isolated farm buildings in Boxford, Weston and Leckhampstead were broken into and agricultural machinery was stolen.

Overnight between Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> offenders smashed a rear window at All Saints Church West Ilsley and gained entry. Forensic samples from



the scene are currently being analysed. If anyone has any information please contact me.

22 Sept

Last Friday between midday and 4.30pm riding tack was stolen from stables in Ermine Street Lambourn. This is not an isolated incident so please make sure all tack is locked away and out of sight. If you can take it home and don't leave it hanging in the stable in a remote field.

A reddish 'Yucca' type plant in a blue pot was stolen from the front of a house in Clough Drive Hermitage last Friday night. Did you see a person with such a specimen stuffed under their arm that night?

Have you got a caravan and do you keep it on your drive? If you do, make sure that it is locked and secured as two men with Irish accents were eyeing one up on a driveway in Priory Road Hungerford last week. Be aware that caravans have been stolen from driveways in the past.

29 Sept

Between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> a stable and shed located off the B4000 at Lambourn Woodlands were broken into, a compressor, generator and a portable oxyacetylene kit was stolen.

#### ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

Katharine Young  
toddler rep.

As the new term started we have seen several changes in the committee and I think that this report should start with a heartfelt thanks from all of the mums at toddlers to the out going committee ( and for those that have remained on the committee! ) for all of the hard work and dedication that many of them have put in for the last 2 years. During the past 12 months in particular there have been some really tough decisions to make.

Looking forward, we have a term packed with fun activities for the children: the highlights of which will probably be the Halloween and Christmas parties! As Ali said in her last report we positively welcome new Mums and their little ones. We have recognised that arriving at toddlers for the first time can be a daunting experience so we have plans to create a more screened off area for babies and if you give me a call to let me know before you come along I will make sure that Mums are welcomed too and introduced to the other's there. We meet on a Wednesday morning: 10.00 am - 11.30am in West Ilsley Village Hall (term time only). We have masses of toys, a 'baby area' and lots of Mums who love a chat over a cup of coffee: other Mums are a great source of ideas and information, so why not come along? or ring Katharine on 281539 for further details.

#### WEST ILSLEY CHRISTMAS PARTY

You will see in the WIN an advertisement for the above. The organizing committee - Sandra Carlisle, Anne Wond, Marnie Moyle, Angela Ryan and Andrea Cook are hoping that the party will attract a cross-section of the village. It would be great to see new faces as well as the "old" stalwarts and you will see we

are offering discounted rates for the senior members of the village as we are particularly keen that they join us. The format will be very relaxed – we hope to create an atmosphere similar to a private house-party – a great opportunity to share a pre-Christmas drink with your West Ilsley friends and neighbours – and no music or dancing, strictly a "chat" session! Numbers are limited so please book your tickets as soon as possible – only 9 weeks to go! We hope to see you there.



NEWBURY AND DISTRICT CANCER  
CARE TRUST

Charity Registration No. 291975 Tel: 01635 31542

Would you like to support The Newbury & District Cancer Care Trust by purchasing their 2006 calendars of local scenes at £5 each? All profits will go towards maintaining the Rainbow Rooms in Newbury 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@nbcct.org.uk) on 01635 46356 or [chrisef@msn.com](mailto:chrisef@msn.com) if you are interested. Mail order available. Your help really would be very much appreciated. **Thank you.**

#### BUDDY CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR? YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER 2005

'buddies' is a project within the district of West Berkshire that aims to provide support to young people with learning disabilities who find it difficult to access mainstream leisure activities. A 'buddy' will offer one to one support to a child to help them integrate with others by being involved in the activity and encouraging them to "have a go" too. Our aim is to see the young people form independent relationships and help them develop their self-esteem and confidence. We hope to provide a valuable and rewarding experience for both the child and the volunteer. We are currently looking for fun loving people of **ALL** ages who would like to help provide a valuable opportunity for a child who would otherwise find it difficult to participate in their chosen activity. Appropriate training will be provided. We also work closely with BACYP Millennium Volunteers and this is a great opportunity for young people age 17 and over to gain valuable experience in helping people. Please contact Val Aspray on 07833127414 or e-mail [buddieswb@hotmail.com](mailto:buddieswb@hotmail.com). Or write to me at: Buddies C/O Volunteer Centre West Berkshire 1 Bolton Place Newbury RG141AJ

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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### **Afterschool Service**

In September we discussed the various "New beginnings" that the children had experienced, whether they had started school or nursery school or gone up to a new year.

The dates and themes for the rest of the term will be as follows:

Thursday 20 October – 4pm                      Zaccheus  
Thursday 17 November – 4pm    Mary and Martha  
Thursday 8 December – 4pm                      Joseph

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. The services cover a variety of themes we hope of interest to the children and are suitable from babies to older ones.

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

As some of you may remember we used to run a monthly "Pram Service" for the smaller ones which we decided to put on hold when numbers decreased in the parish. Happily numbers are on the up again now and we had a good turnout in September for a discussion on re-starting a group for the pre-school babies and children with their carers.

As a result we plan to hold a monthly get together at The Rectory in Peasemore. This will be an informal gathering where the Mums and carers have a chance to have a coffee and a chat and the children to play. We hope to incorporate some music and possibly a simple story and would welcome any ideas. The dates until Christmas will be as follows:

Thursday 6 October  
Friday 3 November  
Thursday 1 December

We will be meeting from 10am-11.30am and hope that you will join us.

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

## REMINDER



Please don't forget to return your Questionnaire from last month's WIN to a member of the Play Area group – Alison Banks at The Malthouse, Sean Ryan at Winhaven Cottage in Church Way or Dries Hagen at 4 Manor Farm Barn

**Better late than never!**

# Parish Council Update

October 2005

## Your councillors:

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Alison Banks	Clerk	tel. 281705	

Parish Assembly, next May. The Clerk shall contact his office.

**Extracts from Sept Parish council Meeting** (full minutes can be found on the village noticeboard.)

### 1. Matters arising

The footpath at the back of The Maltings has been cut.

The trees overhanging the pavement outside West Ilsley house have still not been trimmed back. Two letters have been sent to No 4 without success. The Clerk to inform the Council.

### 5. Correspondence received

Letter received back (4<sup>th</sup> August) from Melvyn May, Highways manager indicating again that the ditch alongside the Recreation Ground is the responsibility of the owner or occupier of the land adjacent to it. The Council are unable to arrange cleansing of private ditches.

The silt/gravel deposits that were dumped on the side of Catmore Road after the storms, were done so as a matter of urgency, according to the Council, and will be removed when Bury Lane is swept. This has not happened.

The Clerk will respond to the Council asking them to return to remove the gravel and to explain why a "private" ditch that was expertly dug out a few years ago is now being left to overgrow.

Richard Benyon, MP has offered to hold a Question and Answer (iMPact) session in the Downland villages. The Parish Council thought that we should invite him to do this and also to try to secure him as our guest speaker for the

### 7. New Charity Deed between West Ilsley and Lockinge Estate

Mrs Ryan (Village Hall) has replied positively and Mr Beech (Cricket Club) positively with comments. The PC will request a Memorandum of Understanding between all parties and The Clerk will approach both for their working documents. The Clerk will also ask Mr Pike, Solicitor to proceed to set up the Trust.

### 11. Open forum

WIN photocopying – this is currently being done Free of Charge by volunteers. Unfortunately this can no longer continue so WIN is in danger of folding if suitable sponsorship is not found. The cost for out-sourcing all photocopying and collating would be £50/month. All Councillors agreed that it was essential that WIN should continue as a service to the village. To this end, The Clerk will follow up with requests for sponsorship from the West Ilsley committees, the stables and Oakes Brothers (Cllr Hagen).

WI Web site – plans are underway (coordinated by Andrea Cook and thanks to Mr Briggs-Watson) to update and enhance our web site. PC minutes, updates and information about all committees/activities will be included if possible. All offered their support.

Next Meeting **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

### **TROY SEAT**

**The environment group would like to find out the history of the Troy seat situated on Blakes Hill.**

**Are there any documents relating to it?**

**Are there any photographs?**

**If you can help please contact Philip, Paul or Lynne. Thank You**