

West Ilsley News

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DIARY

JULY

3rd Pre-fete dance
4th Fete

RENTAL PROPERTY REQUIRED

Many thanks to those who kindly responded to my plea for transport help when I was hoping to rent in West Ilsley. Unfortunately we didn't get the house we wanted, but we are keen to move to the area, so if anyone is thinking of renting out a property I would be very interested to hear - now or in the future. Please would you contact me: Carey Cook

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ALL SAINTS, WEST ILSLEY

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

June Church Services in All Saints, West Ilsley

6 th	All Age Communion	9.30 am
13 th	Holy Communion	8.30 am
20 th	All Age Worship	11 am
27 th	* No service at West Ilsley	

* Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice.

All Saints Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in church on 27th April at which a report on the life of our church for 2009 was given. At the meeting, which was the first APCM chaired by our new incumbent, John Toogood, both Alexandra Axtell and Ian Fewtrell-Smith were re-elected as Church Wardens. The church finances for 2009 showed a small surplus, thanks to the generosity and hard work of many villagers.

New Benefice

We are proposed to be part of a new benefice, known as the East Downlands Benefice and for those wanting more information, papers detailing the draft pastoral scheme to create our new benefice can be seen on the lych gate notice board. Any views, for or against, can be sent to our church secretary, Rosanne Pilditch (280553) who will forward them to the Church Commissioners. In order to allow time to forward any comments, please give them by Tuesday 15th June.

West Ilsley Pre Fete Dance

Saturday 3rd July

7:30 pm to midnight

in the marquee

Proceeds in aid of the tennis court



TICKETS £18 (cons £12)

**Includes: a welcome drink,
2 course meal and dancing
to live local band**

the Advocates

**Plus
disco, World
Cup quiz and
competitions**

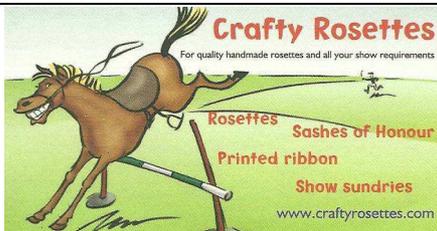
For tickets contact Liz Dray 281688

DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

The Downlands Sports Centre has seen new customers in recent weeks taking part in the Thursday Junior Gym sessions and use of the gym in the evenings. This, (and of course little black dress season!), is a great time of year to get fitter and perhaps tone up a little. What better way than to have a regular exercise regime. This can be anything from using the gym, jogging, walking, cycling ... in fact the list is almost endless, and, regardless of age, fitness level etc. there is usually something that you will enjoy.

In addition to the gym, the Downland Sports Centre also has a Circuit Training session on a Tuesday evening. This will help to increase your cardiovascular fitness (heart and lungs) and help tone your body. It will suits any ability and the beauty of circuit training is that if there is a particular station that you can't do for whatever reason, an alternative can be given. If you think you might be interested, why not come along for a free taster session, or have a chat to the instructor James about it.

A different type of exercise is Trampolining, held on a Friday evening at the Centre. It is for all abilities and there are classes for toddlers through to adults. It is fun, good for increasing cardiovascular fitness and strength. Again, if you would like to know more, please come along on a Friday (about 5pm) and have a chat to the instructor.



**Teri Muggeridge 01635 281443
07920 116207**

TENNIS COURT

Just a reminder on how to access the court if you haven't already joined for 2010.

Annual rates are £40 per family, £25 for single membership and £20 for student membership. Pay and play is also available.



Please call Liz Dray for membership on 281688 or any of the committee for Pay and Play – Amanda H – 281855, Amanda K – 281609 or Polly – 281647.

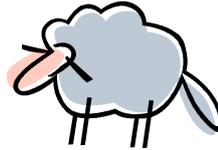
MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will be in Fir Tree Paddock on Tuesday 15 June between 2.10pm and 2.40pm.

CHILDRENS CHURCH

Our next service will be at 4pm in the church on Thursday 17 June when we will be looking for some lost sheep after listening to the parable story.

Services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones and last approximately half an hour followed by drinks.



The July service will be replaced by a get together at the cricket pitch at 5pm

(please note new time) on Thursday 15 July.

If you would like any further details please do contact any of us on the following numbers:

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688

Louise Taylor on 01635 280622.

Domestic Electrical Installation

Building regulation Part P Compliant installation/inspection/testing/fault finding and certification

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Contact Keith Pentecost

Tel: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)

Mobile: 07985-797333

CALLING ALL BUSINESS WOMEN, NEW AND EXPERIENCED

An opportunity to find out how local support can help your business.

The Newbury branch of the networking organisation Ladies Who Latte is issuing an open invitation to women in the area to attend its June meeting. Taking place on Thursday June 24th at the Carnarvon Arms, Highclere, starting at 10am, this will be an open meeting where anyone interested in either promoting their business, learning more about the business opportunities that exist locally or even considering setting up a similar business support group in their own village can come along and meet like minded individuals. The Group offers a friendly and understanding forum for women to discuss and obtain valuable advice on the challenges they are facing within their businesses, whilst also offering the opportunity to build new relationships that may lead to other commercial opportunities.

Anyone interested in coming along to the June meeting or finding out more about Ladies Who Latte should contact Fiona Grindrod, Director of

Just Wills Ridgeway on tel 01635 31540 or email:
fiona@justwillsridgeway.co.uk

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**WEST ILSLEY FETE
PRODUCE SHOW 2010**

Flowers

1. Arrangement of cottage garden flowers
2. Single Rose
3. Single flower specimen

Fruit and Vegetables

4. Tray of 3 different home-grown vegetables
5. Three onions or shallots
6. A bunch of culinary herbs (tied and in water)
7. Largest number of potatoes grown in a pot
8. Heaviest home-grown potato

Home Cooking

9. Jar of Jam
10. Jar of marmalade
11. Jar of chutney
12. Home-made drink e.g. Elderflower cordial, lemonade, wine)
13. **Gentlemen only** – Victoria sponge (with Jam)
14. **Ladies only** – Carrot cake
15. A fruit cake
16. A loaf of yeast bread

Photography

17. Under 16's – local theme (person or event in the village)
18. Over 16's - Local theme (person or event in the village)

Children's Classes (under 7's)

19. A garden on a plate
20. A painting or drawing of your favourite toy
21. Four home-made decorated cupcakes

Children's Classes (under 12's)

22. A garden on a plate
23. A painting or drawing of your best friend
24. Four home-made decorated cupcakes

If you won a cup last year please return it to me as soon as possible for cleaning in preparation for this year. Thank you for your support and **GOOD LUCK.**

Sue Simmons – suesimmons@toucansurf.com or 281460

Judging criteria for the photo competitions, West Ilsley fete.

1. Subject Matter / Content (20)

How well does it fall within the brief?

i.e. Local theme (person or event in the village)

2. How Technically Correct is the Photo? (20)

Are the following the best they can be? Focus, Sharpness, detail, depth of field, colour, brightness, contrast, saturation, usage of light.

3. Composition (20)

Does the photograph tell a story?

Where is our eye lead to in the photograph?

Is the photograph balanced, if not, is it creating the visual impact it should?

4. Do I like this photograph? (40)

This is dependent on taste, likes, dislikes and the way we see the world and experience it. It has nothing to do with how experienced the photographer is.

TOTAL = (100)

ILSLEY EVERGREENS

On Thursday June 24th there will be an outing to Poole, Dorset. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9.00 am. Members £7, non-members £10. Names to Pat Burnett 281131

CYCLING ADVENTURES!

This summer I will be cycling the length of Britain and then taking part in the *Etape du Tour* in the Pyrenees:

In June I will be cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End (into the prevailing winds) - 9 days, 1000 miles and we will climb more than the height of Everest! Then in mid-July we arrive in Pau to take part in *Etape du Tour* or as Charlie Starmer-Smith in the Telegraph puts it:

"And so, on July 18, we will join some 9,000 cyclists on the start line in Pau, to tackle the same course on which the Tour de France professionals will do battle only four days later. Some 135 lung-bursting miles in the scorching heat and rarefied air of the Pyrenees await. We'll climb over 13,500 feet (three times the height of Ben Nevis) up three giant cols – each ascent is as long as 13 miles, at thigh-burning gradients of up to 13 per cent as we stay rooted to our saddles for up to 10 hours. As few as half the entrants will make it..."

I am supporting two great charities:

1) **Hospice in the Weald** - provides palliative care to parents with life-limiting illnesses and support for their families. The hospice has been very important to a great friend of mine.

This is the website link:

<http://www.justgiving.com/WillAxtelhospice>.

2) **Help for Heroes** - provides practical support to those servicemen and women wounded in the line of duty in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This is the website link:

<http://www.justgiving.com/WillAxtell>

I would really appreciate any donations you can make to either charity - so please dig deep and support these great charities!

Many thanks, Will Axtell, Bakery Cottage, West Ilsley

POLICE UPDATE

Here is the latest update for the Downlands from Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Dominic Bartlett.

The latest crime statistics for the neighbourhood can be found at

<http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley>.

The latest figures show that all crime levels in our area, including anti-social behaviour, are average when compared with the rest of the Thames Valley.

The latest figures show that crime levels in our area are down by over 6 per cent when compared to the same period last year. If you are having problems with ASB in your neighbourhood then I would like to hear from you. You can speak to a member of the team by calling the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505.

Reports of hare-coursing have decreased slightly in recent months, but they are starting to come through again particularly in the early evenings due to the longer days. The main areas that seem to be targeted are West Ilsley, The Ridgeway, Catmore, Farnborough and Beedon.

We are actively patrolling these areas throughout the day and night and if any vehicles or people are seen coursing they will be dealt with robustly. If you witness such activity or suspect someone or a vehicle of being involved in this activity please phone us immediately.

Many areas in the country have problems with speeding, and the Downlands is no exception. We have been informed by local residents that Beedon Hill, Beedon and Fiddlers Lane, East Ilsley are particular problem areas. Since February, I've attended both locations with the Speed Indication Device (SID) and will be looking at doing this again in May in East Ilsley.

The vehicles which were caught speeding will be sent a letter about the implications of speeding and the punishment which they could face. PC Simon Easton has also been out with the laser speed gun in Beedon during April but no drivers were found to be travelling over the limit which is good news.

On Tuesday 4 May I will be attending Brightwalton Primary School to assist with their bike and

breakfast session. The session has been set up to encourage the pupils to cycle to school, and they also have breakfast at school. I will be there to mark the pupils bikes with their postcodes to help prevent their bikes from being stolen. I will also be attending Ilsleys Primary School later that day to provide a talk on safety to the year 5 and 6 pupils. April saw a drop in reports of ASB in Leckhampstead, however I am regularly patrolling the area and still encourage residents to report anti-social behaviour so that we can deal with the issues before they get out of hand. Beedon has seen a slight increase in ASB, we are currently talking to the residents in Beedon to gather more information and are actively patrolling the area.

Lee Edwards, aged 24 from Newbury and Daniel Devaney, aged 22 from Newbury have been charged with burglary following a burglary in February where a shop in Leckhampstead was burgled and computer games and beer were stolen.

A 24-year-old man was arrested after a burglary at a farm in Farnborough after being disturbed by local residents, I hope to update you fully on this in next month's update.

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are an effective way to prevent and detect crime. However there are some parts of the Downlands who do not currently have an active scheme. I will be contacting residents of The Westons in Beedon and Nuttingtons in Leckhampstead with the aim to set up a scheme in these areas.

We are still in the process of liaising with local residents, businesses and parish councils with a view to establishing a Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) for the Downlands area. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about what it involves, please contact us via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505 or email PC Simon Easton at simon.easton@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Community messaging is a very effective form of communication which involves a regular update either via email or phone informing you of recent crimes in your area.

If you would like to be signed up to the community messaging please email Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Deborah Morton at deborah.morton@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

I am in the process of arranging more 'have your say' opportunities for the summer months, if you would like to request one in your area, please contact me at

dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk I will be attending the open gardens event in Chaddleworth on 20 June, I hope to see some of you there!

For more information about your local neighbourhood team visit the Thame 0845 8 505 505 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Common Goals, Different Attitudes – the Power of Community Relationships

10am - 16.30pm, Thursday 8th July 2010,
University of Reading

Don't forget to book your place now at this important and informative conference!

The new Conservative – Liberal Democrat Government has pledged to put 'more power and opportunity into people's hands' through 'Big Society'. They state "we want society - the families, networks, neighbourhoods and communities that form the fabric of so much of our everyday lives - to be bigger and stronger than ever before."

If you are working in the public or voluntary and community sectors; or are involved with delivering services or projects in communities then don't delay, book your place now at 'Common Goals, Different Attitudes!' This conference will examine how we can work to improve citizenship, neighbourliness, social networks, shared values and community involvement.

Through a combination of workshops, case studies and presentations (keynote speeches from The Plunkett Foundation and Commission for Rural Communities) 'Common Goals, Different Attitudes' will look at the evidence and experience of how building Social Capital will strengthen, galvanise and improve the communities in which we live.

For further details of the day, including workshop descriptions and a booking form please [click here](#).

PS. Remember if your organisation wishes to make a block booking we may be able to offer discounts on the prices advertised, contact Gemma for further details. Members of CCB get a 25% discount on prices advertised.

WELCOME

To Barbara Archibald and Brian Brader who have moved in to Flint House (Manor Farm).

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

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Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers

CHURCHWARDENS

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