

West Ilsley News

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April 2005

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY William and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services:

3 rd April	All Age Service	11.00am
10 th April	Holy Communion	8.00am
17 th April	Family Communion	9.30am
1 st May	All Age Service	11.00am

Wines of the Rainbow Nation

At the time of writing there are only 10 tickets left for the South African wine tasting at 7.30pm on 9th April. Hurry to get one before they run out! Tickets only £10 to include tasting wine and cheese from Will Axtell (281 306), Tony Scriven (281 405) and Ian Fewtrell-Smith (281 625). All profits to *Raising the Roof* church roof appeal.

Lambing

A big thank you to David and Jane Carlisle who once again organised a wonderful lambing afternoon at Folly Farm for the *Raising the Roof* fund. It was a beautiful spring day with daffodils swaying in the warm breeze and lambs prancing in the fields. Jane and her team produced a fantastic tea and excellent cakes. Adults and children alike were delighted with the baby lambs!

Date for the Diary - Cake and Plant Sale

The church's Cake and Plant Sale will take place on morning of Saturday 21 May. There will be games and activities to keep the children occupied. Come and peruse the stalls, entertain the kids and most importantly help us raise much needed general funds for church!

ILSLEY EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle

On Wednesday 13th April, there will be an outing to Winchester. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 10.00 am. Members £6, non-members £8. Tokens can be used. Names to J Collier 281283

BOOKS WANTED!

Books wanted for the Fete bookstall

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

WINES OF THE RAINBOW NATION!

Come and enjoy a fun and informal evening exploring the fine wines of South Africa! South African guest speaker and an enjoyable evening guaranteed.

Only ten tickets left!!!



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Raising the Roof church roof appeal.

Date - Saturday 9th April

Time - 7.30pm

Venue - Village Hall

DIARY

APRIL

6TH EASTER ACTIVITY MORNING
9TH WINE TASTING

MAY

9TH PARISH COUNCIL & VILLAGE ASSEMBLY
21ST PLANT STALL

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Tuesday 26th April

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WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE PRODUCE SHOW 2005

It's time to be sorting out your entries for the 2005 Village Fete Produce Show! It's easy to say you won't bother, but if everybody said that we wouldn't have a Village Fete! It is free so please make an effort to enter and let's make it the best ever this year. On the day, all you have to do is simply write down the category number and your first name and surname on the labels provided and stick them to the underside of your entry. Children should put their age on the label too. The category lists will be posted in the marquee, so don't worry if you forget. Entries will be accepted up to 1pm and judging should be completed by 2pm. There will be prizes for the best children's exhibits and cups will also be awarded for the overall winners in the homecrafts, flowers and ornamentals and fruit and vegetables categories. So, if you haven't sown your seeds, get them done this weekend! 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 garden and best hanging basket. You don't need to enter for this, the judges will be stopping by every house in the village and making their decision on the weekend before the show. If last years' cup winners could return their cups to Tanglewood one week before the show, I would be grateful.

Below are the Produce Show Classes for 2005. The men-only challenge is to make shortbread this year. Don't panic, it's quick and easy and I will provide a recipe in the WIN before the show for those without a failsafe recipe from granny. We also have a challenge to parents and children to grow the highest weight of potatoes in up to a 30 cm plant pot. To enter this competition, you have to call in at Tanglewood (almost opposite the old post office) to collect one seed potato per entrant. I have them in now, so come along and collect, as the sooner you plant, the bigger the crop you will get. Fill your pot about half to two thirds full of compost, then plant your seed potato about two inches deep. As the potato grows, add more compost to fill up the pot. There are lots of secret recipes for feeding potatoes to get a good crop (some perfectly reasonable, others downright disgusting, so ask around or invent your own concoction). Bring your pot along on the day and we will weigh your crop.

Most of all, whether you are growing plants, taking photos, cooking or making something, enjoy yourself, and I look forward to seeing all your entries this year.

Karen Miller

Produce Show Classes 2005

Flowers and Ornamentals

- 1 Roses - 3 blooms of any variety
- 2 3 blooms of any flower
- 3 Houseplant, in flower
- 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 in up to a 30cm pot – Impt: Only seed potato provided can be used

Flower Arranging

- 12 Arrangement in any container, max 60w x 60d x 60h cm
- 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 30x45 cm
- 33 A drawing or painting of your parents 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 30x45 cm
- 39 A painting or drawing of your favourite thing
- 40 Hand made article; eg 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

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:

During the evening of Thursday 24 February between 9pm and 9.30pm, three males entered a property in the Westons, Beedon, where they were disturbed by the elderly resident. One of the males is described as aged 14 about years, 5'3" tall, wearing a dark hooded top and dark trousers. Did you see these three men in the Westons that evening?

I was invited to speak at the annual Hungerford Town Parish meeting with regard to the Challenge and Change programme which is currently being rolled out across the Force. In my opinion this is the most significant restructuring of the Force since the foundation of Thames Valley Police in 1968. So what is Challenge and Change?.....As from 1st April 2005 the Force will consist of five Basic Command Units (BCUs) - Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, Berkshire East and Berkshire West. Within these BCUs there will be sixteen Local Police Areas (LPAs) which are divided into Neighbourhoods. West Berkshire will become a Local Police Area forming a part of the Berkshire West (BCU) and the current Hungerford Sector will become a Neighbourhood Cluster within that area.

At a local level, it is proposed (and this is still at the consultative stage with no set time scales as yet) that the Hungerford Neighbourhood Cluster will be made up of three neighbourhoods. Hungerford and Kintbury in the south, Lambourn in the north west and Compton in the north east with M4 and B4494 acting as the dividing boundaries. Each of these areas will have two dedicated officers who will deliver neighbourhood policing acting on priorities chosen by the communities they police. In order to deliver neighbourhood policing a robust infrastructure has to be in place and to facilitate this Challenge and Change is on a continuous roll-out programme over the next two years.

Personally speaking I am convinced that this style of Neighbourhood policing is an excellent blueprint for policing into the 21st Century.

Crime Report 16/3

We are keen to trace a white Ford Transit van seen in the Great Shefford area last Thursday evening containing three men who were acting suspiciously and might well be connected to the theft of a John Deere ride-on mower stolen from a local farm.

On Sunday morning two small silver coloured money boxes were found in Hungerford. Have you lost such an item or had a money box stolen?

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES Ali Allan - Chair

It's no secret to regular attendees that Playgroup has been plagued by several difficulties in recent months and it falls to me formally to advise you that from Wednesday 23rd March, Ilsley Under Fives Playgroup will cease to operate, for the foreseeable future.

A number of factors have contributed to the Committee's reluctant decision and these revolve essentially around issues of recruiting qualified staff and falling numbers, all of which compounds the financial position which has seen Playgroup trade at a loss for a number of months. With Emma leaving at Easter and Ofsted regulations being what they are, we are not allowed to run without qualified staff, but we are hopeful that by September we may have rectified that situation; we certainly hope so and do let me know if you know of anyone who can fill the role.

I'd like to thank Emma for agreeing to stand in at short notice until Easter and to Hayley for her support and commitment in keeping Playgroup going until now.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, past, present (and hopefully) future for your support - Toddlers will continue as normal on a Wednesday morning at West Ilsley Village Hall.

.On a positive note, we had a good result with the recent Virgin Vie evening and raised £63.00 from sales, this will go into central funds.

AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Liz Dray

In March we replaced our usual service with a visit to Folly Farm to see the lambs being born. A big thank you to David and Jane Carlisle for giving up their time and for their very generous hospitality. We had a record turnout, perhaps because the afternoon truly felt like the start of Spring. We all enjoyed our walk through the fields in the long awaited sun and felt privileged to live in such a beautiful area. The children were lucky enough to see a set of twins being born; some more amazed than others who are now old hands!! Proceedings were rounded off with the lovely surprise of tea and cakes in the farmhouse which equipped us well for our return journey down the hill.

We are holding an Easter activity morning in the village hall on Wednesday 6 April - please see details below.

We do hope as many of you as possible will join us.

PLEASE NOTE this will now replace the previously advertised service on Thursday 14 April.

The May service will be on Thursday 12 May at 4pm in the church and the topic will be "Ascension".

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.

Children's Church

All Saints, West Ilsley
Invite you to

**An Easter Activity morning
On
Wednesday 6 April 10.15 –
12.30
Village Hall, West Ilsley**

WHAT IS THE ACTIVITY MORNING?

A fun morning of activities to help the children follow the story of Easter. We will be baking bread, making plate gardens and decorating eggs.

WHO IS IT OPEN TO?

Children of all ages. **Under 7s accompanied by an adult please.**

REFRESHMENTS?

Drinks will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

As we have a maximum of 25 places please book into the activity morning by telephoning Alison Banks on 01635 281705.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter

The Knock on the Door

There have been many scare stories about householders being burgled or ripped off by bogus callers. Some people are now afraid to open their door to anyone. The good news is that the vast amount of callers to your door will be genuine people from reputable companies. The bad news is that each victim of a bogus caller is one too many and that the most likely victims are those who are most vulnerable.

What is a bogus caller?

Many burglars will not go to the trouble of breaking in if they don't have to.

Bogus callers at your door will pretend to be any number of authentic callers. They may claim to be officials from the council, service companies, health authority or other organisations. They may also pretend to be genuine dealers or sales people. They may impersonate workmen and say they need to come in and check something or make urgent repairs. Even young children and women may be used to gain your trust and entry to your home.



These types of bogus caller all want to steal from you, or overcharge you for work that they do. Therefore it is very important to make sure that all callers to your home are genuine.

How to check that callers are genuine

Here is some simple advice to follow to help you make sure the caller is genuine.

STOP – Think before you open the door. Are you expecting anyone. Do they have an appointment.....If the caller does not have an appointment, tell them to wait outside whilst you phone their office to confirm their identity. Use the number from the phone book and not a number on any ID provided by the caller. If you are still worried then suggest they call back when you have a friend or family member with you.

Some service companies operate a password system to verify the callers status. Contact your local Water//Electricity company to find out more.

Remember...If you think you may be at risk then call the Police – dial 999

Save a life

Become a

Red Cross First Aider

Could you help in an emergency here in the Newbury area?

Please contact us to find out more

Tel 01635 40081

Email cbrazier@redcross.org.uk

The Village Hall Management Committee announce

The West Ilsley Camp Out Weekend 25th and 26th 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 around 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!!!!



PARISH PLANS - ALL YOU NEED TO
KNOW

**A WORKSHOP FOR ANYONE WHO IS
INTERESTED OR WANTING TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE TO THEIR COMMUNITY – AN
OPPORTUNITY NOT TO MISS.**

**Saturday 16th April 2005
10 – 3.00pm**

FRANK HUTCHINS COMMUNITY
HALL, DUNSTON PARK,
THATCHAM

Come and meet others and share ideas.

Join in workshops to learn about how to:

**Get started, how to gather and develop
everyones ideas. Maybe the children in
your community need a new play park or a
wider range of local activities.**

**You can make a difference by helping to
develop your communities Parish Plan – a
vision for your community.**

To book a place contact: CAWB on 01635
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