

West Ilsley News

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the children can make a poppy wreath for the 8 November Sunday Remembrance service.

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DIARY

OCTOBER

4th Harvest lunch
NOVEMBER
9th Parish Council meeting
13th Christmas Extravaganza

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



Many thanks to those who brought and bought and attended the event. We raised over £210! Thank you to all who contributed.
Sue Carrington

DOGGIE REQUEST

With regard to the cart track just beyond The Harrow, if dog walkers would be kind enough to keep their dogs on a lead until past the houses it would be much appreciated unless they are certain their dogs are under control whilst loose.

Also please could dog owners remember to collect their poo bags and dispose of them. It is a danger to the wildlife and abandoned bags seem to be on the increase of late.

With thanks Sue Huggins.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE

The next service will be in the church at 4pm on Thursday 15 October. The theme for this service will be "Remembrance" so please bring any photos of relatives or friends in the armed services who have served in past or recent wars. The service is being held a month early so that

Dan & Rachel would like to announce the safe arrival of baby Annabelle Mahala Hudson, the newest resident in Church Way.



Born 7 August 2009

DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

The summer activities now seem a distant memory! Some of the memories were great fun – especially the day when the heavens opened and we let the children run about outside in their swimming costumes. I might add this was supervised. The water outside the Centre was about four inches deep and the children had the time of their lives. Good, old-fashioned fun and we have the photos to prove it!!

The activities will again run during October half term (26th – 30th October) and again during the Christmas break. The activities are for children aged 5 – 11 years and run from 10am – 2.30pm. All staff are qualified and/or experienced and ALL are CRB checked. If you would like more information about the sessions or how to book, please do not hesitate to contact us on the number below.

For the young people in the community we offer a term time Junior Gym session, which includes use of the cardiovascular and resistance equipment. The session resumed on Thursday September 10th (3.30 - 4.30 pm) and is for young people

aged 11 – 16. A qualified instructor supervises this session. Places are limited; therefore sessions must be pre-booked and paid for in advance. The sessions are designed to encourage activity, the correct use of the gym ... and to be fun!

And while on the subject of the gym...GOOD NEWS! We will be taking delivery of NEW Precor cardiovascular equipment (2 x treadmills, 1 x cross trainer and 1 x bike) during October. This will replace the tired looking equipment we have at present.

If you would like more information about any of the above, or indeed about any other activities held at the Downland Sports Centre, please contact us on 01635 578866 between the hours of 6 – 10pm (Mon. – Fri) or pop in to the Centre.

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW



Live Music Night
Saturday 10th October
9pm till Late

Friday 30th October
Halloween Fancy Dress Party
Prizes for scariest outfits !
Come along and get spooked !!
7pm till late



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND GOODIES EXTRAVAGANZA
Friday 13th November
3 pm to 7 pm
Tables £10 each
In aid of West Ilsley Village Hall
To book a table phone Julia on 01635 281597 now!

WELCOME

To Roger and Flick Lucas and welcome back to Ros and Rollo Duckworth – who have all moved in to houses up the track past the pub.

EVERGREENS

On Tuesday 13th October the coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9 am for an outing to Moreton in Marsh (Market day) and Bourton on the Water. Members £7 non-members £10. Names to Pat Burnett 281131



THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL - WHAT'S NEW? Kate House

I would like to take this opportunity to say hello and what a wonderful time I am having at The Ilsleys Primary School as the new Headteacher. We have had a great start back to the new school term. All the children came back after their summer break looking smart, refreshed and ready to work hard. Lots of things happening this half term including the Year 6's taking part in the Junior Citizen scheme run by Education Business Partnership. This is held at Yattendon Estate where the children meet various members of the community for example, police and fire service. They take part in acting out different scenarios that they may find themselves in and then have to evaluate what they did. After school clubs have started and these include 'We Love Our School' club and lots of Sport clubs including Tag Rugby which are being run and organised by Mrs Pegg. The Foundation Stage children made a great start to school and we also welcome all the new children to our school. The family spirit at the school thrives as the older children have been learning the names of the new children and helping them at playtime, what a credit these children are to our school. Lots of exciting things approaching towards dare I say, Christmas! A Nativity production is planned for the Foundation Stage and Year 1 class – parent's tissues at the ready! This is taking place on December 9th at 10am. Harvest celebration will take place on the 13th October at 10am at St Mary's church. What a wonderful time of year this is as it seems Autumn is already upon us. The staff, pupils and governors are geared up for a fantastic year and look forward to sharing with you all the latest news at The Ilsleys Primary School.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

October Church Services

4 th	**Harvest Festival	10am
11 th	Holy Communion	8 am
18 th	All Age Worship	11 am
25 th	*No Service at West Ilsley	

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

**Children are invited to bring harvest produce to church during the harvest service. The produce will be taken to Willows Edge Nursing Home, in Newbury, as usual.

Harvest Lunch – Sunday 4th October

This will take place in the village hall, at 12 noon. Come and enjoy homemade cottage/shepherd's pie followed by apple pie and cream, washed down with a drink from the bar. We look forward to seeing you there. Tickets at the door, but to assist with catering, it would be helpful if you could please ring Rosanne on tel. 280553 if you are coming.

Forthcoming Events

Flowers at Christmas. Demonstrations and guidance in creating table decorations and other Christmas displays. See the end of this WIN.

Clay Pigeon Shoot. For further details, watch this space.

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"NAMES FAMILIAR TO ALL" - THE STORIES OF THE EAST ILSLEY WAR MEMORIAL

Some time ago I began to try and find out more about the men whose names are on the East Ilsley War Memorial: to discover who they were, where they lived, how they died, and - if possible - what they looked like. Now at last I have been able to set down their stories, and it's been a fascinating and moving journey. One surprise was the variety: for a small village memorial, there is a wide range of experiences, and no two are the same.

I wanted to share these stories freely, so a website seemed the best way of doing that. Pete Aylward kindly offered to host the war memorial site on his website www.east-ilsley.com, and is doing a superb job designing and uploading the

material. It's hoped to have it completed by Remembrance Day.

Since not everyone has a computer at home, and some prefer to read from a book rather than a screen, a version of "Names Familiar To All" will also be available in book form as an inexpensive publication from the East Ilsley Local History Society. All being well, this should be ready for the EILHS Open Day on Saturday 10 October at The Ilsleys School.

This kind of project is never truly finished, because there is always the chance that more information may turn up. So far I have managed to track down photographs of about half of the men, and it would be marvellous to find more. Please let me know if you come across anything that might be relevant, as we can always add to the website.

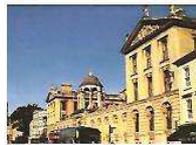
Perhaps someone might be inspired to do something similar for the West Ilsley War Memorial?

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The Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir

presents

An evening with Three Welsh Choirs



Guest choirs from **Maesteg** and **Treharris**

&

the Oxfordshire County Youth Rosetti Quartet

OXFORD TOWN HALL

St Aldates - Oxford - Saturday 24th October 2009
7.30pm - doors open 6.45pm

Tickets £15

(£10 for under 12s)

From:

The Gift Centre, 29 Bury St. Abingdon.

Blackwell, (Cust. Services 2nd floor), 50 Broad St. Oxford.

The Music Stand, 62 High St. Witney.

Perspective, 18 High Street, Woodstock.

Wells Stores, Peachcroft Farm, Twelve Acre Drive. Abingdon.

Phil Lewis: 07811 517783 & Ron Salter 01869 331245

Benefitting Helen and Douglas House

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEWS

After 10 years or so, Angela and Alison have decided after much deliberation to stand down as chair and secretary of the committee.

We shall be sad to leave the friends we have made on the committee and shall miss our regular meetings and discussions. As it stands we leave the village hall in excellent shape with a new floor, new heating and new porch. This follows years of

Careful maintenance and support by our excellent committee of Audrey, Fred, Shirley, Maureen, JV and Peter Barrett.

The hall is a key element of community life here in West Ilsley and the village would miss it if it were not available. We hire out 4 garages, we have regular users groups such as Toddlers, Pilates, table tennis and dancing lessons plus host many social events for villagers of all ages.

We hope that 2 people will come forward to lead the committee and carry on where we have left off.

Please feel free to contact either of us as we shall remain in office until the AGM on Wednesday 25th November. As we found, joining a committee is an excellent way to meet other villagers and have some fun as well as supporting a vital village amenity.

The roles include the 4 meetings a year, running through any maintenance, bookings and finance and any fundraisers. We have traditionally run the fireworks party, 2 bingo nights and the camp out plus occasional other events such as the craft fare and clay pigeon shoot. However, all these events can be changed depending on the interests of those involved. We are happy to support and help at any event, if possible and if asked!

TENNIS

With this wonderful, balmy, dry Autumn weather bestowed on us by the high pressure that has, at last, taken a grip over the United Kingdom and rid us of the revolting precipitation of the wet, windy jet stream, you should all make the most of it and get onto the tennis court., The diminishing hours of daylight should be enjoyed. It's perfect conditions for tennis. The court may not look its prettiest, but it is playing well and is much lighter and airier. A great bonus!

We have had a shift of the committee with Andy Driver's sad departure (as mentioned last month) and Amanda Knight our new chairman; Amanda Hagen the secretary. We are keen to receive any of your ideas or feedback with regards to the tennis management and the court. If you have any burning issues, suggestions or problems that you have encountered, please do take the time to contact any one of us. Currently, we are trying to raise money (from our funds, grants applied for and a big dollop from the Parish Council - thank you!) to replace the surrounding fencing and to reduce the height and tidy the remaining trees. It will be very exciting if we can achieve this for the start of next season. This will hopefully have the benefit of reducing the detritus on the court, both from the pigeons and the conifers themselves and also make the court better ventilated and the atmosphere less oppressive. We do realise that after a really windy night the court can sometimes be strewn with conifer

leaves and needles. When there is the time, David will sweep these away with the machine, but do use the broom that is there.

We are planning some events which will take place later this year or early next year. In the meantime, if you want to arrange any coaching for yourselves we may have some contacts for you, though it is very difficult to find anyone who is free at weekends - they all seem to playing themselves.

Our next committee meeting is Monday 2nd November, 7.30 p.m. - please raise any issues or come down to the Harrow and see us. However, we shall be holding an AGM at a later date, which will be announced and to which you are welcome.

Polly Muir pollymuir@btinternet.com

Amanda Knight

Amanda Hagen

David Gardhouse

THE FRIENDS OF THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR REPORT September 2009

In what has been our Centenary year, once again the contribution the parents make to support the children and for such a small school is quite remarkable. The members of 'The Friends' and their families and those parents who help out at events on a regular basis give their time and commitment freely to make events happen, which the children really enjoy and are not always about fundraising.

To have a lasting memento of the Centenary, some of the funds that we had raised the previous year went towards building the outdoor classroom which Mr Rayner kindly came back and 'officially' opened for us in the summer. We also purchased new staging for our performances and concerts as well as new disco equipment along with coaches for the Summer Outing to Marwell Zoo and last year's Pantomime at the Watermill. The Year 6 Leavers T-shirts were as always a big hit and again we helped fund this along with a donation from the Trust Fund towards the yearbooks which we also helped with financially.

Special mention must go to Karen Kendik and Jenny Smith who did a superb job in the production of the Centenary Yearbook and we must not underestimate what a huge amount of work they put in with help from the Year 6's.

'The Friends' have continued to work hard and although taking into consideration the current economic climate, we still managed to raise £2079.61, which is a lower than usual sum for us, but we also took the decision that as the previous year had been so busy, we would not do any big fundraising. Our expenditure for the year was £9128.22. This still leaves a combined amount in the accounts of £7234.76.

