

# West Ilsley News

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## ON THE MOVE & WELCOME

We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone for making us feel so welcome; we're very sorry to be leaving the village. Phil Borge, Garry Baxter, and Ennis the boxer dog, all at 33 Church Way.



And welcome to Daniel and Rachel Hudson who have moved into 33 Church Way.

## EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle



On Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> at the West Ilsley Fete, the Evergreens will have a cake, jam and anything edible stall, contributions

gratefully received.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July we shall be leaving by coach, outside the West Ilsley Church at 8.30 am for an outing to Hereford. The coach is full at the moment. Names on a waiting list to J Collier, 281283.

## FOR SALE

Boys bicycle, suit 4-5 years old  
Very good condition £10  
01635 281368



Don't leave it any longer to book ...  
..... selling fast!

## West Ilsley Cricket Club

Presents a

# BLACK AND WHITE BALL

(Black and White theme and NOT a  
Black Tie bash!)

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

from 7.30 pm

In the marquee

Contact Kevin Holloway

281556 for tickets £15

## DIARY

JULY

7<sup>th</sup> Black and White Ball  
8<sup>th</sup> Village Fete  
9<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Party Drinks

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July

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## PLAY AREA

Plans for a new play area for the far end of the Recreation Ground will go on display at the Fete on July 8 and in the Village Hall from 2pm to 4.30pm on July 9. I

hope everyone who's interested will get the chance to take a look and have their say. The play area will then be the first item on the agenda at the Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall at 7pm on July 9, and everyone is welcome to come along and make their views known.

This will be the culmination of more than two years of efforts to get some play equipment for children in the village. The starting point was a questionnaire in the West Ilsley News to gauge support for a play area. We received one objection and 22 responses in favour - on behalf of 45 children.

On that basis, the Parish Council then set about finding a site and some money.

With the help of the Carlisle family, a possible site was identified to the right of the tennis courts as you look at the Recreation Ground from the Harrow. Another site in the far right-hand corner as you look from the Harrow has since been proposed and we'll be running through all the possibilities at our July 9 meeting.

As for money, the Winter Warmer, which attracted the support of more than 80 people in the village, got the fund-raising for the play area off to a flying start and West Berks Council backed our successful application for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund. So we now have more than £20,000, which is enough for a decent little play area but nothing on a grand scale - really good-quality, rustic-looking, wooden equipment which blends in with its surroundings is fantastically expensive.

The position now is that we have some provisional plans which we'd like to consult as many people on as possible - parents, the Cricket Club, the people whose homes overlook the Recreation Ground and everyone else with an interest. The Parish Council and Playground Committee are happy to answer any questions before July 9 and hope we can come up with something that provides the maximum benefit with the minimum disruption.

SEAN RYAN, Chairman, Parish Council  
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# Parish Council Update

## Domestic Electrical Installation

"Bright sparks" are all well and good on Bonfire night but when it comes all electrical work, installation/inspection/ testing/fault finding and certification. Insist on a local electrician who is, "Building regulation Part P Compliant". And P.A.T., full Portable Appliance Testing @ 110/240 VAC.

Contact Keith Pentecost

Tel: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)

Mobile: 07985-797333

## THE VILLAGE TENNIS COURT

John Clemenger - chairman



This year we celebrate 25 years of playing tennis on our very own village tennis court. It was opened by Willie Carson in July 1982 and has since proved popular with young and old alike as an "Open Court", for

villagers and the surrounding areas. It has been used happily by many hundreds of people over the course of these years and saw major repair work done to the surface in 1992. As mentioned in the recent Parish Assembly, I well remember the early days when, with the front fence taken down, the heavy cricket roller was used to "bed down" the surface damaged by severe frost. Since then the trees have grown and offered protection against both frost and hot sun.

Many village residents have done a sterling job on the management committee over these years - notably Denis Gilmore and John Verney. As founder members, these two people, along with Elaine and myself, were concerned that young village children were playing tennis in the street and we campaigned for a village court. The Parish Council helped us gain a grant and Mr Christopher Loyd agreed the site. Norman Carlisle gave generous help on the dig out - forming the foundation and eventual plateau and slopes (so popular with children today). Jan Wijek, an excellent chairman, in 1992 successfully won us a grant for major repair work. We also remember the Booking Clerks, Mick Bishop at The Harrow, Julia Rockall at the village shop (how we still miss it!) and Elaine at the Veterinary Surgery. They all have given generously of their spare time to 'log' people in and out (one chap kept the key for nearly a month, played regularly and didn't realize he had to pay for the privilege - he obviously had value for money!). We also thank the Cricket Club, who have looked after our plateau and slopes with regular grass cutting for many years. This has

been a real bonus to us, is much appreciated and we hope it may continue as before – which takes me to the future of the Court.

Our present small management committee is retiring at the end of this month – after nearly 25 years' service. As chairman, I am willing to act as caretaker for this summer and Elaine is willing to continue as Booking Clerk until someone else can be found. We are asking urgently for volunteers to run the court on behalf of the village. It is not an onerous job. The court has recently been professionally cleaned and the reports are that it is in very good condition. The finances of the court are also in a sound position – with just over £1,000 in National Savings. We all now feel the need for a new, perhaps younger, enthusiastic committee that will manage the court, keeping it as an 'open' activity for all to enjoy. We are notifying the parish council of the impending retirements, although at the annual parish assemblies for the last three years we have intimated our hope for new members to come forward. Christopher Loyd, landowner of the tennis area stipulated 25 years ago that there should be 3 village residents willing to act as 'guarantors' to the court, ie persons willing to be financially responsible for returning the land to agricultural use, should the need ever arise. Of the three guarantors, only Jackie Atkins and myself remain. We are both retiring from this responsibility this summer and I thank Jackie for her generous participation. Other arrangements will have to be made and I will ask the Parish Council and Mr Loyd for their views. So finally, congratulations and thanks to all those involved with the Tennis court maintenance throughout its 25 year history, and with a strong hope that volunteers or organizations may come forward to run it for the future. In the meantime, things carry on as normal.

## ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

Will and Alexandra Axtell

### Church Services for July:

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Age Service	10.00am
	Evensong (with new <b>Bishop of Oxford</b> )	6.30pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8.00am
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Songs of Praise	6.00pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	No service	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	No service	

### Flower Festival and Bishop of Oxford's visit to West Ilsley:

A report will follow next month on the Flower Festival – hope the sun managed to emerge



from its recent hibernation! We were also honoured to have the new Bishop of Oxford visit West Ilsley.

### Bottles Please!

Please let Ian Fewtrell-Smith or ourselves have any bottles for the bottle store for the fete.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### Afterschool Service

In June the children listened to the story of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and amazed us with how much they knew already!

On Thursday 12 July we will be meeting at the cricket pitch at 4pm instead of our usual church service. Please bring a picnic, drink and any toys your children may like to play with. We will not be using the cricket pavilion so this will only go ahead if the weather is fine.

We will take a break over the summer and reconvene in September – date to follow.

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

This is a monthly get together from 10am – 11.30am either in West Ilsley or the surrounding villages. It is an informal gathering where the Mums and carers have a chance to have a coffee and a chat, there are toys for the children and occasional songs. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July we will be meeting at Tracy Gregory's house – 5 The Maltings, Tel: 281650.

If you would like more information about either of these services please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

## BOTTLES NEEDED!



The church are running the bottle stall this year at the Village Fete.

If you would like to donate any bottles please contact Ian Fewtrell-Smith (281 625)

or

Will Axtell (281 306).

All will be gratefully received!

## WEST ILSLEY FETE 8th July 2007

Preparations are almost complete for this years fete. There are lots of exciting stalls and events including a dog show, silver band, school choir, raffle with great prizes, the annual football match, many craft stalls and lots for children to spend your money on!

This year the fete starts at **12 noon 'til 4pm** - don't eat lunch before you arrive! There will be a fantastic BBQ heroically manned by Richard Gore and his band of merry men. The cricket club will be open for the afternoon and The Friends of The Ilsleys will be serving tea, coffee and delicious cakes. Don't forget to visit the marquee and the Evergreens annual cake stall - get there early to avoid disappointment!

The garden judge will be visiting front gardens and looking at hanging baskets this week, so get weeding and watering if you want to win the much sought after BEST GARDEN and HANGING BASKET cups.

### Produce Show Classes 2007

#### **Flowers & Ornamentals**

1. Roses - 3 blooms of any variety
2. 3 Sweet peas in a vase
3. Five flowers in shades of pink
4. Container of flowers (max pot size 30cm longest dimension or diameter)

#### **Fruits & Vegetables**

5. Potatoes, 3
6. Onions or shallots, 3
7. Salad bowl
8. Longest runner bean
9. Tray of mixed vegetables (max 6)

#### **Flower Arranging**

10. Arrangement in unusual kitchen utensils (max 60w x 60d x 60 cm high)
11. A button hole
12. Miniature arrangement (max 15w x 15d x 15h cm)

#### **Home Cooking**

13. Jar of preserve (e.g. jam, marmalade, chutney)
14. Carrot Cake
15. Home made drink (e.g. elderflower cordial, lemonade, sloe gin, wine, beer)
16. Gentlemen only - Victoria sponge cake

#### **Photography**

17. Photo of Village life
18. Photo of family or friends

#### **Children's Classes (under 7)**

19. A miniature garden, not exceeding 30 x 45 cm
20. Kite painting
21. Hand made greeting card
22. Fairy cakes (6 on a plate)

#### **Children's Classes (7-12)**

23. A miniature garden, not exceeding 30 x 45 cm
24. Hand made greeting card
25. Collage
26. Fairy cakes (6 on a plate)

Please make the effort and enter the produce show - you might win a cup and the judges love tasting home baking and the alcohol! Please register your entry by **12.30** for judging at 1.30. If you won a category last year, please return your cup to Sue Simmons at 6 The Maltings or bring it along on the day.

**BRIC A BRAC and CROCKERY** - These two stalls are ever popular and chipped/broken crockery is always needed. Please bring bric a brac and crockery on the day. **Wellies** are also required for Wellie-Wanging.

**Helpers are still needed to set up, man stalls and help clear up at the end. If you can offer a little time, please do. REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR FETE - HELP MAKE IT A SUCCESS.**

Sue Simmons

281460 or [suesimmons@toucansurf.com](mailto:suesimmons@toucansurf.com)

## MASSAGE THERAPIST IN COMPTON MASSAGE THERAPY TO REDUCE STRESS AND AID RELAXATION



MASSAGE TREATMENTS TARGETED  
AT SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS ON THE  
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**INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE - 30 MINS**

Dianne Beechey

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Tel: Compton 01635 578446

## WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB

### **FIXTURES FOR JULY**

#### **1st XI SATURDAY**

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|-------------|-----------------|------|
| 07 July 2pm | Northleach Town | Away |
| 14 July 2pm | West Witney     | Home |
| 21 July 2pm | Oxford Rescue   | Away |
| 28 July 2pm | Fringford       | Away |

#### **2nd XI SATURDAY**

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|-------------|---------|------|
| 07 July 2pm | Wantage | Away |
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14 July 2pm Westbury 2ndXI Away  
21 July 2pm Twyford 2ndXI Home  
28 July 2pm Risinghurst Home

#### SUNDAY

01 July • West Berks U15 Rep. Home  
08 July 2-00pm 2ndXI Cup Semi- Finals  
Brightwalton 6-A- Side  
15 July 2.00pm 1stXI Cup Semi-Finals  
22 July 2.00pm Brightwalton Home  
29 July 2.30pm Yattendon Home  
2ndXI Cup Final

23rd/24th June 2007

#### Village CAMP OUT & BBQ - REPORT

Once again many village children and their families took part in the Camp Out. As usual it was a great opportunity for all village and ex village children and their



parents to mix. It was particularly good to welcome new faces to the village and to Camp Out despite a terrible weather forecast!

About 30 children enjoyed an afternoon of fun in the woods. There were two activities to choose from. One group learnt camp skills, building the fire and cooking tea whilst the other group had an afternoon orienteering from the village to the camp at Park Woods.

Many thanks to all our leaders who led the activities – Dries and Andy and Angela and Alison who put in their time and enthusiasm and to all the other adults who pitched in.

Then the real camping started as tents and parents arrived and barely a drop of rain had fallen. Our camp site of 15 tents was perfect, as was the weather and we all enjoyed a family BBQ and more fun in the woods. After an early start, this time in the rain, cooked breakfast was most welcome before a quick pack up and home to the village dirty, wet and tired.

Many thanks to the Carlisle family for the use of the woods and to the The Village Hall Committee who made it happen.

See you next year!

Alison, Angela, Peter Carlisle and Paul Willis.