

West Ilsley News

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ILSLEY EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle



On Wednesday, 24th May there will be an outing by coach to Bournemouth. 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.

West Ilsley Parish Council

Are advertising for positions on their Council

**For more information please contact
The Clerk**

Support your Village!

Alison Banks

Clerk to the Council

The Poplars

West Ilsley

Welcome to Justin and Roseanne Pilditch who have moved into 34 Church Way, and to their new neighbours, Phil Borge and Garry Baxter who have moved into 33 Church Way.

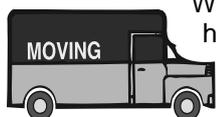
WELCOME ...



..... to Adam Ryan, who arrived on Saturday 22nd April – so keen to be a West Ilsley resident that he arrived about three weeks early! Congratulations to Alison, Nigel and Sophie

Abingdon Window Cleaning Services
(Window, Gutter & General Cleaners)
01869 241739

WELCOME AND FAREWELL



Welcome back to the Dray family who have moved into The Malthouse.

“Glad you’re staying” to the Banks family who have moved across the road to The Poplars, and

farewell to the Pease family who spent many years in the village.

DIARY

MAY

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| 8 th | Parish Council Meeting |
| 13 th | Plant and cake stall |
| 14 th | Sponsored walk/ride/cycle |
| 21 st | Concert |
| | JUNE |
| 17 th /18 th | Camp Out |
| | JULY |
| 9 th | West Ilsley Fete |

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Thursday 25th May

Contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy and “word” file (via email or disk), but most importantly, please do contribute. Contact details:

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ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services for May:

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| Sunday 7 th | All Age Worship | 11.00am |
| Sunday 14 th | Holy Communion | 8.00am |
| Sunday 21 st | Family Communion | 9.30am |
| Sunday 28 th | No Service | |

Plant & Cake Sale – Saturday 13th May

This will take place in the churchyard on 13th May from 10.00am to 12.00pm. There will be plants and home-made cakes on sale along with refreshments. There will also be a raffle and children's entertainment. Look forward to seeing you there.

Fun Run, Walk, Ride, Cycle – Sunday 14th May

Hope you are managing to gather sponsorship in for this fun event with proceeds to be split between two charities (Homes of Hope and local children's cancer) and our church.



Starts at the cricket pavilion at 11.00am and please bring your sponsorship form (or donation) to register. Medals will be awarded to category winners. There will be a BBQ on the cricket pitch and bar for all competitors and supporters afterwards.

Please call Jo and Tony (281 405) for more info and sponsorship forms.

Concert – Sunday 21st May



Maestros Simon Baggs and Martin Thorne return to West Ilsley to perform well-loved classics at a special concert in the church on Sunday 21st May. Concert to start at 7pm. Tickets available now from Alexandra Axtell (281 306) and Ian Fewtrell-Smith (281 625) - £10 each (concessions £7) to include a glass of wine. One not to be missed!

Next Parish Council meeting Monday 8th May, 7pm West Ilsley Village Hall

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

We had a wonderful morning in April when 24 children from the parish enjoyed an Easter activity workshop where they listened to the story of Jesus' journey and made wooden crosses, rosary beads and tabards. The morning ended very successfully with an Easter egg hunt on the cricket pitch followed by lunch. Our thanks go to John and Marnie for their kindness in supplying the materials for the crosses and also to the Cricket Club for allowing us to use the pavilion for the morning; also of course to Denise and Olive for miraculously holding the attention of so many over such a wide age range and bringing the story of Easter to life for the children.

Dates and themes for the next term will be as follows:

Thursday 11 May – Crossing the Red Sea

Thursday 15 June – David and Goliath

Thursday 13 July – Summer Tea Party at the cricket pitch

Our Afterschool services are held at 4pm in the church and are very informal with songs to well-known tunes and a simple story to listen to. The children have the opportunity to become more familiar with the church and learn about prayer, religious festivals and other topics in a relaxed atmosphere. The services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones.

The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Do come and join us if you have a free half an hour.

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

This is a monthly get together at The Rectory in Peasmore from 10am – 11.30am. It is an informal gathering where the Mums and carers have a chance to have a coffee and a chat and the children to play and sing. Forthcoming dates are as follows:

Thursday 4 May

Thursday 8 June

Thursday 6 July

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

WIN WALKS walking in the neighbourhood

Fred Carter

A Circular walk starting from East Ilsley.....3 ¾ miles

Start from the village pond and walk up to the road to The Crown & Horns...Cross the road and go down the 'No Through Road' opposite. After 200yds just opposite the last barn on the left, turn right along a track between houses. Follow the track for about 100 yards to reach a path junction. Turn left here on to a bridleway, the bridleway runs uphill with paddocks on the right and a field on the left, continue along this well defined track until you reach the racehorse gallop and continue for about another 10 yards to join the Ridgeway....Turn right and follow the Ridgeway, looking to the left for some excellent views across the South Oxfordshire Plain, you will reach the concrete drive leading to Ilsley Barn Farm, continue for another 300 yards to reach a cross track....Turn right here along a byway, walking between fences. At the next cross tracks go straight over, passing to the left of a copse. Stay on the main track it descends to reach the East Ilsley/Compton road...Cross the road with care and continue along the track opposite. The track gradually ascends the hillside. Ignore a track



leading off to the right continuing ahead uphill to pass to the right of some barns.

At the next cross tracks, just before an orange signpost stating that there is no route for horses across the A34, turn right down a track, the A34 can be seen on your left. Follow the track as it descends then ascends towards East Ilsley. As it nears the village it bends left and then right passing a sports field on the right. Go through a gap and along the road beyond, passing the school and the church on the left.

East Ilsley or Market Ilsley as it was once called was the centre for sheep fairs, at one time it was second only in trade to London's Smithfield Market. The fairs are thought to date back to medieval times....In the street that runs between the The Swan & The Crown there is a plaque that states that the last sheep fair was held in 1934

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 ELECSA scheme compliant"

Free estimates.

Contact: Keith Pentecost

Tel / ans: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)

Mobile: 07985-797333

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News from The Ilsleys Primary School

Felix Rayner - Headteacher

Summer is here and the new term has again begun very well. The children have settled back into the old successful routines with a sunny spring in their step. The children are busy trying to gain points for their prospective houses, do something special to gain a headteacher's award and generally stick to the school rules, behave outstandingly and be positive and hard working. Long may it continue!

There have been many exciting things that have happen at the school since I last wrote.

The school choir sang at the Anvil in Basingstoke as part of a Berkshire Music Trust concert. The children sparkled as they sang songs from The Sound of Music and as part of a massed choir. One of our children even sang a solo to over 800 people.

The school continues to be part of a network of small schools that are developing further speaking and listening skills through the use of video conferencing. This exciting project is still at an early stage, but will be a real benefit to all the children when it is up and running – I'll keep you informed.

Our netball team took part in the small school cup at St.Nicolas school in Newbury. It was a very

successful morning, and the children played with maturity and skill, winning a number of matches, but sadly not progressing to the semi finals.

The penultimate week of term saw our regular Assessment and Achievement week, which again went successfully. The children enjoyed taking part in computerised tests and finding out how much they had achieved over the past term. They also looked at ways they could improve in the future. The week was rounded off with an assembly to parents where we celebrated the children's successes.

The term finished of with The Friends excellent Easter Eggstravaganza. A wonderful time was had by all, as the children had fun hunting for eggs whilst raising money for the school. The school council also ran a stall and organised a soak the teacher event which as you can imagine was very popular

It's another bumper term for extra curricular clubs with a wide range of activities taking place including summer sports, tennis, cycling proficiency, art, choir and country dancing. It should be a good term for getting out and doing things in the sunshine.

We look forward to another successful, busy and exciting term full of fun, sun, laughter and learning. As always, if you have any queries about the school please don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

LOOKING TO MOVE BUT WANT TO STAY IN THE AREA? HOUSE FOR SALE IN EAST ILSLEY

Four bedroom Barn Conversion
(one of three),
with off road parking, garage and private garden.

Due to go on the market in 2nd week of May.
Would like to sell locally. For full details please contact Karen or Jerry on 01635 281653.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Amanda Knight

The Toddler Group has started to meet again following the Easter break. Copies of the new rota for setting up duties and details of forthcoming events are available at each session. Alternatively, Katharine Young will be happy to e-mail you a copy if you contact her on katharineyoung@supanet.com. Highlights for the coming Summer include our participation in June

in "The Big Toddle" in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital and an end of term picnic in July. In addition, Virgin Vie will be attending the session on 17th May with an array of cosmetics and sundry other goodies, with a percentage of sales being passed back to Ilsley Under Fives.

Ilsley Under Fives Toddler Group meets on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall (term time only). We have heaps of toys, ride-ons and a baby area for the littlest ones and tea and coffee for the parents/carers. New faces always welcome! For further details please contact me (281609) or Katharine Young (281539).

17/18th June 2006

Village CAMP OUT & BBQ

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce that the annual Village Camp Out will take place on Saturday June 17th (from 2pm) and extend through to Sunday 18th (10am).

It will be centred around camping, with an afternoon activity around the camp and in the woods followed by a camp sleep over.

The aim of the Camp Out is to invite all West Ilsley villagers and ex villagers to enjoy a camp out together and for all ages to mix and socialise.

Details as follows:

Part 1 – Saturday afternoon 2-5pm

Activities for all ages of children who can be left (under 3's accompanied please), led by volunteers from the village.

under 5yr olds – mini treasure hunt and games

5-8yr olds – camp skills + adventure trek

8yr plus – tracking and adventure trek (min 2hr walk)

To conclude the afternoon, hot dog tea and marshmallows for all cooked on the fire.

Part 2 – Saturday 5pm to Sunday 10am

From 5-6pm the camp is prepared for the night and for those children staying a responsible adult should arrive. Tents are put up and we strongly recommend that this is done as a family activity after 5pm. We then play games and enjoy a family BBQ supper in the evening (from 7pm).

Cook breakfast, take down camp, clean and tidy up. Finish 10am Sunday.

Open to all West Ilsley children of any age.

Part 1, all children over 3 can be left, but helpers welcome and needed.

Part 2, a responsible parent/adult/volunteer to accompany (on a ratio of no more than 1 adult to 4 kids), help out and sleep over from 5pm to 10am.

The camp site is located 1 mile outside West Ilsley. Take the Catmore road and follow the signs. Park inside the gate on the LHS.

All food and drink is included for Part 1. For Part 2 please bring your own supper. We shall have a BBQ fire going so we suggest you bring something to cook and your own refreshments. Juice and water will be available throughout plus tea/coffee, sugar, milk, cereal, bacon, bread and jam for the morning. Please bring anything else you wish to eat or drink. Adults bring your own – cork screw and barrel of bitter supplied!

There will be a charge this year (£10 per tent), and we do require your signed booking form in advance. Without this we cannot accept the child/ren. The weekend will go ahead whatever the weather!!

To join in, wear appropriate old clothing that you don't mind getting dirty or torn. For Part 2, the following kit is required.

- Tent for you and your child/ren. Do try to acquire one or buy a cheap one (Millelets/Argos £40)
- Thick sleeping bag/duvet and Sleeping mat (optional)
- Waterproof top and trousers
- Thick wool jumper or fibrepile
- Spare warm trousers, socks and long sleeved shirt
- Warm hat/gloves and good shoes or boots
- Torch
- Plastic mug, plate & bowl plus cutlery for you.

Do not bring anything electrical, any money or excessive sweets. (While it is nice to have a few sweets to share – when every child brings a large packet they then often feel sick!). Please be aware that they are only going for one night!

We hope this provides a great event for all ages and we look forward to hearing from you. Any adults willing to lead an activity/trek please come forward asap.

Please return the form to Angela Hyde, Forge Cottage. Tel 281500 or Alison Banks, The Poplars Tel 281705
BY 10th June 2006

Angela Hyde, Alison Banks, Paul Willis and Tracy Young on behalf of The Village Hall Committee and thanks to Peter Carlisle.

| Name | Age | Part 1 or 2 (delete) |
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| _____ | _____ | 1 / 2 |
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Accompanying Adult for Part2

Please give details of any relevant medical information regarding any of the above child/ren

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I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Camp Out. I understand that the activities are led by volunteer leaders and helpers and I take full responsibility when sending my child/ren. Our emergency contact (in the village) during the event is.....

Signed by a parent/guardian

Date.....