

West Ilsley News

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March 2009

DIARY

	MARCH
2 nd	Evergreens AGM
	MAY
16 th	Cake and plant sale
	JULY
12 th	Fete

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW



Live Irish Music
Saturday 14th March
for
St. Patrick's Day
9pm onwards

Mothering Sunday
Sunday 22nd March
Don't forget to book your
tables!!



Saturday 4th April
Live Music Night
9pm till late
French Night
Friday 24th April

Menu not decided - will be in April's WIN

NEW PORCH FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

The work on the new Village Hall porch will commence shortly - most likely next week. The old porch which was coming away from the hall will be demolished and a new, slightly bigger (and more attractive) one built in its place. KNG Builders will be doing the work which should not take more than a few weeks. This is being funded by the Village Hall Committee who received a 50% grant from the Vibrant Villages Trust. We sincerely hope that this work should not cause too much inconvenience and the Hall will be open for hire as usual. On some occasions entry may be via one of the fire doors or via the back door, once access has been established. Collection of newspapers can continue as normal, although the rain shelter may be temporarily removed. If you have any comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact one of the Village Hall Committee. Angela Ryan (281500), Alison Banks (281705), Audrey Tizzard (281646) or Fred Carter (281621).

DOG FOULING

Please could we request that the owner of the big dog who is persistently fouling the footpath next to No. 19 please clear up their dog's mess. Not only is this a public footpath, it is also our garden path (and we're a bit tired of clearing it up).

Thanks, Clare & Christian.

ALDWORTH SPRING FAIR

On **Saturday 25 April**, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., YOU are invited to come along to Aldworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground to enjoy a morning of

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Friday 27th March

Contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy and "word" file, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. Contact details:

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interest and fun for all ages. Entrance to Aldworth Spring Fair is FREE.

There will be a wide variety of crafts, plants and produce stalls from Berkshire and Oxfordshire, attractions and activities for children including a Run Through Obstacle Course, Twin Slide and Space Hopper Horses!

Be tempted by the Chocolate Fountain and help raise funds for Sue Ryder Care. Refreshments will be available all morning with proceeds to Aldworth Village Hall funds.

Please note the date in your diary, tell your friends and come along to Aldworth on the morning of 25 April. We look forward to meeting you!

More information: Pauline Sheppard 01635 578177

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Rosanne Pilditch

March Church Services

1 st	All Age Communion	10am
8 th	Holy Communion – BCP	8am
15 th	All Age Worship	11am
22 nd	Mothering Sunday – no service in West Ilsley	
29 th	No Service	

Mothering Sunday this year is on 22nd March. There will be no service in West Ilsley but everyone will be welcome at the services in the Benefice.



Spring Clean of Church and Churchyard – 4th April

We will be cleaning the church and the churchyard from 10.30 – 12.30. Please do come and join us – even if it's only you and your marigolds for 30 minutes! As they say, many hands make light work so bring your duster, strimmer or bucket and mop – they will all be most welcome.

Dates for the Diary:

20th April at 8pm – Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

16th May at 10.30am – Cake and Plant Sale

Domestic Electrical Installation

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

Portable Appliance Testing @ 110/240 VAC

Contact Keith Pentecost

Tel: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)

Mobile: 07985-797333

MACMILLAN THANK YOU

I have received a letter from Macmillan Cancer Support thanking us for the donation of £156.28 which we raised through the carol singing. Many thanks to everyone who supported us. Liz Dray

Newbury Riding for the Disabled present

‘An evening with

Clare Balding & Crispian Howard’

BBC TV & Radio

Commentator at

Presenter

Equine Paralympics

Monday, 16th March

Hampstead Norreys Village Hall

7.30pm, by ticket only

Tickets £12, to include wine & nibbles

For tickets please call 01635 200696

PALS 18 + SOCIAL GROUP

PALS is a West Berkshire based charity that has offered children and young people who have a physical disability or sensory impairment social and leisure opportunities for over 10 years. I have worked for the charity for the last 3 years and I was employed by SCOPE in the early days to start and develop the project. Recently I have changed roles to become the co-ordinator of the newly formed social group for our older members, aged between 18 – 22. This August I am taking the group away for a 4 day outward bound holiday in Devon to the Calvert Trust. The centre has specially adapted equipment and facilities for groups similar to ours. The charity is sponsoring each member to join in. However, the group would like to do some fundraising of their own so I have arranged for us to hold a car wash and cake stall kindly hosted by Sandra and Peter Carlisle at Rowles Farm on Saturday 18th April from 10am – 12 midday. So how can villagers help? Well bring you cars along for a wash and buy a cake for the weekend... I can't promise your cars will be immaculate as the members will be washing the cars (hopefully with the aid of some of the older kids in the village!) but supporting their efforts will not only be good for group funds but will encourage their independence and to develop their skills and self esteem – all important goals on the way to making their own way in the world – ones that many of the youngsters (and parents) in our village take for granted. See you then..... Angela Ryan

P.S. – If anyone would like to bake a cake then that would be appreciated too!

WEST ILSLEY TENNIS

The sun has started to shine and the days are getting longer...‘we’ (well, Alan) had to sweep snow from the court in order for us to play at the weekend, but many of you have embraced the idea of joining in and wish to play tennis. It is due

to David Gardhouse's efforts that the surface is playing so well. With a bit more practice, his tennis should be beyond the (high) standard of the court very shortly! It is great news that you want to participate: thank you, all, for your support.

I am required to point out that to those of you who have paid subscriptions for 'Family membership' that, in fact, you have 'Household membership', as we have agreed that the use of the court will be extended to your house guests and visitors. Please note that there will no pro rata membership for joining half-way through the season: memberships are one price.

Just to remind you that if you don't have membership, it is not exclusive. You can still hire the court for £5.00 per hour, payable either to me (or other members of the committee) or there will be an honesty box which Pete at The Harrow has very kindly agreed to keep for us. Non-members (or those without internet access) should contact Amanda Knight (281609 or amandacknight@yahoo.co.uk) or David Gardhouse (281880) to book the court.

We are trying to encourage all ages to play and also encouraging those from outside the village who would like to join us.

We are hoping to organise some **coaching for juniors** over the schools' **Easter** holidays, potentially for 16 and 17 April. Would anyone who has children who would be interested in attending some Mini-tennis "taster sessions" on those dates contact Amanda Knight (see contact details above) by 13 March, sooner if possible, giving details of your child's age/playing ability. Absolute beginners very welcome. There will be a small fee payable for each session to cover our costs. For further details, please contact Amanda.

The next meeting for the committee will be 7.30 p.m. 2nd March at The Harrow if you have any queries or points to wish to raise.

(I understand that there have been problems with folk trying to access the court using the old system – they appear unaware of the existence of the new committee/access and paying system. I guess that they've missed out on this news from the WIN. We will do our darndest to rectify this and to make the system truly accessible to everyone.)

Polly Muir

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ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Valentine's Day was celebrated by the Under 5's with a suitably themed craft activity. The children cut out and stuck together varying sized coloured hearts to make cards.



There is very little else to report this month except to say that we are still looking for an easel with chalk board and/or white board (in good condition). If anyone has one to donate to the Group please contact me on the number below.

Ilsley Under Fives meet during term time on Wednesday mornings, 10am to 11.30am, at West Ilsley Village Hall. The session is an informal meeting, providing playtime for the children, an occasional craft activity, a drink and biscuit with tea/coffee and chat for the parents or carers. The session ends with a singsong! For further details please feel free to contact me on 280622 or any other member of the committee or simply pop along on a Wednesday. New faces are always welcome!
Louise Taylor

“Birds of Prey” Display

Easter Saturday – 11 April

Aldworth Recreation Ground

Ray Prior will show off his birds all morning,

with a Flying Display at 11 a.m.

Saturday Market, 9 to 12 noon, in village hall

EXTRA stalls & crafts

Refreshments

Details: Kathy 578090 or Pauline 578177

EVERGREENS

The annual general meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 2pm on Monday 2nd March.

WEST ILSLEY YOUTH CLUB

On **Thursday 12 March** we will be at the **cricket pavilion** as usual where we will be decorating Easter eggs plus all the usuals - the Wii, table football, pool, board games etc.

On **Thursday 26 March** we will be at the **village hall** where the Splat team will be back to run various activities.

Timings for both 7-8.30pm. Unfortunately this is likely to be the last sessions of youth club until the autumn due to the Easter holidays and the need to vacate our storage area at the cricket club until the end of the cricket season.

The youth club is open to children of West Ilsley and Farnborough between the ages of 8-15 years old.

Please remember that we are now charging £1 per child.

If you have any queries please contact Liz Dray on 281688 or Clare Alexander on 281254.

Mother's Day fair and Activity Afternoon

Saturday 14th March 12-4pm

West Isley Village Hall



Come and make your very own
Mother's Day gift.....

Activities to choose from;

Card making, Badge making

Make up your own planter of Spring
flowers

Also Available;

Beautiful painted glass from Kath

New range of Spring scarves from Bewitched
Access.

Badges, mirrors and purses from Amy

Wooden crafts from Marnie Moyle

Card and Gift Ideas from Phoenix Cards

Home made cakes

Embroidered towels and other gifts

Come and browse and join in the fun

Refreshments available

All Proceeds to West Isley Village Hall

Anyone wishing to have a stall contact

Alison or Angela on 281705/281500

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

In March, by kind permission of Jane and David Carlisle, we will be walking up to Folly Farm to see the lambs. This will be on **Thursday 12 March**. We will be meeting at The Malthouse (Liz Dray's house) at 4pm and walking up through the fields. I'm sure you will all agree that the children have a wonderful time at the Carlises and as a token of our appreciation we would like to take a collection on the day in aid of a charity to be nominated by Jane and David. Please note that it is not advisable for pregnant mums to enter the lambing sheds.

On Wednesday 8 April we will be meeting at the cricket pavilion for a morning of Easter activities for the children. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please telephone Liz Dray on the number below to book your space! We aim to finish by midday and you may like to

bring a packed lunch for yourself and your family so we can have lunch together at the end.

We will re-convene back in the church on Thursday 21 May at 4pm when the topic will be "Ascension". The June service will be on Thursday 25 June.

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.

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WEST ISLEY FETE 2009

Before we know it, July and the fete will be upon us. The date for this year is Sunday 12th July 2009. It is time to start planning and as usual your help is needed. If you have suggestions or advice please get in touch with any of the committee. This year the committee members are Alan Bloor, Helen Tallant, Sue Fribence & Doug Brown. In addition to the committee members we rely on a large group of volunteers to help before and on the day of the fete. Please offer a few hours of your time for this worthy fundraising event for our village. Also this year we would like to invite classic cars, vintage tractors and vintage motor bikes - so brush the dust off and start polishing your vehicles.

FETE DANCE

The fete committee would like to invite applications to host this years dance. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise money for your local cause and it is always one of the best social events of the year in the village. Please contact Helen Tallant to apply or for further information. Telephone - 01635 281529 /

h.tallant@tiscali.co.uk

CALLING 13-19 year olds

Check out the website www.wbdownload.org initiated by the Downland Youth Project.

Alzheimer's Society

Leading the fight against dementia

Living Well with Dementia

The West Berkshire branch of the Alzheimer's Society has developed stimulating social activities to restore confidence and boost self-esteem in people with memory problems as well as provide a network of support for family and friends. All designed to be good fun!

We build on interests such as gardening and singing where we can stimulate conversation and cognitive skills while providing exercise which has been shown to aid both physical and mental function. Standing up to the illness in the way that Terry Prachett is doing, fights depression, a condition which undermines capacity just as much as dementia.

We run a **Gardening for the Brain** group from April to October in a peaceful garden in Burghfield Common, with raised beds, vegetable plot, greenhouse and fruit. All the gardening tasks are shared, with volunteers to assist and a trained horticulturalist to manage the scheme along with a representative of the Alzheimer's Society. A wide variety of produce is grown (vegetables, salad, herbs, hot house exotics) along with decorative plants to stimulate the senses. Each participant has their own large pot to plant up as they wish plus opportunities to sow seeds, prick them out, pot on the seedlings, plant out, tend and weed then harvest and take away the fruits of their labour.

Chatting round the table under the gazebo over a cuppa is a very important part of every session – recipe swapping is a favourite part of this. Volunteers are charged with promoting laughter - the best medicine of all.

New friendships, gentle exercise in fresh air and sunshine (mostly), and the pleasure of growing your own food give everyone a boost which makes long term illness much more bearable.

In Newbury, Southcote and Purley, we have weekly **Singing for the Brain** sessions which are very popular, building on the preserved memory for songs which is so remarkable when other memory is failing. In a Woolhampton pub, we run a **Men's Luncheon group** to allow men to enjoy a drink with friends with facilitated conversation. In Newbury, we have a **Gentle Exercise Class** which is designed to prevent falls and to preserve physical skills and coordination. It has gentle music and a little yoga mixed in – it is good fun!

On the phone, email and through visits, we provide tips for self-help in avoiding difficulties when memory problems overtake people. We meet some families at the diagnosis appointment in the Memory Clinic and help them manage well. For more information about our activities or any queries about dementia please contact Mrs Chreanne Montgomery-Smith, Support and Development Worker West Berkshire Alzheimer's Society 01635 500869, alz.support@pop3.hiway.co.uk.

CALLING ALL STALL HOLDERS - WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE 12th JULY 2009

We would like to invite any persons wishing to have a stall at the West Ilsley summer fete this year. The fete will start at 12 noon & finish at 4pm – setting up from 10am. There will be a charge of £10 per space which includes a 6ft table. More tables are available upon request. Please state on the form below. The event will be advertised around West Berkshire & Oxfordshire by all forms of media. Past attendances have been in the region of 500+ people.

If you wish to have a stall please fill in the form below and return it to the following address:-
Mrs Helen Tallant 2 Church Barns Church Hill East Ilsley Newbury Berkshire RG20 7LP
Please enclose a cheque made payable to "The West Ilsley Show".
Forms must be returned by 1st July to reserve a place.

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Craft or activity to be displayed:

I would like to attend the fete on Sunday 12th July 2009 and enclose my cheque for £10

Signed:

All the money raised from the fete goes to local organizations and charities.