

West Ilsley News

April 2004

Here's an action-packed WIN for you - have a Happy Easter.

The Editors

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for April:

4 th April	Palm Sunday Animal Service, starting in Rowles Farm	11.00 am
11 th April	Easter Day Holy Communion	11.00 am
18 th April	Family Communion	9.30 am

EASTER SERVICES

Hopefully, a card will have come through your door by the time you read this. The services throughout the benefice are listed, but please note that there will be services in West Ilsley on 5-7th April in Church at 7.30 pm and a Communion Service in the village hall on Maundy Thursday (8th April). The idea is to have a communion in less familiar surroundings in an attempt to recreate the feeling of the last supper.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

This is becoming an established tradition, since its inception in 2000. The walk officially starts at Peasemore at 9.15 am and ends at Farnborough around 2.00 pm with a lunch stop in West Ilsley village hall (bring your own lunch). Please 'phone me if you want to join me earlier and walk the complete circuit from Farnborough.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This was held in church on Monday 22nd March. It was a time of reviewing the last year and looking to the future. There are interesting times ahead but there is a lot of enthusiasm to see us through the next months.

WEST ILSLEY NEWS ENTRY

There will possibly be a slightly different style to future entries in the West Ilsley News. After more years than I care to acknowledge, I am handing over this particular baton to Will and Alexandra Axtell, who will provide the basic information on service times etc with their reporting on the "Raising the Roof" progress. We were amazed and delighted that the "Feeding the 5000 Fiver" seems to have captured the imagination of a lot of people in the village - do I detect some throwing down of gauntlets?...

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING - 15TH MAY

This will be held in the church yard on Saturday, 15th May at 10.30 am. The usual stalls will be there so come along for a coffee and a bargain. There will be something to keep the children amused, so please put the date in your diaries.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tony and Jo Scriven on the arrival of Katie.

FOR SALE

Double, wax-finished pine wardrobe in excellent condition. O.N.O. £150

Also a single pine wardrobe. O.N.O. £60

Tel: 281770

PARISH COUNCIL Linda Gibson - Clerk

Tel: 200242

Change of date. Please note that the next meeting of the Parish Council will now be held on Tuesday May 18th at 6.45p.m. and not on Monday 10th May as originally planned. This will be followed by The Annual Parish Assembly, which will begin at approximately 7.30p.m, when Angela Money, the guest speaker, will give us more information about Neighbourhood Watch.

EVERGREENS

On Tuesday 6th April there will be an outing by coach to Salisbury. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 10.00 am. Members £5, Non-members £7, tokens can be used. Names to J Collier 281283.

The next Whist Drive will be on 22nd April at The Star, East Ilsley. 7.30 start, everyone welcome.

THE ANIMALS CAME 2 BY 2 ...

The service at All Saints Church, West Ilsley on Palm Sunday 4th April will be "Blessing of the Animals". Meet at Rowles Farm at 11am to proceed down to the Church. The service will be partly inside and partly outside the church. We kindly request that small animals be in cages. Larger animals to remain outside in the churchyard and large ponies/horses with shoes on the grass *outside* the churchyard. All animals from aardvarks to zebras welcome! Any questions, call Sue Carrington on 281354

EASTER LILIES

Anne

Carlisle

I shall be pleased to accept donations from anyone wishing to contribute money towards buying an Easter Lily as a token of remembrance.

RAISING THE ROOF

Will Axtell Tel: 281306

A big thank you to David and Jane Carlisle for their very successful lambing afternoon at Folly Farm. Despite the wet and windy weather many local and new faces enjoyed seeing triplets being born and were rewarded with an excellent tea. The event raised an amazing £542 for the appeal and even made the Newbury Weekly News!

Next event – **CHARITY SPONSORED RUN** on 23 May. Proceeds to be split equally between Raising the Roof and the local Rainbow charity for children with cancer. Feel free to do a sponsored walk, ride, run or hop! The route will be about six miles and will end at The Harrow. Please collect a sponsorship form from Tony Scriven (281405).

Lots of great Feeding the 5000 Fiver ideas are springing up all over the village. Alison Banks and Angela Hyde are leading the way having made £135 with their tasty soup lunch. Forthcoming events will be posted on the church noticeboard – please try to co-ordinate to avoid any clashes where possible. If you would like to take Marnie up on her offer of a rabbit why not make some tasty **'Bunny Burgers'!**

Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion finely chopped
- a little oil
- 1kg minced rabbit meat
- 250g sausage meat
- sprig of marjoram, thyme, sage and rosemary

Gently cook the onion in the oil to soften. Mix the meats, chopped herbs and onion by hand. Shape into burgers no more than 2cm thick. Cook burgers in a frying pan for 3-4 minutes on each side. Serve in bun with tomato ketchup or salsa. Enjoy!

REVEREND ADAM SMITH

We are sorry to report that Reverend Adam Smith of North Cottage died on Thursday 18 March after a long illness. Our sympathies go to Veronica and family.

JOAN MORLEY

Anne Carlisle

It was very sad to receive a telephone call from Jamie Alford that Joan had passed away in hospital after a short illness on February 27th.

During the war Joan was a member of the Women's Land Army. Joan and Ron married in 1945 and lived in No 1 Fir Tree Cottage. When we arrived at Rowles Farm in 1969 Joan was a great help in the house. She was an excellent cook. Joan and Ron moved to Brympton near Yeovil about 1990. On March 5th at Joan's home and at the Crematorium, Norman and I met Joan's brother from Southampton, sister from Aylesbury and family and friends. We also spoke to Melanie who used to live with Joan and Ron in West Ilsley. She used to ride out with Val Haslam.

SOUP LUNCH Alison Banks & Angela Hyde

Thanks to all those who supported us and the Church Roof appeal by coming along for soup in the Village Hall last Saturday 13th March. Our two "Fivers" raised £135. Thanks also to Audrey, Irene and Georgina Carlisle for their help on the day.

Berkshire Young Farmers' Clubs



Country Fayre

Sunday 23rd May 2004

10am - 6pm

Newbury Showground

Chieveley, Newbury, Berkshire

Crafts	Refreshments
Dog Show	Trade Stands
Vintage Machinery	Countryside Competitions
Hounds	Birds of Prey
Fun Fair	Quad Bike Racing

Adults: £5.00 16 and under/OAPs: £2.00
BYFC members free (with card)



THANK YOU

Ann Barnes

Ann and family would like to express their thanks to friends for their wonderful support and many cards received for the sad loss of Terry. Thank you for the kind donations to the Macmillan Nurses.

Activity Club

(Organised by West Ilsley Village Hall Management Committee)

Monday 3rd May

2-4.30pm Village Hall unless specified.

Following the success of last years' activity clubs we are pleased to announce that the next one will take place on Monday (Bank Holiday) 3rd May. The activities involved are free and do not require parents to attend. The idea is to encourage all ages of children to mix freely and to allow them to meet and enjoy activities led by other villagers. However we are also keen to encourage all parents and villagers to join in and to offer help if they can. The format will be largely the same and children can choose from the following:

Cowboys and Indians (girls and boys 3 years plus)

Led by Alison and Angela a short walk up the cart track to some woods where we shall build our Indian camp and play games. We shall build a fire and cook marshmallows. Walk home via the track to the village hall.

Fancy Dress (optional) and old clothes a must (They may get ruined). Meet at the Village hall 2pm.

Silk painting (girls and boys 6 years plus – 10 children max)

Led by Kath Carter.

Come and make a silk picture. Design and draw on silk your own picture. Paint using silk dyes your picture plus paint one already drawn for you. Take home one mounted picture. All materials and instruction provided.

Meet at the Village Hall at 2pm.

Mountain Bike trek. (girls and boys 8 years plus)

Led by Peter Carlisle, Mark Ryan and Paul Willis. Hit the dirt cycling along The Ridgeway from The Bell at Aldworth to West Ilsley. The group will be taken by vehicle and trailer from the village to The Bell where they shall be escorted back. The ride is approx. 5 miles and all standards are welcome. It is a tougher ride than last year – more up than down! All participants to wear cycle helmets and old clothes. Any other big kids welcome!. Meet at Rowles Farm at 1.30pm. Please bring a water bottle.

Refreshments for all at 4pm. Finish at 4.30pm.

Please give Alison (281705) or Angela (281500) a ring if you would like to help.

This is a great opportunity for everyone in the village to meet young and older friends. Children do not need to be accompanied but please note that as parents you are responsible for choosing to leave them with us.

Please complete the form at the end of this WIN and drop it off at Forge Cottage by Saturday 24th April.

**Alison Banks, Angela Hyde, Paul Willis and Kath Carter
on behalf of the Village Hall Committee**

**Easter Bingo
Good Friday 9th April
7.30pm
West Ilsley Village Hall.**

**For all the family
Bring Your Own Drinks
Raffle prizes welcome to Audrey at 5 Fir Tree
Cottages
Admission 20p, children 10p
Bingo Books 30p**

Proceeds to West Ilsley village Hall funds

The Village Hall Management Committee announce

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**The West Ilsley Camp Out
Weekend 19th and 20th 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!!!!

**PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL
SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Our normal services for March were replaced by a visit to the lambs at Folly Farm. Many thanks to David and Jane Carlisle who kindly allowed us to walk up to the farm through the fields to their barns full of new baby lambs. About 25 children, their Mums plus Denise and Antonia braved stormy weather to enjoy this sight. David Carlisle gave the children some interesting information about the lambing process and allowed each to hold a baby lamb. Jane then invited us all to shelter from the rain and enjoy wonderful tea and cakes! A great afternoon of fun.

Easter Activity Workshop

This will be held on **Wednesday 7 April from 10.15 – 11.45 am** in the village hall in West Ilsley, followed by

lunch until 12.30pm in the hall or at the cricket pitch if the weather is good. There are still several places available to enjoy a morning of activities following the Easter story. **Please register by telephoning**

Alison Banks on 281705 as soon as possible.

Drinks will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. We ask that an adult accompany under 7s. There will be no charge made for the morning but donations will be welcome.

If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Antonia Cretney on 01635 248925 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

May services

Our normal services will resume in May on the theme of Ascension, dates as follows:-

Afterschool Service, 4pm – Thursday 13 May
Pram Service, 11am – Monday 17 May

MARATHON STRUGGLE

Sean Ryan

Barring any late slip-ups, I'll be one of 30,000 eccentrics running the London Marathon on Sunday, April 18. I've clocked up nearly 500 miles in training, including quite a few pre-dawn ones in fog, ice, snow, gales and driving rain, and although this is a great way to lose weight, I think I've earned the luxury of putting it back on by lying on the sofa all summer with plenty of giant Toblerones! The only reason most of us are running is to raise money, and the charity I'm supporting is one that means everything to Carmel and me. As most of our friends in West Ilsley know, Carmel had a long series of miscarriages before Anna was born three years ago, and she wouldn't be here without the amazing, pioneering work of the Silver Star special baby unit at the John Radcliffe hospital. The unit is expanding and last year, 400 babies were born there against all odds to women with problems ranging from recurrent miscarriages to cancer, organ failure and dangerously high blood pressure. It's an NHS unit but it relies on the Silver Star Society, a registered charity, to pay for a lot of the research and specialist equipment that makes such a huge difference to the lives of families like ours. If you'd be willing to sponsor me in the marathon, please ring 281336 or email me at sean.ryan@sunday-times.co.uk to make a pledge, or drop a cheque made out to Silver Star Society into our letterbox at Winhaven Cottage in Church Way. The company I work for will match every donation, and any support you can give will be warmly appreciated....I might even give you some of my Toblerone!

ANOTHER WINNER FOR WEST ILSLEY!

At the recent Country Living magazine fair in London, Marnie Moyle won the Editor's Prize. She was exhibiting her handcrafted green-oak furniture there for the first time. Look out for Marnie at Chelsea Flower Show and in Country Living magazine in the near future. Well done Marnie!

**WHAT DOES IT COST TO RUN A
CHURCH?**

Andrea Cook

For the last few years I have given my services annually to the All Saints PCC and performed the role of "independent examiner" of the church accounts. It's not an onerous task, as I'm pleased to report that

our PCC appear to be a very honest bunch, but it is interesting as it gives me some insight into the monetary workings of the church. Each year I think to myself "I'm sure that not many people know this" and this year, with the PCC's permission, I'm going to share some of the insight I've gained, and hope that you will be interested to read a little information, and possibly motivated to lend a hand – or a pound or two – to help.

So, what does it cost to run a church? Well, the answer for All Saints is nearly £10,000 a year. The bulk of this cost is the Diocesan Quota, which is a fee paid to the Diocese (in our case the Oxford Diocese) and goes towards paying the stipend (salary) of the clergy and also contributes towards the running costs of the Diocese – the Bishop etc. Other expenses include day-to-day expenses including travel for the clergy, candles and upkeep of the church.

Where does the money come from to run the church? Essentially, two sources – donations, and fundraising. We are all aware of the fundraising events which add to our social calendar – more about them later - but not everyone is aware that donations are a vital way of raising money to meet the annual running costs. By donations, I don't mean the collections which are taken at services – these usually go straight out of the coffers and on to charities such as the British Legion, Macmillan Nurses and other worthy causes. Donations are a vital part of the church's income and are perhaps the "unsung heroes" in that they are made privately, usually in the form of a cheque or standing order, paid directly into the church bank account. If the donor is a taxpayer and completes a "gift aid" form, income tax can be reclaimed by the church and thus the donation is increased in the church's hands. At present, less than half of the annual running cost is raised from donations. The balance of the annual cost is raised by the efforts of the PCC, church members and non-churchgoing villagers in arranging events intended to give us enjoyment and to extract cash from our wallets.

Where does "raising the roof" come in? We've all seen the appeal booklet, which explains the aim of raising £45,000 by Christmas 2005. This is an enormous task, and is *in addition* to the annual running costs outlined above.

Why am I telling you all this? Many of us have been galvanized into action by the focus on the appeal - we've already had some lovely times spent at fundraising events, and look forward to many more - but let's not forget about the private, discrete and low-effort (lifting a pen is all that is required) way to contribute to the day-to-day costs, without which we'll have a fine looking building, but might not be able to afford the "living" church underneath it!

How can you donate? The PCC are happy to accept donations from anyone – you don't have to be a churchgoer – but if you like the thought of having a village church which is used for the purpose for which it was built, and believe that those who wish to worship should have a church to worship in, please think about making a regular donation. Kay Fewtrell-Smith is the Treasurer of the PCC and can be contacted on 281625 for more information.

TREE FELLING IN WI HOUSE ORCHARD

If you're wondering what's going on in the orchard, the trees are being felled under a Forestry Commission Licence, which allows the felling of the trees and replanting with fruit trees. It is a condition of the licence that the area remains as an orchard for 10 years from the planting, and it must be planted before 30th June 2006. A copy of the licence is available if you want to see it.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Toddlers

There was a good turn out for the photographer on 17th March, so hopefully some nice photos for the family album will be arriving shortly.

We joined the Pram Service group for a visit to the lambs at Folly Farm. Approx. 25 children walked from The Malthouse up to the farm on a dreary afternoon. Children were able to hold the newborn lambs and much fun was had by all. Jane and David kindly provided tea and cakes for adults and children so a very big THANK YOU to them for the whole afternoon.

A few adults and children braved Legoland on a very miserable day, but despite the rain we all had a very good time. There was a lot to do for the little ones; some of the braver mums even took them on a few rides! Instead of having our picnic outside the staff kindly let us use some of the tables in one of the restaurants, as the weather was so bad. Hopefully next time we will have better weather. Thank you to Sarah McNaught for organising the day.

If you're new in the village and feel like meeting some new friends, we'd be very pleased to see you and your little ones. We get together on Wednesday mornings –10. -11.30am in West Ilsley Village Hall.(Term time only) We have heaps of toys, a 'baby area' and lots of Mum's who love a chat over a cup of coffee, so come along.

For further details – ring Penny Dillon (281375) or Jess Logan (281670)

Playgroup

Playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Ilsleys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.25pm to 3.30pm during the school terms. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy Gregory on 281650 to enroll or if you would like to attend a session to see what the children get up to.

Term Dates

Toddlers finishes on Wednesday 31st March for the Easter holidays and will return on Wednesday 21st April.

Playgroup finishes on Thursday 1st April for the Easter holidays and also returns on Wednesday 21st April.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

WEST ILSLEY FETE

SUNDAY 11 JULY 2004

One of the signs of spring is that preparations for the fete are well under way. The date is set, the marquee is booked, the dog show is confirmed and new attractions are organised. Good weather is guaranteed!

Now is the time to be thinking about planting seeds for your entries to the produce show plus some extras for the plant stall. Full details of the categories for the produce will be published in the next issue of West Ilsley News.

The book and bric-a-brac stalls would welcome all donations, so now is the opportunity to "recycle" the unwanted gifts from Aunt Gladys.

This is a special year for our church, the Raising the Roof campaign has set a challenging target. In a break from tradition, the Pre Fete Dance will be organised again by the Raising the Roof committee. In future years, the Dance will be offered to the organisation that can show the greatest benefit to the village in terms of need and numbers who will benefit. A rotational approach will also be considered.

The fete is for all of the village and can only succeed thanks to the volunteers who give of their time. If anyone would be able to help in any way contact any Committee member.

The committee members are;

Ron and June Cook	281565
Paul and Lynne Smith	281163
Fred and Kath Carter	281621
Gordon Bewick and Karen Miller	281876
Sue Evans	281763

NEW HEALTH FORUMS THAT COULD IMPROVE YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES HEALTH SERVICE

As from the 1st December 2003 a new independent national organisation was set up to enable local people from all sections of the community to have a voice and be involved in the decision making about health services in their local area. The organisation called Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health has set up local health forums made up of members of the public all across the country that have real legislative powers set out by government to influence the way NHS is run locally. Each forum is supported by a team of staff within your area. A forum member's role is to obtain local views from the community and take action. This is done by influencing decisions where they are made and monitor and visit health facilities. Newbury and Community have one forum and are currently seeking members. The most important thing is enthusiasm to make health services better in the future for you, your family and the community. If you are interested in representing local views we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact: Alison Bell on: 01993 886643

MYTHS AND MAGIC

Recent research by local independent fostering agency, familyplacement.com has revealed that the public still believe many of the negative myths and misconceptions about foster care.

According to the research, a significant proportion of people think that most foster children have extreme behaviour problems, that all of the children come from broken homes, that you have to jump through hoops to be approved to foster and that most foster carers are unpaid work, untrained "mother earth" type volunteers. As agency manager and researcher, Andy Clipson has explained the reality is more complex. *"Although some of the children can be very trying, and applicants do*

have to complete a robust vetting process, in practice, providing a safe and nurturing home for a child, can be a magical experience. There is nothing quite like seeing a child relax, become happier and begin to thrive in your care and knowing you have made a real difference for them."

To help people realise this level of achievement, the agency pays all of its foster carers a significant weekly fee in addition to a maintenance allowance for the child and all carers have access to around the clock support. If you think you could help make a difference for a local child, or would like further information, please telephone Andy Clipson on 01993 201514 or email info@familyplacement.com

WEST BERKSHIRE ADULT LEARNER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The closing date for nominations is March 31st 2004, you therefore have two weeks to get forms back to the Partnership. Details of the awards and how to enter are below, entry forms can be downloaded from www.eezeeweb.org

The West Berkshire Lifelong Learning Partnership is again hosting the West Berkshire Adult Learner Achievement Awards and is seeking nominations for those whose success, determination and abilities during the year deserve special recognition. The awards are designed to celebrate their achievements and encourage others to participate in learning.

Anyone can nominate someone for an award: family, friends, work colleagues, trainers or tutors. If someone deserves to be congratulated for their effort and commitment in learning, now is the time to nominate them. Entry is free and involves completing a short entry form.

There are a number of individual awards divided into the following categories: Determination, Employee in Learning, Outstanding Achievement, Inspiring Others, Returning to Learning, Information Technology (IT), Science, Older Learner, Young Achiever, Teacher/Lecturer/Volunteer Tutor, Family Learners Organisations are also being recognised for their commitment to helping their staff benefit from learning opportunities and there are two award categories that organisations may enter:

Most Committed Employer to Learning
Most Committed Voluntary Organisation to Learning
Individual winners will receive a certificate of achievement and £100, winning organisations £250, and will be invited, along with their nominator, to our prestigious awards ceremony in May to collect their awards.

The awards are being sponsored by local businesses and training and education organisations.

The nomination forms can be found on: www.eezeeweb.org, at Newbury College, or West Berkshire Libraries. Contact the Learning Partnership on 01635 279908 for more details.

The closing date for entries is March 31st 2004.

Ann Miemczyk, Partnership Manager
West Berkshire Lifelong Learning Partnership
188 Main Street, New Greenham Park
Thatcham RG19 6HW Tel: 01635 279908

DIARY

APRIL

- 4TH CHURCH BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
- 6TH EVERGREENS SALISBURY TRIP
- 7TH CHILDREN'S CHURCH ACTIVITY WORKSHOP
- 9TH BINGO
- 11TH HOLY COMMUNION
- 18TH FAMILY COMMUNION
- 27TH WIN DEADLINE

MAY

- 3RD ACTIVITY CLUB
- 13TH AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE
- 15TH PLANT SALE AND OFFICE MORNING
- 17TH PRAM SERVICE
- 18TH PARISH COUNCIL, ASSEMBLY AND
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETINGS
- 23RD RAISING THE ROOF SPONSORED RUN
- 23RD 4CS COUNTRY FAIR

JUNE

19/20TH CAMP OUT

JULY

11TH FETE



The Downland Youth Network

Invite you to their

Inaugural Annual General Meeting

7.30 pm on Monday, 26th April, 2004

in the Main Hall, the Downs School, Compton

Guest Speaker - Dave Seward, CEO
Berkshire Association of Young People

If you are interested in issues for young people in our rural area - please come along to the AGM!

The Downland Youth Network is made up of a group of individuals from different villages in the area served by the Downs School at Compton, including Chieveley, Hermitage, Hampstead Norreys, Beedon, Chaddleworth, Brightwalton, Compton and Winterbourne. We also have representatives from Connexions, Millennium Volunteers, and youth services. Our aim is to work with young people and other agencies to improve resources, facilities and transport for children and young people in the rural Downlands.

DYN is grateful for the support of Community Champions, The Local Network Fund, the Children's Fund, Berkshire Association of Clubs for Young People, and Vodafone.

Apologies to Mo Brickwood on 01635 248494 or brick.wood@virgin.net

And finally: contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy, "word" file (via email or disk) or fax, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. The **latest deadline** for the next publication is **5pm** on Tuesday 27th April but the editors would appreciate receiving your contributions as you get them ready during the month, to save a rush of work at the last minute.

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Activity Club

(Organised by West Ilsley Village Hall Management Committee)

Monday 3rd May

Name	Age	Activity Choice
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Please give details of any relevant medical information regarding any of the above child/ren.....

I give permission for my son or daughter to take part in the Activity club. 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 (tel number) during the afternoon is.....(local person)

Signed by parent or guardian.....date.....