

West Ilsley News

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DIARY

JANUARY

14th Parish Council Meeting

FEBRUARY

2nd Burns' Night

WEST ILSLEY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thank you to everyone who came to the party and helped to make it go with a swing! We'd like to give our special thanks to the following:

The Carol singers - Dewi, Kevin, Andy, Hugh, Jon and Tony, and musical director Christian, who masterminded the rehearsals but had to miss the party. Ryan, William, Thomas and Georgina for their serving and doorkeeping skills. The Kings - Dries, Ed and Dewi - what good sports! Our partners, Geoff, Jon, Mark and Mel, and an extra big "thank you" to Peter who helped us hugely before, at and after the event. We ran a tight budget and after covering our £1200 costs, were pleased to have a small surplus of £122 left over which we have split between the Evergreens and the Village Hall - we also gave the Christmas tree to the Church. Hoping that you all had a lovely Christmas, and wishing you all a very Happy New Year - the photos can be seen at <http://westilsleynews.spaces.live.com/> after 1st January.

Anne, Marnie, Angela, Sandra and Andrea.

Domestic Electrical Installation

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

Portable Appliance Testing @ 110/240 VAC

Contact Keith Pentecost

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ILSLEY UNDER FIVES Amanda Knight

The Toddler Group got into the spirit of Christmas at our last session in December. After a short session icing Christmas tree shaped biscuits (none of them being too sure about the idea of green icing!), the toddlers were thrilled to hear the sleigh bells on Father Christmas' sleigh drawing up outside to deliver a sackful of presents. Their faces were a delight!

The Toddler Group will start to meet again on 9 January. Amanda Hagen has e-mailed a copy of the new rota to all members but if you have not received one please give me or Amanda Hagen a call (first on the list are Amanda H. and Do).

(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 feel free to contact me (281609).)

Cleaner required

3/4 hours per week in West Ilsley

Enquiries to Sue Simmons on 281460

THANK YOU

The Village Hall Management Committee and the Ilsley Evergreens would like to thank the organisers of the Xmas Drinks Party for the donation of £61 each from the surplus of their expenses. It is much appreciated by all. We would also like to thank Julia and Pat for their donations, to both organisations, from their fund raising events and raffles, throughout the year.

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Tuesday 29th January

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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**CHILDREN'S CHURCH,
ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Afterschool Service

In December the children were able to play with some beautiful knitted nativity figures whilst listening to the story of the journey to Bethlehem. We re-start after the Christmas break on:

Thursday 17 January when we will be making Christingle oranges

Our Afterschool services are held at 4pm in the church and are very informal with songs to well-known tunes, participation from the children 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.

Our February service will be on Thursday 28 February when we will be hearing the story of the Exodus from Egypt.

If you would like any further details please do contact us on the following numbers:

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

PAWSWOOD CANINE MASSAGE THERAPY

Canine massage therapy can be an important tool in the management of joint dysplasia, arthritis, back injuries, muscle wasting/ spasms / cramps and general muscular pain and tension.

Treatment is aimed at:

- Relieving spasm and pain
- Warming and relaxing muscles to increase flexibility

In addition to treatments aimed at specific conditions or problems canine massage therapy can assist in the management and treatment of a variety of conditions:

- Reducing stress and promoting relaxation
- Promoting a healthy coat and skin

For appointments or further details contact:

Katherine Gibbs
07737 943 878
or email: pawswoodtherapy@yahoo.co.uk

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Rosanne Pilditch

During the last 6 months a new service pattern has been trialled to include a Sunday Club for the children. After lots of feedback and discussion it has been decided that the Children's Sunday Club will no longer take place. In trying to encourage the children to develop their understanding of worship, it was felt that it would be more inclusive

for the children not to leave the service to go to the village hall. Instead there will be an All Age Service (no communion) on the **third** Sunday of each month. The revised format for the services for the first half of the coming year will be:

Sunday		
In the		
Month		
1 st	All Age Communion	10 am
2 nd	Holy Communion – BCP	8 am
3 rd	All Age Worship	11 am
4 th	No Service	
5 th	United Benefice service (see church notice sheets)	10am

So January's services will be:

6 th	All Age Communion	10 am
13 th	Holy Communion – BCP	8 am
20 th	All Age Worship – Christingle	11 am
27 th	No Service	

Christmas Giving

It was lovely to see so many people in the church during the run-up to Christmas. We had a full turnout for the Carol Service and many thanks to Alexandra and Will Axtell for supplying us with festive mulled wine and to all those that brought delicious mince pies. Thank you too for your generous donations – over £290 was raised in the collection for the Macmillan Nurses and the Air Ambulances and the local women's refuge will be very grateful for all of the presents that were given. As ever, the church was beautifully decorated – thanks go to Anne Carlisle and all the flower arrangers.

Burns Night Dinner and Reeling 2nd February

The evening will start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall with a welcome drink, followed by a traditional dinner of haggis, neaps and tatties. Reeling is purely voluntary and will start at approximately 9.30pm. There will be members from the Newbury Caledonian Society to set us on our way! As well as the usual bar, there will be an opportunity to test your knowledge of whisky and of Scotland!

So get on your dancing shoes and come and join us for a twirl or two.

Ticket Price: £15 each / £10 concessions to include welcome drink, supper and dancing.

Numbers are limited so please book early. Tickets are available from Rosanne – 280553 or Alexandra - 281306.

Piano

If you would like to provide a home for the piano in the church please let me know (280553)

