

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY NOVEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bake off
19 <sup>th</sup>	Safari supper
19 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreens bazaar
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ilsleys Bazaar 2-4 pm

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## WEST ILSLEY BAKE-OFF

It was generally agreed amongst the participants that the first West Ilsley bake-off was a success. We had ten entries to the flapjack class, which, tea or coffee in hand, were viewed and tasted by all present, then marked anonymously. The winners were:

- 1st Marnie Moyle
- 2nd Sue Simmons and Cathy Paterson
- 3rd Sue Carrington



We are happy to invite girls and boys of all ages (over 10 and up to 100+) to join in, and if bakers want to bring a companion who will also taste and score that's fine too - £2 each to cover costs. The next session is on Tuesday 1st November, when it's Lemon Drizzle Cake. General discussion suggests that the criteria we should be looking at are:

- overall appearance
- depth of lemonness (that may not be a proper word but we know what we mean!)
- texture

Don't forget to bring: your cake, a copy of the recipe, something to set it out on plus your £2. See you at 8pm in the Village Hall. Andrea 281224 and Angela 281500 Or email WIN

## EVERGREENS

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November there will be a coach outing to Gloucester, leaving from outside West Ilsley church at 9.00 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall 281597.

The Evergreens' Christmas bazaar will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November in the village hall, 2pm to 4pm. Please come and join us.

## FRESH, LOCAL CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

I will be selling trees again from 1<sup>st</sup> December. My trees are sourced locally so don't get transported for miles! They are the Nordman non-drop variety. I can take your order in advance and you can come to our garden to choose your tree. You can either leave it with me to collect at a later date or take it away. I send a donation of £2 per tree to Macmillan Cancer Support.

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## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you from Liz and Alison to all of you who came to the coffee morning in the village at the end of September and also to those who supported us even though you were unable to come.

The Macmillan support service depends on donations for 96% of its funding and due to your generosity we raised an incredible £573 for this worthy cause.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

If you would like to send Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours in the village via the WIN and donate a sum towards Church Funds rather than sending cards, let me have a note of what you want to appear and your donation - any time from now up until 25<sup>th</sup> November and it will appear in the December edition. Last year we raised £340 - can we do better this year?

Andrea Cook 281224 westillsleynews@msn.com

## OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDMINDER WITH VACANCIES

As from February 2012 I will have 1 full time vacancy and 1 after school vacancy. My hours are Monday-Friday 8am-6pm. If you have any questions or are in need of childcare please do not hesitate to call and arrange a meeting to discuss your needs.

Natasha Tombs 01635 281900 or 07502393842

## THE HARROW

### QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

GUEST QUIZ

MASTER !!

£2 EACH TO ENTER,

TEAMS OF UP TO 6

8PM



## West Ilsley Village Hall Committee Bonfire Night



### Fireworks

All villagers and their friends and families welcome to join us for a fun evening on

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

(next field but one to the pond)

**BBQ from 6pm**

**Bonfire lit at 6.30pm**

**Fireworks at 7pm**

**BBQ (Hot Dogs and Burgers) and**

**Refreshments available for sale from 6pm**

## ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

During our AGM this month, Mrs Kate Storrar from East Ilsley, kindly volunteered to take on the role of secretary for Ilsley Under 5's. We are delighted to welcome her in the committee.

Plans for the next few months and various fundraising ideas were discussed. Our first event will happen on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November when Louise Taylor will visit us with her Phoenix cards. We are also in the process of organising a biscuit decorating table at The Ilsleys Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Our partnership with SureStart is now coming to an end as their Children's Centre has now opened in Chieveley. Elizabeth Morton from SureStart is still planning to come and visit us once a month though to carry on offering support and advice.

Ilsley Under 5's is an established parent and carer run playgroup offering a great space to play in a friendly and safe environment. It is a great opportunity to get together with other local families and chat, play, go on picnics, trips, learn together

or just have fun. Every week we provide a creative activity such as painting, play dough and sticking, and special themed events throughout the year.

We provide drinks and snacks for the children, and tea and coffee for the adults and every session ends with circle time sing song.

We meet on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall. Simply pop along and join us. New members are always welcome.

If you're planning a birthday party or any other event, remember that the Ilsley Under 5's small tables and chairs as well as our toys are available for hire throughout the year. All for a donation of £10. Please contact me for more details.

Angélique Ravion 01635 281 327

## ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

### November Services in All Saints' Church

6 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service	10.55am
20 <sup>th</sup>	* No service in West Ilsley	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	11.00am

\*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice.

### Downland Communion for All Saints

This service is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October here in West Ilsley at 10am. It is the chance for us to worship with folks from the other churches in the Downland area and the service will be followed by refreshments.

For **All Souls**, also on 30<sup>th</sup> October there is a special service, a time of remembering and thanksgiving for those who have died. This is for anyone in the Downland area, especially those who have recently been bereaved, and this year the service will be held in Leckhampstead church at 4pm.

**The Downland Advent Carol Service** starts the count down to Christmas on Advent Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church, Chieveley. Everyone is invited.

### Harvest

All Saints' church looked stunning with window sills attractively decorated with beautiful flowers, fruit and vegetables by our band of flower ladies. Additional harvest produce was donated by the children who attended the service and it was all received by Willow's Edge Nursing Home in Newbury, with much appreciation.

There were not quite as many people as in previous years gathered for Harvest Lunch after the Harvest Festival service, but we all still thoroughly enjoyed the delicious cottage pies

followed by apple pie or crumble and cheeses, kindly donated by numerous householders in the village. We would like to extend our thanks to all who provided these very tasty dishes as well as everyone who helped in any number of ways. Also, thanks to some of our younger members who did a sterling job selling raffle tickets.

### Autumn Clean

Everyone who is willing and able please join us in an annual clean up of the church and churchyard, on Saturday 5th November at 10am. Bring your brushes, dusters and mowers to help prepare All Saints' Church for Remembrance Sunday.

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**  
**SAFARI SUPPER**  
**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH**  
**WEST ILSLEY**

7:30pm Village Hall - Canapés, Cash Bar and host details issued  
8.30pm Depart for Main Course at host venues  
10pm Village Hall - Pudding, Raffle, Quiz + Cash Bar

If you would like to purchase tickets please contact  
Sue Carrington (281354) or email sue.hightrees@tiscali.co.uk

Adults £15  
Concessions £12  
Dinner hosts Free

All tickets need to be purchased by 17th November.

### SAFARI SUPPER ON SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM (NOTE REVISED TIME!!)

Everyone should, by now, have seen or heard about the Safari Supper. Arriving at the village hall at 7.30pm, you will gather for canapés and dessert later, but in between, be dined and entertained by one of several hosts around the village. You will not know your fellow guests until the night.... Tickets for the Safari Supper need to be purchased in advance, and as soon as possible, from Sue Carrington, to ensure there is a main course waiting at your host venue for you on the night. Tickets guarantee you a delicious meal and a lot of fun in cordial surroundings, whilst bottles of wine can be purchased in the village hall before the main course begins. Cheques should be made payable to 'All Saints' Church, West Ilsley'. For further details please see the advert in this WIN or call Sue on 281354.

**New Benefice Website:** Although still under construction, there is a new benefice website at <http://tinyurl.com/east-downland>



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## EMPTY SEATS ON DVG HANDYBUS

Some West and East Ilsley residents may not be aware that the DVG Handybus takes 5 or 6 of your residents on fortnightly shopping trips every other Wednesday throughout the year. It goes to Tesco's at Abingdon one week and Sainsbury's at Wantage the other week. This shopping trip is available to every one and is door to door collection. It starts at 1pm from East Ilsley and we return at 4pm. If you have a bus pass there is no charge, the DVG can claim the fare, if not the charge is a maximum of £2.00. This is still far cheaper than driving your own car! The Handybus can take up to 13 people plus shopping per trip. Interested? Please contact the DVG office on 578394 or the Handybus organiser on 01488 638769 for more details .Dave Morris

## THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2pm to 4pm

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The course is aimed both at youths and adults aged between 10 and 100 who can read music and play an instrument to something like grade 2, 3 or 4 standard - don't worry if you haven't actually taken the exams either! If there is sufficient interest, we can also provide group lessons for complete beginners.

Perhaps you play in the school orchestra, maybe you played a brass instrument at school 30 years ago and fancy starting again. Or just maybe, you have a teenager who wants to play drums in a rock band and you'd like a peaceful evening once a week. Either way, this could be just your cup of tea.

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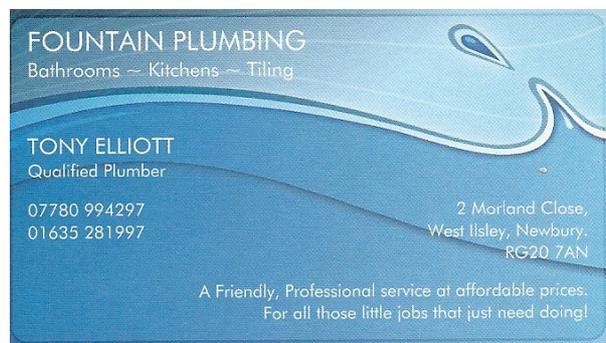
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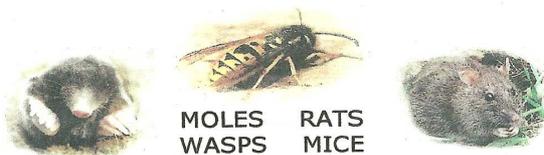
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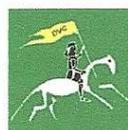
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