

West Ilsley News

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During January we checked with the kind people who print off the WIN for others and, a year after it was introduced, the distribution system seems to be working well. There are about ten houses which we don't think receive a copy, and to try to remedy that we're delivering this edition to them together with a note to please let us know they'd like to be added to the distribution list. So, we're pretty pleased it's going well - please let us know if you think differently! Well done and thanks to the team who organised the Winter Warmer - if you missed it, you missed a treat - the village hall was transformed into an Indian restaurant on Saturday night, and a good crowd enjoyed curries, drinks and a jolly good chat - a great way to avoid the winter blues!

The Editors

EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle



The Annual General Meeting will be held in the West Ilsley Village Hall on Friday 16th February at 2 pm. The programme for 2007 will be discussed. Subscriptions will be collected, followed by tea and biscuits.

Winchester Litter Pickers who were formed 11 years ago, and who are still going strong, despite John stepping down as their Chairman last year. John has recently moved to Abbots Barton just outside Winchester.

HONOUR FOR A FORMER RESIDENT



From the Echo, Winchester, Saturday 30th December 2006.
A Winchester man who helped transform the city into a litter free zone has been made an MBE for services to his community. John Green-Wilkinson, 85, came to the city from Berkshire 12 years ago, where he had run several local "Best Villages" competitions. The former Chubb Safes worker was so horrified at the amount of litter lying around the city's streets he contacted the council to see if something could be done. The answer was the setting up of the

DIARY

FEBRUARY

16th Evergreens AGM
MARCH
5th Parish Meeting Council
APRIL
19th MAY Barn Dance
JUNE
23-24th Village Camp Out

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Friday 23rd February.

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DUMPING

The Carlisle Family

Could the person who is dumping their rabbit/rat/gerbil/guinea pig litter in our back garden perhaps get in touch with us so that we can find a suitable place to position the rubbish (a cattle yard or dung heap!!)- no cost would be incurred!!!

WEST ILSLEY FETE

URGENT REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Unfortunately we do not have a committee to run the fete as nobody has responded to previous requests in WIN. Unless volunteers come forward by the middle of February at the very latest, then this year's fete will not go ahead. For a variety of reasons none of the committee from previous years can take part or devote much time to organising the event. However, Sue Simmons has offered to help as much as she can and I am available by email to offer advice on what and when things need to be done. There are also some Excel-based action and contacts lists and lots of information in files from previous years to help with the organisation. Most villagers enjoy the fete and it would be a huge shame if it has to be cancelled this year. If you are able to volunteer or would like more information, please call Sue Simmons on 281460. Karen Miller: Karen.miller@btinternet.com
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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Why not apply to join your parish council this year and do something positive for your community? The elections will be on Thursday May 3rd. If you are 18, are on the electoral register (or live within 3 miles) you could be eligible. Your council meets 6 times a year on a Monday evening in the village hall. Simply watch out for more information in the local press or, (from mid-March onwards), contact the parish clerk on 281705, for a nomination form. If you want information about the duties of a councillor, contact BALC on 01296 383154 or balc@buckscc.gov.uk

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES Amanda Knight

Following the Christmas break the Toddler Group sessions have been pleasantly busy. It has been a real pleasure to welcome two new families to the Group as well as to see so many familiar faces. We have a craft activity planned for the Toddlers on 7 February and are in the process of organising further events and activities for the remainder of the year. Details to follow.

Ilsey Under Fives Toddler Group meets on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsey 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).

Domestic Electrical Installation

"Bright sparks" are all well and good on Bonfire night but when it comes to all electrical work, installation/inspection/testing/fault finding and certification, insist on a local electrician who is, " Building regulation Part P Compliant". And P.A.T., full Portable Appliance Testing @ 110/240 VAC. Contact Keith Pentecost
Tel: 01635-281389 (East Ilsey)
Mobile: 07985-797333

Parish Council Update

Dog Fouling

At the last Parish Council Meeting, the issue of dog fouling on the pavement and in public areas was again raised. It appears that we may have a single or small number of irresponsible dog owners living in the village. Members of the Parish Council and local residents are sure that you know who you are.

It is an offence for the dog owner not to clean up your pet's faeces if pooch happens to be taken short on the pavement whilst being walked up to the Downs or wherever the favourite walk is.

Dog owners who allow their dogs to foul these public places can be prosecuted and fined up to £1,000. **So irresponsible dog owners beware.**



FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News from The Ilseys Primary School

Felix Rayner - Headteacher

The Spring term has begun and everyone has sprung back into action and the children have come back excited about building on what they have achieved so far.

We have received a letter from Mrs Mankin who sadly left our school at the end of the Autumn term. Although she is missing the school, she is also

really enjoying her new life in her cottage in Wales. She has asked me to pass on the following:

Dear Everyone,
A very big thank you to everyone at The Ilsleys for their gifts and good wishes when I retired at the end of last term. I was not able to express my gratitude and feelings at the time for fear of breaking down in tears but I really want to say how wonderfully happy and rewarding my years at your fantastic school have been. I could not have worked with such a supportive and hard-working staff or have taught such enthusiastic and delightful children anywhere else. I shall always hold The Ilsleys dear to my heart with the fondest of memories.
I know I shall miss the children, staff and parents enormously and I wish you all the very best in the future.
With love,
Kay Mankin

We have a very exciting term ahead of us. We are taking part in numerous football and netball competitions, the choir are singing at the Anvil in Basingstoke and within the school we will be focusing on developing high level thinking skills. I can feel this is going to be another enjoyable term.
As always, if you have any queries about the school or want to know more please don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY
William and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services:

Sunday 7 th	All Age Worship	11.00am
Sunday 11 th	Holy Communion	8.00am
Sunday 18 st	Family Communion	9.30am
Sunday 25 th	No Service	

Trevor and Olive Maines

Trevor and Olive's last service at West Ilsley will be on Sunday 18th February. They both have made a great impact in the time they have been with us and they will be much missed. Please do come to say goodbye.

WINTER WARMER

Thank you so much to all those who attended the Winter Warmer on 27 January. We raised £870 which is terrific and will be put towards a play area so thank you to everyone who so generously supported us. Also thanks again to everyone who helped us out on the day and the India Shop in Wantage who loaned us our props!
- Alison Ryan, Amanda Knight, Mandy Slater, Donna Cobrin and Amanda Hagen

MASSAGE THERAPIST IN COMPTON
MASSAGE THERAPY TO REDUCE
STRESS AND AID RELAXATION



MASSAGE TREATMENTS TARGETED
AT SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS ON THE
BODY, USING SPECIALLY BLENDED
MASSAGE OILS
FULL BODY - 1 HR
NECK, BACK AND SHOULDERS - 30 MINS
INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE - 30 MINS
Dianne Beechey
ITEC Dip. VTCT Dip. IHM
Tel: Compton 01635 578446

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS
CHURCH

Afterschool Service - Dates and themes for the forthcoming services and events will be as follows:
Thursday 22 February – Lent and getting ready for Easter

Thursday 15th March – Visit to the lambs at Folly Farm.

All are welcome to join us for a short walk starting at the Malthouse, West Ilsley at 4 pm. Please ring Liz Dray on 01635 281688 so we know rough numbers. This visit is not recommended for pregnant mums.

Wednesday 4 April – Easter Activity morning – more details from Liz Dray 01635 281688 or Denise Brown 01635 281825

Thursday 17 May - Ascension

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 being in 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 February service will sadly be our last one with Olive, so it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

Mums and Tots Coffee morning – meets each month on the first Thursday, between 10am and 11.30am for a chat while the younger children play. Until March, this will be at the Rectory, but with Olive and Trevor leaving, we are moving around to different homes.

Thursday 1st February – Peasemore Rectory

Thursday 1st March – Malthouse, West Ilsley – home of Liz Dray

Thursday 3rd May – Whiteways Cottage, West Ilsley – home of Anna Sugden

There will be no meeting in April because of Easter.

If any mums with very young children would like to offer their home for a coffee morning, that would be very welcome.

POLICE UPDATE

Police crackdown on vehicle crime – West Berkshire 08/01/07

Police in West Berkshire are sending a warning to thieves with a crackdown on vehicle crime.

Operation Friday, which brought together resources from across the area in a concerted effort to catch the criminals, was carried out over the festive season.

Using data from analysts, a trap car was placed in vehicle crime 'hotspots', at times when such crimes are most likely to occur.

Supt Chris Shead, LPA Commander for West Berkshire, said: "Figures have shown that thefts of and from vehicles have increased by 7per cent, as well as an increase in damage to vehicles. This is obviously something that we want to address.

"We are targeting our resources at these hotspots in an intelligence-led operation, with the aim of disrupting criminal activity and catching offenders.

"We will be carrying out further operations in the coming months, so I warn thieves that we take vehicle crime very seriously and those caught could face a prison term."

This crackdown ties in with the 'virtually stolen' and Crimestoppers campaigns, which are aimed at making people aware of the dangers of leaving valuables in their cars.

Romy Freiburghaus, Crime Reduction Adviser for West Berkshire, said: "It is very common for people to get out of their car and forget to secure



valuable items such as sat navs and mobile phones.

"The aim of the Virtually Stolen campaign is to make people aware that they have left something valuable in their car and give them advice about how to make their car more secure, so that next time they think twice about leaving valuables in their car."

Mike Smith, from Crimestoppers, said: "In order to stop vehicles being broken into and the contents stolen we need to know who is committing the crime.

The Crimestoppers campaign is to encourage people to give specific details which will then be passed to the police for action. The main message is 'Car thieves want our valuables, don't make it easy for them'. It's easy to tell us who they are, just call 0800 555 111, you will not be asked your name and you need never speak to the police but your information is vital.

Push for more PCSOs across West Berkshire

West Berkshire LPA has been leading the way with its support for a Home Office campaign to attract more Police Community Support Officers.

The LPA has been backing the Home Office recruitment for 500 more PCSOs in the Thames Valley with a number of high-profile initiatives during the past few months to raise awareness of the role in the media.

BCU Commander Ch Supt Richard Bennett went out on patrol with PCSO Ray Breach in Newbury Town Centre to give the campaign a high profile start and they were featured in the Newbury Weekly News cycling around town together.

Since then PCSO Lisa Marks, from Thatcham, and PCSO Marie Maloney, from Pangbourne, have provided detailed accounts of the roles they perform which have also received widespread press coverage.

Ch Supt Bennett said: "We have been delighted to back this recruitment campaign with a number of initiatives.

"The PCSOs that we already have in this area have made a real difference to the communities that they serve.

"They have established community links and have made a real contribution to resolving issues like anti-social behaviour which people wanted sorted out.

"It is vital that we attract more people to the job to enable us to roll-out Neighbourhood Policing."

The recruitment campaign continues and Thames Valley Police are still actively seeking more applicants.

We are looking for confident, level-headed team players with a mature and positive outlook on life.

A good PCSO is able to communicate and empathise with people from different backgrounds

in a range of situations and is approachable and able to focus on the needs of the community. If you are interested in finding out more about what being a PCSO involves contact 0845 600 0925 or visit www.rewardingrole.co.uk

CAR CRIME IN WEST ILSLEY

Between 5.30pm on Sunday 21 January and 5.50am on Monday 22 January a blue Toyota Hylux was taken from the drive way of a house in Rowles Paddock.

Between 6.00pm on Sunday 21 January and 9.10am on Monday 22 January a red Peugeot 106 was broken into. Nothing was stolen.

Anybody who may have witnessed either of these incidents or seen anything suspicious should call Thames Valley Police on 0845 8 505 505 or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

WEST ILSLEY NATIVITY PLAY

The Christmas nativity was a great success again. The children worked hard and had to audition for the play. They were all given parts and seemed to enjoy the experience. A big thank you goes to them and their families for all their support. Our thanks also go to Sandra and Peter Carlisle for providing a wonderful location once again. Also to Alan, Fred and Peter who work at the farm for helping prepare the set. Thanks also to the 'drinks party committee' – you know who you all are! Also to Fred Carter for lighting and Alexandra for the music. We raised £520 which was shared, equally, between the Playground Fund, The Village Hall and The Church. So our final thank you must go to all the villagers who bought tickets and came along to watch with family and friends. See you again in 2 years time!!

Angela Ryan and Mandy Slater – Nativity Directors

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE CAMPOUT

The organisers of the Village Campout are pleased to announce that this summer's campout will take place on the 23 – 24 June.

All villagers are invited to join us. Children between 5 – 10 will have activities on Saturday afternoon from 3 – 5pm, tea for children of all ages 5 – 6pm. Adults to arrive at 6pm to put up tents and the BBQ will be lit for supper at 7pm. Then we all have a fun evening around the camp fire! The next morning we have a 'bacon butty' breakfast and then go home to have a rest at about 10am. The cost per family is £10. We look forward to many of you joining us then.

Please note that the campout is for villagers only and those who have moved away in recent years. For more information contact Angela Ryan or Alison Banks

WOW!! WHAT A WINTER WARMER!

We just had to write to say, "**WELL DONE**" and "**THANK YOU**" to Amanda, Amanda, Alison and Mandy for a really wonderful evening; it was well worth making the trip up from Cornwall. It was a great night for us to be able to catch up with all our friends in West Ilsley and it was made even better by such a wonderful Winter Warmer.

The decoration in the hall was a lovely touch and really added to the ambience of the evening – the best winter warmer we have been to!

The food was excellent (ever thought of running a pub restaurant?). Long may this winter warmer tradition continue, it's such a great way to banish the January blues and catch up with everyone after the Christmas festivities.

So **Thank You** once again for a really lovely evening.

Paul and Lynne from Cornwall.

REWARD

**Lost on the cart track up to the Ridgeway on Sunday – of great sentimental value
Single diamond on a gold belcher chain
Please ring 281647 if found**

YOUTH CLUB

Clare Alexander

The Youth club committee just wanted to say well done to all the Skiers and Snow boarders for their progress on the Bracknell dry Ski Slope. Particular congratulations to the Snow Boarders who all passed their first level assessment.

Dates for this term are;

February 8th - Cricket club

February 22nd - Village Hall

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