

# West Ilsley News

[www.westilsley.org](http://www.westilsley.org)

March 2011

## EDITORS

Andrea Cook  
Clock Cottage  
☎ 281224

westilsleynews@msn.com  
Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Liz Dray  
The Malthouse  
☎ 281688

lizdray@btinternet.com

buy pens and books etc for the school. We will let you know what she manages to buy when she comes back.

An extra thank you to Lord Ilsley who dropped off 2200 pencils for Briony to take out with her.

Thank you very much to everyone.

Briony Slater and Lucy Paterson

## DIARY

### APRIL

29<sup>th</sup> Royal Wedding

### MAY

20<sup>th</sup> Barn Dance at Folly Farm



DOWNLANDS

MONTHLY

UPDATE -

FEBRUARY 2011

## ILSLEY EVERGREENS

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March there will be a coach outing to Aylesbury, leaving from outside West Ilsley Church at 9 am. Members £10, non members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall 281597.

## ROYAL WEDDING

A committee has been formed to arrange a "Family Street Party" on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April to celebrate the wedding of Prince William to our local girl Kate Middleton. Our initial meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March so any ideas or interests you may have would be most welcome. Please contact June Cook email : [ron1.june2@virgin.net](mailto:ron1.june2@virgin.net) or Telephone 281565.

## COMPTON DAY CENTRE CLOSURE

At the back of this WIN you will find an explanatory note and a questionnaire.

## BRING AND BUY SALE

Thank you to everybody who supported our Bring and Buy Sale. We had an amazing response and so many people helped in so many ways.

Thank you to those people who made cakes, donated items for the sale or raffle, came on the day, lent us a coffee machine or even just sent a donation. We were so pleased with the result. We have raised £347 for Briony to take to Uganda to

Here is this month's latest update for the Downlands neighbourhood.

A 49 year old male has been charged with burglary of a dwelling following an offence which took place on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in East Ilsley. This male has been remanded until his court appearance.

Four males from Slough and Maidenhead were arrested following an offence of hare coursing which took place on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011 in Brightwalton. All four males have been bailed to allow further police investigations into the offence to continue. Their vehicle was also seized at the time of arrest.

I have received a number of complaints about anti-social riding using motocross bikes on the by-way leading from Brightwalton Holt to Leckhampstead. A motor vehicle is allowed to use by-ways as long as they do not cause any alarm, annoyance or harassment to another member of the public. If a vehicle wishes to use the by-way the vehicle has to be road legal; this means it needs to have visible registration plates, valid insurance, MOT and tax. If you witness a motor vehicle riding on this by-way or any other by-way and it does not meet the above criteria please report it immediately using the non-emergency number. I will also be actively patrolling this area to help deter and detect any offences.

Drink driving is an extremely dangerous and irresponsible offence. If you are attending a public house and will be consuming alcohol please arrange for an alternative way to return home, either book a taxi or designate a friend to

drive but not drink. If you are caught drink driving you will be arrested and will be disqualified from driving.

We are now in the depths of winter and although we have seen a reduction in burglary offences in the neighbourhood so far this winter compared to the previous one we still have criminals that will use any ploy to get into your home. Distraction burglars use crafty techniques to distract people to get into their home so that they can commit a burglary. Distraction burglars are also known as 'bogus visitors', 'bogus callers' or 'con artists'. Please inform elderly members of your community about this advice – unfortunately, elderly people are especially vulnerable to distraction burglary. Keep telephone numbers of utility companies near your front door. Contact your local crime prevention and reduction advisor who can give you a list of reputable local utility companies. Make a note of the Thames Valley Police 24-hour general number – 0845 8 505 505. If someone calls at your door and claims to represent a company, organisation or group, ask to see their identity card. It is also worth calling the company to confirm the visitor's identity. Use the number given in Yellow Pages rather than the number given on the visitor's identity card.

During January I attended Leckhampstead and Peasemore Parish council meetings. It was the first time I have attended Peasemore parish council meeting and met the council. I felt that it was a great opportunity for me to explain how my role works in the community and it was also an opportunity for them and members of public to ask any questions. I have arranged with the council that I will assist them to help set up an active neighbourhood watch scheme for the village to help to prevent and detect crime. If you would like to become involved in this scheme please contact me using the non-emergency number or please email

[dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk). Or you may live in another village and do not currently have an active scheme but would like to set one up. Please get in contact and I can provide further details on how best to do so.

Although we are still in the middle of winter and summer is many months away, I am currently organising with villages to attend their summer events such as fetes and fairs. If you would like me to attend any of your village events please contact me using the above details. You can also visit the Thames Valley Police website for further information on dates and times of forthcoming meetings and events.

I am still working hard to promote community messaging and the benefits it has for our community. It is a free service that provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also

includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour, and information on opportunities for local residents to raise concerns with their local policing teams. More information can be obtained directly from me or via our website, and you can sign up here too:

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. To do this, please follow the link:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-about-nh-pol/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n155-hys>

Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.

**For more information about your local Neighbourhood Police Team, contact 0845 8 505 505 or visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)**

JUMBLE SALE  
AT  
EAST ILSLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN AID OF ALZHEIMERS DISEASE  
MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>  
1.30 P.M. TILL 3.30 P.M.  
£1 entry which includes Tea and Cake  
Please support  
PHONE PATRICIA BURNETT  
FOR COLLECTION ETC  
07786856440

## FETE NEWS

Calling ALL under 11's. This year we have decided to give the children of the village a chance to put their artistic skills to use and design a post card advertising The West Ilsley Village Fete on Sunday 3rd July 2011. All entries to be in by the end of April. Drop them off at The Harrow where Pete or Hayley will happily look after them until we judge them. The winning post card will be used round all the local villages to advertise the fete.

Good Luck !!

Potatoes are NOW AVAILABLE at The Harrow for the potato growing class. Grab yours while they last !!



## 50 years of the Downs School

### Join our Celebration 1st April 2011

From 6pm

We invite everyone who has a connection to  
The Downs School, past or present, to join us.

**6pm - 8pm**

tours of the school, light refreshments and  
exhibition,

**6:30pm**

speech by Chair of Governors and unveiling of  
plaque by current and former students

**8pm - 11pm**

Reunion Evening

music from each decade, 1960 to the present,  
bar and food

Please spread the word and check our website  
[www.thedownsschool.org.uk](http://www.thedownsschool.org.uk) which, from 15th  
February, by accessing the top menu item 'The  
School > Archive and Alumni', will show a list of  
guests who have accepted our invitation.

**RSVP** to [contact@thedownsschool.org](mailto:contact@thedownsschool.org)  
or phone 01635 270000

giving the names of all members of your group  
who will attend

**Please let us know you are coming for  
catering purposes and Health and Safety**

**Thank You**



Some of you may  
remember Jill from her  
days in West Ilsley.  
Jill is now running her  
own business and can  
be found at  
[www.jillwiejak.co.uk](http://www.jillwiejak.co.uk)

#### DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

The new gym equipment and refurbishment of the  
Centre has attracted an increased number of gym  
users most evenings, which adds a 'buzz' to the  
building. However, while it is busier, it is not so

busy that there are queues for the equipment.  
Keep it up ..... think of all the good you are  
doing!

The children's holiday activities will be upon us  
shortly (at the time of writing). Fingers crossed  
that we might have dry weather so that we can go  
outside and burn off some energy. The holiday  
sessions run every holiday period and we are  
delighted that we will have use of the pool at  
Easter (weather permitting) in addition to the May  
half term break. Depending on demand we will be  
running a holiday programme during the Summer  
Holidays but we may offer a mixture of full days or  
half days over a period of three weeks. It is likely  
that we will go with the majority so if you have a  
preference, please let us know what sort of  
holiday care you would prefer

During term time we are running Street Dance  
classes for children aged 6 years to 13 yrs. Boys  
and girls are very welcome. It's a great way to  
keep fit, keep flexible and to have fun at the same  
time. Classes run from 11.00am to 12.00pm  
Saturday Mornings

Another piece of news is that we now have a new,  
large bouncy castle. As well as being used during  
the holiday activities it is also great for children's  
parties, so if you are planning a birthday  
celebration, please give us a call.

I think that's all the news for the moment, however  
if you would like any information about the Centre,  
please do not hesitate to give us a call on 01635  
578866, or call into the Centre.

Tracey Weaver

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Our March service will be replaced by a visit to  
see the lambs at Folly Farm on Thursday 17  
March. We will meet at The Malthouse at 4pm  
(Liz Dray's house) and walk up through the fields  
(approx 15 minute walk). A collection will be  
made on the day in aid of West Berks Mencap as  
a token of our thanks to Jane and David.

On 7 April we will be back in church at 4pm where  
we will be learning about "Lent".

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

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688

#### WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

##### ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT

Friday 18th March

Book your tables NOW!!

Irish themed menu, drinks  
and music, come along and  
join in the fun !



### **Aldworth Events**

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March 9 a.m. to 12 noon

**FREE** "Traidcraft" cuppa & biscuit at Aldworth Saturday Market's **FAIRTRADE** promotion. (in Village Hall)

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday Market's St George's Day/ Easter

Saturday **FAIR** (in Village Hall)

(Contacts re both above 01635 578090)

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> April 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**JUMBLE SALE** in aid of St Mary's Church

(in Village Hall) 01635 578239

**Sat & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June (all day)**

**FLOWER FESTIVAL** in St Mary's Church with cake, plants stalls etc. and refreshments.

01635 578791

### **TENNIS NEWS**

The court has been refurbished and the committee are very excited that, by the narrowest whisker and with a 'leg-up' from the Parish Council it will shortly be ready to play. The celebrations can start when the first ball is struck.

There are so many people to thank and I would hate to miss anyone out. The original impetus for this all came from Andy and Carole Driver and that momentum has been continued under the capable steering of Amanda Knight. Our thanks must go to her for spearheading the fundraising and then securing the substantial grant - almost unbelievable in this current economic climate. Having thanked Santa, we need to remember the elves: the committee members, past and present and last, your good selves for the cash and time that you have ploughed into the project. We need a nice long sunny, temperate summer now for us to enjoy it. I, for one one, am very excited about it. Invitations to renew membership will be going out shortly, but we do need to patient for a little longer. The tarmac has to take on its initial set, be painted and then.....whoopdeedoo! Polly Muir

### **SUNDAY MORNING PRODUCE STALLS**

David Dawe - Compton Swan

The Compton Swan, situated on the High Street in the centre of Compton is intending to undertake a new initiative for the village and the surrounding villages by making the large car park and garden area available for Sunday morning produce and craft stalls whereby artisans, small holdings and farms from the immediate and surrounding areas can offer their goods for sale. The first market would tie in with the Royal Wedding Celebration weekend - Sunday 1st. May, followed by the 29th May and subsequently on the final

Sunday of each month. The market would be open from 9am to 1pm.

The thought behind the initiative is to bring fresh produce and crafts to a central location, making them available to villagers, who for varying reasons, would not normally have the opportunity to purchase freshly produced local meat, dairy products etc. We intend to make it a family fun event by introducing, for example, a face painter for children and to attract other stall holders who can introduce an element of fun and diversity. Interest has been received to date from a number of stall holders but of course success depends on reaching the wider audience and also potential stall holders whom we may not have informed, or who do not know, of our intent.

Penelope and Jean-Marc, the co-owners, have decided that rather than having pitch fees, the stall holders will be asked to make a charitable donation to the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust.

Please will potential stall holders and visitors contact us at the Compton Swan. Telephone 01635 579400, or email

[comptonswan@googlemail.com](mailto:comptonswan@googlemail.com)

### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WEST ILSLEY**

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

March Church Services in All West Ilsley

6 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8.30am
20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	11.00am
27 <sup>th</sup>	*No service at West Ilsley	

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

**Ash Wednesday** this year falls on 9<sup>th</sup> March, when there will be a communion service with ashing at Chieveley at 11am, a Taizé service with ashing at Peasemore at 7.30pm and a communion service with ashing at Leckhampstead at 7.30pm.

#### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

This is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm in church. Please put this date in your diaries now and join us on the night. All welcome.

#### **Curry Night**

Thank you so much to all the fantastic chefs who cooked up and donated such an exotic feast for our Winter Warmer and thanks, of course, to the organisers and army of helpers. It was an amazing evening with the perfect opportunity to catch up with friends in the village and sample various flavoursome curries, followed by luscious 'Calcutta cream with mangoes'. From all the comments received afterwards, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## LATE NEWS ....

Spotted just before the WIN deadline by a roving reporter keen to try out a new camera ... two likely lads painting the lych gate! Thanks chaps!



## 2011 CENSUS

Census forms will be sent out in March, and the organizers would like them back by 6th April. They will call on anybody who hasn't completed them by that time to assist if necessary. There is concern that con men could use the census as an opportunity to get access to people's homes, or could ask inappropriate questions, such as their credit card numbers etc. The advice is always to check the caller's credentials thoroughly, never to let anybody in and only tell them the number of people living there and their names.

## WHO TO CONTACT

### VILLAGE HALL

Sue Simmons - Treasurer and Bookings 281460 or  
suesimmons@toucansurf.com

Fred Carter - fred\_kathcarter@btinternet.com 281621

Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers

### CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306 Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

### TENNIS COURT

Membership: Liz Dray - lizdray@btinternet.com

Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

### PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:

Alison Banks - [Alison@poplars.org.uk](mailto:Alison@poplars.org.uk) 281705

Chairman:

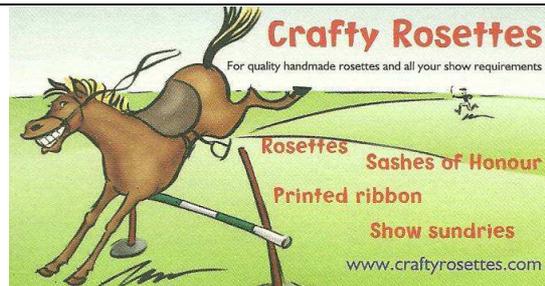
Sean Ryan - Sean.ryan@sunday-times.co.uk 281336

Jo Scriven - Jo.clifton@tynan-darcy.com 281405

Dries Hagen - dries.hagen@healthpml.com 281855

Alan Bloor - Alanpeter.bloor@virgin.net 281341

John Mountford - jgmountford@btinternet.com 281703



**Teri Muggeridge 01635 281443  
07920 116207**



**WATERCOLOUR PAINTING  
OF YOUR COTTAGE / HOUSE  
£80 or £160  
(frame and mount not supplied)**

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT John 01332 810529  
or E-MAIL [ebrownhill@btinternet.com](mailto:ebrownhill@btinternet.com)

### Rachel Chandler BSc (Hons)

### McTimoney Chiropractor (GCC reg)

**Back, Neck and Shoulder Pain, Muscular Aches and Tension, Pain, Discomfort and Stiffness in Joints** are

just some of the conditions that can benefit from the gentle and effective McTimoney treatment which is suitable for all ages.

**To Find Out More Or To Book A Free Consultation in Farnborough:**

**Phone Rachel on 07 87 94 75 557**

**Email: [rachelbchandler@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelbchandler@hotmail.com)**



**Andrew Viney Tel: 0845 269 0306**

**[www.logsforall.co.uk](http://www.logsforall.co.uk)**

Seasoned 100% Beech Firewood from FSC Certified

Sustainable Local Forests

Now taking orders for delivery in September 2010

**FREE Local 'no-mess' Delivery**

**FREE bag of kindling with first order**

Relax, secure in the knowledge that you're well prepared for

the long, cold winter months with a well-stocked log pile!

2 Sizes Available: 6-9 inches (15-23 cm) and

12-14 inches (30-25 cm)

**FOUNTAIN PLUMBING**  
Bathrooms ~ Kitchens ~ Tiling

**TONY ELLIOTT**  
Qualified Plumber

07780 994297  
01635 281997

2 Morland Close,  
West Ilsley, Newbury,  
RG20 7AN

A Friendly, Professional service at affordable prices.  
For all those little jobs that just need doing!

**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  
www.klp-electrical.co.uk

Roger Stowell

**Window cleaning**

gutter clearance and general odd jobs  
**Telephone 01869 600628**

-----  
**COMPTON DAY CENTRE CLOSURE**

Volunteers are trying to find a way to keep this Downlands centre open in some form, possibly like a lunch club, maybe with some form of care if funds allow, to try and prevent its complete closure. In order to do this will you please complete this questionnaire, so the need can be evaluated and the finances used to the best advantage

It is very important that you complete the form honestly.  
Please circle your responses.

**THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME:**

Your name, address and contact details.....

.....  
Age Group..... Young / Middle age / Pensioner  
How often.....once a week / 2-4 days / weekly / monthly  
Transport .....I drive / family help / need transport / none  
Would you come if transport was...- free / pay a contribution / pay cost  
What would you require.....standard car / adapted vehicle / minibus  
Could you afford to pay about £3 for a meal..... yes / no  
Would you need some form of care at the centre.... yes / no  
If so please say what..... general help / professional care  
For those that have new personal budget, would you come if some of these costs were provided out of it..... yes / no

**VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE CENTRE:**

Your name and contact details.....

.....  
How often can you help... once a week / 2-4 days / weekly / monthly  
Could you provide transport for those in your village.... yes / no  
In what capacity could you help.....

Completed forms should be sent to Dave Morris,  
c/o Compton Village Hall, Burrell Road, Compton, Berks. RG20 6NP.  
For more information ring: 01635 578149 or email daveandmandy.morris@virgin.net  
We hope for a good response. More forms should also be available in your local shops, the two surgeries and pubs. Please help and pass the word to all those who may be suitable.

Thanks  
Dave Morris.