

West Ilsley News

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NEW PLAY AREA FOR WEST ILSLEY?

The village has more and more children, but no longer has a playground. There haven't even been any swings since the equipment next to the Harrow was dismantled. A new group has now been set up by the Parish Council to look at what can be done.

A square of land next to the recreation field is seen as the most suitable place for a Play Area and the Lockinge Estate, which owns it, has said it supports the idea in principle. This possible site has been identified with the help of the Carlisle family. It's in the field beyond the cricket pitch — just to the right of the tennis court as you look up from the Harrow, but screened off from the court by trees.

Full responsibility for the site would rest with the Parish Council, which would take care of insurance and maintenance.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to find out how many people want a Play Area, how many children might use it, what sort of equipment it should have and whether there are any concerns that need to be addressed.

The plan will only go ahead if there's enough support in the village because raising the money for a Play Area will be hard work and finding volunteers to maintain it in good condition is also essential.

So please let us know what you think by returning this questionnaire at the end of the WIN to any member of the Play Area group - Alison Banks at The Malthouse, Sean Ryan at Winhaven Cottage in Church Way or Dries Hagen at 4 Manor Farm Barn.

AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We ended the summer term with a small service and a picnic at the cricket pitch where the weather was kind to us, the children enjoyed letting off steam and the parents enjoyed having time for a chat. After our summer break we will be meeting again on Thursday 15 September at 4pm in the church and our theme will be "New beginnings".

The dates for the forthcoming term will then be as follows:

Thursday 20 October – 4pm

Thursday 17 November – 4pm

September 2005

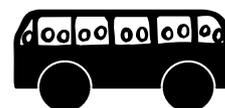
The Afterschool services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Each service lasts approximately half an hour followed by drinks for the children. The services cover a variety of themes we hope of interest to the children and are suitable from babies to older ones. If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

PANDAS PRE-SCHOOL Sandra and Michele

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every one for their support and help in setting up a preschool nursery in West Ilsley.

We are very sorry to inform you that due to a mishap with OFSTED (they are unable to find any of the paper work we submitted earlier this year) we are unable to open Pandas pre-school nursery in West Ilsley this September 05 as it takes 6-8 months to get registered. We are still looking in to the possibility of setting up a pre-school nursery in West Ilsley or the surrounding area. Once again we would like to thank the village hall committee, The Ilsleys School and many other families that showed an interest.

ILSLEY EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle



On Wednesday September 14th there will be an outing to Bath. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9 am. Members £7, non-members £10. tokens can be used. Names to J Collier 281283

DIARY

SEPTEMBER

10th CROW
12th Parish Council Meeting
7.00 pm
30th Play area questionnaire
last return

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

3rd West Ilsley Christmas
Party

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Tuesday 27th September

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ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

4 th September	All Age Service	11.00am
11 th September	Holy Communion	8.00am
18 th September	Family Communion	9.30am
25 th September	No service	

“Raising the Roof” Update

To date we have raised the impressive sum of £16,200 (towards the target of £45,000). Given that we have now raised a significant amount locally we are in the process of approaching grant-making bodies. However, we should still continue our local fundraising efforts so if you have any good ideas please get back to us, Ian or Tony.

Good news – given that All Saints is listed we will most likely be able to reclaim VAT on the roofing work from the government – this amounts to about £6,500.

CROW – September 10th

The Berkshire Churches sponsored CRoW (Cycle, Run or Walk) takes place on 10th September. The idea is to visit as many churches by bike or foot as you can in the local area or Berkshire as a whole if you are really keen! Ian Fewtrell-Smith (281 625) is our local organiser and can supply you with sponsorship forms, guidelines, lists of churches open, stickers etc. Half the money you raise is given to All Saints and half goes to the Berkshire Churches Trust to help preserve the fabric of churches throughout Berkshire. We are approaching this Trust for our own roof appeal so it would be excellent if somebody from West Ilsley took part.



Maestros Simon Baggs and Martin Thorne have kindly agreed to put on another concert in the spring – we will keep you informed as to dates. The concert last year was packed out and it was a wonderful evening.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter

New Technology Helps Fights Crime

Most criminals rely on vehicles to commit crime. Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) is a policing tool designed to make it far more difficult for them to use vehicles without being detected. In simple terms ANPR consists of cameras connected to a computer. As a vehicle passes, the ANPR equipment reads the number plate of the vehicle and checks it against sources such as the Police National Computer, DVLA, and Customs and Excise database. If the number plate is matched, for example, with a stolen car, the ANPR equipment will sound an alert so that the car can be stopped. Once alerted, Police officers stop the vehicle concerned...Only vehicles highlighted by enforcement agencies databases will be stopped, so no law-abiding citizen has anything to fear from ANPR operations.



ANPR has many other uses, including tracking and stopping vehicles associated with known suspects.

Schemes using ANPR to combat bilking (leaving without paying) from garage forecourts are also under way.

Trials have shown that an officer using ANPR equipment makes 10 times the arrests of an officer without it. The equipment is mobile, so can be used on any road.

Between April 2004 and March 2005 ANPR operations throughout the Force area generated 1030 arrests, resulted in the recovery of 85 stolen vehicles to the value of approximately 1.25 million pounds and drugs and stolen property to the value of more than ½ million pounds.

The power of the internet has come into its own for West Berkshire twice already this year solving a crime and alerting the public to a major incident on the M4. Officers in Newbury were trying to trace a mystery man who was shoplifting in Thatcham in December and hoped that someone might recognise the distinctive jacket and logo that the person was wearing when picked up by CCTV.

On 11th January the story was placed on the Thames valley Police website and within 24 hours the story had received more than 700 hits and a positive ID had come from a member of the public. The man was arrested and charged.

DON'T MISS OUT:

An opportunity to join the RACEHORSE SYNDICATE
‘FARNBOROUGH FLYERS’

1st crop of 2-year-olds

bred by

CHANDLER MANOR FARM STUD

THE TYKE – grey gelding

COLOM'S GIRL – bay filly

Ready to be trained by DENIS COAKLEY – West Ilsley

£150 per month per horse or a share in both at a discounted rate

Contact: Lesley 07767 355435/01488 638225

CRIME REPORT

Our thanks to PC Andrew Buckingham (Hungerford Police 08458 505 505) who emails us with his NWN article, from which we extract items which may be valuable in keeping villagers alert to what's going on in the area:

18th August: Over night between Sunday and Monday riding tack was stolen from stables in Brightwalton. I have not mentioned the stables for obvious reasons. If you do keep tack in isolated locations makes sure it is kept out of sight and locked securely away. Better still and I know it's cumbersome.... take it home after your ride.

Sunday between 10.20am and 10.30am a Renault estate parked in Hungerford High Street was entered, a lap top valued at £1000 was stolen. Also on Friday between 7pm and 8pm a Ford Transit van parked at Combe Gibbet was also entered and a wallet containing cash and credit cards was taken. It is likely that both these vehicles were left unlocked. Please



remember to remove all valuables and check that your car is locked when leaving it.

**Abingdon Window Cleaning Services
(Window, Gutter & General Cleaners)
01869 241739**

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES **Ali Allan**
Chair- IIsley Under Fives

We had a successful 'tea & cake stall at the fete and managed to raise just over £200 which was slightly better than last year. Thanks to everyone who donated /made cakes and gave their time. It was most disappointing that we did not have more volunteers to help out on the day. It's not just about coming along on a Wednesday morning for a chat and a coffee, it's also about supporting our fund-raising events which only

usually amount to the two village fetes, surely an hour is not a lot to ask to 'man' the stall and help clear up or set up. It's your Baby and Toddler group so please DO help out when asked if you can.

This is my last newsletter as Chairman, Amanda Knight has kindly agreed to take over my role which should be much easier now that we no longer have Playgroup running. Paula Finch will continue as Secretary with Debra Jones as Treasurer. Katherine Young takes over as Toddler Rep from Penny Dillon. Someone mentioned to me that they did not know that babies were welcomed, of course they are and their Mums too! So if you're a new Mum yourself or just moved into the village, please come along on a Wednesday morning - 10.00 am -11.30am in West IIsley Village Hall.(Term time only) We have heaps of toys, a 'baby area' and lots of Mums who love a chat over a cup of coffee, For further details – ring Katherine Young on 281539.



PLAY AREA QUESTIONNAIRE

to be completed by all interested parties within the household
i.e. if the children would like to fill it in or add comments, please do so.

Name(optional) & address.....

1. It has been proposed that West IIsley should have a children's play area.

Do you: Strongly agree/agree/disagree/strongly disagree (please circle your answer)

2. Do you support the idea of putting a play area in the field at the top of the recreation ground - beyond the cricket pitch and adjacent to the tennis court but screened off from the court by trees?

Yes No I prefer another site (please specify)

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3. Do you have children at home and if so, how many?

What are their ages?

If not, do you have any that visit you often? How many?

What are their ages?

4. How often to you think the children you have, care for or who visit you would use the play area?

every day/2 or 3 times a week/once a week/occasionally.....(please circle your answer)

5. It's been proposed that 'rustic' equipment be used in keeping with the character of the village, and that it would be surrounded by a wooden perimeter fence with gate.

Do you agree/disagree (please circle your answer)

Any comments

6. Which of the following types of equipment would be most enjoyed by any children you have, care for, or who visit you – please tick

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|---|----------------|
| ➤ swings - baby and standard | ➤ slides |
| ➤ roundabouts | ➤ see-saw |
| ➤ cable runway | ➤ tree house |
| ➤ climbing frame for toddlers or older children | ➤ rope bridge |
| ➤ tunnel | ➤ spring items |

Any comments.....

7. Would you be interested in being involved on a voluntary basis in the maintenance and upkeep of the area?

Yes/No

8. An application will be made for part funding from the local authority. Do you have any views on other sources of money for this project?

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Or do you have any fund raising ideas which we could consider?

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9. Do you have any concerns or reservations about the proposed play area?

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10. Would you be interested in joining our committee to assist in the planning, design and choice of the equipment and/or fundraising?

Yes/No

Please specify which part is of interest to you.....

Thank you.

Please return to any member of the Play Area group by the end of September:

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Sean Ryan at Winhaven Cottage in Church Way
Dries Hagen at 4 Manor Farm Barn**