

West Ilsley News

March 2004

Well, the church roof-raising efforts are getting off to a flying start with a good variety of initiatives - at this rate meeting the target should be a breeze!

The Editors

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A date for your diary. Fred Carter has arranged a Village meeting for West Ilsley to hear about this topic from Angela Money who is the area co-ordinator. PC Andrew Buckingham will also be present if he is available. This is an opportunity to learn more about the whole process and to get involved if you feel able, otherwise, the increased awareness. The meeting will be on Tuesday 18th May at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Linda Gibson - Clerk - Tel 200242

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 8th March at 7.00p.m.** in the Village Hall. See the village notice boards for the Agenda, which will be 'posted' during the week preceding the meeting.

AN INVITATION FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Your new councillors

Paul Smith of Ridgeways, 1 The Maltings,
West Ilsley. Tel: 281163
Lynne Smith of Ridgeways, 1 The Maltings,
West Ilsley. Tel: 281163
Ronnie Cook of April Cottage, Fir Tree
Paddock, West Ilsley. Tel: 281565

..... invite you to come along to the next **Parish Council** meeting on **Monday 8th March at 7pm in the Village hall**, to meet them. Meetings are open for all villagers to attend and there is an open forum at the end for you to raise your points of view. So why not come along and find out what's going on in your Village? Help us to help you!

ATTENTION ALL CURTAIN MAKERS

The Village Hall Committee are replacing the curtains in the Village Hall and are looking for 5 volunteers, each to make up a pair of curtains. All fabric, lining, tape and thread will be provided plus help to assemble if necessary. Please contact Alison Banks 281705

ALL SAINTS

WEST ILSLEY Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for March:

7 th March	All Age Service	11.00 am
14 th March	Holy Communion	8.00 am
21 st March	Family Communion for Mothering Sunday	9.30 am

WINTER WARMER

Well, the winter warmer was as good as last year, if not better. Maybe some of the curry had been maturing for a whole year...Thanks to all who helped, but especially Tony and Jo Scriven for organizing it. There was a good response to the "Feeding of the 5000 Fiver", and I'm sure a lot of inventive ideas will come out of the minds of all who are taking part. It is not a "one-off" and if you have heard about it and would like to join in, please speak to Will Axtell or myself. Proceeds from the schemes that your fivers start will be given at harvest time. Good luck and bon voyage!

ALL AGE SERVICE 4TH APRIL

This is an advance notice of that service, as it will be an animal service. There will be further information in due course and this is only to give you sufficient time to round up any that may have gone astray!

PONTOON WINNERS

7th Pontoon (3 weeks to 03/01/04)
Winner D. Stead (Celtic) £21.00
Booby J. Verney (Darlington)
J. Evans (Torquay) £6.00 each
8th Pontoon (4 weeks to 31/01/04)
Winners N. Thimbleby (Alloa)
N. Carlisle (Celtic)
S. Holloway (Clyde)
J. Rockall (Peterhead) £7.00 each
Booby A. Barnes (East Fife)
K. Holloway (Wimbledon) £4.00 each
£56.00 went to Village Hall funds.

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Our normal services for March and April are being replaced by the following activities.

On Thursday 18 March, by kind agreement of David and Jane Carlisle, we have the opportunity to visit the lambing at Folly Farm in West Ilsley. We will be meeting at Alison Banks' house - The Malthouse - at 4pm (Tel: 281705) and walking through the fields up to the farm. Old clothing and wellies recommended! Unfortunately it is advised that anyone who is pregnant should not attend due to the risks that can be associated with pregnant ewes and newborn lambs.

We will be holding an **Easter activity morning** on **Wednesday 7 April from 10.15 - 11.45 am** in the Village hall in West Ilsley. This will be followed by lunch until 12.30pm in the hall or at the cricket pitch if the weather is good. Drinks will be provided but

please bring a packed lunch. The children will enjoy a fun morning of activities to help them follow the story of Easter and we ask that an adult accompany under 7s. As we have a maximum of 25 places **please register by telephoning Alison, number above, by 26 March.** There will be no charge made for the morning but donations will be welcome. If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Antonia Cretney on 01635 248925 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER

16 this year, flexible, available and cheap (but not too cheap!) Experience including helping to bring up a 3-year-old sister and babysitting for several families in the village. Nappies hold no horrors. Putting excited children to bed a speciality.

Book now to avoid disappointment!
Alastair Campbell Ryan 281336

A BELATED WELCOME!

To Claerwen and Tom Leslie who moved into Lane End Cottage in August. Claerwen is a large animal vet who works at Larkmead Vet Group in Cholsey, and Tom is a Doctor.

TERRY BARNES

Polly Muir

I was saddened to hear that Terry Barnes had passed away, after a short illness. He was one of the first people I met in the village when we moved here, infamous for his 'moleing' (rather 'de-moleing!') ability. He visited our garden on more than one occasion to rid us of our moles and we were hugely grateful that his skills extended beyond the gallops. Terry was a valuable member of staff to Dick Hearn, but when not on the gallops or at the yard he could be found in The Harrow keeping everyone entertained. I wonder if there will be a new generation of village characters with the passing of the people for whom I have high regard in this respect. Our thoughts are with Anne and his family at his sad time.

Raise The Roof Appeal

Feeding the 5000 Fiver

Come to the Village Hall for
Homemade soup and a roll - £2.50
or filled rolls at £1.00

on
Saturday 13th March
12-2pm

Refreshments available to buy
All proceeds to The West Ilsley Church
Alison Banks and Angela Hyde

EXERCISE OPPORTUNITY

Is anyone interested in taking some very gentle exercise and keeping their joints in good working order?

There is a possibility that Mr Tony Jones, a qualified Tai Chi instructor, may be willing to start a class for Qi Jong at the Baptist Chapel, East Ilsley if sufficient people show an interest. Qi Jong is a soft and gentle exercise routine from China whose primary benefits are to improve health, balance and joint manipulation. There are 6 people interested at the moment, but we

need at least 10 people to make the class viable, The class would be held on Monday afternoons at 2pm at me Baptist Chapel, East Ilsley, and the cost, if there were 10 people, would be about £2 per person per class.

It really is gentle and not a bit like aerobics, so if you feel you would like to try it out, would you please contact Jean Wells on 281255 or Heather Brown on 281370. You may also ring Tony direct on 01235 813857 for further information.

THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS Jean Wells

The Evergreens will be holding their A.G.M. at West Ilsley Village Hall on Monday 8 March at 2.30pm. A warm welcome to all our members and to anyone 60 years *young* or over from West Ilsley who would like to learn more about the club and its activities. We shall be fixing our programme for this year, and finishing with a raffle, bingo and tea and biscuits. Our activities usually consist of :-

- A subsidised coach outing every month from April to November (except August)
- A bazaar in November to raise funds
- A Christmas Lunch, also subsidised.
- A cake stall at West Ilsley Show, and a stall at East Ilsley Sheep Fair.

Subscription is £5 per year. Further information can be obtained from Mrs A.Carlisle on 281613.

RAISING THE ROOF

The Winter Warmer was inspiring as well as fun and well done to Mr and Mrs. S for making it happen. Some of us left with fiver in our pockets, which somehow we are to turn into more than that before Harvest Festival in order to raise funds for W.I. Church. Now I have a man who is happy to invest his money in gathering local rabbits and if you are very lucky, hares, for the pot. All prepped up and delivered in freezer bags. I can't remember the price right now probably about £2.50 each o.n.o. He doesn't reckon anyone would be interested hence the ad. Anyway, dependent on interest from the Village and local eateries, he will be happy to jump to action, and remember... it's a Village cause!

To place orders please call Marnie on 281786

FUNDRAISING FOR THE EVERGREENS WHIST DRIVE

The Star, East Ilsley
Thursday 18th March at 7.30 pm
Everyone welcome

DOWNLANDS AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (D.A.D.S.)

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10th March, 8 p.m. at 3 The Maltings, West Ilsley. Everyone interested in any aspect of drama is welcome to attend. You are invited to bring with you a poem or extract of a play reading to share with other members. Further information from: Iris Lloyd, Gemini Cottage, Stanmore. Tel, 01635.281334, email: iris.lloyd@virgin.net

We have a selection of

TOYS

Including playmobil, micro machines and lego available in exchange for donations to the 'raise the roof' fund for All Saints Church, West Ilsley

Jill Wiejak 281665

MISS TOFFELLEES

January always seems such a long month and, by contrast, February disappears so fast. Is it the joy of lengthening daylight hours or the fact it only has its twenty-something days that mark its rapid passing? Whatever it is, I usually decide it's time for summer by the end of this month!

Everyone was in sociable mood at the curry evening at the beginning of this month. A great event, driven by the church and masterminded by Jo and Tony Scriven. It's an arduous task to organize these evenings but everyone enjoys them so much, especially in the middle of a dreary winter when we don't seem to poke our noses outside very much (unless forced by the demands of animals or children). Thank you for a really great evening.

Talking of getting outside, I'm going to set up a spy-ring and keep a tally of how many days people drive to get their newspaper from the box outside the Village hall. It might not count quite so much if you're on the way to somewhere in your vehicle, but I have observed more than the odd car taken out for a jaunt solely for the purpose of retrieving the news. I'll leave any public shaming for later in the year. Who knows, we could have a cup at the West Ilsley Show for the person who has driven the farthest to collect their papers!! Be warned!

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Toddlers

We have booked the photographer for 17th March and they will be in the Village hall from 10am. We have also booked a 'Legoland' visit for 24th March. More details of this will be available at Toddlers and Playgroup.

We have also been invited to join in the visit to the new-born lambs at Folly Farm on Thursday 18th March in conjunction with the Pram Service visit. If you are

interested please meet at Alison Banks' house (The Malthouse, West Ilsley) at 4pm.

If you're new in the village and feel like meeting some new friends, we'd be very pleased to see you and your little ones. We get together on Wednesday mornings - 10. - 11.30am in West Ilsley Village Hall. (Term time only) We have heaps of toys, a 'baby area' and lots of Mum's who love a chat over a cup of coffee, so come along.

For further details - ring Penny Dillon (281375) or Jess Logan (281670)

Playgroup

Playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Ilsleys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.25pm to 3.30pm during the school terms. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy Gregory on 281650 to enrol or if you would like to attend a session to see what the children get up to.

Ali Allan (William's Mum), Chair- Ilsley Under Fives

For Sale

Computer Desk/Multi-functional workstation

Very good condition. No longer needed.

Wood effect.

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FARMER CARLISLE

INVITES YOU TO THE

LAMBING

AT

FOLLY FARM

WEST ILSLEY

NR NEWBURY

SUNDAY 14TH MARCH

2.00-4.00 PM

FARMHOUSE TEAS

PROCEEDS TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

And finally: contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy, "word" file (via email or disk) or fax, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. The **latest deadline** for the next publication is **5pm** on Monday 29th March but the editors would appreciate receiving your contributions as you get them ready during the month, to save a rush of work at the last minute.

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