

# WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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## WEST ILSLEY FETE, SUNDAY 19TH JULY 1998

**Volunteers** please to help out for an hour on the day. Don't forget to **enter the classes** in the Flower and Produce Show, and to bring your **books and plants** for the stalls.

Please will those people who are **qualified First Aiders** and intend to be at the Fete make themselves known to a member of the committee before the day? We are not required to have St John's Ambulance on hand, but would like to be confident that we can cope with any minor problems on the day by calling for help from someone who knows what they are doing. Don't worry, we're not asking you to man a first aid post - just to lend a hand if necessary. A first aid kit is being supplied.

**Prizes** are needed for the raffle etc. Please call a member of the Committee if you would like us to collect, otherwise please deliver to one of us.

The **Dog Show** will start at 3pm. The classes are:

- 1 Best choc drop catch
- 2 Dog with the waggiest tail
- 3 Dog the judge would most like to take home
- 4 Fastest recall
- 5 West Ilsley dog derby

Committee contact numbers are:

Steve Price	281738
Liz & Adrian Dray	281704
Jo Gore	281618
Andrea Cook	281224
Angela Hyde	281500

Neil Paterson

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### **PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 13th July 1998 at 7.00 pm. Please come.

**Gail Wilson-North - Clerk**

### **TITTLE - TATTLE**

My brief this month is to be brief - so here goes.

Congratulations to the villages most attached single man!! He has finally secured his partner as his wife. I'm sure we all wish every happiness to Clive and Christine on their recent marriage. It had to be the best kept secret of the decade, but its wonderful news.

Congratulations also to Liz and Adrian Dray on the birth of Hannah Emily on Tuesday 10th March(!!!) who weighed in at 8lbs 14.5ozs(ouch!!!).

I was pleased to learn of Major Hern's award of a CBE in the recent honours list - a well deserved tribute to a long career dedicated to The Sport of King's. It is so sad that his wife, who supported him throughout, will not be at his side when this honour is bestowed.

Finally, Great Shefford Young Farmers are seeking recruits. If you are 10 years or older and want to join this active club contact me on 281647 and I will give you all the details about joining. Club members get involved in a wide range of activities from go-karting to public speaking. All this for £7 a year!! You don't even have to be related to a farmer as long as you have a keen social appetite and a desire to have FUN!

**Miss Tofilees**

### **TENNIS**

An unfortunate incident, witnessed by several villagers at the Harrow, occurred last month when some of our own village children were incriminated in tomfoolery on the tennis court. Not only were there unauthorised palyers on the court, but "play" degenerated into a situation where one playing child became locked out from the inside and attempted to climb back in!

Now these are nice kids - so imagine the chaos and damage caused by a few hardened rebels from outside the village! The court is fragile and expensive as I have said so many times before - so please respect it.

**John Clemenger - Chairman TMC**

### **ILSLEY UNDER FIVES PRE-SCHOOL GROUP**

Ilsley Under Fives are delighted to announce the re-opening of their pre-school group. Over the last year the Toddler group based in West Ilsley Village Hall has gone from strength to strength, with new faces and lots of hard work put into fund-raising. This, together with the Ilsleys' Primary School's very kind offer of

their hall on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, has meant that we will be able to open our pre-school group in September 1998.

Our new group leader is Julia Reveler, who lives in East Ilsley. She has much experience with young children and pre-school education, as well as being NNEB qualified.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Under Five's - family and friends, the School and everyone else who has helped to bring the pre-school group back to life. If you would like to find out more about the group for your child(ren) or are interested in helping on either afternoon, please call Sara Laver on 281614. We also welcome new people at the Toddler sessions on Wednesday mornings in West Ilsley Village Hall from 10.00 - 11.30.

### **MOVING?**

I am hoping to buy somewhere smaller in the village. If you are thinking of moving house, please give me a call.

**Gail Wilson-North** - 281650

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### **FREE SUMMER HOUSE**

Sadly, we will shortly no longer have room in our garden for our summer house. It needs some renovation but we think it's basically sound. If you have the space and fancy a project it's yours for the taking and we'll help you to move it. Please contact us by 8th July, otherwise the skip will be booked.

**Mel Cook** - 281224

### **SANDPIT**

Kind and caring home wanted for an Early Learning sandpit call 281647.

### **A PLAYGROUND FOR WEST ILSLEY**

(The item last month sparked a reaction and I attach a letter received from a villager that was sent to the originator of the article and copied to the Parish Clerk and me. Anyone else have any strong views on the subject? - Ed.)

### **FOR THE FARMING TRIVIA ADDICT**

Did you know?? Some interesting farming information from our cousins across the water:

US cattle, pig, poultry and dairy farms produce annually 1.37 billion tons of manure each year. This is equivalent to 5 tons per year for every US person.

1600 Dairy farms in the Central Valley of California produce more waste than the equivalent of a US city of 21 million people.

The annual litter from a typical US broiler house of 22,000 birds contains as much nitrogen as the sewage from a town of 6000 people.

Less than 100 miles from Washington DC, 600 million chickens produce more than 1.6 million tons of raw waste each year, and in terms of nitrogen waste is the same as produced by a town of 500,000 people.

**Mel Cook**

### **EVERGREENS**

We are having the cake stall at the West Ilsley Fete on July 19th. If anyone would like to make anything edible it would be gratefully received.

**Anne Carlisle**

### **BRITISH RED CROSS**

For Red Cross Week in May the house to house collection in West Ilsley came to £137.37. Thank you to those who helped collect and contributed.

**Anne Carlisle**

### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Church Services for July:-

5<sup>th</sup> July:-

All Age Service 9.45 am

12<sup>th</sup> July:-

Holy Communion 8.00 am

19<sup>th</sup> July:-

Family Communion 9.30 am

26<sup>th</sup> July:-

Morning Prayer 11.00 am

I am delighted to pass on the news that as from 1st July, the Revd. Antonia Cretney is now our fully fledged Priest-in-charge, having served her full time as curate (is that the same as an apprenticeship, I ask myself?).

I know congregations are low in churches, so I was particularly encouraged to see a new member at Farnborough at the end of May. He was going up to everyone, greeting them and generally joining in conversations as we chatted before the service in the warmth of the evening. However, being a *beautiful tabby cat*, someone felt he should be outside, so out he went. Less than a few minutes in to the service, he made his displeasure known (as only cats know how) and the meowing only stopped when he was let in. He then proceeded to wander around the church for the rest of the service, looking up at everyone!

### **West Ilsley Fete**

The church is running a tombola stall again - please could you look out any suitable prizes and give them to Anne Carlisle, Tony Scriven or me. Many thanks in anticipation of repeating the success of last year!

**Ian Fewtrell-Smith**