

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY

JUNE

6<sup>th</sup> Mencap Barn Dance at Folly Farm

JULY

12<sup>th</sup> Fete

### Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir

in concert

St Mary's Church, Aldworth

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

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## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

**Sean Ryan, Chairman**

A well-attended parish assembly on May 18 heard reports from the numerous groups that make West Ilsley such a vibrant village, with cricket, tennis and table tennis represented alongside the village hall, the church and everyone from the Youth Club to the Evergreens.

In my report on the parish council's activities, I thanked all the councillors for helping to foster

community spirit as well as looking after their own projects: Dries Hagen for his rota of volunteers to look after the church yard and other work which has made a visible difference to the village; Alan Bloor for tenaciously pursuing West Berkshire Council to make sure it fulfils its obligations to us, particularly on the risk of flooding; John Mountford for his persistence on transport matters, especially speeding and threats to our bus service; Fred Carter for publishing a list of all the societies and activities in the village, which has been so useful to newcomers; Sue Simmons for the work she put in as treasurer over the past year; and Jo Scriven who has taken over that post for the year ahead.

The main issues that preoccupied us in the last 12 months were:

**SPEEDING.** A vehicle activated sign was installed on Main St by West Berkshire council at the request of Cllr George Chandler and ourselves to remind anyone doing more than 30mph to slow down. According to the police, who came along to one of our meetings, one-third of the cars travelling through West Ilsley exceed the speed limit and in two separate rounds of monitoring, two cars were caught doing more than 50mph and four were found to be doing more than 40mph. The police warned they would be back!

**FLOODING.** Following the flood of July, 2007, various pieces of work were undertaken to reduce the risks to the village and this programme has continued. Although the system is not perfect, gulleys have been redug in Catmore Road, a drainage pipe has been replaced near the old veterinary surgery, new soakaways in Bury Lane have been found to be working well and most drains have been fairly regularly cleaned out. West Berks still has some way to go but water seems to be draining away better on the whole than it used to.

**TENNIS.** The parish council held a joint meeting with the old tennis committee last autumn. This resulted in the formation of a new committee under Andy Driver which has already proved a dynamic force for change. It also led to the clearance of trees from one side of the court where they were interfering with the light to neighbouring homes. The resurgence of interest

in tennis means that it is now played by nearly 90 people in the village.

**PLAY AREA.** The first full year of the play area, which we built the previous year with lottery money, has been a great success. It has not only proved popular but has been well looked after by a rota of parents and has just passed its annual safety inspection with flying colours. Some who opposed this project at the outset have made a point of saying how glad they are now that it went ahead.

**PARISH PLAN.** We heard talks from Sarah Ward of West Berks Community Action and from Neil Sanderson, who oversaw a parish plan at Peasmore, on how to set the process in motion. A group is now being formed in West Ilsley to put together a plan in the next year or so in response to a questionnaire that will be dropped into every household to find out what you'd like to see happen here. This will be done independently of the parish council and will look at all kinds of things from housing needs to use of the recreation ground and the possibility of restoring allotments to the village.

**CHURCH WAY** road surface. West Berks Council has agreed to provide free material, such as gravel or scalplings, if the residents pay to have it laid. At the time of writing, Ian Fewtrell-Smith was negotiating the quantity with them in the hope that this could be sorted out soon.

**PRECEPT.** Mindful that this is no time to be imposing any unnecessary financial burden on anyone, the parish council froze the precept - part of the council tax - for the third year running.

It's been good to see another increase in attendance at parish council meetings. The more people who come along, the more ideas we get and the more chance we have of putting them into practice!

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## ILSLEY UNDER FIVES



At last a few new (little) faces! There have been a number of babies born in East and West Ilsley recently as we have welcomed 3 little ones and their mums to the Under 5's over the past month. Numbers have been boosted somewhat, which is great!

This month we are off to Bucklebury Farm Park for an outing on the 10th – let's hope the weather holds for this and the East Ilsley Sheep Fair on the 7th. The Under 5's are running a cake stall at the event and also selling Phoenix cards from the stall – all the funds from the cake sales and 10% of turnover from the Phoenix cards will go to the Under 5's funds. Please come along and support us.

Ilsley Under Fives (babies and toddlers welcome) meet during term time on Wednesday mornings, 10am to 11.30am, at West Ilsley Village Hall. The session is an informal meeting, providing playtime for the children, an occasional craft activity, a drink and biscuit with tea/coffee and chat for the parents or carers. The session ends with a singsong! For further details please feel free to contact me on 280622 or any other member of the committee or simply pop along on a Wednesday. New faces are always welcome!

Louise Taylor

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Please note that there has been a slight change to our forthcoming services. Our next get together will now be on Thursday 25 June, weather permitting, at 4pm for a picnic at the cricket pitch. There will not be a service on this day but a more relaxed get together and a chance for the children to play; please would everyone bring their own picnic tea.

The July service will still be on Thursday 9 July at 4pm. However, this will now be at Farnborough church where Kate Stacey is kindly organising a free family afterschool art and craft activity based on the Piper window in the church.

There will be no service in August; we will then reconvene in the church at 4pm on Thursday 17 September.

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

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688

Louise Taylor on 01635 280622.

**13th/14th June 2009**

## **Village CAMP OUT & BBQ**

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce that the annual Village Camp Out will take place on Saturday June 13th (from 3pm) and extend through to Sunday 14th (10am).

It will be centred round the camp, with an optional walk up or bike ride from the village starting at 3pm, a camp tea at 5pm and a family BBQ at about 7pm, followed by a camp sleep over.

The aim of the Camp Out is to invite all West Ilsley villagers and ex villagers to enjoy a camp out together and for all ages to mix and socialise.

Details as follows:

### **Part 1 - Saturday afternoon 3-5pm**

Adventure walk from the village, leaving from The Poplars garden at 3pm for children and adults. Those aged over 5 years old can be left with us. This walk will be led by volunteers (Amanda Knight - 281609) from the village and any adults interested in leading or joining in on the walk please let us know. We should arrive at the camp by 4.30pm to start preparing the fire for tea.

**OR**

An adventure mountain bike ride up to the camp site, starting from The Cart Track (by The Malthouse at 3pm), via the Ridgeway to the camp. This will be approximately 7miles long and we suggest for 7+ children competent on their bikes. Parents are welcome to accompany, but not necessary. This ride will be led by Andy Carrington - 281354 . Depending on the numbers we may like some parents to assist.

***Please bring your own drink, hat/cycle helmet and sun cream (or raincoat) for the above activities.***

To conclude the afternoon at 5pm approximately, hot dog tea and marshmallows for all cooked on the fire.

### **Part 2 - Saturday 6pm to Sunday 10am**

From 6pm the camp is prepared for the night and for those children staying a responsible adult should arrive. Tents are put up then and we encourage this as a family activity! We then enjoy a family BBQ supper in the evening (from 7pm approx).

The next day, we cook breakfast, take down the camp, clean and tidy up. Finish 10am Sunday.

***Open to all West Ilsley children and ex west Ilsley children of any age.***

Part 1, all children from 5yrs can be left, but helpers welcome.

Part 2, a responsible parent/adult/volunteer to accompany (on a ratio of no more than 4 kids to 1 adult),

help out and sleep over from 6pm to 10am.

The camp site is located 1 mile outside West Ilsley. Take the Catmore Road out of the village and after the first s bend. turn right through the gate before the second s bend. Park along the track on the LHS. The site is lent to us as a small campsite for tents and thanks go to Lockinge Estate and to Peter Carlisle who allow us to do this.

All food and drink is included for Part 1. For Part 2 please bring your own supper. We shall have a BBQ fire going so we suggest you bring something to cook and your own refreshments. Juice and water will be available throughout plus tea/coffee, sugar, milk, cereal, bacon, bread and jam for the morning. Please bring anything else you wish to eat or drink.

There will be a charge this year (£10 per tent), and we do require your signed booking form in advance if you are leaving your children and to help us know who is coming. Without this we cannot accept them. The weekend will go ahead whatever the weather!!

To join in, wear appropriate old clothing that you don't mind getting dirty or torn. For Part 2, the following kit is required.

- Tent for you and your child/ren.
- Thick sleeping bag/duvet and Sleeping mat (optional)
- Waterproof top and trousers, thick wool jumper or fleece
- Spare warm trousers, socks and long sleeved shirt
- Warm hat/gloves and good shoes or boots
- Torch, Plastic mug, plate & bowl plus cutlery for you.
- Do not bring anything electrical, any money or excessive sweets.

We hope this provides a great event for all ages and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please return the form to Alison Banks, The Poplars Tel 281705 **BY 7th June 2009**

Alison Banks on behalf of The Village Hall Committee and thanks to Peter Carlisle.

## **EVERGREENS**

On Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the East Ilsley Sheep Fair Pat Burnett and Julia Rockall have a bric-a-brac and tombola stall and would be pleased to accept contributions.



On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June the coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9am to go to Exbury Gardens. Members £7, non-members £10. Names to Pat Burnett 281131

**Flower Festival**  
**St Mary's Church**  
**Aldworth**  
**Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
 Plants and Cakes Stalls  
 Refreshments all day  
 in aid of  
 St Mary's Restoration Fund  
 Details: 01635 578791

### WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Due to the great success of the French Night (thankyou to all of you who came and supported the evening) we had in April we will be holding a **Spanish Night !!**  
**Friday 17th July**  
**Book your tables NOW !!**  
**Paella, tapas and plenty of Sangria**  
**plus some Spanish Wines & Cocktails !!**  
**(menu to be confirmed in July's WIN)**



Thankyou very much for everyones kind donations for this years Fete raffle. I am still collecting if you would like to donate anything. Come and find me at The Harrow. Thanks Hayley 01635 281 260

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

#### June Church Services

7 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Communion	10 am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8 am
21 <sup>st</sup>	All Age Worship	11 am
28 <sup>th</sup>	*No Service at West Ilsley	

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

**Cake and Plant Sale** This was recently held in the church due to bad weather, with cakes, plants and many raffle prizes. Everyone seemed to have been very busy in the kitchen and garden, giving generously of their cakes and plants - thank you very much for them. Children were able to make animals from a variety of vegetables. Here are two proud artists with their creations!



### Date for the Diary

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Ordination of Revds Graham and Kate Stacey by Stephen, Bishop of Reading, at St Mary's Reading at 10.30 am. All are very welcome.

### TENNIS AND TITTLE-TATTLE AND THINGS

This is very quick short entry to cover all eventualities. You will have to excuse both grammar and errors (and any spelling mistakes!) Firstly: it is great to see the court being used and to hear the pit-pat of tennis balls interjected by the odd expletive when the balls don't quite reach their target. John (Animal/Chopsy, whatever other nicknames does the poor chap have?) Evans says he can tell who's on court by the language. Of course, I haven't played much recently so the cuss-box is not filling as it used to!

It is not so great to see children on court with their bicycles. The court will be marked by the soft rubber tyres. It is a tennis court and not an off-road piste or circuit: neither is it a playpen or football pitch and should not be used as such. The system for entry is under review and we shall keep you posted with regards to this.

Secondly: There is every chance that a Pilates class is to start very shortly in the village hall. I am hopeful that it will be on a Wednesday (?7.30 p.m., ??8.00 p.m.). I have put out feelers and asked my contacts to pass on this information to anyone who might like to join in (very hip to do Pilates with other forms of activity for all sorts of reasons, not to mention your core strength!). The class will be run by Fake, who is a very competent sports physio from Wantage. I have really enjoyed her classes for two years now (trying to improve my dodgy body!) If you are interested and haven't expressed any yet, let me know!

Thirdly: there are free-range eggs for sale in Farnborough £1.00 for half-a-dozen. the ones I bought were both very large and tasty. The guys selling them have advertised on the village hall noticeboard, but were thinking of coming into the village to sell them if enough people were interested.

Fourthly: Gossip anyone?  
 Polly Muir

### NAME THAT BIRD

Having spent a great deal of my time recently returning a couple of itinerant birds; namely one turkey, one guinea fowl; to the fold of Rowles farm (twice on one Saturday), why birds think the grass is greener on the other side when one is an insectivore is beyond me, but there you go, I thought it may be fun to open a little competition to name the afore mentioned reprobates.

My nomination is Gordon and Co (which one is the turkey I will leave open) based on the premise that they are all likely to end up being stuffed, so to while away a wet Sunday afternoon put your thinking caps on and enter into the spirit of things. No prize is offered but you will have the dubious honour of having it published at a later date. No age limit and the judge's (me) decision is final.  
Bill - Postman

**West Ilsley Pre Fete Dance**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**  
**7.30 till Midnight**

**Striped Ball**

**Sit down Buffet, Bar**  
**Music & Dancing**  
**Tickets: Available shortly from**  
**The Harrow or**  
**Kevin Holloway: 01635 281556**

**WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE -**  
**SUNDAY 12 JULY**

**Produce Show 2009**

The Produce Show promises to be every bit as competitive as other years – will The Harrow walk away with The Best Hanging Basket Cup again? Will Dennis and Margaret Gilmore repeat their success of last year with The Best Kept Garden award? Or will Anne Carlisle once again scoop the honours in the flower arranging category? One thing is for sure – you won't win anything if you don't enter the competition!! There is something for everyone so why not have a go? You might be a winner!! The categories are:

***Flowers***

1. Arrangement of cottage garden flowers
2. Single Rose
3. Single flower specimen
4. Container of mixed flowers

**Fruit and Vegetables**

5. Tray of homegrown tomatoes (any variety)
6. Three onions or shallots
7. Largest courgette

8. A bunch of culinary herbs (tied and in water)

**Home Cooking**

9. Jar of Jam
10. Jar of marmalade
11. Jar of chutney
12. Homemade drink e.g. Elderflower cordial, lemonade, wine)
13. **Gentlemen only** – six scones (fruit or plain)
14. **Ladies only** – Victoria sponge (with Jam)
15. A fruit cake
16. A loaf of yeast bread

**Photography**

17. A photograph of All Saint's Church
18. A photograph of a single flower
19. A photograph of a local scene

**Children's Classes (under 7's)**

20. A garden on a plate
21. A painting or drawing of a pet or house
22. Decorate a wellie
23. Six Jam Tarts

**Children's Classes (under 12's)**

24. A garden on a plate
25. A collage made from recyclable materials
26. A painting or drawing of your favourite subject at school
27. Six Jam Tarts

If you won a cup last year please return it to me as soon as possible for cleaning in preparation for this year. Thank you.

Sue Simmons – [suesimmons@toucansurf.com](mailto:suesimmons@toucansurf.com) or 281460

**WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB**

**Justin Pilditch**

I am delighted to report that WICC has been awarded Clubmark status by the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB). Clubmark is effectively the

ECB's equivalent of ISO 9000 where clubs are managed to a high set of standards and have duty of care with a particular focus on safeguarding children. This is a huge award. Huge thanks are due to Tony Scriven

who really drove the process forward, making us only the 16th club in Berkshire to achieve accreditation.

The senior cricket season has got off to a good start collectively with 5 wins from 7 matches. Further details of these and other matches can be seen on the club website - [www.westilsleycricket.net](http://www.westilsleycricket.net). Membership options this year are social (£10), family social (£15), junior player (£15) and senior player (£45).

Please contact Paul Simmons on [membership@westilsleycricket.net](mailto:membership@westilsleycricket.net) or 281460 or catch him at the pavilion on a Friday evening!



Upcoming dates:

1 June: WICC Committee meeting

6 June: 2nd XI v Wantage

7 June: President's Match, East v West

13 June: 1st XI v Oxenford

20 June: 2nd XI v Steventon

21 June: Sunday XI v Pangbourne

27 June: 1st XI v Broughton

28 June: Sunday XI v Aldbourne

## WORK SKILLS PROJECT IN WEST BERKSHIRE

Link Up is a work skills project for Adults with Learning Disabilities based in The Slater Centre on New Greenham Park. It was established in 1995 and is a partnership between West Berkshire Mencap, Newbury College and West Berkshire Council. It provides valuable work skills training for up to 30 trainees a day, who are supported by trained staff in a work shop environment. Link Up is a non-profit making organization with all money goes back into funding the project.

Service users are able to gain qualifications through Asdan and NOCN nationally accredited awards covering a wide range of skills including understanding basic Health & Safety and ICT basics.

The work we do is all real work for mainly local businesses with a notable exception being a bookmark company based in Yorkshire.

Work ranges from mail shots to light assembly & packaging and making up tasselled bookmarks including counting, packaging, bar-coding and despatching. We also have a small shrink wrap facility used to wrap anything from emergency blankets to student study packs.

With our numbers approaching 90 service users per week we are always on the lookout for work so please do contact us if you feel we might be able to help.

As part of our commitment to providing the opportunity to experience work we have a Jobcoach programme that seeks to match up service users with local work opportunities. This enables them to participate in taster sessions and if successful enjoy a work placement. At the moment we have placements ranging from working as a shop assistant in Budgens and Tadley Pet Supplies to working at the Library and being a chambermaid at Donnington Valley Hotel. Other placements include working with 'Help the Aged' to delivering hot meals as part of the 'Meals on Wheels' programme.

The vast majority of placements are supported either by a jobcoach or a trained volunteer who provide support and guidance to the individual and act as the link with the local business.

To enable the job coaching programme to develop further we rely on the kind generosity of our highly respected volunteers. They give between two and four hours per weeks enabling service users to play a more active and fulfilling role in society. For this reason all our volunteers are CRB checked and given free training including First Aid. Travel expenses are paid and a full support structure is available. Currently the demand from service users for placements is such that we desperately need more volunteers and would welcome offers from those of you who feel you would like to contribute to this rewarding work allowing those less fortunate to play a more inclusive role in society.

Contact: [jobcoach@link-up-project.org.uk](mailto:jobcoach@link-up-project.org.uk) or telephone: 01635 500852 to find out more.

Make a difference to someone's life and enjoy the positive feeling it brings.

West Berkshire Mencap – Registered Charity: 1076658



The poster features the 'local mencap West Berkshire' logo at the top left. The main title 'BARN DANCE' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the date and location are listed: 'Saturday 6th June at Folly Farm, West Ilsley 7:00—11:30pm'. There are three photographs: one of a BBQ, one of a band playing instruments, and one of people dancing. Text labels 'BBQ', 'LICENCED BAR', and 'DANCING TO LIVE MUSIC FROM CELIDH BAND THE WOODPECKER' are placed over the photos. A small green ticket stub is also visible. At the bottom, ticket information is provided: 'TICKETS FROM Jane Carlisle 01635 281340 or WEST BERKSHIRE MENCAP 01635 41464 ADULT £12.50, CHILD £5.00, FAMILY (2+2) £30.00 TO INCLUDE FOOD'.



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**CAMP OUT BOOKING FORM**

Name & Age

Activities (please delete)

..... trek/bike ride from 3pm and/or camping over  
 ..... trek/bike ride from 3pm and/or camping over  
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Accompanying Adult for Part 2.....

Please give details of any relevant medical information regarding any of the above  
 child/ren.....

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Camp Out. I understand that the activities are led  
 by volunteer leaders and helpers and I take full responsibility when sending my child/ren. Our emergency  
 contact (in the village) during the event is.....

Signed by a parent/guardian.....Date.....