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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Margaret and Denis Gilmore and family would like to thank everyone for their kind support, cards and donations for the church.

It was so nice to see so many friends in church, it certainly helped our sad day and my mother would have appreciated it so much. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

After school service

On Thursday 15 July the weather was kind to us and we had a good turnout for our annual picnic and treasure hunt.

We will now take a break over the summer and will be back in the church at 4pm on Thursday 16 September.

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

Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Liz Dray on 01635 281688, Louise Taylor on 01635 280622.

MOBILE LIBRARY

This will be in Fir Tree Paddock on Tuesday 17 August from 2.10-2.40pm.

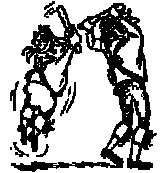
RECENT PAPERBACKS WANTED

Please could you hold on to any recent paperbacks for us to sell at the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 24 September. Feel free to leave in the porch at The Malthouse or call Liz Dray on 281688. Please could we have fairly new paperbacks only as we find that these sell best.

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW?

THURSDAY 5th AUGUST

KENNETT MORRIS MEN with
guests Old Speckled Hen.
8pm onwards



SUNDAY 29th AUGUST
LIVE, ALFRESCO,
ACOUSTIC MUSIC FROM
EMPIRE SAFARI
8pm till late
BBQ FROM 7pm

BOOK CLUB

Would anyone be interested in a book club? Very relaxed discussions of chosen book with glass of wine / coffee and meeting about once a month. If you are interested please email jackyaatkins@aol.com or ring 281435 and we'll see if there is enough interest.



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WEST ILSLEY SHOW 4TH JULY 2010

This year's village show on American Independence day was a great success. We were blessed with excellent weather, numerous attractions, a large number of stall holders, a very competitive produce show, an excellent dog show and last but not least plenty of visitors.

The Fete Committee would like to thank everyone who helped out manning the many stalls, those who gave donations to the fete and in particular to Clive Hooker who as ever kept everyone informed of the afternoons events.

The fete raised just over £2,000 after all costs had been accounted for. A list of what monies were raised by the various stalls is shown. Again many, many thanks to all those who manned them throughout the afternoon.

The Fete Committee would ask those organisations and charities within the village who are seeking a donation from the funds raised to formally apply for a request indicating what any donation will be used for. Requests should be sent to Alan Bloor at Burydown Cottage or alanpeter.bloor@virgin.net

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| Entrance | £ | 270.00 |
| Attractions | | |
| Pimms | £ | 70.10 |
| Teas | £ | 126.10 |
| Raffle | £ | 373.30 |
| Dog show | £ | 41.00 |
| Face painting | £ | 33.80 |
| Bottle stall | £ | 278.40 |
| Bucking Bronco | £ | 200.00 |
| Guess balloons | £ | 67.00 |
| Sheep name | £ | 50.00 |
| Duck | £ | 10.86 |
| Coconut | £ | 23.60 |
| Skittles | £ | 50.00 |
| Aunt Sally | £ | 36.50 |
| Penalty | £ | 10.00 |
| Crockery | £ | 88.00 |
| wellies | £ | 93.80 |
| Stocks | £ | 2.00 |
| BBQ | £ | 510.00 |
| Bouncy Castle | £ | 80.00 |
| cakes | £ | 142.60 |
| Bric brac | £ | 122.70 |
| clothes | £ | 142.65 |
| Farrier | £ | 10.00 |
| | £ | 2,562.41 |

Fete Committee, Doug Brown, Hayley Watling, Jo Coles, Katharine Gibbs, Alan Bloor

RESULTS FOR THE WEST ILSLEY FETE PRODUCE SHOW 2010

The Fete Committee would like to thank all the entrants who entered in the various categories and to our judges. If you didn't win this year good luck for next year

Flowers

1. Arrangement of cottage garden flowers **1st Sue Carrington 2nd Rachel Hudson 3rd Joint Angela and Storm Ryan**

2. Single Rose **1st Paulina St Clair 2nd Liz Dray 3rd Rosanne Pilditch**
3. Single flower specimen(No entries)

Fruit and Vegetables

4. Tray of 3 different home-grown vegetables **1st Paulina St Clair**
5. Three onions or shallots **1st Ann Carlisle 2nd Robin Brand**
6. A bunch of culinary herbs (tied and in water) **1st Storm Ryan 2nd Paulina St Clair 3rd Zoe Carrington**
7. Largest number of potatoes grown in a pot **1st Robin Brand (39) 2nd Richard Gore (34) 3rd David Coles (30)**
8. Heaviest home-grown potato **1st Anne Carlisle (220gms)**

Home Cooking

9. Jar of Jam **1st Shirley Gore**
10. Jar of marmalade
11. Jar of chutney **1st Philip Knight 2nd Shirley Gore 3rd Bonnie Cox**
12. Home-made drink e.g. Elderflower cordial, lemonade, wine) **1st Justin Pilditch 2nd Jackie Watling 3rd Hayley Watling**
13. **Gentlemen only** – Victoria sponge (with Jam) **1st Justin Pilditch 2nd Steve Banks 3rd Nigel Ryan**
14. **Ladies only** – Carrot cake **1st Sue Carrington 2nd Alison Banks 3rd Jackie Watling**
15. A fruit cake **1st Philip Knight 2nd Ann Carlisle 3rd Shirley Gore**
16. A loaf of yeast bread **1st Philip Knight**

Photography

17. Under 16's – local theme (person or event in the village) **1st Hannah Dray**
18. Over 16's - Local theme (person or event in the village) **1st Philip Knight 2nd Martin Briggs-Watson 3rd Philip Knight**

Children's Classes (under 7's)

19. A garden on a plate **1st Hugh Hagen 2nd Sophie Ryan**
20. A painting or drawing of your favourite toy **1st Rose Curtis 2nd William Knight 3rd Mark**
21. Four home-made decorated cupcakes **1st Benjamin 2nd Sophie Ryan**

Children's Classes (under 12's)

22. A garden on a plate **1st Mae Hagen**
23. A painting or drawing of your best friend **1st Anna Campbell-Ryan 2nd Ellen Knight 3rd Storm Ryan**
24. Four home-made decorated cupcakes **1st Anna Campbell-Ryan 2nd Mathew, 3rd Juliet Banks**

Best Hanging Basket: **Lindsey Storton**

Best kept garden: **Margaret and Denis Gilmore**

THE DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE UPDATING OF GYM EQUIPMENT

We are very excited to announce that the existing multigym at the Downland Sports Centre is soon to be replaced with Technogym resistance equipment. The equipment will be delivered and installed at the end of August/beginning September and the week prior to that will be used to remove the old multigym and lay new flooring in both sections of the gym. The gym was badly in need of updating and should be transformed by the new acquisitions.

We are planning an open day in September (date yet to be decided!) when you will have the opportunity to use the new equipment and take advantage of reduced membership prices. We hope to see you there!

Summer Holiday Activities

Our Summer holiday programme for children aged between 5 – 11 years starts on Monday 26th July and runs through until Friday 20th August. There are two session times – 8.30am – 5.00pm and 10.30am – 2.30pm and the cost for these are £17 (full day) and £10 (fun session). We have loads of activities planned throughout the four weeks and these include - Swimming, Trampolining, Street Cheer, use of the lap tops and WI, Cartoon drawing with a cartoonist and so much more. If your child/ren would like to join in the fun, please contact the Centre on 01635 578866 to book a place for them.



DOWNLANDS MONTHLY UPDATE - JULY 2010

Here is the latest update for the Downlands Neighbourhood from Police Community Support Officer Dominic Bartlett. The latest crime statistics for the Neighbourhood can be found at <http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley>.

Compared to the same period from last year, reported crime is down by 11%. Levels of reported anti-social behaviour is also down by 35% when compared to last year's levels.

During June, five burglaries occurred across the Downlands area. They are believed to have been targeted during the day or early evening. Each property was broken into via the rear of the house, and the kitchen window was forced open. Please keep all windows and doors securely locked, and do not leave items of value on show, such as laptops and jewellery. If you would like further crime prevention advice, please phone the non-emergency number and ask for PCSO Dominic Bartlett.

Following on from the above, I would like to take this opportunity to provide some advice on bogus callers and distraction burglars. A bogus caller or distraction burglar is someone who calls at your house posing as officials or asking for your help with something. They often make up a story to enter your house with the intention to steal. Some work alone but often they work in groups of two or three, usually one person will knock at your door, with a convincing excuse. If you are not expecting someone either use your door chain before opening or speak to them from an upstairs window, never let them in if you are unsure. If they are genuine they will happily wait outside for you to check on them by calling their organisation. If you do have someone calling at your house and you feel they are not genuine, report it to us immediately.

A male was seen acting suspiciously one evening in June. He was seen walking around the Catmore estate, in and out of the wooded area. A gamekeeper sighted the male and went over to talk to him to inform him he was on private land. However when the gamekeeper spoke to the male, he suspected him to be involved in illegal activity and phoned Thames Valley Police immediately. The police arrived shortly after, conducted a search of the wooded area and found numerous cannabis plants being grown. The male was arrested for cultivation of cannabis and is currently on police bail.

We are still working to address a number of local priorities. Consultation with local landowners, farmers and gamekeepers is under way to see what additional work can be done to tackle the issue of hare coursing in the Ridgeway area. We are also still using speed indication devices in the Beedon and East Ilsley areas to deal with drivers who exceed the limit, and we will also be carrying out enforcement in those areas whenever possible.

June was a very busy month for summer fetes. I attended East Ilsley Sheep Fayre, Leckhampstead Mid-Summer Fayre, Beedon Village fete, and Chaddleworth Open Gardens. Each event was a great opportunity for me to engage with the community of each village and the children who had a look at the police car were very happy when they put the siren and blue lights on. If you would like me to attend any events either this year or next please email me or contact me via the non-emergency number.

We are still in the process of liaising with local residents, businesses and parish councils with a view to establishing a Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) for the Downlands area if viable. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about what it involves, please contact Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Dominic Bartlett via the 24-hour Police

Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505 or email me at dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Community Messaging 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>

For more information about your local Neighbourhood Police Team, contact 0845 8 505 505 or

TITTLE TATTLE

Polly Muir

Out and About, West Ilsley style: after all the excitement of the fete - and this seems an eternity away, although it was only at the beginning of this month - life has settled down in The Summer Holidays. Peace and quiet on the roads for those of us who commute and lots of extra work for mums who have children on vacation. There's packing, organising, entertaining, feeding, ferrying and maybe the odd blissful lie-in – pay-back time, then. However, last Friday evening, the girls all managed to get their plimsoles and bat together under the guidance of Sue Evans. Kindly aided and abetted by Alan Bloor, Sue had taken it upon herself to organize a game of Girl's Rounder's. And girls of all ages turned up to participate. It was another warm and dry evening that has made this summer so wonderful. Alan had marked out a very neat geometric shape - what would this be called? Four sided but the lines didn't join up at the ends - all etched in neatly and white on the green/brown grass. I must say, I don't ever remember a rounders pitch being that far round on its periphery, but I am quite sure that Alan will have done his homework - fastidiously! Anyway, apart from an eternity to run round (necessitating a runner for the more elderly and handicapped/sedate of us), the ensuing tournament drew a reasonable crowd - so watch out you cricketers, it going to happen again because we had such fun!!

"Our" side batted first - and they managed to get us out with a deal of ease and rapidity. This was going to be a walkover - and fast.

Then the opposition batted. Daughter of The Organiser hissed to me that she had to beat her mother....whether this has had its consequences at home, I cannot be sure. But, Mother's Team did exceedingly well. Team Daughter struggled. Kevin Clarke provided some cautious and safe umpiring - or is it refereeing, but you know what I mean.

The odd rule was overlooked as they tore round the pitch, gaining something of a cricket score. We paused for team tea (and a little breath). A drink of water (glass of wine, etc) to ease the pain for the second half. Team Mother had a bit of a harder time getting us out in the second innings. We had a bit of a changeabout and this proved exceedingly effective. One A. Banks (clearly a former great in terms of sport and rounders!) joined us and made a real difference. We got stuck in and managed to catch the opposition. Handicapped slightly by the second innings referee, he was more closely related to The Fuhrer or Mussolini and he kept trying to keep dictatorial order. We were eventually given All Out (but not without a fight). Team Mother in, then. You could tell it was now serious. Mussolini was still in charge - sort of!! Well, first we stumped one, then two, then a catch...three out in a row. Cricketers take note and be envious!

I don't actually know what the final tally was - we all enjoyed ourselves so much! What was quite curious to observe was the claws-out competitive nature of us girls. We must try and stay friends if we are to play again (need to get fit first, though!!). And Sue and Georgie will have to be on the same team, otherwise it will be to the death! G caught her mother out with a spectacular catch that was worthy of a front page picture on a daily.

Many thanks to Sue for the organisation, to Alan and Kevin for their sporting umpiring and help and to all who took part. It was pure entertainment.

ALL SAINTS, WEST ILSLEY

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

August Church Services in All Saints, West Ilsley

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|------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1 st | All Age Communion | 9.30 am |
| 8 th | Holy Communion | 8.30 am |
| 15 th | All Age Worship | 11 am |
| 22 nd | * No service at West Ilsley | |
| 29 th | * No service at West Ilsley | |

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

N.B. There will be a United Benefice Communion Service at 10.00 am on Sunday 29th August at Winterbourne. Everyone is welcome.

Ride or Stride – Saturday 11th September

Previously known as CROW – (Cycle, Run or Walk) – Visit as many of Berkshire's beautiful churches as you can between 10am and 6pm and raise money for your local church and the Berkshire Churches Trust. For sponsor forms and more details contact Ian Fewtrell-Smith on 281625.

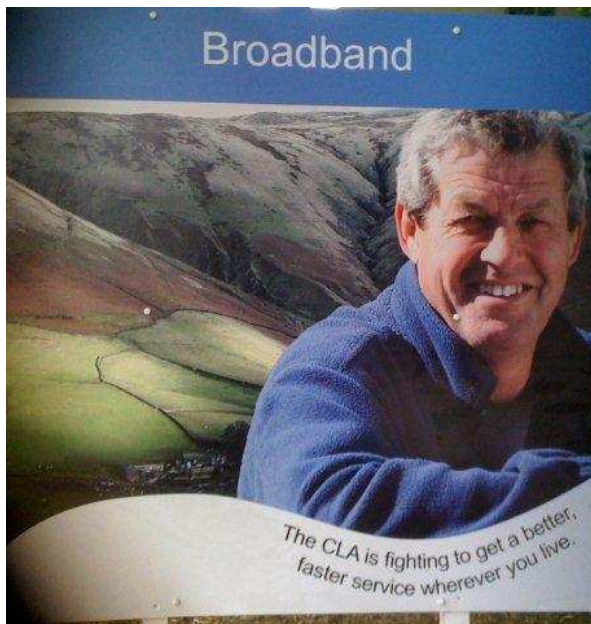
WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW GROUNDSMAN.

The Club has the enviable reputation of being one of the best kept grounds in the Oxfordshire league and with 2 Saturday teams as well as Wednesday evening and Sunday fixtures we need to produce wickets (i.e. the strip in the middle) throughout the season (late April – early September) to compliment the outfield.

We can offer help, guidance, machinery and possibly the opportunity to learn even more skills through a relevant Groundsmanship course. If you have any interest for whatever level of commitment, please contact Richard Beech (chairman@westilsleycricket.net / 07785 305904) or any other committee member (<http://www.westilsleycricket.net/officers.html>) to discuss the opportunity to become more involved with your local Club.

A STAR IS BORN?

The attached image would be enough to halt anyone with hiccups as they wandered around the Game Fair at the weekend... A bloomin great big poster of one of our favourite farmers was firmly embedded into the grounds at Ragley Hall and caught me by surprise. I was asked (whilst trying to blag one of the posters) if he was a model!! A man of many talents and great mystery for he does appear to be the keeper of unrecognisable and exotic land.... hmmm. :o) Marn



THANK YOU

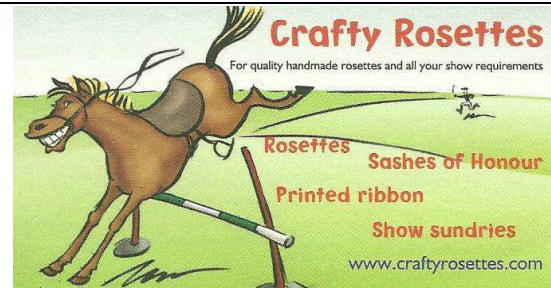
A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored Sue Carrington and myself for our 5km Race for Life run on Sunday 11 July in aid of Cancer Research UK. So far we have raised £415!

It was a very hot day and we managed to complete the course (without stopping!) in 34 minutes. There were hundreds of other women and girls walking, jogging and running the course and there was a fantastic atmosphere.

If anyone would still like to sponsor us you can do so via Just Giving on the following website:

<http://www.justgiving.com/sue-amanda-raceforlife>.

Amanda Hagen



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