

# West Ilsley News

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December 2006



At this festive time we'd like to thank all of the contributors to the WIN - we look forward to receiving contributions from even more villagers in 2007. We hope that most people's printers are up to producing this colourful edition. We are thinking about using more colour in future, and may also include the occasional photograph - on the basis that silence is assent, if we don't hear to the contrary, we'll go ahead as and when we think fit! As usual, we welcome your feedback so if anyone has any views on the

WIN or is experiencing any problems with the layout when printing, please shout/email!

The Editors

## ILSLEY EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle



On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the Christmas Lunch is at The Windmill Carvery near Burford. The

coach will leave from outside the church in West Ilsley at 10.45 am.

## PETER BARTABY

As many of you will already know, Peter sadly died on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. He will be remembered for his unique contribution to West Ilsley through his time as clerk to the Parish Council, his tireless efforts to reinstate a bus service to the village as well as his good humoured commentary at the West Ilsley fete for several years. Our thoughts and sympathies go to Phylis and family at this sad time.

## JANUARY WIN

In order to get the WIN out before 1<sup>st</sup> January we have allowed ourselves only a couple of days between the deadline and publication, so early receipt of articles (pre Christmas if possible) would be appreciated.

## DIARY

### DECEMBER

8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bingo

17<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play

### JANUARY

9<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> Winter Warmer

### MAY

19<sup>th</sup> Barn Dance

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December.

Contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy and "word" file (via email or disk), but most importantly, please do contribute. Contact details:

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Marnie and Angela again have:

## Christmas Trees

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Merry Christmas!

### WELCOME ...

To Arran Kester Briggs-Watson who arrived on 19<sup>th</sup> November, weighing 8lb 14oz. Congratulations to Zu and Martin.



# Parish Council Update

## Dog Fouling

There is increasing concern within the village that this problem is occurring again. In particular since the cricket season has finished,

it is evident that the recreation ground has become a regular exercise area for dogs; the footpath along Main Street also seems to be a problem area, with a number of residents stating that as the nights have drawn in the problem has increased.

The Dog Fouling Act of Land Act 1996 makes it an offence not to clean up dog faeces in designated public areas, parks and footpaths (except woodland, rural common land and agricultural land).

Toxocariasis is the disease caused by roundworm eggs found in dog faeces that may potentially result in eye problems or blindness, and children are particularly at risk. About 100 cases a year are diagnosed in the UK each year.

Would all dog owners please ensure that they clear up if their dog fouls anywhere within the built-up area of the village or on the recreation ground.

## Drains

Residents may have not been aware that during late October/ early November as a result of heavy rainfall the Parish Council alerted West Berkshire Council about flooding and the potential of flooding in the village if the drains on Main Street and at the bottom of Bury Lane were not cleaned. The resulting phone call certainly had its results as tankers were directed to the village and the drains were promptly cleaned. It later emerged in conversation with one of the drivers that the two drains at the bottom of Bury Lane and Main Street were completely blocked and several tanker loads of sediment were removed (he could not remember when they were last cleaned out).

They have flushed all the main drains and we are reliably informed that the drainage system from the pond to the Old Post Office is now clear. One piece of advice that was given was to ask residents wherever possible to try and ensure that where there is a main drain outside their drive entrance on Main Street or Bury Lane, it would be helpful if they could periodically check the overlying grid and make sure it is clear of leaves or any soil/mud/stones. This will allow the rain and surface water to easily find its way into the drainage system.

West Berkshire Council has informed the Parish Council that the tankers will clean the drains twice a year.

## Road Safety in West Isley

### Parish Council Campaign 2007

As those who were at the last Parish Council Meeting will know, one of your council's 2007 objectives is to focus on Road Safety in West Isley.

The subject of road safety is regularly raised with councillors and as a consequence the council has, over the past couple of years, pursued a number of initiatives including the resiting of the 30 mph limit signs, using the West Berkshire District Council (WBDC) speed indicator device to carry out a vehicle speed survey and the recent submission of a proposal to WBDC for the siting of a permanent speed indicator sign.

For 2007 we want to make an even more concerted effort to address the issue and the intention is to adopt a formal campaign strategy at the next Parish Council Meeting in January.

In case there is any doubt about the importance of road safety I think it is valuable to bear in mind a few salutary facts (principal source: [www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk)):

- The UK has one of the worst child pedestrian death rates in Western Europe.
- 3,425 children were killed or seriously injured on the roads in the UK in 2005, that's 66 a week.

- **Traffic is the biggest killer of 15-19 year-olds, and the second biggest killer of children aged 5-14, after cancer**, many due to children taking risks when out walking and cycling on their own or with friends, particularly at the age when parents have to – despite their fears – allow their children to walk unaccompanied.
- **75% of non-medical deaths of 10-19 year olds are as a result of road accidents.**
- The **number of cyclists killed or seriously injured** in the UK in 2005 was 2,360, that's **45 a week**.
- In West Berkshire in 2004 there were 284 road casualties of which 55 were killed or seriously injured. There were 16 pedestrian casualties aged 15 or under.
- **Over half of road deaths and serious injuries** occur in 30 mph limits
- **If a car hits you doing 20 mph** you have a 95% chance of surviving, at 30 mph it is 55% and if you get struck at **40 mph then you have a 15% chance of living**.
- If you hit a pedestrian **at 35mph** you are more than **twice as likely to kill them** than if you hit them **at 30mph**.
- Nearly 90% of pedestrians who survive being hit by a car doing 30 mph will sustain serious injuries.
- **It takes about a minute and a half to drive through West Ilsley at 30 mph and a lifetime to recover from the death of a loved one.**

Clearly the speed of vehicles driving through the village is a primary source of accident danger and this will be the focus of the campaign. However there are a plethora of other influences on road safety and we want to ensure that we address them all.

#### What can you do?

Firstly as preparation for the campaign, we would like to capture your ideas, thoughts and comments about road safety in West Ilsley.

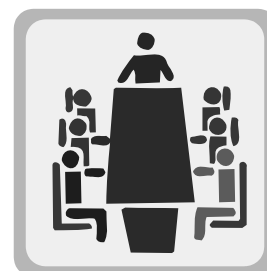
Please email your ideas and comments to [roadsafety.20.rattlebox@spamgourmet.com](mailto:roadsafety.20.rattlebox@spamgourmet.com) or use old fashioned pen and paper and the letterbox of Somerdown, Main Street.

Some of the ideas we have generated to date are:

- What evidence do we have that the roads are dangerous? Please let us know about any specific incidents so that we can see if there are any common factors.
- Who is driving dangerously? Residents, visitors, local businesses, lost drivers (espec HGVs), diverted drivers when the A34 is closed.....
- How are they driving dangerously? Speeding, using a mobile phone, not taking care near horse riders.....
- Who can help us collect data? WBDC, police, ROSPA....

- A system for centrally recording dangerous incidents.
- Changes to speed limit signs
- Changes to the entrances to the village
- Traffic calming – perhaps removable during harvest time
- Speed Indicators signs
- Speed cameras or just dummy speed cameras
- Leafleting the village to remind everybody about road safety
- Regular articles in WIN
- Involve local schools and other organisations to make sure everybody takes the issue seriously whether they be drivers or pedestrians
- Contacting local businesses to encourage their employees to take care when driving through the village
- Contact Thames Valley Police – sad to say that the council has recently had to contact the police in order to express our dismay at the recent dangerous driving by a police car through the village; not the sort of contact we had at first envisaged we would have with them on the subject of road safety....
- Contact West Berkshire District Council Road Safety Team
- Start a *20s Plenty Campaign* – a campaign to encourage residents to drive at 20 mph through the village. Not all are practical, or indeed necessary, but they hopefully give a flavour of the intended scope of the campaign.

Take care!  
Philip Knight, Vice  
Chair, West Ilsley  
Parish Council



#### DOG FOULING

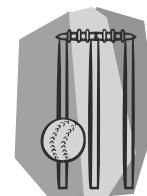
Liz Dray

Please would the dog who has taken a liking to the back of the village hall look elsewhere in future. On two occasions recently I have been setting up for Toddlers on a Wednesday morning and have had to clean up a large pile of dog poo (from a large dog) before various toddlers charged through it and manoeuvred it around the village hall. You may belong to a rider or walker who has stopped to chat and hasn't realised you have given them the slip but please could you ask your owner to be extra vigilant as it is not only unpleasant but potentially dangerous to young children.

#### CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Hugh Evans

It's all quiet at the cricket club as we roll up to Xmas and beyond. There will be regular social events during the Winter - watch this space. Also a quick reminder that



the club is open on Friday thanks to the commitment and happy demeanour of John Verney - so if you fancy a game of darts and a pint - you are very welcome.

A couple of points of order - dogs and divots. Firstly, there are dog walkers who are using the recreation ground as a convenient place to exercise their beloved pooch. We have observed dog walker(s) who have not scooped their dog's poop. This is disgusting, unhygienic for those who use the ground for football etc and illegal (£100 fine). If you are the guilty party, please can you do the right thing and dispose of your pet's business.

Secondly, it is great to see some of the youngsters in the village practicing their golfing prowess. However we have a couple of requests - please use a tee wherever possible, replace divots and keep the ball in the ground. Can those parents who know that their kids are using the ground for golf, please have a word, if not there will be a very grumpy Chopsey to deal with. Thank you for your consideration. Have a merry one!

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THE FRIENDS OF THE ILSLEYS  
SCHOOL PRESENT A: CHRISTMAS  
SHOPPING EXPERIENCE Sue Evans

On Sunday the  
3rd of December  
we are having  
the School  
Christmas

Bazaar. This  
year we have  
lots for you to buy and lots for your children to  
spend your money on! We have the usual



Christmas stalls - guess the weight of the cake, bottle tombola, Christmas tree raffle but this year we have stalls selling hand made chocolates, beautiful scarves, pearls, lights, books, cards and flowers which we really hope will entice you to join us.

Santa will be there in a new styled grotto - so come and have your picture taken with him. This year the main raffle prize is 2 tickets to a premiership game in March 2007 to Arsenal v Reading. These are box tickets and you are chauffeur driven. If you would like tickets and are not able to be there on the day, please don't hesitate to contact me on 281763. We hope to see you there.

## Christmas BINGO



Friday 8th December  
In the Village Hall at 7.30pm  
All the Family welcome  
Bingo and Raffle Prizes  
Bring your own refreshments  
Admission: Adults 20p, Children 10p  
Bingo Books 30p  
Any donation of prizes to:  
Audrey, 5 Fir Tree Cottages  
*Proceeds to Village Hall Funds*

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### Afterschool Service

At the November service the children talked about "Remembrance" and those who gave their lives in the war, they looked at the names listed in the church and took a poppy each to place on the memorial in the churchyard.

Our next service will be on Thursday 14 December on an "Advent" theme.

Our Afterschool services are held at 4pm in the church and are very informal with songs to well-known tunes and a simple story to listen to. The children have the opportunity to become more familiar with the church and learn about prayer, religious festivals and other topics in a relaxed atmosphere. The services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones.

The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the

village. Do come and join us if you have a free half an hour.

### **Christmas preparations**

Denise has kindly prepared some lovely Advent activity sheets for the children – there are two sets available according to the age of the child and they consist of different activities, information and prayers. The idea is to distribute these by email at the beginning of each week of Advent. If you would like to receive these either by email or hard copy please contact Denise by email at: [denisefbrown@googlemail.com](mailto:denisefbrown@googlemail.com) or by phone on 281825. Please give the age of your children.

The travelling crib will begin its journey around our homes from 1 December. If you would like to host the crib for a night before Christmas please sign up on the list in the church.

### **Mums and Tots Coffee morning (for the very young and their carers)**

This is a monthly get together at The Rectory in Peasemore from 10am – 11.30am. It is an informal gathering where the Mums and carers have a chance to have a coffee and a chat and the children to play and sing. Forthcoming dates are as follows:

**Thursday 7 December**

**Thursday 4 January**

If you would like more information about either of these services please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

### **NEW RESIDENTS!**

Sara Norman



For those people who have seen me out and about with the latest additions to my menagerie, Story and Transit, I thought I would write a little article for the WIN. They are two Bloodhound puppies belonging to the Southern Shires Bloodhounds, which is the pack that I help out with and hunt with. We are a small, friendly pack based at Park Farm, Wherwell, near Andover and have been established since 1994. We are members of the Masters of Bloodhounds Association (MBHA) and hunt what is known as the "clean boot" - in other words, the hounds hunt purely the scent of the "quarry" (human runner) with no artificial scent used in any way. This is different to Draghound packs, who use foxhounds to hunt an enhanced or artificial scent.

A day's hunting usually consists of between 3 - 6 lines varying in length from 1 - 5 miles, with the length and distance of each line being determined by the layout of the land that is going to be hunted across, and the landowner's wishes. The sport is reliant on the goodwill and co-operation of the landowners and farmers, and Masters of Bloodhounds will always defer to their wishes when arranging a day's hunting, and they and the "field" (mounted followers) will follow a strict code of conduct when crossing their land. It is an enormous testimony to the generosity of the UK's

landowners and farmers that so many are willing to share their property with other people in this way.

Some of you may know that I had Chorus (Story and Transit's mother) here in the summer to have her puppies - she produced an incredible litter of 14 puppies and only lost one, which is something of a record for a Bloodhound, they are not the best mothers! Many Bloodhound packs, especially those who are members of the MBHA, have a great interest in the work and breed development of the hunting bloodhound; the bloodhound is currently on the Vulnerable Breeds List and the MBHA is keen to encourage responsible breeding with the hope that in time our efforts will help to secure the breeds' future and enable it to be removed from this register. Chorus's litter will be assessed to be registered with the Kennel Club.

As with most packs of hunting hounds, the puppies get sent out to "puppy walkers" for a few months once they are old enough. This is all part of their education, enabling them to get some individual attention, learn their names and some basic commands, and see a little of the Big Wide World. They will go back to the kennels in the spring to spend the summer being walked with the rest of the pack as "unentered" hounds, (an entered hound is one which has hunted a full season) moving onto mounted exercise in the Autumn ready to be "entered" (or hunted) next season.

Richard Gore and the Carlisle family have kindly agreed to let us hold a meet in the village, and Peter and Jackie at the Harrow have kindly agreed to host it. It will (hopefully, weather permitting!) be held on 7<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon, so for anyone interested in meeting us and following to see what it is all about, do come along and join us, or have a look on our website for more information - [www.southernshiresbloodhounds.co.uk](http://www.southernshiresbloodhounds.co.uk) (Kennel Chat is a particularly good page, especially Rogan's Diary!!)

### **Domestic Electrical Installation**

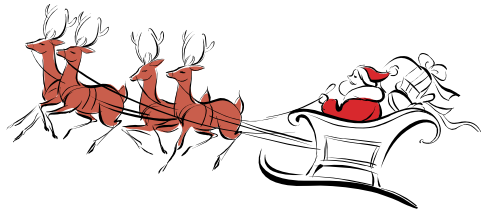
"Bright sparks" are all well and good on Bonfire night but when it comes to all electrical work, such as installation, inspection, testing, fault finding and certification, insist on a local electrician who is, "Building regulation Part P ELECSA scheme compliant".

Contact; Keith Pentecost

Tel / ans: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)

Mobile: 07985-797333

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
from everyone at The Harrow**



**Christmas Quiz on Wednesday 13th December, 8pm, Menu - Bobotie, Chicken Curry or Fish Pie for £8, £2 entry per person, book now**  
**Dont forget New Years Eve, music, buffet and champagne at Midnight, join us for another brilliant New Years Eve bash.....**

## ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

### **Church Services:**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Age Worship	11.00am
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service	6.00pm
Christmas Day	Family Communion	10.00am
Sunday 31st	Holy Communion	10.00am

### **Travelling Crib**

Mary and Joseph will be travelling through the village on their Advent journey arriving at church on Christmas day. If you would like them to spend a night in your home then please sign up on the list in the church!

### **Christmas Giving**

The collection from the Carol Service on 10<sup>th</sup> December will be going to the local sections of the Macmillan Nurses and Air Ambulances. The collection on Christmas day will go to our church. As usual you are invited to bring gifts such as toiletries, toys and children's clothes to the Carol Service for donation to the local women's refuge.

### **United Benefice Crib Service – Christmas Eve**

The United Benefice Crib Service will take place on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm, at St Barnabas Church, Peasemore – all are very welcome.

### **Christmas**

Hope to see you at church over the festive period – you will be guaranteed a warm welcome! Happy Christmas and wishing you all a very Happy New Year!



## ILSLEY UNDER FIVES Amanda Knight

Many thanks to all those who came along to Toddlers on 15 November. Your purchases from Phoenix Cards raised a very welcome £25 for the Toddler Group. Our main event this month will be our Christmas party on 13 December (which is

also our last session until the New Year). This will be held at our normal time and we will be running a festive craft session. Father Christmas has also kindly agreed to put in an appearance. Also, the Ilsley Under Fives committee will be meeting after our session on 29 November to discuss our activities next term and, in particular, whether we might apply for funding for a set of toddler swings for the proposed Play Area. Any members are welcome to join us.

(Ilsley Under Fives Toddler Group meets on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall (term time only). We have heaps of toys, ride-ons and a baby area for the littlest ones and tea and coffee for the parents/carers. New faces always welcome! For further details please feel free to contact me (281609).)

## DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

With both the summer and October half term holiday activities done and dusted we are now thinking of what to do with the children during the Christmas/New Year break. Scary, isn't it? The summer months have passed in a flash. As usual, all the activities have been practically fully booked so it would appear that we're doing something right! We are always open to suggestions, so if your child would like to do something we're not doing, please let us know and if at all possible we will put it in the programme. Wall climbing was suggested once!! I think that would have a major impact on the health and wellbeing of the staff!! Please bear in mind that places are limited and early pre-booking is essential.

Our winter boot sales kicked off on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. It was a successful day. Please note the new times (2.30 – 4.30pm). Further Boot Sales are programmed for the 10<sup>th</sup> December (which is already getting booked up), 4<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The times will also be 2.30 – 4.30pm. Hope to see you there.

We are at the time of writing this looking to employ a qualified Archery Instructor. Sandra Hunter took over from Bill Evans (a legend!) some while ago and has done a great job, but unfortunately cannot continue instructing. If you hold a current Archery qualification and are interested to know more (assuming of course that the post hasn't been filled by the time you read this), please give Rose Metalli or Tracey Weaver a call on (01635 578866 Wednesday 6 -10pm or Friday 6 - 9.30pm).

All the staff at the Downland Sports Centre thank you for your support and would like to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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### FIREWORKS

The Village Hall committee would like to thank everyone who came to the village fireworks on Sunday 5th November. It was a mild, dry and clear evening, so perfect for viewing excellent fireworks (donated by the Fete Committee), catching up with friends and enjoying a burger or a sausage cooked for you. We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves and we would like to especially thank all our helpers who made it happen. The funds we raised (£400) go to the Village Hall Committee for continued maintenance of the Hall and to finance activities such as the Village Camp Out. See you next year!

### SEASONS GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIA

Another year has flown by and in January we will have been in Sydney for three years so the feelings of vertigo or more probably reverse vertigo are beginning to leave us! The weather has been very changeable lately, it has been 34°C today and expected to be the same tomorrow but has been quite cold and wet for the past few weeks, we have all had/got cold's and are not impressed as we thought we left all that behind when we moved from the UK to a warmer climate!



Last Christmas was spent at home in Becroft with a total cast of 17, half UK visitors (including the Beech team from East Ilsley) and the rest ex UK residents with no families to visit. Great temperatures, too much food and far too much wine followed by a swim in the pool and a good time was had by all! New Year's Day was a bit different, we organised an expedition to an old convict pub where they serve real ale – yes it is true it was warm hand pulled real ale and a good

pint too – with the idea that the kids could play in the playground over the road. Problem was that it was suddenly 45°C so too hot for the kids in the playground but luckily reasonably cool in the pub which had very thick sandstone walls.

We have nearly completed our first year with both girls in school. Recently Alex and Victoria's school held a Multicultural Fair where food from all over the world is sold. Victoria's class ran a 'Dunk a Dad' stall where someone had a starring role! The stall raised \$1200 which is about £500 so perhaps puts things into perspective. It made us think fondly back to the days of us helping with the West Ilsley Fete.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

David, Jo, Alex and Victoria [gores@palient.com](mailto:gores@palient.com)

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### FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News from The Ilsleys Primary School –  
November 2006

Wow! What a wonderful start to the new academic year we've had. The first half term has whizzed by and the children have come back with a real desire to learn and achieve their best. But don't take my word for, if you want to see the school in action for yourself, give me a ring to arrange a tour.

That said, the school is not resting on its laurels after its excellent OFSTED, and has started to work through a new development plan 'Seizing our Moment (Going from good to outstanding)'. This builds on past success and takes us even further.

You may have noticed we have new gates at the school entrance. They include a new pedestrian gate and a walkway to the reception; this makes the entrance safer and, I believe, more attractive.

Also, you can't have helped to notice the new colourful 'The IIsleys' letters which are bold and beautiful.

It's not just outside that is changing either. We are currently developing our curriculum so that the subjects are more closely linked and support each other further. We are also developing strategies to challenge and extend our able children through independent study and developing higher level thinking skills. During this term we have also introduced French across the whole school, whilst increasing our ICT and PE teaching provision. It's an exciting time to be a pupil at The IIsleys!

So far over the term the children have supported many charitable causes. We have raised money for Barnardo's, Jeans for Genes and a group of year six girls have carried out a sponsored walk for Children in Need. Our next fundraiser will be for the Blue Peter 'Shoe Biz Appeal' in aid of UNICEF. The school will act as a collection point for unwanted, but reusable, shoes so if anyone in the villages has any old pairs of shoes lurking please bring them to the school.

We have many exciting events in the run up to Christmas including things that the whole community can enjoy...

- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – The Friends' Christmas Bazaar at the school 1pm until 4pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – School Choir sings at St. Nicolas Church, Newbury 7pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – 'A Victorian Christmas' show at the school 2pm and 6.30pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> December – 'Crib and Carol' at St. Mary's Church, East IIsley 11am

On a sad note, and as many of you know, Kay Mankin will be leaving us at the end of this term to start a new life in Wales. Kay has been at this school for 15 years and has been an inspiring, caring teacher to many children in the villages both past and present. If you would like to make a donation to Kay's leaving present, please send it to the school in early December.

As always, if you have any queries about the school or want to know more please don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

Felix Rayner -Headteacher

**Limited numbers -  
Tickets selling fast**

**WEST ILSLEY  
Presents**

a  
**Nativity Play**



**Get into the Festive Spirit!**

Come and join us in Rowles Farm Barn to see the play performed by village children and linger afterwards to enjoy refreshments.

**Sunday 17th December,  
Doors open 5 pm, performance starts 5.30 pm  
£5 adults £2.50 under 12s, under 3s free**

For tickets:

Sandra Carlisle 281220    Andrea Cook 281224  
Profits to West IIsley Charities



**WINTER WARMER!**

**Saturday 27 January**

**8.00 pm in the village hall**

**Tickets £12.50 with first drink free!**

**Winter chill getting you down?**

**Warm up with a delicious curry**

**Then cool down with something**

**refreshing from the bar**

**All funds raised will go towards a  
children's play area**

**Tickets from**

**Amanda Knight (281609)**

**and Amanda Hagen (281855)**



## ORGANIC FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Would you like to do something good for the health of your family, while at the same time help The Friends of the Ilsley Primary School (FIPS) raise some much needed funds for their school?

Farmers Choice is a well established company supplying delicious, fresh organic fruit and vegetables to schools as a non-profit venture, to help them raise funds. Each week, the school is supplied with bags of freshly harvested organic fruit and vegetables. You can help by signing up for a bag. The bags are very good value at:

**£5.00 - Vegetables**

**£6.50 - Fruit**

**£7.00 - Combination**

You also receive a friendly newsletter each week with special news designed for parents and children, including facts and recipes for the produce in the bags. The bags can be picked up or delivered via the school each Tuesday.

To find out more, please give Michelle a call on: 581 368.



To all our Friends and Neighbours  
in West Ilsley:  
We wish you a Merry Christmas

From:

Mel and Andrea Cook

Adrian, Liz, Hannah, Matthew and Ben Dray  
wish all their friends and neighbours a very  
happy Christmas

"Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all  
our friends in West Ilsley"  
Neil, Cathy, Lucy and Thomas

The Carrington family

Alison, Steven, Mark and Juliet would like  
to wish all our friends in West Ilsley a very  
Happy Christmas and a fun and successful  
2007

Merry Christmas to all our friends in West  
Ilsley, we all look forward to catching up with  
you on our next visit back in 2007,  
with love from Jo, David, Alex and Victoria  
Gore

Happy Christmas from the Hagen family.  
Have a happy and healthy 2007 - Dries,  
Amanda, Mae and Hugo

The Muirs (the three left in Hunter's Ride,  
anyway!) would like to wish everyone in West  
Ilsley Season's Greetings. It is the first record  
of any such greeting being delivered from us,  
ever. in text: any previous greeting would have  
been verbal!! As Tessa and Angus are away  
they would also like to say Happy Christmas  
and a great New Year to all their friends in the  
village. They think of lots of you lots of the  
time!

Will, Alexandra, Henry and Charlie send their  
festive yuletide greetings to everyone in the  
village!"

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New  
Year to all our friends in West Ilsley from  
Amanda, Philip, Ellen, Alice and William  
Knight"

Wishing everyone in West Ilsley a very Merry  
Christmas and a prosperous New Year.  
Love from Tracy, Steve, Sam, Alex, Joe and  
Ollie Gregory

..... and a Happy New Year!

Thanks to the above families, we raised £125  
which will be donated to the Church.

