

West Ilsley News

June 2003

Thanks to the further 3 households for their feedback on the WIN - please feel free to feed back to us at any time. If you missed the recent Country Ways programme, you missed a treat. The village looked lovely, and it was great to see the stars of West Ilsley on the telly. They'd better get out the dark glasses because the autograph hunters will probably be out in droves at the fete!

The Editors

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Linda Gibson - Clerk - Tel 200242

Extracts from Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.15p.m. on Thursday 15th May, 2003. The full minutes can be found on the village noticeboards.

Flooding. Nick Carter introduced Derek Crouch from West Berks Highways Dept who reported that he had recently visited West Ilsley. He had arranged for gulleys to be cleared, pipes to be pressure washed and measured, and soakaways to be inspected. A CCTV camera would be used to inspect the pipes further. He felt that there were many small low cost improvements that could be made that would alleviate the problem and would be producing a plan of action. He promised to attend the next meeting on September 22nd to give an update.

Gritting of Bury Lane. Nick Carter had brought copies of the gritting criteria used by West Berks and parishioners were invited to take a copy. Bury Lane Sign has now been re-instated.

Formal Naming of Main Street. West Berks have confirmed that the process should be complete within 4 weeks. It was unanimously agreed that three name signs should be ordered and placed 1. Opposite Catmore Road, 2. Opposite Bury Lane, 3. Opposite the Malthouse. Clerk to contact Teresa Cambell, Highways Dept.

W.I. Village Hall and Charity Commission. David Holling had drafted a letter to The Charity Commission and passed it to Alison Banks, no further progress as yet.

Procedure for Applying for a Grant. A template had been created by Andy Day and it was unanimously agreed that all grant applications would be considered at the November meeting.

Parish Council Vacancies. No candidates had come forward. The next Notice of Election will be posted on 21st May.

Correspondence Received

Winged Fellowship – Appeal for Donations. Clerk to send a Grant Application Form.

West Ilsley News – Breakdown of Costs. Clerk to send a Grant Application Form.

W.B.D.C. A questionnaire had been received regarding transportation of freight in the area. Andy Day explained that the present council were unable to complete the form due to a conflict of interests. Alan Bloor offered to complete and return the questionnaire with the help of Dist Cllr George Chandler. W.Berks

District Local Plan and Waste Local Plan. The clerk has copies of both for inspection. (also available from the Editors of the WIN)

W.I. Tennis Committee. The clerk had received a letter of thanks for the donation towards the maintenance of the court.

John Morgan thanked the previous Parish Council for their help and support during his time as District Councillor for the Downlands Ward.

Planning Applications

No. 03/00904 Bakery Mews - Detached garage with ancillary living accommodation

No. 03/00909 33 Churchway -Demolition of single garage and outbuilding

David Holling stated that plans would soon be available for viewing on the West Berks Website.

Council Meetings for the Coming Year

The following dates were agreed - 22nd September, 10th November, 12th January, 8th March, and 10th May. (Annual Meeting)

Open Forum.

From the floor, a request was made that the Parish Council write to Richard Morris The Agent to The Queen drawing his attention to the untidy condition of the frontage of The Old School House, Main Street. Clerk to write. A parishioner stated that speeding in the village is still a problem. Nick Carter suggested that this was an issue that local residents could raise at the next Downland Area Forum. Clerk to write to Nick Carter highlighting the problem and asking for details of S.I.D.S. an electronic speed control device.

Date of next meeting – Monday 22nd September 2003

PARISH ASSEMBLY

This years Annual Parish Assembly took place on Thursday 15th May, following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. This is the one meeting of the year that seems to create a reasonable amount of local interest, it was encouraging to see more than the usual two or three in the audience. Below are extracts from the Assembly. As usual, the full minutes will be posted on the village notice boards.

Chairman's Annual Report

In June the Parish Council presented each child in the village with a Golden Jubilee Mug to commemorate the occasion of Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee.

At the parish Council Meeting on 10th June, the remaining 5 members of the Council opted not to sign the Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors. This resulted in their ineligibility to serve as Parish

Councillors. There were no further meetings until 18th November when the current council was formed. The issue of Flooding is ongoing and Derek Crouch from West Berks Highways Dept has recently visited the village and suggested that there were several low cost improvements that could be made to alleviate the problem. He would be producing a plan of action and will attend a future meeting to update the situation. Several copies of the 'Gritting Criteria' were available for Parishioners to take away. The process for formally naming of Main Street is well under way and the three street nameplates should be in position in approximately four weeks. The Chairman explained that as Local Government Officers, the Parish Council were unable to comment on Planning Applications due to a conflict of interests. To finish, the Chairman emphasised that the current arrangement for this Parish Council is not ideal as it does not and cannot meet the needs of the community. He hoped that during the coming year there would be interest from people in the village and that the Parish Council would be returned to local control.

Guest Speaker – Abby Thomas from The Community Council for Berkshire

Abby Thomas gave an interesting and informative talk about Parish Plans, how they work and how to create one. She explained that the Plan was usually an initiative between the Parish Council and a steering group made up of members of the village, although the Parish Council must make the application. Up to £5000 was available as a grant from The Countryside Agency, and help and support would be given by the CCB. Anyone interested in the hearing more about the scheme should contact her at the CCB. After questions from the floor, the Chairman thanked her for coming and suggested that 'A Parish Plan for West Ilsley' be an agenda for the next P.C. meeting.

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY
Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for June:		
1 st June	All Age Service	11.00 am
8 th June	Holy Communion	8.00 am
15 th June	Family Communion*	9.30 am

***FAMILY COMMUNION**

From June onwards, the family communion will be more "child-friendly", with an activity during the talk to keep the younger ones amused. So do bring your children – they will be catered for, and have a coffee and a chat after.

PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

With black clouds hovering overhead, I swallowed deeply and bowed to Norman's better judgement on the weather. Who was I to argue with years of experience telling me that the swallows and martins were feeding so far up, the rain would stay off (Oh me of little faith) – and it did. So the tables stayed outside! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we made £338 for the church roof fund. Thanks to all who came, helping and supporting the event.

FOUND

A Britney Spears CD managed to find its way into the pile of music I had at the church for the coffee morning. However much I would like to add it to my collection, I fear it will not sit comfortably with Simple Minds, Fleetwood Mac and Sibelius. So if the rightful owner would like to give me a call, Britney's dulcet tones will soon be heard again in your home – or maybe a parent tried to sneak it out without you knowing...

CHURCH ROOF

We are having to face up to significant costs over the next few years, with most of the roof needing to be replaced. In the past years, money has gone towards repairs, but the condition of the batten nails, together with the deterioration of the tile surface, is leading to more drastic action. As you can imagine, the costs are going to be very high, hence the need for fund raising.

PRE-SHOW DANCE – 12TH JULY

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of June from Anna Sugden (281784) or me (281625). They will be £12.50 each and on a first come – first served basis.

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EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle

On Wednesday 25th June there will be an outing by coach to Ringwood and Lymington. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9 am. Members £6 Non-members £8. Tokens can be used. Names to J Collier on 281283.

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

Audrey Tizzard

The winners of the last 2 pontoons of the season were :

J. Evans (Chelsea)
J. Wiejak (Newcastle) £14.00
D. Stead (Falkirk) each

J. Stead (Rangers)

Booby prizes went to:

C. Walker (Ayr)
I. Burton (Boston) £2.00
V. Carlisle (Northampton) each
J. Denham (Southend)
K. Chitty (Gillingham) £8.00

Over the season the Village Hall pontoon made almost £220 towards its upkeep. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The dates for the services in June will be:

Afterschool Service

4pm Thursdays

Pram Service

11am Mondays

12 June Jesus in the boat 16 June

In July we will be combining the Afterschool Service and the Pram Service. The joint service will be held on Thursday 10 July at 4pm on the theme of "Noah's Ark". Please bring your favourite toy animal or come

dressed as an animal. Please also bring some tea for a picnic afterwards to round off the summer term as we will then take a break until September.

The Pram Service is aimed at 0-5 year olds and the Afterschool Service for the slightly older ones as well as the babies. The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Each service lasts approximately half an hour followed by drinks for the children. If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Antonia Cretney on 01635 248925 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

WEST ILSLEY FETE

We still need volunteers to man some of the stalls. If you like plants why not volunteer to man this popular stall! Or, perhaps you could help with the children's games stall? If you would like to help, please contact any committee member, or accost us in the street. Bric-a-brac is always required; please call Jo Scriven on 281405.

The Produce Show will be even bigger and better this year, with several new categories.

There is a new challenge for the men, you've proved that you can make scones and that was obviously too easy! The challenge this year is to produce muffins! So get out your recipe books and start experimenting. If you don't have any recipe books, or if you're like me and don't like the idea of being seen reading them, look out for next month's WIN and there will be a fool-proof recipe that even I can follow.

The categories for this year's show are published here again, the more entrants we have for each category, the more likely we are to have new faces winning the coveted 1st places.

Flowers and vegetables are easy to grow and are always popular. Homecrafts are always popular, but we would like to see more entrants, especially sewing, knitting and upholstery. The flower arrangements are spectacular and almost anyone can take part,

The photograph competition was a great success last year, so get your cameras out and take lots of photographs of Ilsley, family, holidays and all of the other categories.

The judging for the best garden and best hanging basket will be judged from the road and the winners will be announced at the Fete, so get your baskets out, cut the grass, weed the beds and you may well be a winner.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Fundraising

We will be running the cake stall at the Sheep Fair on Sunday 8 June from 1-5.30pm. Please come and support us! Our thanks in advance to those who have agreed to bake for us! In addition we will be running the teas at the West Ilsley fete on Sunday 13 July.

Ilsley Under Fives AGM

This will be held on Wednesday 10 September at 8pm in the hall at the Ilsleys School. There will be some changes in the committee at the AGM and we are keen to find replacement members. If you would be interested in helping out we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jess Logan, number below.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meets on a Wednesday morning, 10.00am – 11.30am in the village hall. There are lots of toys plus a climbing frame, playhouse, slide etc for the children and coffee and a chance to chat for the Mums. If you are interested in coming along please contact Jess Logan on 281670 for more details.

BOOKS WANTED!

For the fete bookstall



As new as possible please
Bring on the day, deliver to me or phone and I will collect.

Andrea 281224

SATURDAY ACTIVITY CLUB

14th/15th June 2003

CAMP OUT

Following another good afternoon of activities this March, the Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce that the next Activity Club will take place on Saturday June 14th and extend through to Sunday 15th.

It will be centred round camping, with an afternoon activity around the camp followed by a camp sleep over. Details as follows:

Part 1 – Saturday afternoon 2-5pm

Camp skills for 3-6yr olds – including wood collection, nature hunt, den building plus games in the woods.

7yrs+ will take part in all the above but dig and prepare the campfire for cooking.

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

Part 2 – Saturday 5pm to Sunday 11am

Prepare the camp for the evening and night. Erect tents, play games, cook supper and more fun.

Cook breakfast, take down camp, clean and tidy up.

Open to all West Ilsley children of any age.

Part 1, all children can be left, but helpers welcome and needed.

Part 2, a responsible parent/adult/volunteer to accompany and help out from 5pm.

The camp site is located 1 mile outside West Ilsley. Take the Catmore road and follow the signs. Park inside the gate on the LHS.

All food and drink is included. Part 1 is FREE, but to continue with Part 2, we require £5 per child and adult. Please forward cash with your completed booking form. This is non refundable as the activities will go ahead whatever the weather!!

If you are interested and for more details please call Angela Hyde for a registration form (281500) by Wed 4th June.

WEST ILSLEY

CRICKET CLUB John Verney

May 31 st	1 st XI	Cavaliers	2.00pm
June 1 st		Peasemore	2.30 pm
June 7 th	2 nd XI	Ibis Mapledurham	2.00 pm
June 11 th		Downs League Peasemore	6.15 pm
June 14 th	1 st XI	Sonning	2.00 pm
June 21 st	2 nd XI	Shinfield	2.00 pm
June 28 th	1 st XI	Englefield	2.00pm
Open Fridays at 7.00 pm			

PLAYGROUP

We were sad to learn that Julia will be unable to re-join us at Playgroup due to family commitments and we thank her for all her enthusiasm and hard work. Emma has been doing a fantastic job of running Playgroup in her absence and we are delighted that she is happy to take it on formally now. We are also pleased to welcome Hayley Rogers to the team. Hayley was previously a hairdresser but is really enjoying working with the children and having a complete change!

The 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. The numbers at the playgroup have risen suddenly and we are currently only accepting 3 year olds if a place is available. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy Gregory on 281650 for an application form to register your child or if you would like to arrange a visit.

EVEREST TRIP

Unfortunately, the day after we produced last month's WIN, Toby was notified that his expedition could not go ahead, (scheduled for the next week), because the SARS virus had forced the closure of the borders between Nepal and Tibet.

Naturally the whole team is devastated both personally and also because it involves an enormous amount of work returning mountains of clothes donated by their sponsors, not to mention money etc. plus interviews and press releases all have to be dealt with.

Toby plans to organise the expedition for the same time next year so watch this space

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 Tuesday 24th June 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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**WEST ILSLEY FETE
Produce Show Classes 2003**

Flowers and Ornaments

- 1 Roses – 3 blooms of any variety/varieties
- 2 3 blooms of any flower
- 3 Patio pot – minimum 3 plants, foliage and/or flowering
- 4 House pot plant – flowering or foliage
- 5 Pot of herbs – minimum 3 plants

Fruit and Vegetables

- 6 One dish of soft fruit, any variety
- 7 Collection of any 3 types of vegetable, 3 of each
- 8 Potatoes – 3
- 9 Carrots - 3
- 10 Onions – 3
- 11 Shallots – 6
- 12 Beans/peas – 3 pods, any variety

Flower Arranging

- 13 Arrangement to be viewed all round, max 24w x 24d x 36 inches high
- 14 Arrangement in a basket, max 24 x 24 inches
- 15 Miniature flower arrangement, max 6 inches overall
- 16 Arrangement in a beer can – men only

Home Cooking

- 17 Jar of jam or marmalade
- 18 Jar of chutney
- 19 Chocolate cake
- 20 Florentines
- 21 Shortbread
- 22 Man made muffins – ie made by the men!

Handicraft

- 23 Specimen of needlework, eg article of dressmaking, patchwork, weaving or any other needlecraft

- 24 Specimen of knitting or crochet
- 25 Upholstered item
- 26 Specimen of handicraft, eg pottery, corn dolly, whittling or any other handicraft

Photography

- 27 Views of West Ilsley
- 28 Photo of family or friends
- 29 Photo of a pet
- 30 Photo of your garden
- 31 Seasons of the year
- 32 Holiday photo

Children's Classes (under 7)

- 33 A miniature garden, not exceeding 12 x 18 inches
- 34 A decorated digestive biscuit
- 35 A painting or drawing of parents or family
- 36 Food face on a paper plate
- 37 Specimen of needlecraft / home made toy
- 38 Stencil picture, eg potato stamp

Children's Classes (7-11)

- 39 A miniature garden, not exceeding 12 x 18 inches
- 40 A decorated digestive biscuit
- 41 A painting or drawing of parents or family
- 42 Food face on a paper plate
- 43 Specimen of needlecraft / home made toy
- 44 Stencil picture, eg potato stamp

Best Kept Garden

Best kept garden as judged from the road – Country Gardens Cup

Best Hanging Basket

Best hanging basket as judged from the road – Millennium Cup