

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Tuesday 27th November

DIARY

NOVEMBER

5th Bonfire & fireworks
16th Wine tasting and game night at The Harrow
30th Church questionnaire deadline

DECEMBER

1st West Ilsley "At Home" Christmas Party
19th Harrow Quiz and Pie night

JANUARY

25th Harrow Burns night

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

This concerns the proposed upgrading and improving our Broadband package (speed) to the village. Currently they are asking for each household to register their interest via a website (see link below). Looking at how well we have registered our support for this so far – West Ilsley could do better. We have 40 households registered (a Moderate response - green), but neighbouring East Ilsley is in the Excellent category - red (153 households) and there is also a "Good" category - orange in between. It is very simple to go to the link and register or indeed view our (relatively poor) progress on a very good interactive map. Virtually everyone uses Broadband so I would have thought a faster service would be of interest to all. Those showing more interest are more likely to be upgraded sooner. If you haven't already please do consider registering.

The link:

<http://www.superfastberkshire.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=23266>

Alison Clerk West Ilsley Parish Council

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

If you would like to send Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours in the village via the WIN and donate a sum towards Church Funds rather than sending cards, let me have a note of what you want to appear and your donation - any time from now up until 25th November and it will appear in the December edition. Last year we raised £355 – can we do better this year?



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FOND FAREWELL FOR JOYCE HAYES

We thought many villagers would like to know that Mrs Hayes recently moved out of West Ilsley having lived here for more than 44 years. Most of these years were spent with her late husband, Lew, who worked on Rowles Farm initially as a herdsman and then as a shepherd. She spent many of her years helping in the farmhouse and has moved a short distance away to an apartment in The Notrees Nursing Home in Kintbury where she will be cared for by a Support Officer. Mrs Hayes will be 94 years old on 11th November. Mrs Hayes will be sorely missed by many people in the village and, hopefully, we will still get to see her at the Evergreens Bazaar in December.

Sandra Carlisle

EVERGREENS



On Thursday 22nd November there will be a coach outing to Cardiff. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9.00 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall on 281 597.

The Evergreens are holding their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 24th November in West Ilsley village hall. 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Please come and join us and bring your friends.

THE HARROW



Friday 16th November
WINE TASTING & GAME MENU
Please come along and join us!
You might also learn a thing or two
about the wine we all drink and
which wines complement what foods.

Our very own wine expert will be talking you all
through it with blind wine tasting and a fun quiz to
all take part in.

QUIZ NIGHT & PIE NIGHT
Wednesday 19th December 8pm
£2 each to enter
Winning team gets half the
takings and the losing team gets
a round of drinks on us !!
Maximum of 6 on a team



CHRISTMAS MENU

Our Christmas menu is running from Tuesday 4th
December through to Friday 21st December.
(Excluding Sundays and Mondays)
£22.95 for 2 courses
£25.95 for 3 courses
Complimentary bottle of wine with every booking
of 4 or more people!
Menus are now available !!

BURNS NIGHT
Friday 25th January
7pm till late
Haggis, Nips & Tatties and
plenty of Whisky to wash it
all down !!
Get your kilts out !!



**West Ilsley Bonfire
And Fireworks
Monday 5th November
Catmore Road
Bonfire at 6pm
Fireworks at 7pm
Refreshments and Mulled wine**



ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

A reminder that the deadline for returning the
completed questionnaires about our village church
is **30th November**. We very much look forward to
receiving your thoughts about the church on the
questionnaire. Many thanks, The PCC

**CHRISTMAS
FAMILY PRIZE BINGO
AT
WEST ILSLEY
VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER
DOORS OPEN 7:00
EYES DOWN 7:30
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&
GRAND RAFFLE
REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE
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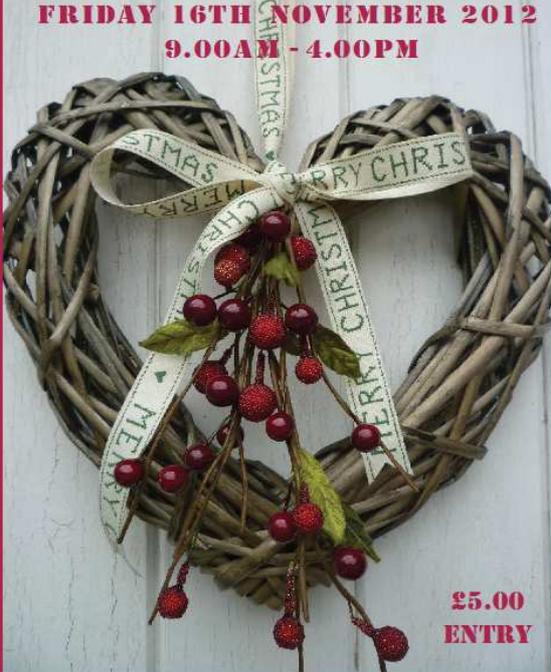
OCTOBER PUB QUIZ AT THE HARROW

The quiz was won by the small but highly effective
trio of Adrian, Will and Tony. Between us we
raised £34.00 which I've donated to the NSPCC.
Thanks to all who took part and to the Harrow for
hosting. Andy



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FREE Mulled Wine
FREE Entry
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Gifts

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Refreshments all morning

RAFFLE in aid of St Mary's Church

Meet Father Christmas 11.30 to 12.30

Details: 01635 578090

**THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER
2pm to 4pm**

**Christmas Grotto with Father Christmas visiting!
Bottle Tombola, Raffle, Christmas Present Draw
Teddy Tombola, Spinning Jenny,
Refreshments with Mulled Wine, Cake Stall,
Christmas Bauble making and other Children's
Activities,
And much more!!**



**Come along for a fun filled afternoon! All
Welcome.**

RAINFALL IN WEST ILSLEY
Liz and Adrian Dray

Latest well reading:
Oct 2011 was 20.04 and Oct 2012 was 14.77
The readings are in meters and cms, so in
October 2012 the level of water was 14 meters
and 77 cm from the top of the well – not really
surprising given the wet summer!

MACMILLAN

"Thank you!" from Liz Dray and Alison Banks.
A very big thank you to everyone who supported
our Macmillan coffee morning and/or our
Macmillan Pampered Chef evening at the end of
September. We were delighted and amazed to
have raised a record breaking £618.30 from
Friday's coffee morning with a further £102.49
from the Thursday evening. Thank you also to
our sellers who gave so generously to Macmillan
and to Jo Banks for giving up her time and
travelling some distance to demo the Pampered
Chef products in order to boost our funds.
The annual Macmillan coffee morning is their
biggest fundraising event and West Ilsley will have
certainly done them proud!

ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

It has been a busy start of term for the Ilsley under 5's. We have seen a number of new faces coming to our weekly groups and hope that we continue to grow in numbers.

Each week we have been doing different crafts to keep the little minds busy, from simple painting tasks to making pictures out of rice and pasta to recently making our own trees out of collected leaves from the village. These activities have proved very popular with the children and they have all enjoyed making them. We hope to start placing some of the wonderful art work the children of Ilsley under 5's do on the notice board within the village hall so every one can admire the work.

We have our own little Halloween party taking place on Wednesday 31st October at our usual time of 10am. We are going to have a little Halloween display along with a few treats to eat and the children have the option to get dressed up!

Ilsley Under 5's is a well established parent and carer playgroup which in partnership with Surestart provides a great place to play in a friendly safe atmosphere and fun environment. We meet every week, most weeks of the year, in West Ilsley village hall between 10am and 11.30am. The children have a snack and drink half way through the session, with tea and coffee available for mums, dads and carers. Every week we offer a new activity table; painting, drawing, play dough etc, not forgetting the regular toys that are available and suit all ages of toddler or baby. We finish the session with a group sing along!

If you are planning a party or event remember the small tables and chairs as well as our indoor and outdoor toys are available for hire throughout the year for a donation of £10. Please call myself for more details.

Donna Vaughan 820716 Rachel Hudson 281350

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com
Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers

PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close, between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday 281997.

Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone to ask if it's convenient.

Prescription requests can be put through the door any time. The surgery bus makes deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306 Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

TENNIS COURT

Membership: Liz Dray - lizdray@btinternet.com 281688
Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

PARISH COUNCIL

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