

West Ilsley News

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Enjoy the holidays, and please note the slightly earlier than normal deadline for the September edition.

PRE FETE DANCE UPDATE

Sue Evans 281763



What a Shindig!. The feedback we have had from those who attended has been fantastic so it appears that the annual party lived up to its usual high standard. The marquee looked beautifully prepared with the flowers and bunting and the tables all decorated with invitations from the children of the school wishing us all a great evening.

So many thanks to make but we'd like to mention John Evans (thanks John for taking care of the IPA so brilliantly), John Verney, Fred Carter, Gordon Bewick who spent all day Friday making sure we had electrics in the tent..and for Alan Bloor for climbing the ladder to hang them. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish of something for the buffet - the tables were truly heaving.

The disco pitched its music just right and the raffles were drawn smoothly by Ed Sugden. Thanks Ed.

It looks like we will have made a profit of about £900. We are also receiving a donation of £500 from a Vodafone employee who has pledged his charity contribution to our cause (thank you Pete) - so should you be a Vodafone employee and able to do the same, please let me know. The money we are raising is all being put towards a new piece of large play equipment in the school grounds - the current climbing frame is rather worse for wear having been there for many many years and in need of a serious make over.

A huge thank you from The Friends of the Ilsleys School.

ICE (In Case of Emergency)

Eight out of 10 British people carry no next of kin details. Yet 80% carry a mobile phone, most of whom have it on them all the time.

There is no simpler way of letting the emergency services know who to contact should you be involved in an accident than by using ICE.

Standing for In Case of Emergency, ICE will allow ambulance crews and police officers to quickly contact a nominated person who can be informed of the incident.

- Type the acronym ICE followed by a contact name (for example, ICE - mum or ICE - David) into the address book of your mobile phone
- Save their phone number
- Tell your ICE contact that you have nominated them

The Editors

Calling all local charities and organisations
Charities & organisations are invited to apply for funds from the West Ilsley fete by writing into the Chairman of the fete Ronnie Cook at April Cottage ,Fir Tree Paddock, or by email on ron1.june2@virgin.net, by Friday 19th August. Please include details of the purpose behind the request .

THANK YOU Vanessa and Simon Baggs

Just a few words to say a huge thank you to everyone for their efforts, in making both the church and churchyard look so wonderful on our wedding day.

We had the most memorable day and we really appreciated the beautiful surroundings in which we got married. The photos have come out wonderfully!

Plans are in progress for another concert in September to raise more money for the roof – we, and Martin, are already looking forward to the occasion!

Once again, our sincere thanks

DIARY

AUGUST

4th Youth Activities
19th Fete donations request deadline
22nd WIN deadline

SEPTEMBER

10th CROW

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Monday 22nd August

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WEST I SLEY FETE



Report from the Chairman

Memories of July 2003 were abound as the very seasonable July weather blessed the fete again this year and with it the visitors.

Despite far less advertising than in previous years (not planned) the day provided a fun day for all the family. In addition it raised approximately £2000 to support local organisations and ensure funds for a 2006 fete. (Full details of the funds will appear in future editions of WIN)

A special thank you to Clive Hooker, who, at very short notice came to our rescue. Clive's energetic and personable style could not go unnoticed as our compere on the day.

The fete itself and the subsequent money raised would not of course happen without the dedication and support of so many volunteers running stalls/ events and many who appear on the day to help set up and dismantle. You know who you are – a big thank you/ We must also thank the fete committee for their planning and commitment over many months to ensure a successful day for the village.

A couple of important announcements:

We still have 2 excellent unclaimed raffle prizes:

Green ticket – 39

Blue ticket - 75

If you are the lucky purchaser of either of these tickets please will you contact the Chairman (Ronnie Cook 281565)

And a date for the diary :

West Ilsley Fete – Sunday July 9th 2006

Produce Show Results - Karen Miller

Thank you to everyone who entered the Produce Show this year. Entries were down compared to previous years, mainly because of fewer entries in the Children's Classes. I wonder if it had anything to do with the fact that many of the mums were organising the party the night before?! There were some fabulous entries, including the sloe gin, which the judges had to test several times to make sure they picked the right winner. The men excelled themselves with shortcake that the Ritz would be proud to serve – but how could you let Russ win AGAIN? To top it all, JV proudly (and cheekily) entered someone else's vegetables and won!!

This years' prize winners are:

Colling Cup (Homecrafts) and cash prize

Sandra Carlisle

Sheilah Hearn Rose Bowl (Flowers) and cash prize

Isobel Pigott

Walton Cup (Fruit and Veg) and cash prize

Sandra Carlisle

Millennium Cup (Best Garden) and £10 cash prize

Peter Barrett

Country Gardens Cup (Best Hanging Basket) and £5 cash prize

Wendy Coles

Under 7 Childrens' Best in Show – cash prize

Piers Oliphant

7-12 Years Childrens' Best in Show – cash prize

Hana Oliphant

Best man-made shortcake- £10 cash prize

Russell Brown

The competition to grow the highest weight of potatoes from one seed potato was won easily and jointly by Lizzie and Zoe Carrington with exactly the same weight each of 936g.

The runners up were:

Kath Carter 397g

Fred Carter 347g

Sophie Ryan 234g

P Sinclair 227g

C. Sinclair 206g

Congratulations to all of you, and a special mention for Lizzie Carrington who was poorly and couldn't pick up her rosette on the day.

RAVES

After the very interesting and enlightening talk from Mr. Trotman, the Area Commander of the Thames Valley Police at the July Parish Council meeting, here are a few hints and tips on how you can help when a rave is imminent or in progress.

Look out for the signs

- Broken locks on gates to fields, this is so participants can gain easy access.
- Small new notices appearing on the sides of fields in the area, showing rave goes where to go. These notices tend to be small, on bright paper and pointing in an odd direction, across the field.

When you hear a rave

- Please contact the police, they need as many people as possible to ring and complain.
- When you ring please tell them how it is affecting your quality of life
E.g. Keeping your children or you awake, upsetting your animals, making your dogs bark, unsettling your horses, etc.

If you see or hear anything unusual or suspicious please call 0845 505 505

It is the urgency and persistence of complaints from villagers that will bring the Police out quickly – so don't leave it to your neighbour, make that call too.

A QUICK MESSAGE AND THANK YOU

We would like to say a great thank you to everyone who donated to the Car-Washing Live Eight Fund. We found out on the day of Live Eight they wanted you - not donations, so after some long thoughts we decided to give the money to 'Christian Aid.' We raised a total of £62 and are very grateful.

Thank you again from; Alina B, Clare L, Lara M, Rosie P and Natasha W.

TITTLE TATTLE

Polly Muir

I was passing by the cricket club just the other day, but got distracted by John Evans and Marnie Moyle. They were beavering away chiselling and shaping bits of green oak wood in various shapes and sizes, some of which closely resembled pieces of furniture, some of which didn't. Those bits that did were looking very excitingly rustic and eclectic. Marnie's mum and dad had been seconded into The Team and were busy scrubbing away (in the front garden). A hive of bees could not have been more productive! It turned out the latest piece of furniture was heading for the garden of no less than the Editor of Country Living (in fact, her wedding present from the staff at Country Living!). All this to follow the pictures taken last week for English Garden.

This led to further interruption of their work whilst I quizzed Marnie (good probing journalist that I am!) about her activities.

She's been to all the major garden events this year, more than can be said for some of us!!! She was an award winner at Chelsea Flower Show, made some important contacts and now is supplier to aristocrats and MP's - so she's obviously doing something right!

The wood is sourced from Yattendon Estate (local timber, local workers! She would actually like some local workers. so if anyone would like to do some scrubbing (??!!) please ring her in 281786. If you're interested, pictures of her products may be found on www.marniemoyle.co.uk

I was invited to the annual play at Blewbury last Wednesday. Shame on me that I thought, 'Mmmm! Nowhere else to go, why not?' :shame on me in a BIG way. David Copperfield was exquisitely produced and directed. It kept my attention for the very full 2 1/2 hours and was a thespian triumph. You would have been pleased to enjoy as professional a production at The Watermill. I shall be attending next year.

Meanwhile, welcome to the team who have moved into Anke's House (the tittle-tattle & gossip from Anke's leaving party I will save for another time!). John and Asta are making themselves comfortable in West Ilsley House with their children Johanna, Clara, Mimi and Oscar.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter

Warmer Days and Lighter Evenings

During these long warm evenings when one is working or just sitting in the garden there is a higher risk of opportunist burglars taking advantage of insecure doors and windows. It takes just seconds for a burglar to enter your home and snatch any handy valuables and possibly your car keys. Please ensure that any unsupervised doors or windows are secure if you are working outside, also be careful about leaving garden tools outside as they could make it



far easier for a criminal to break into your house or shed.

Burglars Target High-Tech Gadgets New research has shown that burglars are shifting their attention away from large cumbersome items such as televisions and videos and now favour small high-value gadgets which are far easier to conceal and carry. Items currently in favour include such things as iPods, Mobile Phones and Digital Cameras. Three quarters of people in the UK now have mobile phones and one in five owns a digital camera.

However, burglars are still most likely to steal jewellery, cash and handbags. The number of burglaries where credit cards have been stolen from homes has trebled in the past decade, while thefts involving purses, handbags and wallets have doubled.

Properties with no security measures are most likely to be targeted followed by those with a young head of household and lone parents. Households with no security measures in place are nearly six times more likely to be victims of burglary than those with security, so it is important to take sensible preventative measures.

CRIME REPORT

Our thanks to PC Andrew Buckingham (Hungerford Police 08458 505 505) who emails us with his NWN article, from which we extract items which may be valuable in keeping villagers alert to what's going on in the area:

12 July: Crime prevention measures can be akin to that well known phrase 'To shut the stable door after the horse has bolted'. If I had a pound for every time someone has said "If only I'd locked the door, shut that window, or I was going to put a stronger lock on".....I would be a rich man by now!

The simple fact is that you don't have to go to extreme measures to protect your property, so forget the 'portcullis and drawbridge'. Often by adopting simple crime prevention techniques you can reduce your chances of becoming a victim. As the holiday season approaches many of us will be going away and leaving our houses unoccupied.

Consider the following:

- Every burglar is likely to be an opportunist. Make sure all doors and windows are locked before you leave.
- Set your house alarm if you have one.
- Remember to cancel milk papers and make use of the Royal Mail letter and parcel holding service.
- Ask your neighbour to keep an eye on your home. They could open and close curtains, switch lights on and off and bring in the wheelie bin. Maybe they could park their car on your drive. (I like that one because my neighbour has a really flash car!)
- Operate a timer switch for lights, radio and TV.
- Even cutting the lawn before you go away can make your house look occupied.
- Have your address stuck inside your suitcase and not visible outside.

As you can see, just a few simple precautions which hopefully will keep the stable door shut and stop that horse from bolting!!

Crime Report

Overnight between Saturday and Sunday a 6'x3' oil tank was stolen from the driveway of a house in Downend Chieveley. The thieves would have used a trailer or vehicle; did you see anything suspicious that night?



Between 10am and 3pm last Wednesday (6th) a house was broken into in Lambourn Woodlands. The offender used a ladder from the rear of the property to access a first floor window. Fortunately the alarm was activated and the offender made off.

Shortly after 1am on Wednesday (6th) offenders entered a house in Blandys Hill Kintbury via the rear patio door and stole a handbag which contained car keys.

A blue landrover was stolen which was found the following morning on its roof in Bell Lane Inkpen. It is possible that the thief could be local maybe you saw someone walking away from the car that morning?

Roads Policing are appealing for information after a 38-year-old man was killed in a collision in Lambourn on Sunday.

At around 4pm the man was riding a green Kawasaki motorcycle along the High Street when it was in collision with a green VW Golf as it turned right out of Edwards Hill. The rider of the motorcycle was declared dead at the scene of the collision, the driver of the Golf was shocked but uninjured. Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Alan Rodgerson at

Newbury Roads Policing base via the Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505.

WINDOW CLEANERS

Andrea Cook

Thank you to everyone who expressed early interest in finding a window cleaner and to Anke who, by coincidence the week before the WIN came out, had "nabbed" our men and asked them to call on her. The list of potential customers I was able to provide made it worth their while to come to the village – they are Bicester - based and they will be coming monthly from now on, so if you want them to call on you, give them a ring. The details are:

**Abingdon Window Cleaning Services
(Window, Gutter & General Cleaners)
01869 241739**

HELP!

Andrea Cook

Due to pressure of (paid) work we need to find an alternative source of copying for the WIN. As a reader you will know the approximate number of pages, format and timing – can you help please? Call me on 281224 for more information or to offer your services.