

West Ilsley News

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July 2005

See you at the Fete!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services:

3 rd July	All Age Service	11.00am
7 th July	Children's Church	4.00pm
10 th July	Holy Communion	8.00am
17 th July	Family Communion	9.30am
24 th July	No service	
31 st July	United Benefice Holy Communion	10.00am

CROW – September 10th

The Berkshire Churches sponsored CROW (Cycle, Run or Walk) takes place on 10th September. The idea is to visit as many churches by bike or foot as you can in the local area or Berkshire as a whole if you are really keen! Ian Fewtrell-Smith (281 625) is our local organiser and can supply you with sponsorship forms, guidelines, lists of churches open, stickers etc. Half the money you raise is returned to the church of your choice (All Saints we hope!) and half goes to the Berkshire Churches Trust to help preserve the fabric of churches throughout Berkshire. I whizzed down the country lanes on a fine summer's day a couple of years ago, visited some fine churches (and pubs!) en route and raised quite a bit for our churches – I would highly recommend it!



Clean Up

A big thank you to all who helped on the big clean up on 11 June – the church and graveyard have had a much needed spring clean.

ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle

On Tuesday July 5th there will be an outing to the Cotswolds with two stops. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9 am. Members £7 Non-members £10. Tokens can be used.

Names to J Collier 281283

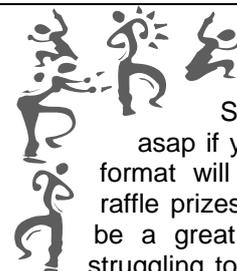
West Ilsley Fete Sunday 10th July, the Evergreens have a cake etc stall. Anything edible gratefully

received from members and non-members by 12 noon in the marquee please.

The Editors

PRE FETE DANCE UPDATE

Sue Evans 281763



Thanks to everyone who has bought tickets. There are still some available so please let Sue Simmons (281460) or myself know asap if you would like some reserved. The format will be as usual with some fantastic raffle prizes and a great disco. It promises to be a great night. As a foot note, we are struggling to hire a dance floor at a reasonable price, so unless we have any late brainwaves it may be prudent ladies to wear your flats!

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News from The Ilsleys Primary School

The summer term continues to go very well. The older children and I have just come back from a week of outdoor adventure at Sealyham in sunny Wales. The children had a fantastic time kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing, coastering, and a range of other wonderful
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DIARY

JULY

5 th	Evergreens
7 th	Youth Activities
8 th	Fete set-up
9 th	Pre-Fete Dance
10 th	Fete
11 th	Parish Council Meeting
15 th	Cricket Club Race Night

AUGUST

4 th	Youth Activities
	SEPTEMBER
10 th	CROW

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on **Tuesday 26th July**

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....activities. The children's behaviour was excellent and it gave the children the opportunity to develop independence, confront fears and develop a range of social skills. A brilliant week was had by one and all.

I am sure many of you were impressed with the May pole dancing at the East Ilsley Sheep Fair, I know the children enjoyed performing. I'd like to thank Mrs Mankin for all her hard work as country dancing coach the, school is very proud. Catch them again at the West Ilsley Show with another stunning performance.

At the end of May the children took part in a sponsored walk in aid of the Friends. I was proud as they walked around the millennium green in the scorching sunshine. We raised lots of money for a new play equipment which we are planning to build in the near future to take the place of our bars. At the moment the Friends are very busy organising the West Ilsley pre show dance and I would like to thank them for their relentless hard work over the year.

Sport has remained a high priority and the children have played rounders against Bradfield and have taken part in a cricket festival at Compton. We continue to provide sports clubs after school, which the children have really enjoyed.

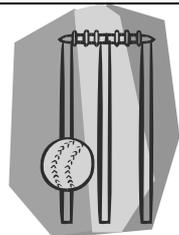
We have many exciting things left in the last few weeks of term. On the 5th July we hold a summer musical concert at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm. The school choir will sing, musicians will play and even the staff will be performing! Please support this event – the more the merrier. Adults £5, accompanied children free – phone the school for further details. Our sports day is on the 14th July and will be slightly different this year as it will be A DAY OF SPORT! In the morning we will hold field and track events, where our new houses will battle it out. This will be followed by a picnic at the school and an afternoon of inter house team sports of rounders and hockey.

We are now coming to the end of the academic year and I would like to thank all those in the village who have supported us over the past year. I would also like to thank the staff, parents, governors and of course the children who have all made this year such a success. We are all getting ready for the new year in September. If you have any queries concerning the school don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

Felix Rayner

Headteacher - The Ilsleys Primary School

WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB Hugh Evans



BUILDING PROJECT - the Club's planning application for redeveloping the changing room and toilet facilities has been passed by the council - thank you to Colin Shepherd for his help and expertise in this matter. The improvements will provide better access for the disabled, separated toilet and changing room facilities. Over all this will make the clubhouse far more suitable to accommodate a growing body of youth and family members. Now we are working hard on fund raising and getting quotes

from the builders. We hope to commence work this winter, subject to funds being available.

JUNIOR CRICKET is being well attended with children of all ages able to sample the delights and frustrations of playing straight. We split the group into 2 age groups - roughly 5-11 and 11+. Tony Scriven is master of ceremonies and provides that headmasterly direction and coordination. Kevin Holloway is also providing his wealth of experience to the older ones. The bar is also becoming remarkably well used by parents which is creating a 'great wind down from the week' atmosphere on a Friday evening. More would be very welcome.

RACE NIGHT - Friday 15th July - come on down to an action packed Race Night at the club. You can sponsor a horse or two in advance. All proceeds will go to the Building project as described above. There will be a BBQ. Racing commences at 8pm. Come along and have a flutter.

Upcoming fixtures to be played at the club:-

2 July 2nd XI v Harlington - 2pm

9 July No fixture - PRE FETE Dinner Dance

16 July 1st XI v Peppard - 2pm

17 July Sunday XI v Brightwalton - 2.30pm

23 July No fixture

24 July Sunday XI v East Ilsley - 11.30am

30 July No fixture

31 July Sunday XI v Chelsea Nomads - 2.30pm

Please do come down to the club for a drink and a natter - all very welcome.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES Ali Allan - Chair

Some of you may be wondering what has happened to all the playgroup items now that it is no longer running. Our constitution states that if we close, the toys, games, books, puzzles etc must go to a local like-minded organisation.

Of course, Toddlers is still up and running, so the committee spent the Bank holiday Monday having a good sort of the said items and a lot of it will go to Toddlers like the trikes, the house and shop.

The other items will be going to a new playgroup, 'Panda's' opening at West Ilsley village Hall in September, so they will be going to a good home and they will give us a donation towards what we pass on.

Otherwise, we had a stall at the Sheep Fair which raised £80.00 which will go towards some new mats for toddlers as our old ones are getting a little frayed at the edges. We will be running the teas/cakes/ice cream stand at the West Ilsley Fete on the 10th July and look forward to seeing a lot of you there. Again, we would appreciate donations of cakes etc (they don't have to be hand-made!) so anything you can offer can be dropped off on the day by 12.00 to the Cricket Pavilion. Some of the committee will be resigning at the AGM in September, (myself included!) as our children move on into nursery and other Playgroups. I find it hard to believe that William is nearly 3 and yet it does not seem that long ago that he was rolling around the mat at toddlers himself on a Wednesday morning. At that time, being a 'new Mum' and having no friends in the

same situation in the village, I found it invaluable meeting other 'Mums' and getting advice from them, so if you're a new Mum yourself, please come along on a Wednesday morning - 10.00 am - 11.30am in West Ilsley Village Hall. (Term time only) We have heaps of toys, a 'baby area' and lots of Mum's who love a chat over a cup of coffee, so come along. For further details - ring Penny Dillon on 281375. During the Summer months we normally run a 'Garden Rota, where we offer our own gardens for the children to play and for the Mums to meet up (depending on the weather) so ring Penny for further details.

BRING A BOTTLE



Bottles wanted for the bottle stall at the West Ilsley Fete on Sunday 10th July.

Run by the Village Hall Committee

Perfume or wine, bubbles or ketchup.

Please have ready for collection by The Village Hall Committee (Alison Banks, Angela Ryan, John Verney, Fred Carter, Shirley Gore, Maureen Thimbleby, Tracy Young, Peter Barratt, Audrey Tizzard, Paul Willis)

From Monday 4th July

or

deliver to one of the Committee

or

bring to the stall on the day

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter

Community Policing Teams.

The name will be changing shortly to Neighbourhood Teams. Newbury and Thatcham will each have an Inspector, one Sergeant and 8 Police Constables. Newbury will have 3 Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) and Thatcham will have 2. The Neighbourhood Policing areas in Newbury will be Speen and Shaw to include Donnington, Clayhill, Greenham and Wash Common.

PCSO's are members of the Police staff who are employed, managed and tasked by the Police. They wear Police-type uniforms. They will compliment the work of Police Officers by providing highly visible patrols and tackling "quality of life" issues in communities such as anti-social behaviour,



confiscating alcohol and tobacco from young people and environmental issues such as vehicle obstruction. They will be able to issue fixed penalties. Their work frees up time for Police officers to concentrate on tackling more serious crime and disorder issues.

PSCO's will play an important part in the Forces neighbourhood policing teams.

Junk Mail and Telephone Calls.

If you are under siege from unwanted junk mail, e-mails, faxes or telephone calls register with the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) to get them stopped.

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Contact DMA, Telephone Preference Services - Telephone 0207 291 3320 or 0800 398 893.....or WWW. tpsonline.org.uk . The service is free of charge but only lasts 6 months, so you will have to renew this regularly. It takes 28 days to come into effect.

You can also register for Silent Call Guard which will block your telephone number for 1 month at a time, so that you do not receive silent calls. To register and re-register each month, phone 870 444 3969

Finally the majority of Insurance Companies are now quoting in their policies that whenever a building is left unattended, all windows and doors must be closed and locked and the keys must not be visible from the outside. Do not leave keys in doors, on a keyrack or within easy reach of a door or window...If you do your insurance could be invalid.

Also a reminder that NHW members can get discounts from the following companies: Jewsons (Quote Ref. No. (NEIG011) Newbury Locks (Quote Ref. No. NL24) and Newbury Lighting Centre (Quote Ref No. NLC454)

WEST ILSLEY FETE



Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon!

Sunday 10th July from 12 until 4pm

Plenty of refreshments, BBQ, Tea and Cakes and the Cricket Club bar will be open!

Fancy dress, Dog Agility (no entries on the day), Produce show, Ferret roulette, Craft stalls
And
Art Show

Plus much more!
See you all there!!

WEST ILSLEY FETE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR A HAMPER

If you have any items you would like to contribute
Please contact June 281565 and we will be happy to
collect.

WEST ILSLEY FETE

We desperately need old crockery for the crockery
smashing stall, so please check through
your cupboards and get rid of your
unwanted crockery!

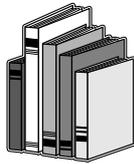


(No Glass)

Please contact Fred 281621 - we will
be happy to collect.

BOOKS WANTED

If you have any books for the Fete
bookstall please call Alison on 281296
or bring on the day. Thank you.



BRIC A BRAC

Have you any items for the Bric a Brac stall, if so
please contact Sue Simmons on 281460 or bring on
the day.

Also, Sue would really like some additional help on the
day, if you can help her please contact on the number
above. Thank you

Help, Help, Help

Are you free on Friday 8th July from 4pm?

The fete really needs your help to collect all the
items required for the day and take them to the
recreation field.

Please meet at Rowles Farm at 4pm

If you need any more info please contact Ronnie
281565.

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WEST ILSLEY TENNIS COURT

John Clemenger - Chairman

I have to report another good year for the court. We've
had no vandalism this year apart from some litter and a
broken bottle thrown onto the court and coke cans left
round the perimeter. The court surface and tennis
lining are in excellent condition; the fencing is sound
and unblemished and weed control on the court is
satisfactory. There is, however, work to be done on
the court surrounds where thorn bushes and nettles
tend to proliferate.

The court bench has finally met its demise and
according to John the carpenter is beyond regeneration
that applies to the bench and not to John. However,
we've raided the cash box and bought another bench.
A solid looking affair (although in soft wood) from
Chilton Garden Centre that was reduced from £130 to
£100 in a recent sale. With prompt preservation
treatment this should last us for a number of years.
We thank the village fete committee for their donation
of £150 and as they donated the original bench we
intend to retrieve the brass plaque and transfer it to the
new bench.

Last year, the income from Tennis court fees was
£320, together with a show committee donation of
£150. Our expenditure was £50 for Cricket Club grass
cutting, £25 for Booking Clerk's honorarium and £20 for
weedkiller which has yet to be organised. This gave us
a profit for the year of £375. Our total income stands at
£1,027.93 - less £100 for the recent purchase of the
bench.

We now come to the future of tennis court and I must
reiterate what I've said for the last two years. The
present committee have served the court for the last 20
years or so and now wish to retire. We need some
young blood to take over, preserve the court as an
Open Court for all to play on and maybe expand its

facilities for the future. Jackie Atkins and I remain as Guarantors to the Court and naturally we would relinquish that responsibility also. I hope for a good response from interested parties.

Meanwhile, the court is now open and fees remain the same as last year. £2 per hour for adults and £1 per hour for children.

Finally, the court surface has been swept; it is not immaculate, but satisfactory to play on. We have decided not to have the court professionally cleaned this year at a cost of £320 +vat ie some £376. One of the reasons for this, other than the financial outlay, is that Southern Electric have contracted to top the fir trees this year where the cables cross the court with tree debris on the court this would negate any professional cleaning done. I am satisfied we can happily delay this for a further year.

Camp Out report

25th and 26th June

Once again many village children and their families took part in the Camp Out. About 35-40 enjoyed an afternoon of fun in the woods involving a teddy bear's picnic for the under 5's, Camp fire building and wood collecting for the 5-8yr olds and an orienteering



adventure trek for the 8+ group. Then the real camping started as tents and parents arrived. Our camp site of 20 tents was perfect, as was the weather, bar a quick shower and we all enjoyed a family BBQ and more fun in the woods. After an early start, cooked breakfast was most welcome and after some more games we returned to the village dirty and tired.

Many thanks to the Carlisle family for the use of the woods and to the The Village Hall Committee and our helpers (especially Philip Knight, Tony Scriven, Ross Studholme, Dan Whidborne and many others) who made it happen.

See you next year!

Alison, Angela, Peter Carlilse and Paul Willis.

PS I have a M&S Picnic set left at the Camp site (281705)

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE

PRODUCE SHOW 2005

Produce Show Classes 2005

Flowers and Ornamentals

- 1 Roses - 3 blooms of any variety
- 2 3 blooms of any flower
- 3 Houseplant, in flower or just foliage
- 4 A fuschia in a pot
- 5 Five pink flowers

Fruits and Vegetables

- 6 One dish of soft fruit, any variety
- 7 Potatoes, 3
- 8 Onions or shallots, 3
- 9 Beans / peas, 3 pods any variety

- 10 Courgettes, 3
- 11 Highest weight of potatoes - grown from one seed potato (provided) in up to 30cm diameter pot

Flower Arranging

- 12 Arrangement in any container, max 60w x 60d x 60 cm high
- 13 A buttonhole
- 14 A summer wreath

Home Cooking

- 15 Jar of jam
- 16 Jar of marmalade
- 17 Jar of chutney
- 18 6 sausage rolls
- 19 Fruit bread / tea loaf
- 20 Home made drink (eg elderflower, lemonade, sloe gin, wine, beer)
- 21 Gentlemen only - 6 shortbread biscuits

Handicraft

- 22 Specimen of needlework
- 23 Knitted item
- 24 Specimen of any handicraft
- 25 A decorated horse shoe

Photography

- 26 Views of the countryside
- 27 Photo of a pet
- 28 Photo of a flower / flowers
- 29 Photo of family or friends
- 30 Holiday photo
- 31 The seasons

Children's Classes (under 7)

- 32 A miniature garden, not exceeding 30 x 45 cm
- 33 A drawing or painting of your parents and/or pets
- 34 A decorated plant pot
- 35 Food face on a paper plate
- 36 Home made article; eg. toy, needlecraft, handicraft
- 37 A bird or animal made from fruit, vegetables and matchsticks

Children's Classes (7-12)

- 38 A miniature garden, not exceeding 30 x 45 cm
- 39 A painting or drawing of your favourite thing
- 40 Hand made article; toy, needlecraft, handicraft
- 41 Mosaic; picture or decorated object (eg plant pot)
- 42 Home made sweets
- 43 A bird or animal made from fruit, vegetables and matchsticks

THE WATERMILL

If you would like to join the group which regularly attends the Watermill, email me and I will add you to the distribution list. andreacooklimited@msn.com

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN REFLEXOLOGY?

Alison Ryan

I am looking for volunteers/guinea pigs (!) to help me with my studies. Up to now I have been practising on friends and family, and it is now time to start some more detailed case studies. Each volunteer will preferably need to take part in 6 treatments of approx 1hr each (1st consultation 1.5hrs) So if you have a genuine interest and would like to try reflexology, or you have used before please call me on 281296 for a chat - or see me on the book stall on 10th July!

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:

28 June

Overnight between last Saturday and Sunday a shed was broken into High Street Chieveley. Thieves stole a steam cleaner and a quantity of diesel.

Between 2pm and 2.30pm last Saturday offenders forced the lock to the shed door located at the rear of the Village Hall Leckhampstead. Did you see anyone hanging around the village hall that afternoon?

21 June

PC Alan Wilkinson is dealing with a number of burglaries where garden machinery and power tools have been stolen. He asked me to mention that on several occasions prior to the theft a strange vehicle has stopped in the vicinity, possibly doing a quick 'reconnoitre' and when challenged the driver has given a feeble excuse for his presence. If you do see anything you think even remotely suspicious please report it.

7 June

Between 10.30am and 1.50pm on Friday a burglary occurred in Front Street East Garston. Recovered nearby was a stolen Bedford van items from which were seen to be loaded into a white Transit van which then made off. We are keen to trace the white transit, did you see anything suspicious in the village that morning?

31 May

At 11pm on Wednesday 25th May an assault took place in woodland at Smithy Site in the village

of Farnborough. The offender described as a white male with a tanned complexion, 5'8" tall, stocky build with large arms and shaven black hair which was slightly longer on top, got out of a small red car, approached and assaulted two males who were walking a dog. It is possible that this man might be local. If anyone has any information please contact PC Tim Emery at Hungerford

TITTLE-TATTLE

No particular bits of scandal to report this month, just some idle chatter.

I happened to notice the announcement of William and Alexandra Axtell's new addition, so 'hello' to Charles Rory William Axtell. I do hope that Henry is pleased with his baby brother.

I was out the other day, dodging clouds, as one does, (it has been mighty dry of late, but mighty cloudy!), cycling on my small circuit. This involves a quick sprint up to and along the Ridgeway. My! How it is flat now. Thanks to Richard (et al), the ruts and furrows left by motored vehicles have been erased and there now lies a flat Ridgeway. Very hard to cycle on it, really hard work for the legs. Perhaps I shouldn't have been on it, so it serves me right! I won't do it again. It did cross my mind as to how many years and ox-carts it would take to harden the Ridge off again!

We seem to have a large number of birds in the garden and, as a result, much flying activity. There are a particularly large number of owls! I do wonder whether some would have migrated from the 'old wood' (now 'orchard!') into our trees. Anytime, early evening or night, there is noise and flying giving away their location. There were three very fluffy baby owlets on display in full daylight last summer. They were huddled together on a branch, but evidently lots of food to support these offspring as well! I haven't seen any babies this year, but at about 5 o'clock the other evening I did hear, and then see an irate male blackbird pursuing a large tawny owl into the chestnut tree. It looked like Martin Johnson chasing Willy Carson! Two minutes later, out flew the owl again hotly followed by the blackie. What a racket! I guess that the smaller bird was protecting some offspring and little different to a Spitfire out-maneuvring a Wellington bomber. It was quite an extraordinary performance to watch, though.

Anke and John Summerhill are moving on from West Ilsley. They are heading for Barcelona with Nienke and Meryl (Digby left for Holland yonks ago). Although I haven't seen a huge amount of Anke recently, every time I have we seem to carry on where we left off the last time (it always seems to be over the smelly wheelie-bin on a Friday). I am going miss her great Dutch openness and honesty, and her exciting approach to life. She is different and it will be sad to see her go. If I haven't seen Anke, I have seen even less of John. Never ever forget it was they who started the annual bash (*in its current format - Ed*) in the marquee on the eve of the WI fete. I can remember the inaugural evening just as if it were yesterday: it is now an



institutional event, taken on annually by whoever needs the funds for the work!). Partying has to be one of the things they do best!

There has been much water under the bridge since then.... three children all raised in West Ilesley and other projects that they have undertaken. I, personally will never forget Anke's totally pragmatic approach and kindness to me when moving into Hunter's Ride. Coffee, food and get on with it! The cardboard boxes flew open as she unpacked our plates and loaded into the dark, battered wooden cupboards (that, in her typically direct approach, she said were revolting, but I didn't care!!!). It was her amusing approach to tackling my problems that kept me going -I was on my own, three children at school, husband away on business and only one day off work in which to get things done. No problem!! She was there, supporting.

We wish you all the best and hope that you all thrive in Spain. We very much look forward to seeing you again, wherever!!

The speeding survey confirms what is known nationally by the police. That local people will break the speed limit (they are very familiar with the environs?). It also confirms what most of us as villagers observe: we know who the culprits are, but I bet none of us will say anything. Have a discussion with anyone and they will have their own opinion of who drives recklessly here. We actually don't need a piece of paper to tell us. However, it is constructive to have documentation on this so it becomes objective fact rather than subjective observation. But, if you would like to know who I think drives too fast do telephone me (or any other villager who walks, bikes or rides through!) What is more concerning is just how it can be improved to make the roads everywhere, as well as West Ilesley, safer. Using the roads should be about consideration, common sense and safety as much as enforcement and big brother watching what we're doing. The B. B. approach means people braking as they see a speed camera; safe driving means you should be driving at an appropriate speed past hazards and other road users.

WINDOW CLEANER

Andrea Cook

Does anyone have a reliable window-cleaner whose name and number they will share with me? Please call me on 281224.

If not, and you would like to have one, let me know and I will try to find one who is prepared to work in the village – offering a ready-made list of clients may tempt someone to come this far out.

Call me or email: andreacooklimited@msn.com with your name and phone number.

Responsible teenager available to babysit

Call Rosie Pigott on 281770



DOWNLANDYOUTHNETWORK

THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES TEAM IS COMING BACK TO WEST ILSLEY

8-13 year olds

7th July

and

4th August

7.00 – 8.30 pm

Games and sports, computers, arts and crafts,
dance, drama, circus skills!

Bring some pocket-money for the tuck shop

Stop press ■■■■

Item 2 on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th July at 7 pm is PC Jim Trotman who is coming to discuss the Police's Rave Policy.