

# West Ilsley News

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September 2006

The early autumn village event!  
**VILLAGE HARVEST LUNCH**



**EVERYONE WELCOME**

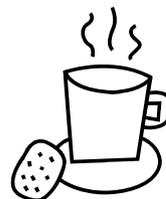
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
12 o'clock in the Village Hall  
£5 adults, £3 under 12s

Bar and Raffle

Tickets from:  
Liz Dray 281688 and  
Jo Scriven 281405

Sue Carrington (281354) is holding a  
**Coffee Morning**

29<sup>th</sup> September  
10 am to 12 noon  
At "High Trees"



In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support as part of  
the World's Biggest Coffee Morning

**ILSLEY EVERGREENS** Anne Carlisle



On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
September there will be an  
outing by coach Cardiff, leaving  
from outside the church in West

Ilsley at 9.00 am. Members £7, non-members  
£10. Names to J Collier 281283.

## DIARY

SEPTEMBER

11<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> Evergreens Outing  
29<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning

OCTOBER

1<sup>st</sup> Harvest Lunch

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy and  
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## WEST ILSLEY TENNIS COURT

Is now open for the 2006 season

£2 per hour per adult

£1 per hour for children under 16

To book please call 281344

## 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)

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## ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

### Church Services for September:

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Age Worship (Village Hall)	11.00
Sunday 10th	Holy Communion (Village Hall)	08.00
Sunday 17th	Family Communion (Village Hall)	09.30
Sunday 24th	No service	

### Church Roof and Village Hall

Whilst the re-roofing continues the services will be held in the village hall – the first service in the church will be on 1st October. We have had a few comments that the tiles look rather bright! Don't worry they are an exact colour match of the original tiles and will weather down in time especially with all the surrounding trees – it will soon return to its "traditional" look!

### CRoW – 9<sup>th</sup> September

CRoW stands for Cycle, Run or Walk – it is the Berkshire churches' sponsored ride and takes place on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Money raised goes to the Berkshire Churches Trust, who very generously gave us a grant of £5,000 to our roof appeal. Essentially you try and visit as many of the local Berkshire churches as you feel able – this could be 3 or 20 churches – it is up to you. If you are keen to take part please see Ian Fewtrell-Smith – it is a great way to keep fit, visit some of our beautiful churches and raise money for a good cause. I have done it before and highly recommend it.

## WEST ILSLEY FETE

Thank you to all who requested donations from the proceeds of the West Ilsley fete. On behalf of the fete committee, I am pleased to announce that we have a sum of £1765 for distribution to the following local worthy causes this year.

### Distribution of Funds

Cause	Proposed Use of Funds	Sum Donated
All Saints Church	General costs	£300
Brownies, scouts and rainbows	Heaters for the scout hut	£200
Evergreens	Transport for Xmas outing	£265
Tennis court	Petrol blower for court cleaning	£200
West Ilsley Relief in Need	WI charity for those in need	£200
Under fives	Towards costs of running the group	£50
School	Replacement of old books	£300
Village Hall	Fireworks for Nov 5th	£250

### Produce Show Results

Thanks to all who made the effort to enter the Produce Show at the fete this year. We had a record number of entries for the children's classes and for the photo competition. Many people have commented on how good it was to see so many wonderful entries from the children. As usual, the miniature gardens and the animals made from fruit and vegetables were amazing. Such local talent! Unfortunately, entries from the grown ups for the traditional side of the produce show have dwindled to an all time low, but there were some high notes, including the sloe gin in the home made drinks class. Luckily there were several bottles for the judges to sample, and it took some time to pick the winner! We had an amazing twelve entries for the competition to produce the highest weight of potatoes from one plant, won once again by a child!! The gentlemen only competition to make scones was highly competitive, with some of the scones having a very interesting flavour that was not always easily identifiable by the judges! This year's results are as follows:

Ponting Challenge Cup for Best Kept Garden

Fred Carter

Millennium Cup for Best Hanging Basket

The Harrow

Colling Cup for Homecrafts

Sue Huggins

Sheilah Hearn Rosebowl for Flowers and Flower Arranging

Jane Carlisle

Walton Cup for Fruit and Vegetables

Ann Carlisle

Winners in the **children's classes** were:

### Under 7

Todd Rockall for a miniature garden  
 Storm Ryan for a picture of a butterfly  
 Ellen Knight for a hand-made greetings card  
 Juliet Banks for a food face on a paper plate –

#### **Best in Show**

Kaitlin Bartholomew for a hand made article  
 Charlie Coakley for a bird or animal made from fruit and/or vegetables

### Age 7-12

Andrew Slater for a miniature garden  
 Hana Oliphant for a hand made greetings card  
 India Channon for a hand made article  
 Georgie for a picture of an underwater scene  
 Charlie Tyson for home made cake, biscuits or sweets  
 Andrew Slater for a bird or animal made from fruit and/or vegetables – **Best in Show**

The **Men Only Scone making challenge** was won once again by the invincible Russ Brown, with Nigel Ryan in second and Justin Pildich in third.

The **Potato Competition** was won by **Lizzie Carrington** (who is under 7!!) with an amazing 1.100 Kg in weight, followed by Kath Carter in second with 1.015 Kg and Zoe Carrington in third with 0.995 Kg.

Now is the time to prepare for next year's fete, with ripe sloes in abundance in the hedgerows for your sloe gin, plenty of elderberries to make cordial and blackberries to make jam!

#### **Fete Committee 2007**

Several members of the fete committee have stepped down this year to make way for people with new ideas, and as preparations are already underway for next year's fete, new committee members are required as soon as possible. Being on the committee is a great way to meet people and to do something really worthwhile for West Ilsley and the surrounding villages, so please consider joining the team. Please contact Karen Miller on 281876 if you would like to take part.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

19 September, Fir Tree Paddock. Between 2.30 and 3.10pm

### **CRICKET FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER**

1st XI SATURDAY			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1-30pm	Chesterton	Away
9 <sup>th</sup>	1-30pm	Oxenford	Home
2nd XI SATURDAY			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30pm	Kings Sutton	Home
9 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Hook Norton	Away
16 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Combe	Home

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

### **Afterschool Service**

The summer break has soon flown by and we have a full programme organised for the Autumn term. Dates for your diaries are as follows:

**Thursday 14 September – Sowing seeds**

**Thursday 19 October – Birth of John the Baptist**

**Thursday 16 November – Remembrance**

**Thursday 14 December - Advent**

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.

### **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 September**

**Thursday 5 October**

**Thursday 2 November**

**Thursday 7 December**

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

### **TITTLE TATTLE**

**Polly Muir**

September finds us, like the telegraph poles and the swallows, empty-nesters. The family have left. It must be that the weather is better in Australia (the pay is not better, so it has to be conditions) and France. Ah! Well! At least one of three will return to look after the elderly, solitary matriarch.

The cooler weather of August has been rather a shock - after the balmy evenings of July putting on cardigans and cover-ups was a horrible shock, but at least daytime work is much more comfortable. Hot weather is all very well when you're not working, but it is not conducive to any sort of indoor activity, outdoor work or employ whatsoever. It simply means holiday. In the new cool, one doesn't have to get up quite so early for animals - horses, dogs both come to mind - and exercising is easier later in the day, especially if

you're not a good early-riser. On from this....I was cycling along the Ridgeway yesterday and everyone I passed had a smile and 'hello' on their lips. Dog-owners kindly held their pets as I passed and I was thinking how nice it was that there was a mutual courtesy between the parties. It is so important to thank people when they stop to allow you pass: it is vital that if people are to extend the same politesse to others that we make a point of saying 'thank you'. Horse-riders and cyclists, please note. I have been both sides of this fence. There are a number of drivers who show no respect for riders on the road. At best this is extremely rude; at worst, it is life-threatening and extremely dangerous. However, if we are to encourage motorists to slow and respect our road usage, riders need to appreciate that they are not the sole users of the (taxed!) tarmac and to show their thanks to motorist who slow/stop so that they will be encouraged to do the same for someone else.

Talking of tarmac... the shower of stones layered on top of the new tarmac has dwindled by half, but the new surface is - surprise! - already showing signs of the small round holes coming through at the T-junction. I suppose that we must be grateful to have a shiny (and gritty) new road surface, but it never seems to really improve the state of affairs in the long term. I remember when they put down a real, spanking new layer of proper tarmac. Those same round holes at the T-junctions were drilled within a matter of days, followed by the cabling work through the village. It's never been the same since.

Did you know that the 01635 exchange has run out of 281 numbers? New numbers in the village are now being given 20? as a prefix.

Some high profile villagers this month - aside from the usual celebrities. Congratulations to Charlie (Ros and Rollo's Charlie). He has trained (with a little help) and, subsequently, raced his horse at Newmarket. After an eventful start to the day (transport problems) the family, horse and Charlie made, by way of borrowed car and a hitched lift, to Newmarket. It was the Newmarket Town Race in which they were participating - a three 3/4 mile amateur race. He headed the field at the end and won himself some sausages (historic prize!), much accolade and I guess, a large trophy for mother and father's sideboard. Give up the A levels, Charlie, and become a new Dettori!

Linzi (Robert's Linzi) last seen working for Meredien on the Ridgeway discussing the merits - or not - of four-wheel drive vehicles on the Ridgeway. Looked as if there was a local Land Rover in the background: we narrowed it down to one of three possible people. What a shock to see that at 10.30p.m. when we weren't expecting it.

Marnie Moyle has made it into another home/garden magazine...memory fails me which one it was, and I haven't got time to ring and wait for an answer!

And, Mick Channon has made it into Four, Four, Two (for those who aren't in The Know, that's a football magazine), photos taken courtesy of Giles, a friend of Chris.

Welcome to Arthur who has moved into Sobel Cottages in Fir Tree Paddock from Didcot.

And goodbye to Monica! There are many of us in the village who are going to miss her. She seems to have lived here for a long time (actually only 10 months) and wherever there's hard work going on, Monica is rarely far away with helping hands and a smile. I hope that her mum is pleased to have her home and that her studies she hopes to take up in Poland are successful. We look forward to seeing her next summer.

P.S. Skilled though the craftsmanship of the roofing on the church, The colour is going to take some getting used to - the contrast between the stone and tiles is dramatic. I take it that this will diminish with weathering and age and with moss growth. I believe that it has been known to spray new tiles in order to encourage this ageing (it must be the reverse of Botox!). Meanwhile I am sure that the parishioners will look forward to celebrating Harvest Festival in a newly weatherproof building, symbolic of all the hard work and graft from the community fundraising.

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MASSAGE THERAPY TO REDUCE  
STRESS AND AID RELAXATION**



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