

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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Have you visited the message board at the website recently? News and comment from around the world as well as local issues are current topics being discussed – see you there!

Welcome to Steve and Michelle Penny who moved into April Cottage on 10th December 1999 from East Challow (see the WIN website for more info).

Miss-Tofilees - (281647)

WEB WATCH

The first of a regular series? See how it goes.

Ilsley Home page - Good to see Steve & Michelle Penny getting a warm welcome to the village - and breaking all previous records for Message Board replies! Pleased also that Tina Roberts remains in touch - from a frozen NYC - and that The Harrow still beckons. I'm sure that Chris A-J would welcome postings of help and support for the upcoming Show. Do join in and have your say on the Message Board.

Two other sites to feature this month:

For Gardners:-

<http://www.quackers.currantbun.com/Garden/frame.htm>

Garden Quackers - regularly updated plant index and ideas for your own planting.

For total Anoraks:-

<http://www.gchq.gov.uk>

A five word message is hidden in the site. Got two. On way to third. Wish I'd never come across this site.

Ilsley Webmaster

<http://www.btinternet.com/~ilsley>

WEST ILSLEY MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

We are now at the end of the first month of the year 2000 and our New Year's Eve Party seems to have taken place such a long time ago! The Committee is very grateful for all the kind letters, phone calls and comments received from people saying how much they had enjoyed the evening. We would like to reiterate our thanks to the Carlisle family for all their support and loan of the magnificent barn; the Gore family for all their help and for lending us their field for the firework display; Alec Coles for spending so many days making those huge barn doors which helped to keep us warm and dry on the night; and David Rockall for gallantly organising the firework display. We would also like to thank all those people who turned up over the subsequent few days to help us clean up the barn and return all the table and chairs to the Downs School. It was quite a mammoth task and your help was much appreciated.

Organising the New Year's Eve Party, and indeed all the many fund raising events that have taken place over the last 18 months, has entailed a great deal of work. However, at all of these events we have been lucky to have had additional help from so many West Ilsley people. We would like to say a big "thank you" to you all. In addition to those people mentioned above, particular thanks are given to Annie Paynter who has given us many hours of her time, Scott and Emily at the Harrow Inn who have helped and supported us throughout and all those who gave such generous raffle prizes.

Having received so much help and seen the pleasure people have had from joining the various events has made all the hard work worthwhile.

Well over 200 copies of the West Ilsley Cook Book have been sold. A few copies remain which can be purchased from Avice Morris tel. 281341, Anne Wond tel. 281648, the Harrow Inn and the Post Office.

Finally, details of the Children's Summer Party and the Gazebo project will be announced in future editions of the West Ilsley News.

Our very best wishes to everyone for the year 2000.

Millennium Committee

WEST ILSLEY FETE – 2000

The fete committee is due to re-form in the very near future as there is a good deal of planning and organisation in the months ahead. However, the biggest issue facing us at the moment is finding people to take up roles on the committee. The majority of the outgoing committee have stepped down, two having moved out of the village, one due to a new addition to the family and increased work commitments and another two due to an impending addition to their family. I'm sure you will join us in thanking them all for their considerable efforts in making last year's show a great success. Obviously this has left us somewhat thin on the ground, to the point where unless we can find "new blood" to join the committee the show will not happen. We are therefore extremely keen to hear from anyone who would like to get involved as a committee member. In particular, we need to fill the role of Treasurer but we also need to fill other important roles.

If you are interested in helping us to continue this long-standing and much enjoyed village event, which raises considerable funds for our community, please contact Chris Allan-Jones on 281306, or Jo Gore on 281618.

PRAM SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The children celebrated Christingle at the January service and enjoyed some special Christingle sweets afterwards.

The next service will be on the theme of Stormy Weather on Tuesday 8th February at 11.00 am.

The services are for 0-5 year olds plus parent, grandparent, carer etc. and last for approximately half an hour. The atmosphere is very informal and we would love to see new faces.

Liz Dray - (281704)

PLAYGROUND

Throughout the last two years, both the Playground Committee and the Parish Council put a lot of effort into securing a suitable site for a playground in West Ilsley. You may remember that the village survey of 1998 identified the ground adjacent to the tennis court and beside the Harrow as the preferred locations. In addition to this, the paddock behind the pond was investigated as an alternative.

Regretfully, we were unsuccessful in persuading the various land-owners/managers to agree to leasing or selling a plot. It has therefore been agreed with the Parish Council that the Playground Committee be disbanded. Money accrued through fund-raising will be donated to an organisation or event which will benefit the children of West Ilsley.

Both the Playground Committee and the Parish Council remain in agreement with villagers that a playground would be a valuable community resource and, that if in the future a suitable plot of land becomes available, the subject should be re-investigated.

Tracey Allan-Jones

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for February 2000:-

6th February:- 11.00 am

All Age Service

13th February:- 8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

20th February:- 9.30 am

Family Communion

QUIZ NIGHT

Put the date of Friday, 10th March in the diary *right now* and get your teams of four together. A quiz night for fund-raising for the church will be in the village hall, starting at 7.30 pm. There will be a bar and ploughman's-type food, together with a lot of fun for the evening. So start compiling lists of obscure (and

not so obscure) facts in the next four of five weeks and you could end up in the West Ilsley Hall of Fame!
Table numbers will be limited, so first come, first served. Entry fee £5.00 per team – please contact me on 281625 or Jan Sheppard on 281345.

Ian Fewtrell-Smith