

West Ilsley News

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July 2008

DIARY

JUNE

28-29th Camp out

JULY

5th Pre-fete dance

6th Fete

Members £7, non-members £10. Tokens can be used. Names to J Collier 281283.

Domestic Electrical Installation

Building regulation Part P Compliant installation/inspection/testing/fault finding and certification

Portable Appliance Testing @ 110/240 VAC

Contact Keith Pentecost

Tel: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)

Mobile: 07985-797333

ANYONE FOR TENNIS ?

Would you like to be part of an informal group that meets once a week in the summer to play tennis for fun?

Are you available on a Monday or Wednesday evening?

If you fancy playing tennis for fun, exercise and fresh air in this fantastic village setting, then all you need to do is let me know, and as soon as there is enough interest, I will book the court. All standards welcome – I'm definitely rubbish, and Andy is a bit better! Bring your own racket and balls. Contact details by email to racketandballs@googlemail.com Or

Put a note through our door – Calendar House (up the track behind the pub)

Carole Driver

FREE LIFT TO NEWBURY

Would anyone like a lift to Newbury each day, leaving West Ilsley around 7.30 am? Help me reduce my carbon footprint. Telephone 281600

CHILDREN'S CHURCH,

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

At our June service the children heard the story of Noah's Ark. They brought their own toy animals and they enjoyed sticking animals on to a large picture of the ark. On Thursday 17 July we will be meeting at the cricket pitch rather than the church at 4pm, weather permitting. Drinks will be provided but please bring your child a picnic and we will be organising some games.

We will then take a break over the summer and will re-convene in the church at 4pm on Thursday 18 September when our theme will be "Harvest".

If you would like any further details please do contact us on the following numbers:

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

EVERGREENS

On Sunday July 6th the Evergreens have a cake stall at West Ilsley Fete. Cake, jams, marmalade – anything edible gratefully received by 12 noon in the marquee please.

On Tuesday 15th July we shall be leaving by coach from outside West Ilsley church at 8.30 am for an outing to Swanage.



Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Tuesday 29th July

Contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy and "word" file, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. Contact details:

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BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION

I thought it may be both prudent and beneficial to use the medium of this periodical to introduce myself to the village at large as your new postman.

Some of you have already been acquainted, some of you may have no particular wish to be so and some may say "what's a postman?" (Sounds like an ex male!)

Anyway enough of the levity and down to the important bit before you lose total interest and file the whole thing in the recycling bin.

My name is Bill, one could almost say it's eponymous given what I deliver. I have not travelled too far as I used to roam the streets of Compton before being "posted" to West Ilsley. I cannot offer a great deal, no free offers, no discounts for pensioners or dogs and definitely no dallying with the local girls but I will try to deliver your post safely, and where ever possible in a dry condition (sic), in return I only ask that you advise me of where to leave items if you are not going to be in residence to receive, it's amazing the number of people who on answering the door express surprise when presented with a parcel which they have obviously ordered but forgotten about, so a note to say leave with Auntie Maude would be appreciated, assuming I know who Auntie Maude is and finally to get back to dogs please keep unruly ones under control because despite the picture postcard impression of the dog chasing the postman it's not at all funny and the results can be very serious for the health of both parties.

Having said all that I hope to have a few years with you before the ferryman calls so please accept me for who I am before the moguls of Whitehall finally abolish the postal system and I have a c.i.t.e.s. order placed on me.

ILSLEY UNDER 5s Amanda Knight

The Toddler Group held a very successful cake stall at the East Ilsley Sheep Fair last month. We raised a very welcome £80 for the Toddler Group and we are very grateful to all those who baked cakes and/or manned the stall. Many thanks also to those who supported us by buying our cakes; we hope you enjoyed them! We will also be manning the "Hook-a-duck" stall once again at the forthcoming West Ilsley Fete. Looking forward to the rest of the term, we will be holding a teddy bears' picnic immediately after our session on 16 July. Our last session will be on 23 July after which we intend organising a garden rota for the summer break (back by popular demand!). Further details for both the teddy bears' picnic and the garden rota will be available closer to the time.

(Ilsley Under Fives Toddler Group meets on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall (term time only). We have heaps of toys, ride-ons and a baby area for the littlest ones and tea and coffee for the parents/carers. New faces always welcome! For further details please feel free to contact me (281609).)



West Ilsley Fete 6th July

Children's Fancy dress is back!
This year's theme is

Around the World in 80 days

Free entry on the day.
Prizes to be won!

5 years and under
6 years and over

WEST ILSLEY FETE 6TH JULY 12NOON - 4PM

We are just over a week away from the fete and nobody is panicking yet (except me) – something must be wrong!

Remember that this week the garden judges will be around the village looking for the **Best Hanging Basket** and the **Best Kept Front Garden** so get weeding and watering if you want to be in with a chance of winning a cup. Listed below are the categories for the produce show. If you were a winner last year and received a cup, please return it on the day or to me. A reminder that registration for entries closes at **12.30pm**.

Flowers & Ornaments

1. Roses – three blooms of any variety
2. Button hole/corsage
3. Five flowers in shades of pink
4. Container of flowers (max pot dimension 30cm)
5. Miniature arrangement (max W 15 cm x L 15 cm x H 15 cm)

Fruit & Vegetables

6. Three potatoes of any variety on a plate
7. Three onions or shallots
8. Strangest shape fruit or vegetable
9. Longest runner bean

10. Tray of mixed vegetables (max 6)
Home Cooking
11. Jar of preserve (Jam, Marmalade or chutney)
12. Home-made drink (e.g. Elderflower cordial, lemonade, wine)
13. Gentlemen only – Cookies of any variety
14. Victoria sponge

Photography

15. Photo of West Ilsley village life
16. Photo of family or friends
17. Photo of wildlife/countryside
18. Photo of pets

Children's Classes (Under 7's)

19. A miniature garden (under 30 x 45 cm)
22. Painting or drawing of family, pets or your house
22. Fruit/vegetable animal
22. Six fairy cakes on a plate

Children's Classes (Under 12's)

23. A miniature garden (under 30 x 45 cm)
24. Hand made card for any occasion
25. Painting or drawing of family, pets or your house
26. Six fairy cakes on a plate

We desperately need more helpers on the day so please spare some time for this worthy cause and volunteer to set up, man a stall or clear up at the end.

Get in touch with any of the committee members to offer help. We are Jo Coles, Katharine Gibbs, Vicky Griffiths, Sue Simmons, Helen Tallant and Hayley Watling.

Sue Simmons -

281460/suesimmons@toucansurf.com

Under 12s West Ilsley Kid's Disco
Saturday 5th July
in marquee on the cricket ground
2pm - 3.30pm
Only £2.50 per child
Drinks and Snacks included!

(All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult).

Tickets on Sale now.

Contact: Katharine on 07737 943 878

Email: pawswoodtherapy@yahoo.co.uk

Vikki on 07917 005 963

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Helen on 01635 281 228

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH FINANCES

At a recent PCC meeting it was thought that the people of West Ilsley, who always give so generously at our fund raising events, might like to

know how All Saints Church finances are put to use.

In 2007 All Saints outgoings were approximately £9,200 which covered chiefly the Parish share, upkeep of the church and a few other general expenses. The Parish Share (in 2007 a sum of £7,100) goes towards the income of our clergy. Other church costs of insurance, lighting, organist etc. came to approximately £2,100 in the same year. This year, we have received a grant from the WI Trust towards that insurance.

It may come as a surprise that despite being part of an established state church, we receive no state funding apart from Gift Aid returns, nor from the national church. We are entirely dependent on local giving.

Income was generated primarily from collections in church, donations and fund raising, as is always the case. Most of this income was unplanned, apart from the sum of £1,360 from Gift Aided standing orders, some of which were set up some years ago. Taking the outgoings of £9,200 in 2007, we had to find an average of nearly £770 a month. As our average receipts from planned giving were only £113 a month, we had to find over £650 a month from other unspecified sources. This imposes a huge reliance on fund raising. As no one can predict the success of a fund raising event, we are always in rather a precarious position financially. We all know that cost of living prices seem to be rising strongly lately, and unfortunately your Church has not been insulated from these, particularly in respect to insurance, electricity etc. We are continuously grateful to all who give so generously to All Saints, but as a small congregation we still have to find considerable funds.

So, to those already giving, would you be able to review your standing order amount to help meet today's costs? For those who might like to donate by standing order, and every little helps, a Gift Aid form will need to be filled in. Please phone Kay Fewtrell-Smith on 281625 for a form.

**FOUNDATION LEARNING AT
NEWBURY COLLEGE**

What can we do for you?

Newbury College Foundation Learning department offers a wide range of courses for adults with learning disabilities, giving the chance to learn a variety of skills and study towards different qualifications, offering progression through to work and work experience.

As well as courses during term-time, we run courses and events over the summer break, both in college and in the community.

We are always trying to improve our service and we need to hear from you. If you, someone in your family or someone you know has a learning

disability and would like to tell us what courses they would like to see in West Berkshire, then come along to our Open Day on 23rd June at Newbury College.

If you can't come along, then contact Kate Brennan or Chris Copeland on 01635 845367 or email c-copeland@newbury-college.ac.uk and make sure that your views are heard.

LOOKING FOR FUNDING?

A grants scheme operated by The North Wessex Downs AONB is available to help deliver local projects that have a positive impact on the environment of the North Wessex Downs.

Grants up to 75% of the total cost are available from the Sustainable Development Fund.

These grants can fund a range of projects that raise awareness, understanding and appreciation of the unique qualities and sensitivities of the North Wessex Downs, for example:

- Recording, promoting and celebrating local biodiversity
- Training in rural skills
- Restoring local features or viewpoints
- Developing the use of renewable energy in the community or on the farm
- Promoting the consumption of local produce
- Producing parish plans
- Installing village gateways
- Developing markets for woodland products

Who can apply?

- Community and voluntary groups and groups working in partnership
- Charities
- Local authorities and Parish Councils
- The private sector

Larger grants, over £5,000, will require a comprehensive business plan.

If you are interested in applying, visit www.northwessexdowns.org.uk for more information or

contact John Tabor at the North Wessex Downs office on 01488 685 440.

We're waiting to hear from you!

Any project supported by this scheme must be fully completed by 31 March 2009.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH Rosanne Pilditch

July Church Services

6th All Age Communion 10am
13th Holy Communion – BCP 8am

20th All Age Worship 11am
27th No service No service

Bottle donations please – if you have any donations for the Village Fete Bottle Stall please give them to Ian Fewtrell-Smith or myself.

Grand Church Clean – Saturday 12th July from 10.30am

Bring on the marigolds!

We will be cleaning the church from top to bottom and we would like to encourage you all to come and join us – any help that you can give us at some point during the day will be greatly appreciated – even if it's only you and your marigolds for 30 minutes! For all those of you who came to help last time you know that there is lots of fun to be had whilst cleaning and it made such a wonderful difference to the church. Please come and help us, armed with your marigolds, duster, strimmer or bucket and mop – whatever is your chosen weapon.



Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 17th September at 7.30pm – the Downland Confirmation service will be held in All Saints, West Ilsley – everyone is welcome to attend the service to welcome the new communicants into our community.

Sunday 5th October – Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall.

Saturday 1st November at 7.30pm – Winter Warmer in the Village Hall.

BOTTLES NEEDED PLEASE

The church is running the bottle stall this year at the Village Fete.

There will be a doorstep collection of bottle donations on

Wednesday 2nd July 5 – 7pm

Alternatively please contact Ian Fewtrell-Smith (281625) or

Rosanne Pilditch (280553) to make your donation.

All bottles will be very gratefully received!