

West Ilsley News

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ILSLEY EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle



On Sunday July 9th July the Evergreens have a cake stall at the West Ilsley Fete. Cakes or anything edible are welcomed

from members and non-members.

On Wednesday 19th July, there will be an outing by coach to Henley and Marlow, leaving from outside West Ilsley Church at 9.30 am. Members £7, non-members £10. Names to J Collier 281283.

ensure that the delivery system doesn't quietly break down and we don't realize it's happening. We'll probably do some sort of audit of the system in another few months to check how it's going.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on Monday 10th July at 7pm. We will have a guest speaker from the West Berkshire Recycling team, who will be speaking about recycling and composting and there will also be an opportunity for parishioners to come forward for potential co-option onto the Council.

WIN BY EMAIL Andrea Cook

Due to the wonders of electronics (which are a mystery to me!), there have been a few occasions when people haven't received their emailed copy and nor have I received a delivery failure message, so I don't know anything is wrong. Rather than me keep sending emails to see if everyone has got it, please assume that the email will be with you by the first of each month, and if you don't receive it please tell me. As you are aware, we really want to keep to the principle of a free copy to each household so are very keen to



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

DIARY

JULY

8 th	Strawberry Ball
9 th	West Ilsley Fete
10 th	Parish Council Meeting

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Thursday 27th July

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

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ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services for July:

Sunday 2 nd	All Age Worship	11.00am
Sunday 9 th	Holy Communion	8.00am
Sunday 16 th	Family Communion	9.30am
Sunday 23 rd	No Service	
Sunday 30 th	No Service	

Venue for Services

Please note that while the work on the roof is carried out in July and August services will take place in the village hall.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

At the June service the children heard and helped read the story of David and Goliath. This was our last service in the church before the summer break as our event in July will be a picnic at the cricket pitch on Thursday 13 July from 4pm onwards. We would be grateful if you would provide your own picnic; we will be organising some games for the children but would appreciate some extra toys for them to play with.

Mums and Tots Coffee morning (for the very young and their carers)

This is a monthly get together at The Rectory in Peasmore 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. The next date will be Thursday 6 July.

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

West Ilsley Fete Bottle Stall

Sunday 9th July

Run by The Village Hall Committee

There will be an Under 18's and Over 18's bottle stall at the fete.

Bottles of liquids or jars of goodies are most welcome.

Donations for the stall can be delivered to The Poplars or a door to door collection by the committee (Alison Banks, Audrey Tizzard, Angela Ryan and Fred Carter) will commence on Monday 3rd July from 7.30pm.

Many thanks in advance.

WIN WALKS walking in the neighbourhood

Fred Carter

A circular walk starting from Chaddleworth - 4 miles (Map O/S Explorer 158)

The Ibx Inn is a grade 3 listed building. During the 17th century the building consisted of two cottages, being part of a larger farm complex. Before becoming an Inn, it was an off-licence and, before that a bakery.



With your back to the Inn, turn left, to reach a road junction. Turn right along Farnborough Road, passing some thatched cottages. At the next junction continue straight ahead uphill, and just past the entrance to Chaddleworth House, turn right along a lane signed 'To the Church.' Go through the gate into the churchyard and follow the path around to the left of the Church (St Andrew's) heading towards a hedge just to the right of a large tree. Bear right here, keeping the hedge on your right, to reach a gate. Go through and turn left along a track. At the far end, go over a stile and bear right across a field to reach its far corner. Here go through a gate and walk ahead down a road. Follow the road as it bends right passing Manor Farm on the left. At the road junction take care when crossing the road and continue up the track opposite, passing a barn on your left. At a farm cross track, go through a gate and, turn right, and head across the field beyond. At the field corner, turn left along the field for about 50 yards looking for a right turn over a stile way marked with yellow arrows. Bear left across two fields to reach a stile in the opposite corner near Woolley Farm. Cross the stile and turn right along a road to reach a cross roads. Turn right and after about 50 yards turn left up a farm track, follow it until you reach a corner of Spray Woods. Follow the track as it bends right, keeping the woods on your right. At the far corner of the wood, at a path junction, turn right still keeping the wood on your right as you continue along the woodland edge. At the far end of the wood you emerge on to a road, at a bend continue straight ahead along the road, following it back to Chaddleworth

DROUGHT UPDATE Liz Dray

In response to Polly's enquiry in May, yes, May was "wet" for a drought with 13 cm rainfall. However, June has been exceptionally dry and the reading on the well in our garden has dropped by 32 cm. We have benefited from some lovely Friday evenings at the cricket club and marvellous weather for camp-out but no doubt the poor gardens are suffering.

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR JULY

1st XI SATURDAY

01	2pm	Chesterton	Home
08	2pm	Swinbrook	Away
15	2pm	Great Horwood 2ndXI	Away
22	2pm	Oxford	Away
29	2pm	Hanney	Home

2nd XI SATURDAY

01	2pm	Kings Sutton	Away
08	2pm	Combe	Away
15	2pm	Harley	Home
22	2pm	Hook Norton	Home
29	2pm	Westbury	Away

SUNDAY

09	2.00pm	2XI Cup Semi -Finals Brightwalton 6-A-Side	
16	2-00pm	Brightwalton 1XI Cup Semi-Finals	Home
23	2.30pm	Chelsea Nomads	Home
30	2.30pm	Yattendon 2XI Cup Final	Away

Junior Cricket Coaching

Back by popular demand, cricket coaching for 4 year olds and over at the cricket pitch, Friday nights, 6.30pm, £1 per child. For further information please contact Tony Scriven on 281405 or Kevin Holloway on 281556.



ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Amanda Knight

Earlier in June our Toddlers took to the cricket pitch in order to take part in "the Big Toddle". Well done to all of them for successfully raising over £80 in aid of Barnados and many thanks to those who sponsored them. On 19th July we will be holding an end of term picnic at the cricket pitch after our usual session at the Village Hall. Whilst we will not be meeting at the Village Hall for the rest of July and throughout August, we are in the process of organising a garden rota so that members of the group can host informal get-togethers in their gardens on Wednesday mornings during the summer holidays. A copy of the rota will be available at Toddlers shortly.

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 contact me (281609) or Katharine Young (281539).

JOB VACANCIES

I am the manager of the Piglets Day Nursery in Compton. I have positions available for supply staff within the nursery for people who have a passion and experience in caring for children. My supply staff work anywhere between 5-40 hours per week depending on the staffing levels in the nursery and their own availability. Please contact me for further information.

Lucy Fogg 01635 579313

Piglets Day Nursery, Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Institute of Animal Health, Churn Road, Compton, Newbury RG20 7NN

WEST ILSLEY FETE

SUNDAY 9TH JULY, 1 - 5PM

The West Ilsley Fete is on **SUNDAY 9th JULY** at the new start time of **1pm** on the recreation ground. The entry fee this year is £1 for adults but **FREE** for children.

A few more volunteers are required to run the stalls, so if you would like to help please call Karen on 281876.

We have Go Karts for four to nine-year olds, a big bouncy slide, children's dancing and football, a brass band, lots of side shows and games and plenty of food and drink. The art exhibition and craft fayre will be in the marquee as usual. Mr Muddle will also be roaming around the field entertaining the children.

Books, Bric a Brac and Crockery Smashing stalls:

Please bring any Books, Bric a Brac and unwanted crockery to the recreation field on the day of the fete if you can. If you can't store the items until then, please call Karen on 281876 and I will arrange storage for you.

Children's Races

There will be a range of children's races on Fete day. The race list and timings will be provided in your programme when you arrive at the Fete and also by the race track.

Fun Dog Show:

The dog show will start at 2pm on the day and there are classes to suit all dogs and owners:

- Class 1: Dog with the waggiest tail
- Class 2: Best party trick
- Class 3a: Best handler aged 7 and over
- Class 3b: Best handler aged under 7
- Class 4: Dog the judge would most like to take home
- Class 5: Handsomest dog
- Class 6: Prettiest bitch
- Class 7: Best in Show – winners from all classes invited back



Entry fees will be £1 per class. You do not have to register your dog in advance - just turn up with your pooch, head for the show ring and listen for the announcements for each class. Please contact Katharine Gibbs at 1 Church Way if you need more information.

PRODUCE SHOW:

It is time to start preparing your entries for the Produce Show. Please note that the **Fete starts at 1pm** this year and you have to bring your produce show entries in by **1-30pm** to allow time for the judging. Good luck to you all and please enter as many classes as you can.

The full list of classes is printed below. Entry to the classes is **FREE**. Just bring along your entries on the day, write your name and class number on a label (provided) and stick it on the underside of your entry. Then place your entries on the tables according to the classes marked. There will be Rosettes and Prizes for the children and Cups for the overall winners in the adult categories.

Men Only Competition to bake the best scones:

A £10 prize is on offer to the bloke making the best scones. You can make any variety, sweet or savoury. Don't let Fred and Russ steal the prize again! Here's a recipe to help you out if you need one:

Ingredients

225g/8oz self-raising flour

2tsp baking powder

50g/2oz butter

25g/1oz caster sugar

1 egg

milk

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 220C/425F/Gas7. Lightly grease two baking trays.

2. Measure the flour and baking powder into a bowl, then add the butter and rub in with the fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.

3. Break the egg into a measuring jug, then make up to 150ml/5fl oz with milk. Stir the egg and milk into the flour - you may not need it all - and mix to a soft but not sticky dough. Turn out on to a lightly floured work surface, knead lightly and then roll out to a thickness of 2cm.

4. Cut into rounds with a 5cm/2in cutter and place them on the prepared baking trays. Brush the tops with a little extra milk, or any egg and milk left in the jug, and bake in the oven for about 10 minutes or until they are a pale golden brown. Lift onto a wire rack to cool.

Potato Competition:

For those of you who entered the potato competition this year, just bring your plant in its pot. We will weigh the potatoes for you. Good luck!

The competition for the **Best Hanging Baskets** and **Best Garden** will take place again this year. All you have to do is put out your hanging baskets and make your garden look extra-special. It costs nothing to enter and there are cups for the winners. Judging will take place during the **weekend before the fete**.

Produce Show Classes 2006

Flowers and Ornamentals

- 1 Roses - 3 blooms of any variety
- 2 3 blooms of any flower
- 3 Five flowers in shades of pink
- 4 Container of flowers (max pot size 30cm longest dimension or diameter)
- 5 Houseplant, in flower or just foliage
- 6 Fruits and Vegetables
- 7 One dish of soft fruit, any variety
- 8 Potatoes, 3
- 9 Onions or shallots, 3
- 10 Beans / peas, 3 pods any variety
- 11 Courgettes, 3
- 12 Highest weight of potatoes - grown from one seed potato (provided) in up to 30cm pot

Flower Arranging

- 13 Arrangement in any container, max 60w x 60d x 60 cm high
- 14 A buttonhole
- 15 Miniature arrangement (max 15w x15d x15h cm)

Home Cooking

- 16 Jar of jam
- 17 Jar of marmalade
- 18 Jar of chutney
- 19 6 sausage rolls
- 20 Victoria sponge cake
- 21 Home made drink (eg elderflower cordial, lemonade, sloe gin, wine, beer)
- 22 Gentlemen only - 6 scones

Handicraft

- 23 Specimen of needlework
- 24 Knitted item
- 25 Specimen of any handicraft
- 26 Home made greetings card

Photography

- 27 Funniest photo
- 28 Photo of a pet
- 29 Photo of a flower / flowers
- 30 Photo of family or friends
- 31 Holiday photo
- 32 The seasons

Children's Classes (under 7)

- 33 A miniature garden, not exceeding 30 x 45 cm
- 34 A drawing or painting of a butterfly
- 35 Hand made greetings card
- 36 Food face on a paper plate
- 37 Home made article; eg. toy, needlecraft, handicraft

- 37 A bird or animal made from fruit and / or vegetables

Children's Classes (7-12)

- 38 A miniature garden, not exceeding 30 x 45 cm
- 39 Hand made greetings card
- 40 Hand made article; toy, needlecraft, handicraft
- 41 Painting or drawing of an under-water scene
- 42 Home made cake, biscuits or sweets
- 43 A bird or animal made from fruit and / or vegetables

**DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE
COMPTON**

Summer at last!! Well at the time of writing this we are into the 2nd dry, warm day following what seemed like an age of wet, miserable weather. Let's hope it lasts.

Our summer holiday activity programme starts on Monday 24th July and runs through the summer until Friday 25th August (10.00 am – 2.30 pm / Monday to Friday). As usual it will be packed with fun and games for children aged between 5 and 11 years and of course, fun in the outdoor pool will be a daily activity (weather permitting!) The programme will be distributed to local schools and if your child has attended the sessions before you will automatically be on our mailing list. If you would like a copy and neither of the above apply to you please contact us on the number below. The activities are very popular and places limited so please book early to ensure that neither 'you' nor your child is disappointed!

The pool will also be open for public use from Monday 24th July until Friday 1st September (2.30 – 5.30 pm / Monday – Friday). If you have not been to the Centre before, the pool is an outdoor, heated pool with a shallow end (approx. 3') which graduates to a deep end (approx 6'). It is manned by a qualified lifeguard during opening hours. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Non swimmers must have an adult in the pool with them at all times who is responsible for their safety.

If you enjoy playing Tennis, please ask about our Tennis Courts which can be booked for use most evenings from 6 – 10 pm (Monday – Friday).

If you would like more information about any of the above, or indeed about any other activities held at the Downland Sports Centre, please contact us on 01635 578866 between the hours of 6 – 10pm (Mon. – Fri) or pop in to the Centre.

Have a great summer!

LINK-UP

Erika works for a charity called Link-up which provides a packaging/mailshot service for businesses in the South East. The work is done by adults with learning disabilities, the trainees, who learn a variety of skills to help them.

The trainees take a 2-3yr course run at our new purpose built sheltered work skills unit on New Greenham Park just outside Newbury. After they have completed the course Link-Up offers them the chance of a work placement in the community working with local businesses and charities.

Alison is a supervisor at Link-Up "Our workshop has an average of 22 trainees per day. We take on various types of jobs for outside companies; packaging, mail shots, assembly work, shrink wrapping that sort of thing. All employees are expected to conduct themselves as expected in a working environment; they dress appropriately, work hard and are encouraged to use their initiative. It all helps them gain valuable work skills".

Occasionally employers can be wary of giving someone with learning disabilities a chance. They may have misconceptions of how trainees will cope with new situations confronting them but these are quickly allayed by Erika the Link-Up job coach. She explained, "All our trainees are matched by me to the job but only after extensive consultations with themselves, their key workers and all the staff here at Link-Up, in fact, we welcome as much input as possible because the more we have, the easier it is to settle the trainee into the placement."

The trainee is initially fully supported by Erika then they are introduced to a volunteer.

The Link-Up staff are a friendly dedicated bunch and make all newcomers very welcome.

Sandra has recently joined the staff in the work skills unit. "I used to work in admin but needed a change...I'm so glad I did...its such a rewarding experience...you get a lot back from it."

A volunteer helping by supporting an individual in a work placement told us. "I look forward to coming to help. The support we get is great, training was interesting and informative, all my questions were answered and even e-mailed to me! I gain so much satisfaction from volunteering here".

Another volunteer is hoping to go on to study psychology. "I chose Link-Up (to volunteer) simply because they offered an opportunity to work with adults with learning disabilities. Link Up are part of West Berkshire Mencap so are well respected; they offered complete reassurance by way of my training and their on-going support."

Volunteers are a very important cog in the Link-Up wheel and are needed on a 1-1 basis to support individuals working in the community. They receive appropriate training and support from

Erika and the rest of the team before being asked to venture out. The trainees work in a surprising variety of jobs such as dog walking, supermarkets, hotels, libraries, garden centres, residential homes, meals on wheels, the list goes on.

This is a rewarding experience enabling everyone to learn new skills, enhance existing ones and improve communications. Accessing work means people with learning disabilities can gain higher self-esteem and promote a sense of achievement. Without our volunteers help Link-up cannot offer that chance of a working experience to all their trainees. It just isn't possible.

"If there is anyone interested in volunteering we would be only too pleased to see them. One day a week 10am to 3pm can really make a difference."

Telephone: Erika @ Link-Up 01635 500 850 or e-mail: Erika@link-up-project.org.uk

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News from The Ilsleys Primary School
- July 2006

The summer term is drawing to a close with a few weeks left to go until the holidays. It has been an outstanding year at The Ilsleys and this summer term has been no exception. As I always say, the children are a real credit to our community – well behaved, focused on doing their best and really happy.

During the summer term (and continuing into the autumn) we have been lucky to have Berkshire Maestros in once a week teaching a group of year 4/5s how to play the cornet – what an opportunity! We have also had a wonderful trip to the Corn Exchange to see a young talented piano player, had workshops by the BBC symphony orchestra plus a visit to the Hexagon to see them play. It has been a musical few months!

We have recently introduced new equipment at playtimes to further enhance the children's sports skills. We have new bats and balls, shooting practice games, big balancing feet and much more - the children are very lucky! All these have been made possible by last years Sainsbury vouchers. I'm pleased to say this year we have even more (7456!!!) which is enough to order 2 basketball posts – Hurrah. Thanks to all those in the community that have supported us by sending in vouchers, they are much appreciated.

Competitive sport is also going strong. We have taken part, played sportingly and achieved in a range of activities against other schools in the area. We have taken part in the following - a netball festival, a Kwik Cricket tournament, a tennis competition and an athletics meeting. Our country dancing team also shone at the Sheep

Fair. I am proud of the range of sport we do for such a small school.

As I write we are currently being inspected by OFSTED and I will feed back their finding to you when our report is published.

Exciting events happening over the next few weeks including...

...a whole **day of sport** where we will see which house will win the sports shield – will it be Hearts, Diamonds, Spades or Clubs?

...the **country dancing** team performing at the West Ilsley Show.

...the school choir will sing with the Steventon Singers at a **summer concert** at the church in East Ilsley.

...the whole school will star in '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**' as our big annual production.

...the **year 6 leavers assembly** where they show their talents and we wave goodbye with sadness.

As always, if you have any queries about the school or want to know more about the above events, please don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

We look forward to another successful year starting in September where we will continue 'Achieving More Together.'

Felix Rayner

Headteacher - The Ilsleys Primary School

THANKS

Liz Dray

I am sure I speak for all participants in conveying a huge Thank You to the organizers and helpers of another fantastic comp-out. The children are so privileged to have access to such beautiful countryside and woodland and their enjoyment and the "talking about it in the weeks leading up to it are undoubtedly due to the hard work and great ideas of the organising team.

CAMP OUT REPORT

17th and 18th June, 2006

Once again many village children and their families took part in the Camp Out. As usual it was a great opportunity for all village and ex village children and their parents to mix. It was particularly good to welcome new faces to the village and to Camp Out.

About 35-40 enjoyed an afternoon of fun in the woods involving adventure treks for all ages. The Under 5's enjoyed a scavenger hunt and learnt all about the local woodland. The 5-8 yr old girls learnt camp skills, building the fire and cooking tea whilst the 5+ boys had an afternoon orienteering, building a tepee and constructing a rope hoist to carry them across the "ravine".

Many thanks to all our leaders who led the activities – Paul, Pete, Dries, Guy, Alexandra, Sophie, Angela, Sue and Katie who put in their time and enthusiasm.

Then the real camping started as tents and parents arrived. Our camp site of 20 tents was perfect, as was the weather 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 who made it happen.

See you next year!

Alison, Angela, Peter Carlisle and Paul Willis.

PRE SHOW DANCE

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

The pre show dance, 'The Strawberry Ball', to be held in the marquee on Saturday the 8 July is being organised this year by the cricket club, so make sure you have the date firmly noted on the calendar. A live group, string quartet and disco are due to provide the music - something for everyone. Tickets priced at £15 to include buffet. For further information please contact Kevin Holloway 01635281556



Creative Textiles Exhibition

Friday 7th & Saturday 8th July 2006

Newbury College is the venue for this exciting display by City & Guilds Machine Embroidery students, local branches of the Embroiders' Guild, a local Quilt Group and individual textile artists. There will also be trade stands and demonstrations of a wide range of textile techniques throughout both days.

Opening times: Friday 9:30-16:30 & Saturday 9:30-15:00

For further details, please contact Newbury College Adult Continuing Education on 01635 845292.



Newbury College