

West Ilsley News

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June 2008

DIARY

JUNE

28-29th Camp out

JULY

5th Pre-fete dance
6th Fete

Portsmouth or Southsea. 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

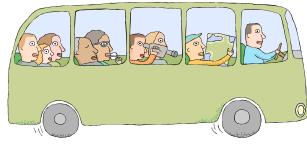


FREE ANTIQUE VALUATION DAY

Bonhams, the International Fine Arts and Antiques Auctioneers, will be holding free Antiques Valuation days at the West Ilsley Village Hall, Main Street, West Ilsley on Friday June 27 between 10am and 12noon. Our expert would be delighted to appraise items including silver, ceramics, pictures, clocks and furniture with a view to sale. To make an appointment or for further information about our other services please contact the local Henley on Thames office on 01491 413636 or email: henley@bonhams.com. Bonhams, The Coach House, 66 Northfield End, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 2JN

EVERGREENS

On Thursday 12th June we shall be leaving by coach from outside West Ilsley church at 8.30 am for an outing to



WEST ILSLEY FETE - 6TH JULY 12 NOON - 4PM

With only Five weeks to go, the fete preparations are almost complete. This year, as well as the old favourites such as the highly competitive East V West football match, you can try your hand at Tug of War, test your aim in the Stocks and have a go at Sumo wrestling!

If you are after something a little more gentle, a wander around the jewellery, clothing and cake stalls might be more your cup of tea; although wrestling over a bargain on the Bric a Brac stall is not uncommon!

Refreshments will be provided by The Friends of the Ilsleys, the cricket club and Dewi on the BBQ. Fierce competition is often the order of the day in the Produce Tent, so listed below are the categories for this years Produce Show. Don't forget that the week before the fete, the garden judges will be around the village judging the **Best Hanging Basket** and the **Best Kept Front Garden**.

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Wednesday 25th June

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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Flowers & Ornamentals

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

As always the fete only succeeds with YOUR help. Please volunteer some of your time to help set up, man a stall or clear up at the end. We also need unwanted, broken crockery for smashing. Get in touch with any of the committee members to offer to help. We are Jo Coles, Katharine Gibbs, Vicky Griffiths, Sue Simmons, Helen Tallant and Hayley Watling.

Sue Simmons -
281460/suesimmons@toucansurf.com

NEW RECYCLING SCHEME!

Jackie Ward

West Ilsley can expect delivery of their new recycling containers the week commencing 9th June. Every home will receive 2 green boxes and 1 green bag. With the new containers a leaflet will be delivered which explains what can go in each container and explains when the new service will

start. The new service will introduce plastic bottles and cardboard to the collection.

As part of the new collection we have rescheduled the collection rounds to make them more efficient so we will be changing from a Monday to a Thursday collection from Thursday June 26th. This is a refuse only collection day. West Ilsley will receive their first collection of the new boxes on Thursday 3rd July

Key Dates:

- w/c 9th June anticipated delivery of the new recycling boxes
- w/c 23rd June collection day change to Thursday
- Thursday June 26th refuse collected
- Thursday 3rd July refuse and new recycling collected

DOWNTON SPORTS CENTRE

Tracey Weaver

It's hard to believe that summer is nearly here! This is being written on the first (I think!) warm summer's day we've had this year and it's lovely. We will, by the time you read this, have had the main sports hall cleaned and redecorated which will hopefully make your use of the Centre a more enjoyable experience.

We are currently looking for two new instructors. An aerobics instructor to take two classes on a Thursday evening (another evening can be discussed) and someone to take over the Archery session on a Thursday evening (7pm – 8pm). Bill Evans has been the Archery instructor for more years than I can remember and is now ready to give it up (he did a while ago but we asked him to cover for a few weeks and he is still here!!). Please do contact us if you have the relevant qualifications to coach/instruct and we will be delighted to tell you more.

The Summer Holiday programme for our younger customers (5 – 11 years) will run from Monday 28th July to Friday 22nd August). If you would like a copy of future programmes e-mailed to you, please send an e-mail to us at lambournrec@westberks.gov.uk requesting this. You will then receive the programme this way in the future.

FUN RUN

Sean Ryan

Run, walk, cycle or ride with us at 10.30am on Sunday, June 15, starting in Church Way. Around 30 people have taken part in these runs over the last two months so it's a great way to meet people while you're getting some exercise! We're going to push our distance up to about four miles for the next one but the pace will be gentle so why not give it a go?

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Rosanne Pilditch

Church Services for June

1	All Age Communion	10am
8	Holy Communion – BCP	8am
15	All Age Worship	11am
22	No service	
29	Holy Communion – BCP	8am

Following their ordinations on 29th June in Oxford, the Benefice's new curates, Graham and Kate Stacey, will move into the Peasemore Rectory with their three children, Anna, Beth and Daniel. They will be job-sharing the curate's post and will spend time in both this Benefice and the Brightwalton Benefice to fulfil their training requirements; thus we will see more of the Rev. John Townend who will lead some of our services. This is a very exciting opportunity for us to have a young family leading us with some of our services and church activities and we very much look forward to personally welcoming them all. Please do take the time to introduce yourself to Kate, Graham and their children next time you are in church.

A United Benefice service to welcome Kate, Graham and their children will be held at 6pm in Brightwalton, followed by a party in Brightwalton village hall and everyone is very warmly invited to attend both events.

Plant and Cake Sale

The church's annual Plant and Cake Sale was held in the garden of the Old Rectory last month. The rain stayed away so many came to show their support and purchased the plants and delicious homemade cakes. Thank you to all those that kindly donated cakes and plants and a huge thank you to Ros and Rollo Duckworth for hosting the sale. Just over £400 was raised for church funds.



FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH News from The Ilsleys Primary School - May 2008

The Spring Term ended with a hustle and bustle. The children enjoyed an exciting trip to Swindon Football Club, they were put through their paces on the football pitch and had a guided tour behind the scenes - the day was enjoyed by one and all. Other highlights were the Easter service and the first ever Ilsleys open day.

The Summer Term has begun just as brightly and the children have sprung into action and remain focused on the job in hand – learning! The children all had a great Spring break and are now in the middle of their SATs week. Their attitude to achieving their best is a joy to behold – the whole

community should be very proud of each and every one of them.

With SATs week over the school will go in to overdrive on more creative aspects of the curriculum. We will be writing and producing a play, holding a summer concert of Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat and we will repeat our day of sport. Life doesn't get better than this!

There is so much after school activities going on in the school; I sometimes find it hard to keep up with it all. Alongside our usual Summer Sports, Tennis, and Cycling clubs we have added other exciting opportunities for the children this term with Bell Ringing and Outdoor Adventure Activities. Parents also play an important part in these activities with Gardening and Country Dancing clubs being masterfully led by a group of Mums.

As some of you may have heard, I have been asked to go on a secondment to a Newbury school so this will be my last piece of news from The Ilsleys for a while. Mr Chris Prickett, an experienced deputy head, will be covering my absence and he introduces himself below. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all in the community for making me feel so welcome over the last four years and helping make the school the place it is today – a vibrant, high achieving, and exciting place to learn.

As always, if you have any queries concerning the school don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

Felix Rayner
Headteacher - The Ilsleys Primary School

I would like to take a few words to introduce myself to the families of East and West Ilsley villages. My name is Chris Prickett and I will be taking up the post of Acting Head Teacher at The Ilsleys' Primary School in June. I am delighted to be joining the



school at this time as we already have a number of exciting events planned to the end of this Summer Term; furthermore, I am eager to work with the staff to plan for the new school year in September (after a hopefully glorious summer).

I live in Hampshire and bring 20 years of teaching experiences in a range of Primary and Junior Schools both in West Berkshire and neighbouring authorities. I have just completed a year of a successful opening of 'The Willows Primary School' as Deputy Head Teacher, where firm foundations have been put in place for a successful future.

I anticipate continuing the outstanding achievements of The Ilsleys' Primary School and will enjoy leading our school as we evolve to challenge and inspire all our children. I very much enjoyed the family atmosphere of a village

Primary I taught at for a number of years where we achieved Beacon status. On the few visits I have had to the school I can already appreciate a similarly warm welcome from parents, staff, governors and children.

FRIENDS OF EAST ILSLEY SCHOOL

Sue Evans

All eyes were on the sky over Neveravon Airfield a few Saturdays ago when Neil Slater jumped out of a plane to raise funds for the school. What a brave man – to plunge freefall for 45 seconds before the parachute opening and he floated down to earth.

Neil is raising funds for an Outdoor Classroom that will also mark the centenary of the school – a great gift for its 100th year. The classroom will be a wooden structure with tiered seating so the children can have lessons out of doors. A double benefit to us is that Neil's employer, Microsoft are doubling everything he raises. The money is going to make a real difference to the children's environment for learning. We have just beaten our target of £6,000 which is a fantastic achievement and huge thanks to everyone who helped us get there by sponsoring Neil. The biggest thank you of course goes to Neil, his wife Mandy and children Andrew and Briony who on the day were all jumping with Neil in spirit.



TITTLE TATTLE

I have been keeping longer hours at work. This should not be The Way Forward at My Age. The knock-on has been firstly, a deterioration in dust and dirt control at home (less housework, then - disastrous!); secondly, fewer homemade cakes

(not, in itself, too critical) and thirdly, less lunching and coffee with one's friends (terminal!). A fourth effect has been general loss of satellite activities and exercises, including having more items in one's in-tray than hours for dealing with them and writing for the WIN. Several people, flatteringly, have noticed this and have, kindly, mentioned it. I need to dig myself out of the guano. therefore, on several scores. I won't be starting with the housework, then.

In the pub the other Saturday night I discovered a new person propping the bar. It was Geoff. It transpired that Geoff has lived in the village for some indeterminate time and I have failed to welcome either him or his partner. No ears to the ground, clearly! But, Lo! Whilst trying to find another friend at the weekend, I was ferreting around the village and discovered Bernie and Lee. Or, rather, they discovered me at the back of their house, looking like some sort of housebreaker. Except, in my plastic bag I was carrying chocolate cake instead of a crowbar! So, I meet two more people that I didn't know had moved into the village...and I call myself a tittle-tattle correspondent. Failed on all counts. I always thought that I frequented the pub often enough to acquaint myself with most of the recent immigrants. Clearly not. Either I need to go to the pub more often (and, for that I shall need additional allowance/more work) or the new incumbents need to be there more often: or we need to coincide our visits in order for us to meet. Whilst on the subject of The Pub: I/we/several of us were discussing.... we need the pub. It is a great place to visit. Come alone, in pairs, small or large groups, Pete and Jacqui are always very welcoming and work really hard to give us a place to meet and socialise. If we're really lucky it'll stop raining long enough for the sun to shine and we'll see a bit of cricket action at the same time.

I had written a piece about speeding in the village, but it seems to have gone very quiet on that one. I guess that if those horrible flashing speed advisors appear I can have an excuse to go into decline and sulk big time. Even as a fairly virtuous person in a 30mph (most villagers know which of us speed), I do find them very revolting. Clearly, they are designed to draw your attention to excess speed, but why, as someone who understands the reasons and sense of a speed limit, do I find them so aggravating? They actually have the reverse effect on me....I simply get annoyed and, as a result, want to drive faster. Someone, somewhere will analyse my psyche and find some sort of explanation for this. Is it that I am, basically, a disobedient individual? Mmm! I feel passionately that we should all drive carefully and appropriately wherever we are travelling, whether we are in West Ilsley, East Ilsley or Newbury. I think that this is probably the issue that

drives my conscience. So often people are not thinking, anticipating or concentrating when they drive: they pay no attention to what is going on around them. Driving has consequences, some of which are in our control and some of which are not. Sometimes speed is safe and appropriate; sometimes it is not. Knowledge and experience helps with this judgement, and other times we need policing, I guess! What we do need to consider are the other road users, as they, in their turn need to consider us. We all need to be safe, whether it is at 10mph, 20, 30 or 70 and whether we walk, ride a bike or a horse or drive a car , motorbike or tractor.

Trek Tag-along Bike £20



Well used but good working order. One gear only on this version. Fits to seat-post of any adult bike (various size attachments). Quick release from the adult bike. Extension arm folds to go in the car. Seat & handlebars adjustable for kids about 4 to 8.

Sue Carrington 281354

Raleigh Girl's Bike £20



Very good condition. For age about 3 to 5.

Suitable for stabilisers (not supplied)

Sue Carrington 281354

CONGRATULATIONS

Married recently were Eleanor Norton, formerly of The Maltings, and Glen Loutzenhiser, a Canadian. Eleanor is a taxation and legal publisher in London and Glen is a lawyer and professor of law at Christchurch college, Oxford. Congratulations and best wishes from friends in West Ilsley.

HOLIDAYS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Andrea Cook

We're very lucky to have some good friends who now live in Northern Ireland, in a village called Dundrum, about 40 minutes south east of Belfast. Our friends own a holiday home which is right on the Quay and is available to rent. It's the sort of place where you have a "senior" (or "craft") moment every time you go into one of the front rooms as the views out over the estuary to the sea are constantly changing and you get so distracted that you forget what you went into the room for! The website is

www.holidayhomedundrum.com and I'm very happy to show photos and answer questions if anyone is interested in visiting.

VILLAGE CAMP OUT & BBQ

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce that the annual Village Camp Out will take place on Saturday June 28th (from 3pm) and extend through to Sunday 29th (10am).

It will be centred round the camp, with an optional walk up from the village starting at 3pm, a camp tea at 5pm and a family BBQ at about 7pm, followed by a camp sleep over.

The aim of the Camp Out is to invite all West Ilsley villagers and ex villagers to enjoy a camp out together and for all ages to mix and socialise.

Details as follows:

Part 1 - Saturday afternoon 3-5pm

Adventure walk from the village, leaving from outside Keeper's stables at 3pm for children and adults. Those aged over 5 years old can be left with us. This walk will be led by volunteers from the village and any adults interested in leading or joining in on the walk please let us know. We should arrive at the camp by 5pm.

To conclude the afternoon at 5pm approximately, hot dog tea and marshmallows for all cooked on the fire.

Part 2 - Saturday 6pm to Sunday 10am

From 6pm the camp is prepared for the night and for those children staying a responsible adult should arrive. Tents are put up then and we encourage this as a family activity! We then enjoy a family BBQ supper in the evening (from 7pm approx).

The next day, we cook breakfast, take down the camp, clean and tidy up. Finish 10am Sunday.

Open to all West Ilsley children and ex west Ilsley children of any age.

Part 1, all children from 5yrs can be left, but helpers welcome and needed.

Part 2, a responsible parent/adult/volunteer to accompany (on a ratio of no more than 4 kids to 1 adult), help out and sleep over from 6pm to 10am.

The camp site is located 1 mile outside West Ilsley. Take the Catmore road and follow the signs. Park inside the gate on the LHS. The site is lent to us as a small campsite for tents and thanks go to Lockinge Estate and to Peter Carlisle who allow us to do this.

All food and drink is included for Part 1. For Part 2 please bring your own supper. We shall have a BBQ fire going so we suggest you bring something to cook and your own refreshments. Juice and water will be available throughout plus tea/coffee, sugar, milk, cereal, bacon, bread and jam for the morning. Please bring anything else you wish to eat or drink.

There will be a charge this year (£10 per tent), and we do require your signed booking form in advance if you are leaving your children and to help us know who is coming. Without this we cannot accept them. The weekend will go ahead whatever the weather!!

To join in, wear appropriate old clothing that you don't mind getting dirty or torn.

For Part 2, the following kit is required.

- Tent for you and your child/ren.
- Thick sleeping bag/duvet and Sleeping mat (optional)
- Waterproof top and trousers
- Thick wool jumper or fleece
- Spare warm trousers, socks and long sleeved shirt
- Warm hat/gloves and good shoes or boots
- Torch
- Plastic mug, plate & bowl plus cutlery for you.

Do not bring anything electrical, any money or excessive sweets.

We hope this provides a great event for all ages and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please return the form to Angela Ryan, Forge Cottage. Tel 281500 or Alison Banks, The Poplars Tel 281705 **BY 23rd June 2008**

Angela Hyde and Alison Banks on behalf of The Village Hall Committee and thanks to Peter Carlisle.



West Ilsley VILLAGE FÊTE

Sunday 6th July • 12noon – 4pm

On the West Ilsley Cricket grounds
opposite The Harrow

A FUN DAY OUT
FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

BBQ • Licensed Bar • Ferret Racing
Bric-a-brac • Bouncy Castle
Bottle Stall • Produce Show • Aunt Sally
Tug-of-war • Novelty Sumo Wrestling
Air Ambulance • Face Painting
Craft Stalls: Including hand-made jewellery,
hand-made wooden pens, and silk painting

AND SO MUCH MORE!

*Includes a fun dog show...
So bring along your family pooch & have a go!
Prizes and rosettes in all classes
Raising money for local charities and organisations*

Sunday 6th July • 12noon – 4pm

Enquiries to Katharine 07737 943 878
or Sue 01635 281 460

WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB

The 2008 season got off to a slow start and while there have been some impressive moments of play, unfortunately, the scorebook does not lie: 1xi - (OCA Division 3) 4 played, 4 lost including a horrible day up at Northleach where we took a caning to the tune of 351/2 - I hold up my hand for 42 of those - hot and tired at the end of the innings lobbing gentle spinners against a semi-pro Springbok who has just had 3 hours at the crease getting his eye in...

WI 112 all out

Radley 124/9

Radley win by 12 runs

Northleach 351/2

WI 215/7

Northleach won by 136 runs

WI 89 all out

Broughton 90/1

Broughton won by 9 wickets

WI 111 all out

Fringford 144 all out

Fringford won by 33 runs

2xi - (OCA Division 7) 3 played, 1 conceded, 1 won

Marsh Gibbon 133 all out WI 113 all out Marsh Gibbon won by 20 runs

Chipping Norton 129/7

WI 127/7

Chipping Norton won by 3 wickets

WI 148 all out

Ducklington 149/8

Ducklington won by 2 wickets

WI conceded match to Kings Sutton

Risinghurst 194/4

WI 196/5 WI won by 5 wickets



We have had to cancel a few matches due to a lack of available players and in fact the 2ix won against Risinghurst with only 10 players, and might have won Chipping Norton but for the missing last man. So far, we have 24 paid up playing members out of a known address book of 60. Obviously this makes it difficult to field teams each week considering everyone's other commitments so we really do need to increase the size of the selection pool. If you are one of the elusive 36 or an unknown and want to play this season, then please contact membership secretary Paul Simmons on 01635 281460 / membership@westilsleycricket.net or one of the other officers of the club - a good time would be Friday evenings at the club (especially if you are playing but haven't yet paid!).

More information will become available on the website at www.westilsleycricket.net including captains' match reports for the Wisdens amongst you. Club members will get their own login which will allow access to additional features of the site, like message boards, forums, the WICC shop and more. If anyone has any queries, contact club secretary Justin Pilditch on secretary@westilsleycricket.net or telephone 01635 280553

'Home' Dates:

7 June: Junior Cricket Festival

8 June: Sun Presidents Game

14 June: 1xi v Stonesfield

18 June: Weds xi v Aldworth

21 June: 2xi v Steventon

28 June: 1xi v Clifton Hampden

CAMP OUT BOOKING FORM

Name & Age

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Activities

trek from 3pm and/or camping over from 5pm

Accompanying Adult for Part 2.....

Please give details of any relevant medical information regarding any of the above child/ren.....

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Camp Out. I understand that the activities are led by volunteer leaders and helpers and I take full responsibility when sending my child/ren.

Our emergency contact (in the village) during the event is

Signed by a parent/guardian..... Date.....