

# West Ilsley News

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May 2005

Well - this Raising the Roof effort is certainly enhancing our social lives! Thanks again to the organisers for yet another great night- this time Wine Tasting - what's next?!?!? The Editors

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

### Church Services:

1 <sup>st</sup> May	All Age Service	11.00am
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Downland Service at Farnborough	7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion	8.00am
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's church	4.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Communion	9.30am
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	No service	
29 <sup>th</sup> May	No service	

### Wine tasting

A fun evening was had by all on 9<sup>th</sup> April when 60 of us gathered in the village hall to sample 6 of South Africa's fine wines. The quiz became more rowdy and the answers more exciting as the evening went on! A fantastic £644 was raised for the "Raising the Roof" fund - so thank you to all who came and supported the event.

### Cake and Plant sale

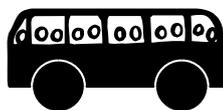
The church's annual cake and plant sale is taking place in the churchyard on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. There will be games and activities for the children. All proceeds to the church general funds.

### PCC meeting

This will take place at 8pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Bakery Cottage.

## I LSLEY EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle



On Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> there will be an outing to Evesham Country Park. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9 am. Members £7

Non-members £10. Tokens can be used.

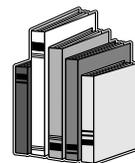
Names to J Collier 281283

## WEST ILSLEY FETE

### CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED FOR A HAMPER

If you have any items you would like to contribute to enable us to make up a food hamper as a Raffle prize Please contact June 281565

## BOOKS WANTED!



Books wanted for the Fete bookstall

Bring on the day or deliver to Alison at 'Campion', Main Street 281296

## DIARY

### MAY

9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council & Village Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup>	Cake and Plant Stall
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Parish Assembly
25 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreens to Evesham

### JUNE

25/26<sup>th</sup> Camp out

### JULY

9 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Fete Dance
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fete

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

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## CRIME REPORT

*Our thanks to PC Andrew Buckingham who emails us with his NWN article, from which we extract items which may be valuable in keeping villagers alert to what's going on in the area:*

### Crime Reports

14<sup>th</sup> April

Overnight between Sunday and Monday twelve feet of garden wall was damaged and knocked down in Heathfields Chieveley.

PC Phil Blowfield would like to hear from anyone who witnessed an assault that occurred shortly after 3pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at the Membury crossroad on the B4000, where the victim was dragged from his vehicle and repeatedly punched.

28<sup>th</sup> April

There have been a number of burglaries on the area in recent weeks namely in Inkpen and Enborne where houses have been broken into and jewellery stolen. On several occasions the thief has used garden tools found at the scene to gain entry. Please don't make it easy for the burglar and make sure that you lock all tools away and report any suspicious persons or vehicles. Property marking jewellery can be difficult so why not consider using 'Smart Water', it can best be described as liquid DNA and can be obtained from our Crime Prevention Officer, Ruth Hemingway at Newbury.

## WEST ILSLEY PRE FETE DANCE

Arrangements are in full swing for this annual social-fest to be held this year on July 9th, 7.30 til late.

Tickets will be available from May 1st and are priced at £12.50. This ticket price as usual includes supper. We are restricted by the number of tickets we can sell so please order them sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available from Sue Simmons 281460 or Sue Evans 281763. The event this year is raising funds for our local school.

### WEST ILSLEY FETE



**Old crockery wanted for crockery smashing stall  
(No Glass)**

**Please contact Gordon 281876**

## FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH Felix Rayner Headteacher - The Ilsleys Primary School

News from The Ilsleys Primary School – April 2005

The spring term ended very positively. We were very proud of all the children as they raised over £600 for MENCAP in a sponsored 'Spellathon'. The Friends held a wonderful 'Eggstravaganza' with egg hunts,

competitions and cake stalls – there was a great atmosphere and I thank the Friends for all their hard work over the term. We also played our final football matches of the year and took part in the small schools netball competition in Newbury. The end of term Assembly, held in the church, had the children singing, dancing, retelling the Easter story and generally celebrating a successful term. We also presented Deborah Jeffs with flowers as she stepped down as being a governor of the school after over 32 years. The whole school community thanks her for her service to the children of the Ilsleys.

We begin the new term with an exciting new timetable and lots of interesting activities in the diary. We look forward to a summer term full of good weather, as we have lots of sporting activities planned including sports days and sports clubs. I also take some year five and six children to Wales for an outdoor educational experience of a lifetime, activities will include rock climbing, abseiling and kayaking. We will also be holding a summer concert in St. Mary's church and you will also be able to see some of our children performing country dancing at the sheep fair and West Ilsley show. I know the summer term will be as rewarding as the past two terms have been, if you have any queries concerning the school don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

## ILSLEY UNDER 5s

Ali Allan

Chair- Ilsley Under Fives

As a lot of you will already know, The Under Fives Committee had to take the sad and difficult decision to close Playgroup. It was not an easy task and we thought long and hard about it, but at the end of the day, we had no choice.

A number of factors have contributed to the Committee's reluctant decision and these revolve essentially around issues of recruiting qualified staff and falling numbers, all of which compounds the financial position which has seen Playgroup trade at a loss for a number of months. With Emma leaving at Easter and Ofsted regulations being what they are, we are not allowed to run without qualified staff. I understand that a new playgroup (nothing to do with 'Under Fives') is in the process of being set up run from the hall 4 days a week, so keep a look out for notices. The school has been and continues to be very supportive of Under Fives.

I'd like to thank Emma for agreeing to stand in at short notice until Easter and to Hayley for her support and commitment in keeping Playgroup going until now.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, past, present (and hopefully) future for your support - Toddlers will continue as normal on a Wednesday morning - 10.00 am - 11.30am in West Ilsley Village Hall. (Term time only) We have heaps of toys, a 'baby area' and lots of Mums who love a chat over a cup of coffee, so come along. For further details – ring Penny Dillon on 281375.

We will be running the cake stall at the Sheep Fair and doing the teas as usual at the West Ilsley Fete, so please come and say hello.

**AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE,  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Liz Dray

In April we had a super turnout for the Easter activity morning in the village hall. Denise and Olive told the story of Easter in several stages with an appropriate activity at each stage and the children had a wonderful time making crosses, bread, gardens, and decorating eggs.

The next Afterschool service will take place on Thursday 12 May at 4pm in the church and the theme will be "Ascension". The June service will be on Thursday 16 June.

The Afterschool services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Each service lasts approximately half an hour followed by drinks for the children. If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

**WEST ILSLEY FETE**



Fancy helping local good causes?  
**HOW?**

The West Ilsley Fete Committee would really like your help to run some of the stalls at this year's event.

**WHAT'S INVOLVED?**

Just say "**YES**" and turn up on the day –  
Everything for your stall will be provided.

**WHICH STALLS?**

Crockery Smashing	Village Stocks
Treasure Island	Golf
Mouseathon	Splat the Rat
Welly Wanging	Horse Shoe Throwing
Beat the Time on the Washing Line	Bric a Brac

**FANCY ONE?**

Then give Ronnie 281565 or Lynne 281163 a call  
and say "**YES**"

The Village Hall Management Committee  
announce  
**The West Ilsley Camp Out  
Weekend 25th and 26<sup>th</sup> June**



Following last year's success, the Village Hall Committee is planning to run the Camp Out again. This is an afternoon of activities for all the children, centered around camping and located in nearby woods, followed by a camp out over night. Children can be left for the daytime, but an adult and tent is required for the sleep over. We camp within 1 mile of the village.

More details to come.....but book the date  
and your adult now!!!!

**WEST BERKSHIRE CARERS WEEK -  
JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> TO JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> 2005**

Just to draw your attention to this important week. Carers look after adults and children who are disabled or have an illness. Many people cope in very difficult situations with little or no support and they are unaware of the help that is available to them through local voluntary organisations or the statutory authorities. Many people do not see themselves as 'carers' at all. Many may be reaching the point of being unable to cope and may become ill themselves through stress – caring at home can be very isolating and tiring. Carers Week gives us a great opportunity to recognise the work of those who care for a family member or friend at home and to raise awareness of their vital role.

The theme of Carers Week this year is 'work, rest and play', with an emphasis on opportunities. Many activities are being planned, including competitions, parties and an open day for information (taking place on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall, Newbury from 10:00am to 4:00pm)

One of the main things being arranged for the week is a special prize draw - for a female carer, male carer and young carer aged 5 to 18 years. For each of these categories we are hoping that individuals will contact the number below for an entry form which, when completed and returned, can be submitted for the draw. At the same time we will be happy to give carers any useful information they need about support available to them in the community and/or provide them with details of organisations who can help them. Perhaps you know of someone who is a carer within your community? Maybe you yourself care for someone at home?

If you would like more information about Carers Week, the competition or help available to you in West Berkshire, please ring Jenny Hatch, User/Carer Development Officer at West Berkshire Council, on 01635 519406.