

West Ilsley News

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If you've heard reports of Sunday night's concert by Simon Baggs and his Uncle, you will be kicking yourselves for missing out on a splendid evening - it's not often that we get the chance to see and hear such fine musicians 'up close' and it was a privilege to be there. Could this be the start of the West Ilsley Proms? Let's hope so.

The Editors

PARISH COUNCIL

Extract from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, Monday 13th September, 2004

The Chairman welcomed Dries Hagen to the Parish Council

Matters arising

- S.I.D. Cllrs Cook and L.Smith have now attended a training session on the use of the device and hope to bring it to the village in a few weeks time.
- Following the recent flooding due to blocked soakaways, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Highways requesting a copy of the street cleaning timetable.
- The high incidence of 'potholes' was discussed. Clerk to write to highways requesting that they be attended to.

Correspondence received

Letter of thanks from West Ilsley Cricket Club for the donation towards fence repair.

Newbury and Community NHS Trust A.G.M. 16th September. Cllr Hagan to attend and report back.

Advertisements in the B.T. Telephone box. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and request that in the future 'advert more in keeping with a small village' should be displayed.

West Ilsley Cricket Club sent details of their proposal to remove a hawthorn tree to make way for a storage shed. No objections were raised.

Broadband for West Ilsley – Making use of e-mail

Cllr Ryan reported that Broadband was due to reach West Ilsley in May 2005. He also suggested that perhaps parishioners with e-mail access might be interested to receive information from the Parish Council via e-mail. Cllr Ryan to ask for interest via the West Ilsley News.

Planning applications

At this point Cllrs L and P Smith declared an interest and the Chairman passed the chair to Cllr Cook, the Vice Chairman.

04/01860 Ridgeways Conservatory No objections
04/01891 Rowles Paddock 2 x dormer windows -no objections

Open Forum

The Chairman added that any Grant Applications should be received by the council before the November meeting and will be considered at that meeting.

Date of next meeting 8th November 2004

HAVE YOU SEEN ILSLEY?

The friendly long haired and fluffy tailed black and white cat who lives with Katie and Dewi on the corner of Bury Lane has gone missing. There are posters up round the village, but if you have any news to report about him, please phone Katie on 281425

DIARY

OCTOBER

3 RD	HARVEST LUNCH
9 TH	TABLE TOP SALE
12 TH	EVERGREENS OUTING
11 TH	NATIVITY PLAY PLANNING MEETING
17 TH	CRICKET CLUB AGM
24 TH	CLAY SHOOT
29 TH	CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
30 TH	ADULTS' HALLOWEEN PARTY
	NOVEMBER
5 TH	FIREWORKS
8 TH	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
17 TH	SPORTS CENTRE INDOOR BOOT SALE
20 TH	EVERGREENS BAZAAR

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Tuesday 26th October

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ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services for October:

3 rd October	Harvest Festival	11.00am
10 th October	Holy Communion	8.00 am
17 th October	Family Communion	9.30 am
24 th October	No service	
31 st October	No service	

New Priest to be Appointed

It was formally announced in church on 12th September that the United Benefice of West Ilsley, Beedon, Farnborough and Peasemore will have a new priest to replace the recently retired Revd Antonia Cretney. The new priest will be appointed on a "house for duty" basis. This essentially means that the priest will live in Peasemore Rectory in exchange for carrying out duties in our benefice but will not receive a stipend (salary).

In addition, Revd John Townend (the Priest-in-Charge of the Brightwalton benefice) will be appointed as the Priest-in-Charge of our benefice. Notwithstanding this, it is envisaged that the parishioners of our benefice would look to the new priest in the first instance. Revd Denise Brown and the Revd Tim Astin are to continue to provide ministry during the current 'interregnum' before the new priest is appointed and then would assist the new priest going forward.

A copy of the formal notice on this subject from the Archdeacon is on the church notice board.

Harvest Festival:

The usual popular Harvest Festival lunch will start at 12.00pm in the village hall on Sunday 3rd October. All welcome – tickets on the door (£5 per ticket with children under 12 only £1 each). Bar and raffle with all proceeds going to All Saints Church. Any enquiries please ring Anna Sugden on 281 784. This will be also an opportunity to return your **Feeding the 5000 fivers** with any proceeds made.

EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle

On Tuesday 12th October there will be an outing to Windsor. The coach will leave from outside the Church in West Ilsley at 10am. Member £6 non-members £8. Tokens can be used.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter



Watch out there's a thief about!!!

There was a burglary in the Maltings on Thursday 23rd September between the hours of 12 noon and 1.30 pm, entry was gained via unlocked patio doors whilst the occupant was temporarily away from the premises. Most burglars are opportunists and this is the normal mode of entry for burglariesPlease make sure that you always lock your doors and windows when you leave the house, even if it is only to pop down to the post box. If you are working in the garden make sure that any doors or windows which are out of your

view are locked, it only takes a couple of minutes for somebody to walk in and pick up valuable items.

In general burglars do not carry tools, they use ladders and tools found in the garden or stored in garden sheds. Make sure all garages, sheds or outhouses are securely locked.....Don't forget that entry can be made to most sheds by removing the screws on the hinges, this can be overcome by using clutch screws or coach bolts to secure the hinges to the door.

If you see anybody acting suspiciously make a note of the vehicle number/ make and colour then if it is found that a crime has been committed the Police have something to go on.Please contact the Police on 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

FAREWELL

Matt, Amanda, Barney and Hector left The Barracks for their new home in Upper Woolhampton on 1st September and would like to say farewell and thankyou to everyone in West Ilsley who has helped to make us feel so welcome and made our stay here immensely Happy. We'll keep in touch!!

RAISING THE ROOF

We are holding a Table Top Sale in West Ilsley Village Hall on Saturday 9th October from 9am – 12 noon.

Why not have a clear out and sell any of your unwanted items. Tables are only £5.00 and you could make yourself some extra cash.

The money raised from selling the tables will go to the Church Roof fund as will any money made on the tea/coffee sales.

So do come along and support us whether it be to sell or to buy or even to browse and have a cuppa. We'd love to see you.

If you would like a table please contact Tracy Gregory on 281650 or Sue Carrington on 281354 as booking is essential. Limited amount of tables.

Adult Bicycle Wanted
Ideally to fit 5' 4" female
For casual road / off road usage
Contact 281705

In aid of the Church Roof Appeal
Charity Clay Shoot
Sunday October 24th
at 10.45 a.m.
Lunch afterwards in Village Hall
£20 per person shooting and lunch
£6 for lunch only
Teams of 10 or individual entries
Names to Richard Gore 281241

FOR SALE

Stevens and Carter 'CLIMA' Aluminium Extension Ladder. 2x11 rung sections giving overall height of about 22feet. Complete with top 'easy reach' stand-off fitting. £49 ono. Peter Bartaby 281335

CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket club AGM is to be held on Sunday 17 October at 7.00pm at the Club. Anyone interested in attending is most welcome

The cricket season has finished but the bar will be open every Friday evening as usual.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Under Fives AGM

The Under Fives AGM was held on Monday 6th September and we welcomed Cathy Paterson, who joined us as our Playgroup Representative replacing Jess Logan and Amanda Pitt as a Committee Member. All other positions remained the same.

50/50 Sale – Saturday 25th September

We held a second-hand Baby equipment, clothes, toys sale on Saturday 25th September at West Ilsley Village Hall which went well. Many thanks to those who sold, donated and bought for the support that you gave us.

Halloween Parties – Childrens and Adults

We are holding a Halloween Fancy Dress Tea Party on Friday 29th October for 7 year olds and under, between 4 – 6pm at the West Ilsley Village Hall. Tickets are £2.50 for over 1's and are available from Penny Dillon on 281375. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** as there are a limited number of spaces. If you fancy yourself as a Wizard, Witch or Pumpkin there will be a Halloween Dance for the adults on the Saturday night (30th), tickets will be available from Sarah McNaught on 281700 or Cathy Paterson on 281242 and are £10 which will include a chilli supper. Music and a bar will also be available. More details will appear on the village notice boards in due course. Please do come and support us.

Playgroup

Half Term – 25th – 29th October

At Playgroup our theme this term is 'Seasons' where the children will be doing lots of craft activities including leaf prints, harvest baskets along with making soup and bread rolls and finishing the half term with Halloween pumpkins and bats.

Playgroup runs on Wednesday & Thursday afternoons at the Ilsleys school but at present is not running to capacity. Playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Ilsleys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.25pm to 3.30pm during the school terms. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup or if you would like to attend a session to see what the children get up to please call Tracy Gregory on 281650 to enrol.

Toddlers

Half Term – 25th – 29th October

If you're new in the village and feel like meeting some new friends, we'd be very pleased to see you and your little ones. We get together on Wednesday mornings – 10. -11.30am in West Ilsley Village Hall.(Term time only) We have heaps of toys, a 'baby area' and lots of Mum's who love a chat over a cup of coffee, so come along.

For further details – ring Penny Dillon (281375)

Table Top Sale West Ilsley Village Hall

Saturday 9th October

9am – 12 noon

Book a table and make a profit for you with your unwanted items

Tables £5.00 each

Tea/Coffee available

Contact Tracy Gregory on 281650 or Sue Carrington on 281354 to book a table.

Limited amount of tables

Proceeds from Tea/Coffee and table bookings to the West Ilsley Church Roof appeal

FETE UPDATE

This year we have managed to support nine local good causes.

The **Ilsley Evergreens** were given a cheque for £150 which will go towards funding their monthly outings and providing a coach to transport them to their Christmas lunch.

The **Village Hall Firework Committee** was given £200 towards the cost of this year's fireworks.

The **Poor's Wood Trust** was given a cheque for £100; this is a local charity that in years gone by gave bundles of wood to the needy of the village from Poor's wood on the Lockinge Estate. These days a small amount of money is given.

Fifty pounds was given to the **1st Compton Brownies** and will be used to buy foldaway picnic tables.

The **Ilsley Under Fives** have received £200 to go towards the cost of replacing some of the chairs at toddlers.

One hundred and fifty pounds was given to the **Ilsley Primary School** to go towards a new digital camera for the children to use.

The **Tennis Management Committee** wants to replace the old damaged bench on the court so a cheque for £150 was given to them to help with this cost.

The **West Ilsley Cricket Club** received a cheque for £150 which will help to offset the cost of the two new mowers they have had to buy this year.

And lastly the **Village Hall Committee** was given £100 to help towards the Halls maintenance costs.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the fete by running a stall or running around collecting chairs, tables, straw bales etc and then depositing them all back when it was over! Phew!!

Thank you also must go to all those of you who came and supported by spending their hard earned cash, as you can see it has gone to help lots of good causes. See you all next year!

**Evergreens Bazaar
West Ilsley Village Hall
Saturday 20th November at 2pm**

WEST ILSLEY NATIVITY PLAY

**Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 December 2004
at Rowles Farm, West Ilsley**

This promises to be a very memorable event in the West Ilsley calendar. The 'nativity play' will be staged in the barn at Rowles Farm at 4pm on both evenings. The event will be in aid of the 'Raising the Roof' appeal. The play will be no more than 40 minutes in length with older and younger village children hopefully, participating. After the play the audience will enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. To finish we will round off with a few of our favourite carols. Of course, all this needs time, energy, lots of creativity and buckets full of enthusiasm to pull it off. We hope that in true West Ilsley spirit we can interest many adults to help in our efforts. We are holding a meeting on **Monday 11th October** in the village hall at 8pm to plan the event in detail and to ask villagers to help make costumes, train the appropriate animals, rehearse with the cast, practice with the musicians, make a set, cook mince pies, print the programme etcand so the list goes on! Adults, if you think you can help in any way please come along!

All the children will be asked to get involved but we will be encouraging the older ones to take lead parts as there will be a few lines to be learnt. Also if your son or daughter plays an instrument then their participation will also be well received. If your son or daughter is interested in taking a lead role then please contact me asap. The younger ones can be shepherds and Angels. They will also need to come to a few practices as we need to give as polished performance as possible!! Dates will be set at this meeting to ask the kids to come along for practices etc.

Tickets will be for sale from mid November priced £5 for adults and £2.50 for under 16's. We hope to sell 100 tickets for each performance so get your family and friends organised in advance.

Look forward to seeing you in the hall on the

11 October.

Angela Ryan, Forge Cottage.

Tel No: 281500

**AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS
CHURCH**

At the September service our topic was "Harvest" and we looked at different types of foods and discussed where they grew. The service was a lively one with many of the children pleased to see each other after the summer break and we were pleased to have Reverend John Townend with us. The October service will be based on "Accepting people who are different" and will be held on Thursday 14 October at 4pm in the church.

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.

The November service will take place on Thursday 11 November at 4pm.

DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

.....just to let you know that we have been in possession of our new gym equipment since the 2nd August. A treadmill, cross trainer and cycle have replaced the old and well used equipment. We also have a rack of dumb bells. The multigym and rowers will remain.

We realise that the gym won't be visited that much during the summer (and hopefully warm!) months but it is worth thinking about renewing your membership or joining the gym for the autumn. We can't dispute the fact that the gym is small but it is on your doorstep, it's cheap and well worth a visit!

Another date for your diary..... the first of our autumn Indoor Boot Sales is planned for Sunday 17th October (12 - 2pm).

For more information about this, children's parties, children's holiday activities and our activity/sessions programme please contact us on 01635 578866.

West Ilsley Village Hall Committee

Fireworks

(kindly paid for by Fete Funds)

Friday 5th November

(next field but one to the pond)

Bonfire at 6.30pm

Guys Needed - Guy Competition-

Prizes for all

Fireworks at 7pm

BBQ in aid of

West Ilsley Village Hall

The Cricket Club bar will be open afterwards.

PANG & KENNET VALLEY COUNTRYSIDE PROJECTS

The Friends of the Pang and Kennet Valley Countryside Project has been set up to represent all of the people who care about the countryside in the two valleys. The events below are co-ordinated by The Friends and give you the opportunity to come out on practical tasks, learn new skills, meet new people and, above all, enjoy yourself. The tasks usually begin around 10am and finish by 4pm but you are very welcome to come for as much time as you wish to give during these hours. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing, and bring a packed lunch if you are coming for the full day. Hot drinks are usually provided, as are the necessary tools.

Tues 5th Oct Marsh Meadows Meadow Raking

The three hundred wildflower plugs that were planted by the Cubs will have finished flowering and seeding by the end of the summer. The meadow will then be cut and we will need some keen volunteers to join us in raking up the cuttings. Meet outside Alldays at 10am. Grid ref: SU525680.

Sat 9th October Bucklebury Common Heathland Management & Bucklebury Heathland Conservation Group AGM

For all tasks meet at Angel's Corner, by the Scout Hut on Bucklebury Common (Grid ref. SU 550688) at 10.00 am Contact Tim Culley for more details on 0118 9714 830.

Sun 10th Oct Ashampstead Common Boundaries and Bridleways. 1.00pm

Join Dick Greenaway for about a 3½ mile walk to look at new paths and ancient boundaries in Ashampstead Common and Basildon parish. Meet at Childs Court Farm (SU 575 752) at 1.00pm. Well behaved dogs accepted. Please book your place.

Sun 24th Oct Compton Bring Your Bike. 1.00pm

A new venture for the Friends. An 8 mile, mainly off road, cycle ride to look at the Downland north of Compton. Mountain bikes advisable, helmets must be worn. Reading Cycle Touring Club has been invited to join us on this ride. Meet at Compton Downs Sports Centre (SU519 795) at 1.00pm. Ride leaders Tom Munro/Karen Davies. Please book your place.

Tues 26th Oct Jennets Hill Coppice Hazel

Help Dennis Gower to restore coppice woodland and cut stakes and binders for hedge laying. Meet at Black Barn, Rushall Manor Farm* at 10.00am or phone the Project office for details of meeting on site.

Friday 29th Oct Hosehill Lake LNR and Padworth Common LNR

Bat Box Building Bonanza! 11am –12 pm & 2pm-3pm Half-Term Activity * A fun, open air workshop building bat boxes to go up on the reserves to help provide roosting sites for these fascinating nocturnal mammals. Look out for your box next time you visit.

Wear old cloths and sturdy shoes. An adult must accompany children. All materials and tools provided. Free Event..Session 1 at Hosehill Lake: 11am * 12noon, Session 2 at Padworth Common: 2pm * 3pm. Choose which session you would like to attend. Booking essential as places are limited on 01635 874381.

Sun 31st Oct Hosehill Lake LNR Pond Clearance 9-12

This is round two of helping the Ranger and Theale Area Bird Conservation Group to clear silt and side vegetation from the pond at Hosehill Lake. Come and get stuck in the mud! Meet at the entrance opposite the Fox & Hounds pub at 9.00. Grid ref: SU650697

SHAPING HEALTH - BETTER DECISIONS, BETTER HEALTH

As from the 1st December 2003 a new independent national organisation was set up to enable local people from all sections of the community to have a voice and be involved in the decision making about health services in their local area. The organisation called Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health has set up local health forums made up of members of the public all across the country that have real legislative powers set out by government to influence the way NHS is run locally. Each forum is supported by a team of staff within your area. A forum member's role is to obtain local views from the community and take action. This is done by influencing decisions where they are made and monitor and visit health facilities. The Forum in West Berkshire is currently seeking members. The most important thing is enthusiasm to make health services better in the future for you, your family and the community. If you are interested in representing local views we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Sandy Briscoe on: 01993 886643 Email:info@oacppih.org

PIP

Have you or a member of your family ever had a consultation with your GP or a doctor at the hospital and wished you'd had the opportunity to find out more about what you've been told? You found the time allocated for your appointment was, of necessity, only a few minutes, and there wasn't time to ask many questions; and other questions only came to mind once you left the consulting room. Or perhaps you think it's time you took your body in hand and adopted a healthier lifestyle but don't know where to start. Maybe you have to look after someone who's permanently disabled or terminally ill and you want to know what support services are available to you or you are coping with a long term condition and want to find out about local groups.

This is where the Patient Information Point (PIP) at the new West Berkshire Community Hospital, Benham Hill, London Road, Thatcham, can help.

What is the PIP?

A very pleasant, quiet room staffed by trained volunteers who will be happy to help you find the information you need from the informative leaflets, brochures and the internet on display and available in the PIP room. Or you are very welcome to browse through the shelves or the internet at your leisure.

The PIP was set up in March this year and is presently open from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9.30 am to 2.00 pm on Tuesdays and from 1.00 to 4.30 on Thursdays. We hope to increase the opening hours later in the year when more volunteers join the team. PIP staff can also be contacted by -

- phone during the above hours on 01635 273324 or a message left at other times
- email: pip.enquiries@berkshire.nhs.uk.

Where is the PIP?

Just along the corridor to the right of the entrance in the new hospital, and near to the attractive restaurant where you can pop in for a cuppa or a quick snack whilst visiting.

Being informed offers you choice, which may help you to manage ill-health and restore good health, giving you a sense of control in your life and enabling you to make plans for the future. A visit to the Patient Information Point could make all the difference!