

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Monday 27th April

DIARY

APRIL

10th Easter Bingo

MAY

16th Cake and plant sale

18th Annual Assembly

JUNE

6th Mencap Barn Dance at Folly Farm

JULY

12th Fete

Easter Bingo

Fun For All the Family

Good Friday 10th April

7.30pm

West Ilsley Village Hall.

Loads of EASTER EGGS to win

Bring Your Own Drinks

Raffle prizes/Easter eggs welcome to

Audrey at 5 Fir Tree Cottages.

Admission 20p, children 10p

Bingo Books 30p

Proceeds to West Ilsley Village Hall funds

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE FROM THE COMMITTEE

The Committee are pleased to confirm that the new porch is finished and ready for use. It replaces an old one, which was about to come away from the side of the building. This one is slightly bigger and more in keeping with the age and character of the building. We hope that you all like it! The funding came 50% from a Vibrant Villages grant with the outstanding 50% from

funds raised by the Village Hall committee. KNG Ltd were the very capable builders.

The Committee plan to add an extra security light outside and a handrail for the ramp. The ramp, being somewhat larger than expected was necessary to meet the Disability and Disabled Act. The outside door will remain locked and a key supplied on the usual key ring. The newspaper box and shelter will return to its former position behind the porch.

The next project for the Committee will be to replace the floor. During the flooding in 2007, the hall took up to 6" of water and has never recovered. Occasionally, during heavy usage water seeps out from underneath the lino. We are aware of this problem and hope that the old floor can be removed, the concrete allowed to dry and after levelling a new floor laid. This we hope to schedule for the summer holidays.

Thanks to all the people who supported the Mother's Day fair and Activity Day recently. Approximately £200 was raised. Our next fund raiser will be the Good Friday Bingo at 7.30pm so please bring all the family. Loads of Easter Eggs to win.

Later, in the summer the Camp Out will take place – more news to follow.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Rosanne Pilditch

April Church Services

5 th	All Age Communion	10am
12 th	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	9.30am
19 th	All Age Worship	11am
26 th	No Service	



Spring Clean of Church and Churchyard – 4th April

We will be cleaning the church and the churchyard from 10.30 – 12.30. Please do come and join us – even if it's only you and your marigolds for 30 minutes! As they say, many hands make light work so bring your duster, strimmer or bucket and mop – they will all be most welcome.

Future Dates for the Diary:

20th April at 8pm – Annual Parochial Church Meeting

16th May at 10.30am – Cake and Plant Sale

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

April 20th at 8pm in All Saints Church
Please come and join us at the All Saints APCM – this is your opportunity to give your views of your village church and its services.

If you would like to nominate someone for the PCC please contact
Rosanne Pilditch (280553).

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

The Village Hall Management Committee announce

The West Ilsley Camp Out
Weekend 13/14th June

Following last year's success, the Village Hall Committee is planning to run the Camp Out again. As before it will be an informal activity for all the children and adults, centred around camping and located in nearby woods.

It is likely to start (about 3pm Saturday) with a trek for the children, led by volunteers from the village, to the camp in time to cook tea on the fire. Adults can join in for the trek or meet us at the campsite at teatime (5-6pm), followed by a camp out over night. As usual an adult and a tent is required for the sleep over. We camp within 1 mile of the village. Bring provisions to cook your own supper on the fire and bring your own refreshments. Children's tea and breakfast for all included. Tents can be pitched at any time and at £10 per family. Open to all villagers and ex villagers. More details to come.....but book the date and your adult now!!!!
Alison (281705).

TENNIS

As I am acting as foreign correspondent this month, sending my electronic news from international downtown Melbourne, I feel I should be conveying the exciting sporting details of the Grand Prix in addition to the West Ilsley tennis. Modesty should prevent me....but I can hear the cars in the background and it sounds quite exciting. I thought, at first, it was some boyracer (I am quite sure there are girls as well!), but it

somehow sounded more powerful and thrusting than the average Imprezza.

A few notes from the Tennis team: Firstly, I am sorry that some of you have experienced problems with booking, but that should now be resolved. I do appreciate that any new system has its problems and this has, but thank you all for your patience. The jungle telegraph and email will, hopefully, speed any resolution necessary. There seems to be some confusion from those who don't have access/ don't read their news the Clemengers no longer have the keys to the court. Most of you will know that is not now the case and I guess that the news will catch up with the rest. Tell your friends, especially the ones that might not have access to electronic mail! The court is available to all and we are very committed to this. There are instructions for access posted in the pub and on the court, as well as around the village (noticeboards) and in the news.

Hopefully, you are getting some court play or are planning some (the weather, I understand has deteriorated again). Could you all please ensure that you let the tension out of the net after you have finished playing? There is a mechanical reason for this (and I can't remember the exact details, but there is!).

Also, if there are any more of you planning to join, I believe there has been a misunderstanding over the name. It is The West Ilsley Tennis Management Committee: WITMC.

There are some maintenance jobs being done (in my absence....how easy is that?)... new smart net and divots filled in. Good Tennis! Polly Muir
pollyimuir@btinternet.com

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE
SEAN RYAN, CHAIRMAN
GRAND PLAN FOR WEST ILSLEY

The first step has been taken towards drawing up a parish plan that could frame all the big decisions to be taken about the village in the next five years. Every household in West Ilsley will receive a

questionnaire in the coming months asking for your views on all aspects of village life and your ideas on how to improve it. You'll be asked about issues ranging from the types of homes needed here to how the recreation ground should be used. If you want a "community cinema" to show a film once a month in the village hall, this will be your chance to say so! At the March meeting of the parish council, Neil Sanderson, of Peasemore, described how a parish plan had been developed there and how the village had spent its reward from the powers that be for completing a plan - £5,000 for a capital project. Several volunteers, headed by Anna Sugden, have come forward to say that they'd like to take on the planning. You'll be hearing more about this soon.

RECREATION GROUND

The ground is looking superb thanks to the cricket club's usual impeccable preparations for the new season. The club has been enjoying considerable success, not least with the popularity of Friday evening coaching sessions which attract many children, both from within the village and from outside. The parish council was asked by Dick Beech, the club chairman, whether the village charity, the West Ilsley Trust, could help with applications for grants to improve the pavilion and this is being investigated. Nevertheless, questions were raised by members of the public who felt that with cricket dominating the ground each summer, there were too few opportunities to use it for other purposes, whether for an organised game of rounders or for casual activities such as kite-flying. They also asked whether it was right that the ground should be used by so many people from outside the village. Dick Beech, the club's chairman, responded by suggesting that it could leave gaps in the fixture list unfilled. The club committee was due to consider the comments at its April meeting. In the meantime, we all wish the club the very best for the season ahead.

CHURCH WAY After another winter of potholes, puddles and mud, Church Way's residents, who are largely responsible for its upkeep, have been cheered by an offer from West Berkshire Council to provide free material for a new surface or scalping or gravel if home owners and tenants will pay to have it properly laid. Everyone in Church Way has been asked whether they'd like to contribute towards the cost, which is estimated at £540, and a decision on whether to go ahead will be made shortly. The council apparently refused to help for many years but has now acknowledged that because Church Way is a byway, it should do so.

ALLOTMENTS?

We want to find out if there is sufficient interest to explore the possibility of having allotments again in West Ilsley. If you would like to register your interest, please email: westilsleynews@msn.com or phone Andrea on 281224 – by mid April.

PALS 18 + SOCIAL GROUP car wash and cake stall

kindly hosted by Sandra and Peter Carlisle
at

Rowles Farm

On

Saturday 18th April

from 10am – 12 midday

£5 a car

bring your cars along for a wash and buy a cake
for the weekend...

Call Angela Ryan for further information 281500

NEWBURY RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Thank you to all those who supported Newbury RDA's fund raising event held at Hampstead Norreys on 16th March.

Over 150 people enjoyed listening to the speakers, Clare Balding & Crispian Howard talking about their experiences in broadcasting and at the equestrian Paralympics respectively. In total £1,867 was raised towards the running costs of the stable yard at Hampstead Norreys.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

I am pleased to report that we now have a couple of new regulars at the Under 5's from East Ilsley and Compton therefore increasing our numbers somewhat. We now have around 10 children attending on a regular basis (but could accommodate and welcome more!).



In March the mums went for a night out at The Swan at Compton. It was a good chance to chat and get to know each other without the "little ones" around. The food was great as were the few glasses of wine and to top it all it was "Half Price Night for Ladies"! – couldn't have been better!

This month's craft activity saw the children getting really messy painting hard boiled eggs for Easter! A few masterpieces were created!

The last session for this term is on Wednesday 1 April and we reconvene after Easter on Wednesday 22 April.

Ilsey Under Fives meet during term time on Wednesday mornings, 10am to 11.30am, at West Ilsey Village Hall. The session is an informal meeting, providing playtime for the children, an occasional craft activity, a drink and biscuit with tea/coffee and chat for the parents or carers. The session ends with a singsong! For further details please feel free to contact me on 280622 or any other member of the committee or simply pop along on a Wednesday. New faces are always welcome! Louise Taylor

“Birds of Prey” Display

Easter Saturday – 11 April

Aldworth Recreation Ground

Ray Prior will show off his birds all morning,

with a Flying Display at 11 a.m.

Saturday Market, 9 to 12 noon, in village hall

EXTRA stalls & crafts

Refreshments

Details: Kathy 578090 or Pauline 578177

The East Ilsey Trust Fund

Registered charity No 291544

Why does it exist?

For many years, The Old School along the Compton Road had been used by the villagers for functions as a community hall, the Parish Council in the early 1960's attempted to buy it for the village and these discussions took place over a number of years but to no avail and the site was eventually sold for development.

Village activities carried on at the Primary School, local barns, courtesy of the local farmers or in the open air and there were several attempts to replace the lost community hall, fundraising took place, but with rising building costs, the fundraising could not keep up. The decision was taken to 'store' the funds that had accumulated and put them in trust for any future community hall initiative.

It was also decided to use the interest on the invested capital for the benefit of the village by donations in support of the various groups and people in the village provided it was for the benefit of the inhabitants, and this has operated in this way over the years, contributing funds towards equipment for the school, the village fireworks, The Evergreens, The Ilsey Under Fives, The Church and the Football Club. It has also supported the Sheep Fair and the Christmas lights for the tree by the pond. Any bona fide

organisation can approach the Trust for financial help.

Please contact the Chair of the Fund for more details and an application form.

Chair: Ali Allan on 281567

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

In March, by kind permission of Jane and David Carlisle, we had a wonderful trip to see the lambs at Folly Farm. Our thanks go to Paul and David for talking us through two births plus allowing lambs to be passed around amongst the children and explaining different aspects of the lambing process; also to Jane for such delicious refreshments and finally to those of you who gave so generously to Mencap – an amazing total of just over £90 was raised.

Please see details below of our April activity morning which replaces our usual afterschool service.

CHILDRENS CHURCH EASTER ACTIVITY MORNING WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 10am-12 noon West Ilsey Village Hall



Starting at the village hall and ending at the cricket pavilion.

The morning will be based around the story of Passover and we will be:

Making a kippah cap

Learning about a seder plate

Making and eating matzah dishes

Easter egg hunting at the cricket pitch

£2 per child or £5 per family of more than 3 children.

Please bring a packed lunch for you and your children if you would like to stay for lunch at 12.

Children aged 5 and over may be left between 10 and 12.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please book by calling Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

We will re-convene back in the church on Thursday 21 May at 4pm when the topic will be "Ascension". The June service will be on Thursday 25 June.

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

WEST ILSLEY TENNIS COURT
THE COURT IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

FOR MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT:

pollymuir@btinternet.com

MEMBERS WILL BE GIVEN BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS WHEN THEY JOIN. SHOULD YOU WISH TO PLAY WITHOUT JOINING,

PLEASE CALL AMANDA KNIGHT ON 01635 281609 OR DAVE GARDHOUSE ON 01635 281880 TO BOOK THE COURT.

PAYMENT CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE HARROW WHILST THE PUB IS OPEN.

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:
ANDY DRIVER
POLLY MUIR
SUE EVANS

**West Ilsley Parish Council Annual Assembly
And AGM**

Monday 18th May, WI Village Hall

7.30pm AGM followed by Parish Assembly at 8pm

Parish Assembly

Come and hear all about the activities of the West Ilsley clubs and committees. Short presentations from each committee.

Annual General Meeting

Come and listen to the activities of the Parish Council and we welcome comment and contribution.

FRESH MUCK!

Would you like a barrow load of fresh pony manure to add to your compost heap? If so I will deliver directly to you for £2 a wheelbarrow. Please email Storm Ryan at mark.balloon@btinternet.com

EVERGREENS

On Tuesday 7th April the coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9am to go to Salisbury. Members £7, non-members £10. Tokens can be used until the end of April.



Names to Pat Burnett 281131

Aldworth Jumble Sale

Saturday 18 April

2 to 4 p.m.

Aldworth Village Hall

In aid of St Mary's Church

Contact Jane Allen 01635 578239

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Live Music

Saturday 4th April

9pm onwards

Come and have a boogie !!



**French Night
Friday 24th April**

7pm onwards

Menu

Smoked Salmon & Dill Crepes

Coq Au Vin De Bourgogne (Chicken in Red Wine)

Moules in Garlic Cream Sauce with Pomme Frites

Carbonnades a la Flamande (Beef & Onions Braised in Beer)

£12.00 per head

French Cocktails will be available.

Come and join in the fun !!

Wantage Brass Band

Sunday 10th May

Playing at lunchtime by the pond

Comic Relief

Thankyou to everyone who donated money for Comic Relief at The Harrow on Friday 13th March. We raised £43.50 Thankyou.

Earn Extra Money

Washing Up and Waitressing shifts available at The Harrow, no experience necessary. Pop in or give us a call 01635 281 260

West Ilsley Fete

Due to the current financial situation I am finding it very difficult to source raffle prizes for the village fete on Sunday 12th July. If anyone would like to donate a prize, please come and see me at The Harrow. All donations will be gratefully received. Thankyou very much.

Hayley 01635 281 260

18 April - 1 May 2009

Feel good fortnight



Feel Good Fortnight runs from **Saturday 18th April until 1st May 2009** and will raise awareness of the huge variety of activities within West Berkshire which benefit the health and wellbeing of everyone who lives and works in the area.

Feel Good Fortnight is not about re-inventing the wheel. Our goal is to show the people of West Berkshire just how much there is on offer for them and encourage them to try something new during this fortnight. It is also an ideal opportunity for local groups and organisations to try something

new or open their doors for others to see what they get up to. This could be a one off event or the start of an ongoing series. Some examples of things that are already going on are:

- **'Great Green Veg Talk'** by Pippa Greenwood; Newbury Library (18th April)
- **Health checks** with the Rotary club as part of Stroke Awareness day (18th April)
- **Soccer Academy** - Drop in football sessions (18th & 25th April);
- **Tai chi** - Newbury Market Place (Mon 20th April)
- **Marathon challenge** - Swings & Smiles (26th April);
- **Skills and recruitment fair** - The Corn Exchange, Newbury (27th-28th April)
- **Health walks** - all ages and abilities throughout West Berkshire
- **Yoga** - taster sessions & demonstrations
- **African drumming**
- **Cheerleading**
- **Singing for the Brain** - Alzheimer's Society;
- **Green Gym sessions** - BTCV
- **University of the Third Age (U3A)** - information open day;
- **Carers chill out day** - Princess Royal Trust for Carers ;
- **Leisure Centre** - taster sessions and free activities throughout the fortnight
- **Quit smoking / Health talks**

If you would like to add your group to our list or would like to find out what is happening in your area please contact Liz Large (Feel Good Fortnight Events Coordinator)

Email: liz@lizlarge.co.uk

Telephone: 01635 32639

www.westberkshirepartnership.org/fgf

West Ilsley Parish Council Freedom of Information Act Policy

West Ilsley Parish Council formally acknowledges the duty placed on it by the Freedom of Information Act and has agreed to adopt the Model Publication – (Core Class Only) It has agreed the following scheme of 'publication'

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B Publish in West Ilsley Newsletter (W.I.N.)

C Publish on the West Ilsley web site
www.westilsley.org.uk

D Display on Notice Boards

Method = method of publication

Core Class 1 Internal Practice & Procedures

Document	Method
Minutes from 1999 to 2009	A & C
Annual Parish Meeting Report	A, B & C
Standing Orders	A
Working Group Terms of Reference	A & C

Core Class 2 Code of Conduct

Document	Method
Members Declaration of Acceptance of Office	A
Members Register of Interests	A
Register of Members Interests Book	A

Core Class 3 Periodic Electoral Review

Document	Method
Parish Council responses	A

Core Class 4 Employment Practice & Procedures

Document	Method
Terms of Employment	A
Job Description	A

Core Class 5 Planning Documents

Documents	Method
Responses to Planning Applications	A

Core Class 6 Audit & Accounts

Documents	Method
Annual Return Form	A
Annual Statutory Report by Auditor	A
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Precept Financial Standing Orders and Regulations request – limited to last financial year	A
VAT records – Limited to last financial year	A
Assets Register	A
Risk assessments	A

If you require an appointment to view/collect documents please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council
Mrs Alison Banks, The Poplars, Main Street, West Ilsley, Newbury, Berkshire, RG20 7AW
01635 281705 alison@poplars.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL - MARCH Chris Prickett

I am glad to see that Spring is on the way – despite snow showers seeming never to be far away from our door. It now seems an age ago that the country came to a standstill for a few days. We were thankful to various communication devices we could use to keep everyone up to date

- as well as the more traditional 'word of mouth' strategy. It was great to have a couple of playtimes where our children revelled in making snow angels and families of snow people.

After our half term we had a very exciting themed week which had a focus of the emergency services. We were delighted and are very grateful for the time given to the school by the fire service, paramedics and PCSO during the week. All these representatives were very giving of their time and ensured our children – and staff - had a very hands on experience to learn from.

As part of our School Travel Plan we are always looking at ways we can encourage safe and healthy journeys to school. Our school council are successfully running our Go Kinetic scheme which encourages children to walk to school and rewards with points local leisure facilities. Many children are gaining rewards for their walking and getting motivated to do even more.

We have been involved in a number of events looking beyond our school. We celebrated World Book Day where the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book character. Our Red Nose day involved staff and children in their pyjamas or clothes the wrong way round for charity. We have launched our Egg Care Appeal in support of Barnardos which is our chosen charity for the year.

In order to develop further our enjoyment and experience of the Arts in school, our oldest class of children have been working with a living willows sculptor to create some maquettes. The school voted on these and chose the two winners pictured right. These we will create as sculptures at the front of our school as steel frames with living willows woven around.



I look forward to spring turning into summer as well as many more active learning opportunities we have planned in and around our school.

UFTON COURT OPEN DAY
Sunday 17th May 11 - 4pm

A FUN day out that ALL the family will enjoy!!!

Living history: learn about medieval life through the eyes of characters in the Tudor Manor House, the interactive medieval market and the weaponry displays and more .

Entertainment: including a live theatrical performance from 'The Pantaloons' and more .

Activities: try horse riding, the climbing tower, archery or take home a brass rubbing and more .

Refreshments: Stalls, Beer Tent, BBQ, Cafe and more

Admission: Adults £6, Children £1 (under 3 free), Concessions £4

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For Volunteering opportunities and full details of all the activities available on Open Day, visit www.uftoncourt.co.uk or call 01189 832 099

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 Bouncy Castle, Obstacle Course,
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Activities for older children from Berkshire's
SPLAT Team
 e.g. Circus Skills, Tug of War,
 Giant Games (Connect 4, Jenga etc.)
 Refreshments and Bacon Butties
FREE ENTRY
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VILLAGE HALL

Angela Ryan – Chairperson 281500
 Audrey Tizzard – Treasurer and Bookings 281646
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 Fred Carter – 281621

Rates

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