

West Ilsley News

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DIARY

SEPTEMBER

17th Confirmation service

26th Coffee morning

OCTOBER

5th Harvest Service and Lunch

NOVEMBER

1st Winter Warmer

Each Friday throughout the summer holiday BACYP will be running activities at West Ilsley Village Hall from 9am-4pm and you could come and join in the fun. To register or for more information contact Andy at 0118 923 1259 or 07825 699050, email andrew.horner@bacyp.co.uk.

EVERGREENS

On Wednesday 13th August we shall be leaving by coach from outside West Ilsley church at 9.00 am for an outing to Ringwood and Lymington. 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

ARE YOU 8 - 14 YEARS OLD, AND LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO OVER THE SUMMER?

Why not sign up to the BACYP Summer Activities Programme and try your hand at rounders, rugby, drama, dance, football and many other activities.

"YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS!"

Tennis on your doorstep

We don't do strawberries or 5 hour marathon finals; but we do enjoy ourselves. We get red in the face from 6.30-8.30pm every Monday when our magnificent summer weather permits. All standards are more than welcome and we have a well deserved drink in The Harrow afterwards. Do give it a go, it's fun. You can either email us at racketandballs@googlemail.com, or pop a note through our door – Calendar House, up the track behind the pub. Carole "topspin" Driver

INVITATION TO ALDWORTH'S PARTY

YOU are invited to come and join in Aldworth's "Party on the Rec." on the morning of **Saturday 13 September**. This will be to celebrate the SIXTH Birthday of Aldworth's weekly, community-run *Saturday Stalls*. **FREE entrance and slice of birthday cake for everyone!**

The *Stalls'* volunteers are planning a morning of interest and fun for all the family. There will be fresh produce, cakes, plants and flowers, crafts, gifts and other stalls as well as special attractions. There will be a bouncy castle and games for children and we hope to have some live entertainment too.

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Monday 25th August

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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We are looking for new stalls and attractions. If YOU would like to entertain, attract, show off, promote a charity or sell your crafts/wares, please contact us. We will try to have a wide variety of attractions, so please do not be upset if we decline your offer on this occasion – it will only be because we have too many of the same.

Please put the 13 September, 9 a.m. to noon, in your diary.

Come to the PARTY at Aldworth Village Hall and Recreation Field.

We would be so pleased if you could join us.

Contact: Pauline Sheppard 01635 578177

Wanted:

If you are throwing out any old sofas, coffee tables or office desk or chair in the next month could you please let me know! I need them for a project and then will organise for them to be collected by the council when I have finished with them.

Many thanks,

Angela Ryan

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ALDWORTH SATURDAY STALLS

Aldworth's village shop and Post Office closed six years ago. Just two weeks later villagers started up volunteer-run "Saturday Stalls". These continue, every Saturday morning, in Aldworth Village Hall where we meet up for a sociable "Shop and Chat".

We have a Tea Bar and sell a large variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, homemade cakes, pies and biscuits, local eggs and honey, Fairtrade groceries, local plants and flowers (in season), sweets, postage stamps, books and pre-ordered bread (Sheppards') and newspapers.

On the **first** Saturday of each month we also have local organic meats (Pang Valley Organics). We also have occasional craft stalls and often sell cards in aid of the church or local charity.

We welcome visitors so please call in if you are this way. We also enjoy having new items to buy. If **you** ever wish to have a stall, please let us know. Our hall is small, but our WELCOME big!

Aldworth Saturday Stalls are open, **every Saturday**, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon except in January and February when we open from 10 a.m. to noon.

N.B. The stalwart volunteers take a mini break in August so we are only open for pre-ordered bread and newspapers from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on 23 and 30 August.

Our **SIXTH** birthday is celebrated on 13 September with a "Party on the Rec.". We would

love **you** to come along and join in the FUN (see separate article).

Aldworth Saturday Stalls are volunteer-run by the community for the community with proceeds to Aldworth Village Hall.

Contact: Pauline Sheppard 01635 578177

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

In July the children enjoyed a treasure hunt and parachute games at the cricket pitch and the weather although chilly for July was dry! We will take a break for the summer now and will reconvene in the church at 4pm on Thursday 18 September when our theme will be "Harvest".

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

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

THE DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

Up to the 30th June, the Downland Sports Centre was managed by West Berkshire Council. As of the 1st July, and for the next nine years, Parkwood Leisure will manage this site, in addition to seven others. The decision was made by West Berkshire Council to have one contractor manage all sites and it is envisaged that there will be significant customer benefits by such a move – one of which being the option of using the gym at all sites on the completion of just one induction.

So how will this change affect you? In terms of our provision for the local community, the facility will continue to recognise the unique and specific needs of the rural community. The customer care ethos will not change.

It is likely that there may be questions you would like answered. Should this situation arise, please do not hesitate to contact Rose Metalli (General Manager) on 01488 73690 or Andy Reeves at Parkwood Leisure on 01635 31199 or 07737370199.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Rosanne Pilditch

August Church Services

3 rd	All Age Communion	10am
10 th	Holy Communion – BCP	8am
17 th	All Age Worship	11am
24 th	No service	
31 st	No service	

Thank you very much to all those that came on the 12th to help clean the church. We hope that you will notice the difference next time you visit.

Date for the Diary:

Wednesday 17th September at 7.30pm – the Downland Confirmation service will be held in All Saints, West Ilsley – everyone is welcome to

attend the service to welcome the new communicants into our community.

ILSLEY UNDER 5s Amanda Knight

The Toddler Group rounded off our summer term with a very enjoyable teddy bears' picnic in Park Wood (with many thanks to Sandra and Peter Carlisle for allowing us to picnic there). The Group will begin meeting again at the Village Hall on 10th September. In the meantime, we have set up a garden rota for Wednesday mornings during the summer. If you do not have a copy of the rota and would like one, please do contact me or any of the other committee members.

And speaking of the committee..... I shall be stepping down as Chairman in September as William will be at Pre-School. Amanda Hagen and Louise Taylor have kindly agreed to act as Joint Chair with Angelique Ravion also agreeing to stay on the committee. It just remains for me to thank my three fellow committee members and also everyone else who has supported the Group over the past three years and to wish the Group all the best in September. (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 feel free to contact me (281609).)

TITTLE TATTLE Polly Muir

This village represents Middle England: it is just amazing the activities that happen here. I have decided that, far from being a dozy, sleepy hollow it is a happening place. Especially after the village fete. It was a great day, in spite of the damp precipitation, wasn't it? Why is that the June/ July interphase experiences such dreadful for wet weather? The fete itself was preceded by a rocking evening, once it got going and everyone loosened up a bit and shook off their cobwebs. Thanks to Richard and Sandy and their helpers for organising it. I went to bed at 2.30hrs (not as late as I did in my youth, but past my Horlicks time, these days!) and was followed home by a bunch of guys/gals who were continuing to enjoy themselves as the night carried on to the wee hours. I awoke at 05.30hrs to discover various shoes scattered about the house, along with various bodies (and the tele still on...no one was watching!). On really waking at 08.30 hrs, I found our Australian immigrant/guest sauntering through to the kitchen, complaining there was a naked man snoring next to her, whom she didn't recognise. I didn't think to ask whether it was the snoring that was bothering her or the

impropriety of the situation - not knowing quite with whom you sleep can be mildly disturbing, depending on who that person is. The young man (handsome is as handsome does!) concerned woke up to a very slow, but happy and smiley start to the day....he couldn't remember where his shoes or wet pants were, though. Nestling on my nice fluffy carpet...thank heavens Mr. Shouty wasn't there to see it! It had been a great evening, but we all had to wake up and get on...the next day called. Fortunately, most people were ready to face the challenge of the day. The weather didn't stop people having a great time - or, indeed spending their cash in these money-strapped times! The committee had done their preparation carefully, Sunday was a job well executed. We enjoyed it immensely.

Back t'pub...Helen asked me whether I had seen her new baby. "Yes! Of course," I had replied, thinking she had been talking about her recent acquisition, the bay four-legged variety. But, NO! It was a two-legged sort to which she referred...in the time it had taken me to get on with my life, she and Barry had got on with it and produced a baby girl. Baby Ruby was born prematurely (that can't have been why I didn't notice, I'm sure) and looking every bit the spitting image of her proud Dad (but better looking!!) Congratulations to them and big brother, Thomas.

Whilst we're on feedback, some quickies...I wondered whether it was worth feedback on useful and satisfactory services we have been privileged to use in and around W.I. (plumbers, electricians, pubs, etc.), but am undecided whether we gossip to each other enough about these things and direct contextual first hand news of this may suffice. It might also be that one service that works for one displeases another. However, gossip (and notices) have not drawn attention to the Yogalates (a cross between Yoga and Pilates, as if you didn't know) class that is currently taking place in the village hall on a Thursday evening. If you want to improve your body, mind, core strength, mobility (and who doesn't?), this is the class for you at £8.00, 3 for £20. Alternatively, you could go to The Harrow and also improve your body with the walk there, your mind with the stimulating company, gain core strength and mobility by lifting pints for a similar price, but to last longer! There are spaces for both options and if I'm really clever I will find the phone number in the depths of my mobile for you for the Yogalates. Ah! Bless technology (please note that I didn't utter that) here it is: Emma on: 07767710360 If everyone improves their body and mind, we'll all really be on the map.

WEST ILSLEY PLAY AREA

The new Play Area is having its busiest season and many children are making good use of the facility. The Play Area Committee is delighted. However please do not chuck your litter – there is a bin. The cows and sheep are not enjoying the cans and crisp packets in their field. Please be considerate and use our bin. Many thanks in advance.

CAMP OUT REPORT

28th and 29th June, 2008

Once again many village children (about 30 children and 20 adults) 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 Camp Out and the weather was perfect.

About 20 children enjoyed a long trek to the camp at Park Woods via Hodcott and Catmore. Thanks to Andy Carrington and Amanda Knight who led the walk and delivered all to the camp tired, hungry and dirty. Just in time for the hot dog and marshmallow tea cooked on the fire.

Then the real camping started as tents, parents and further children arrived. Our camp site of 13 tents was perfect, as was the weather and we all enjoyed a family BBQ and more fun for the children in the woods. After an early start, cooked breakfast was most welcome before a quick pack up and home to the village dirty and tired.

Many thanks to the Carlisle family for preparing the camp and the use of the woods, those parents who endured the camping just for their children and to the The Village Hall Committee who made it happen.

See you next year!

Alison, Peter Carlisle and Angela.

PS I have a blue fold up camp chair which was left at the Camp Site. If anyone is missing it, it is here. Alison Banks, The Poplars, Tel 281705

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 26 Sept

Liz Dray

PAPERBACKS PLEASE

Please would you hold on to any recent paperbacks you may have. The coffee morning last year raised a good amount from the sale of paperback books and we hope to be able to do the same again this year.

If you would like me to collect please contact me on 01635 281688 or 07766 413174.

WEST ILSLEY FETE 6TH JULY

Despite the rain, lightening, leaking marquee, cancellation of attractions and waterlogged car park several villagers told me that in no uncertain terms "this is the best fete"! I wouldn't go quite that far myself; I don't like being cold and wet, but it was a good day. We huddled up in the marquee – avoiding the leaks – and everyone was in good spirits.

As usual The Friends, the cricket club and the BBQ crew did a marvellous job feeding and watering us all. The Produce Show saw its usual competitive rivalry and the judges had a great time tasting many of the entries – sometimes more than once! Cups were won, rosettes were presented and hopefully all went home happy.

A **huge** thank you must go to all of you who helped in any way to make the day the success it was. Without your help we would not have raised a staggering **£900**. As you know this money is put aside to await requests for donations. If you know a local good cause that could do with a little financial lift please get in touch by phone, email or in writing to Sue Simmons, 6 The Maltings, 281460 or suesimmons@toucansurf.com.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about the fete or if you think you would like to get involved next year, get in touch with a member of the committee for more information.