

# West Ilsley News

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5pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

## DIARY MARCH

6<sup>th</sup> Bake-off  
7<sup>th</sup> Ilsleys Pamper evening  
30<sup>th</sup> Easter Bingo

## APRIL

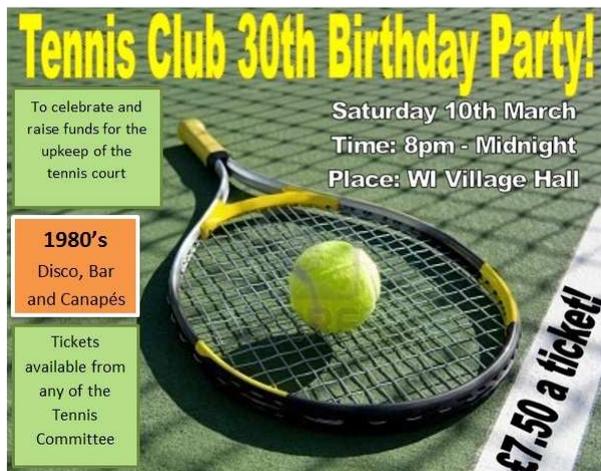
6<sup>th</sup> Good Friday walk

## JUNE

29<sup>th</sup> Pre-fete party

## JULY

1<sup>st</sup> Fete



**Tennis Club 30th Birthday Party!**

To celebrate and raise funds for the upkeep of the tennis court

Saturday 10th March  
Time: 8pm - Midnight  
Place: WI Village Hall

1980's  
Disco, Bar and Canapés

Tickets available from any of the Tennis Committee

£7.50 a ticket!

## WEST ILSLEY BAKE-OFF

The results of the Victoria sandwich bake off were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Juliet Banks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Gilmore and Mae & Amanda Hagen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrea Cook

This month we're making carrot cake – see you on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Village Hall. This will be the last bake-off for the next few months – we'll resume in the Autumn if there is enough interest. Contact: Andrea 281224 and Angela 281500

## EASTER BINGO

Don't forget to come along to the Easter Prize Bingo in the village hall on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, doors open at 7pm. Refreshments will be available including; tea, coffee, squash, white wine, lager and cans of pop. We have some great prizes and if you would like to donate a "little something" towards the raffle please ring 281997 and I will collect it. Thank you! Tony Elliott

*Calling all ladies and gentlemen. . . .*  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm – 9.30pm  
The Friends of the Ilsleys Primary School  
Will be holding a  
Pamper Evening

*Where taster treatments will be available (bookable in advance), along with the opportunity to spoil yourselves and others (don't forget Mother's Day is March 18<sup>th</sup>) with goodies from one of the beauty, art and craft stalls on the night.*

*Tickets £5, which will include a glass of Bucks Fizz and nibbles.*

*If you would like to come along, please contact the School at: [office.ilsleys@westberks.org](mailto:office.ilsleys@westberks.org)  
Treatments need to be booked in advance and therefore we do require definite numbers.*

## ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

### March Services

4 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	9.30am
11 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8.30am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday Family service	11.00am
25 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	11.00am

\*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at <http://tinyurl.com/east-downland>

**N.B.** As the **third Sunday in March is Mothering Sunday**, instead of having a United Benefice Service at Chieveley, we will be holding a service here in West Ilsley, so hope all you children will bring your mothers along.

### Winter Warmer

It was a slightly smaller, but no less enthusiastic, group than usual that met for the annual Winter Warmer recently. As always the hall was appropriately decorated, this time with an Alpine theme. We even provided the snow!! Everyone gathered at the 'Après Ski' bar before tucking into plates of delicious Coq au Vin followed by various fruits dipped in delectable chocolate or butterscotch fondue. The raffle of a sledge, filled with champagne and other themed goodies, was won by Joe Clerkin, while Mark Ryan and Alison Banks won the very entertaining 'Mountain Quiz'. Once again, a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

### Lent

During Lent, which started last Wednesday, there will be Lent Lunches held each week in Beedon and Chieveley. The lunches tend to run from 12 – 2pm on different days of the week at various venues and are mostly Soup Lunches held in aid of a charity, for a small donation. A phone call to the appropriate host in advance would help with catering. Details of these are in the weekly pew sheet which you will find in church.

In addition to the lunches, the benefice will be running Lent Groups which will be looking at the mission of the church in this area. These will be held on Wednesday or Thursday mornings at Bridleway Cottage, Stanmore at 10.30am or alternatively on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings in the Upper Rooms, at St. Mary's Church, Chieveley at 7.30pm. Details of these can also be seen in the pew sheet. Everyone is very welcome to attend any of the lunches and the Lent Groups.

### Date for your diary

6<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday Walk – passing through Peasmore, Beedon and West Ilsley and ending at Farnborough in time for the 2pm service.

**Contacts:** If you have anyone or anything specific you would like mentioned in church prayers at services throughout the year, do speak to either Ian (281625) or Alexandra (281306). If you would

like to organise a baptism, wedding or funeral or would like to talk to a member of the clergy for any other reason, ring Revd John Toogood (our Rector) on 01635 247566 or email him at [cwando@btinternet.com](mailto:cwando@btinternet.com)

## EVERGREENS

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March there will be a coach outing to Salisbury leaving from outside West Ilsley church at 9 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall 281597

## QUIZ NIGHT

Unfortunately there was a very poor turn out to the quiz on Thursday night at the Harrow, therefore we only raised £34 plus a £10 donation from James Hanbury. I will be running another QUIZ NIGHT in April to raise more money towards the cleaning and restoration of the War Memorial. PLEASE come and support. Thanks, Tony Elliott.



Bring the Family!!

**FREE**

Quick Craft Activity

at

Aldworth Saturday Market

17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March

10 a.m. to 12 noon

**Homemade Crafts on sale**

plus usual produce stalls,

friendly welcome

& refreshments.

Details: 01635 578090

The Farwell family are looking for someone to do some paid dog walking Monday to Friday. If you're interested please phone Alison 07585 112295

## EASTER BINGO

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

DOORS OPEN 7:00

EYES DOWN 7:30

GREAT PRIZES

AND

SUPER RAFFLE

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN  
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

### BLEWBURY BRASS BAND

Blewbury Brass band is currently running an 8 week "step up to brass" music course. The next one starts on Wednesday 14th March and runs for 8 weeks. It is suitable for anyone who can already read music and play an instrument of some kind to "hot cross buns" level or better. Currently we have a mixture of children, parents and grandparents having a great time playing together on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.15pm. Once you feel that you're up to it then we encourage you to join in with the main band afterwards. The brass band provides the instruments and professional tuition is given in the music room by the adventure playground and tennis courts in Blewbury.

For further details please contact Jolyon Tidmarsh on 07979 031273 and oxtid2@hotmail.com.

### TENNIS COMMITTEE NEWS

**Membership:** Spring is in the air and it's the time of year when we will be emailing members shortly requesting annual membership fees.

For those who haven't played before and fancy a game this year we are always keen to welcome new faces. We have decided to hold prices at the 2011 level: - £40 for a family membership, £25 for a single adult membership and £20 for a single junior membership. Please contact Liz Dray on 281688 or [lizdray@btinternet.com](mailto:lizdray@btinternet.com) if you are

interested in joining. Booking is very simple via an on-line system which you will be given access to upon receipt of fees.

**Tennis coaching for juniors:** As with previous years we have provisionally arranged for David Smith (coach at Abingdon and Wantage LTAs) to run a summer tennis camp aimed at primary school aged children during afternoons in the week commencing 23 July. In addition, this year we have provisionally booked Jeremy Woods, another coach at Abingdon LTA, to run some weekly junior tennis coaching sessions beginning on Monday, 16 April and then every Monday (except half-term) until Monday, 16 July. These sessions are aimed at the 11 – 18 years age-group and players will be grouped according to ability. Please e-mail Amanda Knight ([amandacknight@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amandacknight@yahoo.co.uk)) if you think your child might be interested and would like further details. Places will be allocated on a first come/first served basis. We will need those wanting to join the weekly sessions (11 – 18 years) to make a firm commitment fairly soon so please respond as soon as possible so that we can confirm the booking.

Next, just a small P.S...the steps leading up to the court on the left handside have not been vandalised, but removed because they were considered hazardous (they were elderly and crumbling!). Their removal was officially agreed and sanctioned by the Parish Council as being the better option to repairing/replacement. Any other version or story to the contrary is idle gossip. You will need to climb the hazardous grassy bank to the left - or take the longer route to the right if the incline on the Cricket Pavilion side is deemed too steep!!

**DON'T FORGET THE 80'S DISCO ON MARCH 10th.** Get your best Diva Disco kit on and boogey on down to the Village Hall for 8.00.p.m. Martin B-W is providing the sounds of The Era for us so that we can bop the night away - together!! And no driving to worry about....and only £7.50. Get that kit out now!!

Polly, Liz and Amanda

### NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN?

A recently found copy of the August 1987 WIN is on the website ([www.westilsley.org](http://www.westilsley.org)) – worth a read - there really isn't much new in 25 years!

# Spiral Sax



**in concert at St Mary's Church, Aldworth**

The London-based quartet "Spiral Sax" are giving a concert in aid of the conservation of The Aldworth Giants.

The evening will include selections from West Side Story (in its 50th Anniversary year) along with other jazz standards as well as contemporary music that makes the most of the unique sounds and qualities of a saxophone quartet.

*Join us for a truly 'In-spiraling' Evening!  
See more at [spiralsax.co.uk](http://spiralsax.co.uk)*

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
7.30 p.m.**

**TICKETS: £10 to include wine and nibbles  
Call 01491 874399 or email:  
[michael@soamesonline.com](mailto:michael@soamesonline.com)**

## WHO TO CONTACT

### VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 [rosduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:rosduckworth@btinternet.com)  
Fred Carter - [fred\\_kathcarter@btinternet.com](mailto:fred_kathcarter@btinternet.com) 281621  
Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers

### PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close, between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday 281997. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone to ask if it's convenient. Prescription requests can be put through the door any time. The surgery bus makes deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

### CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306 Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

### TENNIS COURT

Membership: Liz Dray - [lizdray@btinternet.com](mailto:lizdray@btinternet.com) 281688  
Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

### PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:

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Roger Stowell

## Window cleaning

gutter clearance and general odd jobs

**Telephone 01869 600628**

The Downslands Bowls Club



We are a small club meeting on **Thursdays from 8.00pm until 9.45pm** at the Downslands Sports Centre in Compton. Come and try an evening of Bowls, no charge first night, beginners welcome and bowls provided.

We play on a carpet that is the length of the hall and about ten feet wide. Our main reason for being there is to enjoy ourselves and the company of others. We take the game seriously but not ourselves.

Club Sec: Mrs J Wells- 01635 281255

Chairman: Mr A Bannister- 01635 578313

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