

West Ilsley News

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WEST ILSLEY WEBSITE Andrea Cook

Our one-man website team – Martin has been beavering away behind the scenes and we are pleased to announce that the new, improved West Ilsley website is now up and running. The site now has a much more up-to-date format and we will be able to let Martin have photos of the village and events to put on the site too. We have a “leisure” section where we have invited input from the Church, Cricket Club, Village Hall etc and we also want to develop it further and put walks, pubs etc on too. The first walk details are shown in this WIN and will also appear shortly on the site. We would be delighted to receive further ideas and items for the site – either by using the contact details on the site or by contacting me by phone, email etc.

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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The time has come aground again for the 80s and over to receive a Christmas parcel from the Newbury Weekly News. Please let me have your names as soon as possible if you would like to receive one.

Olive Clarke, Old Forge

Christmas Gift Fair West Ilsley Village Hall Sunday 27th November 1pm – 4pm

Come along and choose from lovely gifts
and also support local charities.

This year we are donating funds raised
to the West Ilsley News and The Raise
the Roof Fund.

Please ring Jill Wiejak for information
281665

ILSLEY EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle



On Wednesday November 9th
there will be an outing by coach
to Worcester. The coach will
leave from outside the Church in
West Ilsley at 9 am. Members

£7, non-members £10. tokens can be used. Names to
J Collier 281283

DIARY

NOVEMBER

5 th	Bonfire Night	
9 th	Evergreens	to
	Worcester	
10 th	Whist Drive	
14 th	Parish	Council
	Meeting	
19 th	Evergreens Bazaar	
27 th	Christmas Gift Fair	

DECEMBER

3 rd	West	Ilsley
	Christmas Party	
9 th	Christmas Bingo	

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on **Tuesday 22nd November**

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WHIST DRIVE

Kath Carter

West Ilsley hosted a very good Whist Drive last month. It was held in the comfortable surroundings of the Cricket Club, with pleasant company, licensed bar and just a hint of competition, but nothing too cut throat.

I had a very pleasant evening in spite of my rather rusty card skills and was delighted to carry home a prize, albeit the booby.

Profits from the evening are in aid of the Ilsley Evergreens. The next Whist Drive will be held on Thursday 10th November at 7.15pm. but we could do with a few more players. You do not need to bring a partner, just come along. Hope to see you there.

LUXURY WREATHS CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



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SAVE THE WEST ILSLEY NEWS!

As you are probably aware, that is, if you have been reading your copy of the WIN recently, there is a problem with the future of the WIN. Up until now, one way or another, copying of the WIN has been done for FREE, with just the cost of the paper to be found. This means that you have been able to receive a FREE copy through your door EVERY MONTH!! Unfortunately this has come to an end and unless you are able to suggest a new free source for the photocopying, new ways are going to have to be found to fund it.

Along with the editors the Parish Council are investigating sponsorship opportunities and making a charge for advertisements.

The other options open to us are:

- 1) Buying a printer or photocopier.
- 2) Paying for photocopying through the Parish Council i.e. by adding the cost to the Parish precept.
- 3) Reducing the number of copies by sending it by e mail to those that can receive it.

We are desperately trying to preserve the WIN in its present format – as a useful Village communication tool provided FREE to every household.

We would welcome your thoughts, views or ideas. Please contact Paul or Lynne on 281163 or by email to paulsmith.palgo@btinternet.com - LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services for November

3 rd	“Mums and tots” group at Peasemore Rectory	10.00am
6 th	All Age	11.00am
13 th	Remembrance Sunday service with Royal British Legion	10.55am
17 th	Children’s church	4.00pm
20 th	Family Communion	9.30am
27 th	Carols at St Mary’s, Chieveley	6.00pm
1 st Dec	“Mums and tots” group at Peasemore Rectory	10.00am

Harvest Festival

As ever the Harvest Festival service and lunch in the village hall were very well attended.

Everyone enjoyed the chance to get together over a delicious meal –

thanks to all those who organised and cooked for the event.

Raising the Roof

Applications have now been made to a number of grant organisations to assist our fundraising effort. Unfortunately we are one of many, so it is likely to be several months before we know the outcome. Fingers crossed!



REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Ian Fewtrell-Smith Church Warden

Due to a senior moment, I missed the Annual Parish Assembly and so the report for All Saints Church was not made. I was reminded of that recently and it is only right that I should give my report here, belatedly, via the West Ilsley News.

Since last year’s assembly, the benefice has seen the arrival of Revd Trevor Maines and his wife Olive, installed in the rectory at Peasemore to fill the gap left after Antonia Cretney’s departure. Together with this appointment, there has been a restructuring of the benefice, with our group joining Brightwalton and Chaddleworth, with Revd. John Townend being in overall charge.

The church in our village continues to grow, albeit slowly, with the numbers on the electoral roll now standing at 29. It maintains varying types of service, from the traditional communion to more informal “All Age” worship. It provides an important anchor within the village for hatches, matches and dispatches, something most people would acknowledge as being important. It has, over the year, provided a number of social events, raising money for the general fund as well as the specific restoration appeal.

It will be of no surprise to anyone that our efforts have largely revolved around the “Raising of the Roof” appeal. Our target is to raise £45,000 for re-roofing in 2006. We are well on the way to meeting this and are now in a strong position to be applying for grants.

**EVERGREENS BAZAAR
WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE
HALL**

**Saturday 19th
November at 2pm**

**Tombola
Cake Stall
Books and Games
Raffle
Gift Stall
Teas**

**ONE-HORSE RACE Ian Fewtrell-Smith
281625**

Finally, I am getting round to my "Feeding the Five Thousand Fiver", the task some of the village took on when the Roof Appeal was launched.

We live in racing country and I am running (walking to be precise) a ONE-HORSE RACE, starting in West Ilsley and walking around the benefice i.e. up to Farnborough, then across to Peasemore and Beedon, then back to West Ilsley. The distance of about 13 miles will take 5 hours 32 minutes at 2½ mph; at 2¾mph, it will take 5 hours 4 minutes and at 3 mph will take 4 hours 38 minutes, (all with 20 minutes break).

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO BET ON MY TIME, down to the last second, and the WINNER WILL RECEIVE ONE THIRD OF THE TOTAL RAISED. Each guess costs 50 pence and a fiver will buy 12 guesses. This was launched at the Harvest Supper and just from that, the prize money already stands at over £20.

A flier and time sheet will be coming through your door anytime now, if it hasn't already done so. So come on and have a go – it will be raising money for the roof appeal and the lucky winner will have a tidy sum to enjoy. GOOD LUCK!!!!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter

Plan for 'Super Force' must not be at the expense of neighbourhood policing

The National Neighbourhood Watch Assoc. is to launch a grassroots consultation exercise in order to gauge the views of neighbourhood watch members following the publication of radical plans to re-draw the map of policing in England and Wales.

A new report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies concludes that when it comes down to policing "size matters". It finds that in critical areas of police work such as counter terrorism, organised crime and serious crime, many of the existing 43 police forces in England and Wales are not up to the job.

"Put simply, the 43 – force structure is no longer fit for purpose. In the interest of the efficiency and the effectiveness of policing it should change," says the author of the report, Denis O'Connor, a member of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies.

The study concentrates on what is known in policing circles as level two "protective services". These are



major crime incidents that cross police borders and boundaries. In comparison, at neighbourhood level the report finds that a "new professionalism" has resulted in police resources successfully targeting and getting on top of local crime.

The report says "The existing structure is over 30 years old. It matches local government structures and has emphasised the need to drive down volume crime and provide local policing with considerable success.

"In creating a structure that is fit for purpose the overall goals should be the creation of organisations that are large enough to provide a full suite of sustainable services yet small enough to be able to relate local communities."

The report argues that the current "basic command unit" of police stations in England and Wales would be unaffected by the reorganisation at force level. "Local arrangements will not change," says the report.

However, a study of all 43 forces in terms of their ability to deal with major crime produced some stark findings. Very few forces fully met expected standards when it came to tackling the threat from terrorist and organised crime. "Larger forces are likely to have a much greater capability and resilience whilst smaller forces in many cases find it hard to provide services to acceptable standards" writes Denis O'Conner in his report.

The benchmark, according to the report, is to have police forces of at least 4,000 officers. If this recommendation was adopted by the government it would result in at least 13 of the smaller, existing forces, primarily covering rural areas, disappearing under a restructuring that would create around 30 "super forces".

NNWA Chairman Roy Rudham has announced a major consultation exercise among the neighbourhood watch movement to gauge grassroots reaction to the plans for restructuring police forces.

He said" One of the roles of NNWA is to represent the views on neighbourhood watch members on policing to government.

"Any changes must ensure that we have police forces that are big enough to cope with the threats posed nationwide by organised crime and terrorism but at the same time are small enough to care about crime on our doorstep.

Re-drawing the police map must not mean diverting resources away from dealing with neighbourhood crime in order to bridge the gap in policing major crime and disorder.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

TO RAISE THE ROOF!

Andrea Cook



Last year several people expressed an interest in sending Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours in the village via the WIN and donating a sum towards the

Raising the Roof appeal rather than sending cards. The greetings will appear in the December WIN, so if

you would like to take part, let me have your name/names as you would like it/them to appear and your donation – cash or cheque payable to "Raising the Roof" by **22nd November** – please note, only the total amount raised will be published in the WIN.

West Ilsley Village Hall Committee Fireworks

(kindly paid for by Fete Funds)
All villagers and their friends and families
welcome to join for a fun evening

Saturday 5th November
(next field but one to the pond)

Bonfire at 6.30pm
Fireworks at 7pm

BBQ (Hot Dogs, Burgers, Soup and Baked
Potatoes) and Refreshments available for sale
plus
Sparklers and Glow sticks

The Cricket Club bar will be open afterwards

*All villagers are welcome to add to the
November 5th Bonfire pile and bring up their
burnable rubbish eg wood and garden waste
but no rubber, metal or electrical items please
and before 5th November!*

WIN WALKS walking in the neighbourhood Fred Carter



Two circular walks around West
Ilsley....2 or 5 miles

Start by the Harrow Public House
and walk down Main Street towards
East Ilsley. Take the public footpath
that runs between the old Post Office
and The Poplars at the end of the

path bear right and take the metalled road towards
West Ilsley Stables...just before the entrance to the
stables take the bridleway on the right that crosses a
cattle grid and bears left around the back of the
stables, after about 200 metres ignore the path that
goes to the right, bear slightly left and continue
straight ahead uphill, the path bears right and
continues to a T junction.

For the short walk turn right at this junction and walk
uphill towards Hodcott Copse, at the T junction at the
top of the hill turn right and follow the bridleway back
to West Ilsley Stables, pause on the top of the rise
above the stables to get a magnificent view of the
village nestling in the valley below,. At the bottom of
the hill turn left and return along the metalled road to
West Ilsley.

For the longer walk take the short path to the left at
this junction to another T junction. Turn right here
and after about 200 metres look for a path on your
right hand side. Follow this path until it reaches a
metalled road (Old Street) turn right along this

metalled road until it turns left at this point continue
straight ahead along a footpath to join the Catmore
Road. Turn right here and when the road turns sharp
right continue straight ahead into Park Wood....ignore
the footpath that crosses the path after about 500
metres and take the next path on the right hand side
that skirts along the side of a field edge towards
Starveall Farm....There are some excellent views of the
village from here.....continue down the track past the
farm to join the Farnborough Road, turn right on the
road towards the Harrow.

This is a particularly beautiful walk during Bluebell time
but beware some of the path can be muddy after rain.

CRIME REPORT

*Our thanks to PC Andrew Buckingham
(Hungerford Police 08458 505 505) 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:

Crime Report 13 October

On or about 3rd October a handbag containing credit
cards was stolen from a shopping trolley in Somerfields
Hungerford. Unfortunately inside the handbag were the
'PIN' numbers for the cards and cash withdrawals have
been made. Unattended handbags and wallets in
shopping trolleys are easy pickings and to find a credit
card with its PIN number neatly written down on a piece
of paper is like Christmas and birthdays rolled into one
for the thief. Remember always keep cards and PIN's
separate.

There have been a number people coming into the
Lambourn Office asking the question "Is it illegal to use
a mobile phone whilst riding a horse?"

The actual legislation applies to driving a motor vehicle
and does not include horses. However though I'm not
an accomplished equestrian I would think it unwise to
use a mobile whilst riding.

And finally

Some personnel changes at the Station see the arrival
of Inspector Peter Edwards as the new Neighbourhood
Inspector whilst Inspector Toby Barrett has moved onto
pastures new at Reading.

20th Oct

Hungerford, being a predominately rural area does I'm
afraid suffer from rural crime and the past week has
proved no exception.

Between Friday and Saturday a horse box was stolen
from a property in West Ilsley and probably during the
same night a seven foot hardwood gate was also stolen
from a paddock in the village.

During the night of Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th
riding tack was stolen from a farm in Brightwalton and a
farm in Hermitage.

Two bronze statues of a 'buck and roe deer' were
stolen from the garden of a house in Woodland St Mary
between 10th and 11th October.

Over the past couple of weeks domestic fuel oil has
been siphoned from a house in Farnborough. If you
have this type of heating be aware of this as many
people will be filling their tanks at this time of year for
the coming winter and theft is a cheaper option to the
thief rather than paying the rising oil prices.

27th Oct

Between Tuesday and Friday three burglaries have taken place, two in Great Shefford and one in Eddington Hungerford. On each occasion entry has been gained by forcing rear UPVC doors. Please be aware of this, make sure all doors and windows are securely locked and don't leave garden tools lying around.

Christmas BINGO



Friday 9th December

In the Village Hall

7.30pm

All the Family welcome
Bingo and Raffle Prizes

Bring your own refreshments

Admission: Adults 20p, Children 10p

Bingo Books 30p

Any donation of prizes to Audrey

5 Fir Tree Cottages

Proceeds to Village Hall Funds

COULD YOU BE A 'FRIEND' TO SOMEONE AFFECTED BY AUTISM?

The National Autistic Society (NAS) is currently looking for volunteers from all walks of life who live in the Reading/West Berkshire area to share their interests with a local adult, child or family affected by autism or Asperger syndrome, as part of a new Befriending Scheme.

Children and adults with autism often have problems making sense of, and coping with, the world around them, they have difficulty developing friendships, or understanding other people's feelings. Many lead very lonely lives. Whether you enjoy sport or TV, computers or cinema, going out for coffee, shopping, or staying in playing board-games, **YOUR** time could make a real difference.

Volunteers don't need to know much about autism, rather they need to be people who are open-minded and willing to learn. Could **YOU** spare a couple of hours a week to befriend someone in need of a friend in **YOUR** community?

To find out more, contact your local Volunteer

Support Officer, Jean Landau, on 01635 862876. or write to her at POBox 6134. Thatcham. RG 19 9A Y

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

The next service will be on Thursday 17 November at 4pm in the church where we will hear the story of Mary and Martha.

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. The services cover a variety of themes we hope of interest to the children and are suitable from babies to older ones.

Mums and Tots (for the very young and their carers) We had a very pleasant get together over a coffee at The Peasemore Rectory in October and the children enjoyed playing and singing. We will be meeting at the Rectory again in November on Thursday 3rd from 10am-11.30am and in December on Thursday 1st.

If you would like more information on either of these services please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

West Ilsley

will be

At Home

for a

Christmas Party

Drinks and Canapes

on

Saturday 3rd December 2005

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

in

the Village Hall

Invitations £12.50 each, Evergreens £8.00

pay bar available after 9 pm

available from:

Andrea Cook, Clock Cottage, 281224

Sandra Carlisle, Rowles Farm 281220

and at Bonfire Night

All Profits to the Raising the Roof Fund