

West Ilsley News

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5pm on Tuesday 27th April

DIARY

APRIL

30th Mamma Mia night

JULY

3rd Pre-fete dance

4th Fete

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Unfortunately we won't be able to hold the Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday due to the safety of children on the steep bank and having no one to supervise. We will however have some mini eggs and other chocolate goodies for the children in The Harrow. Sorry for the inconvenience.

St. George's Night

Friday 23rd April

Traditional English menu,
drinks and cocktails.

Food served from 7pm
til 9:30pm

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Happy Easter !!



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Easter Bingo

Fun For All the Family

Good Friday 2nd 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

BIRDS OF PREY AND FALCONRY DISPLAY

On **Easter Saturday**, 3rd April, Ray Prior will be up on **Aldworth recreation field**, with his amazing birds, all morning. Meet and chat with Ray and stay on to watch the Flying Display at 11 a.m.

Aldworth Saturday Market will be in full swing in the village hall with lots of goodies to buy, and tasty refreshments too, from **9 a.m. to 12 noon**.

ILSLEY EVERGREENS

On Thursday April 22nd 2010 there will be an outing to Cardiff. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 8.30 am. Members £7, non-members £10. Names to Pat Burnett 281131

Please tell your friends and put **3rd April** in your diary now! Entry is FREE, but a collection will be made to help cover costs.

We look forward to seeing you at Aldworth's Village Market any Saturday, but especially at Easter. Details: 01635 578177

**“MAMMA MIA”
COMES TO WEST ILSLEY!
IN AID OF VITAL TENNIS COURT
REPAIRS**



FRIDAY 30 APRIL, VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN: 6.30PM

SUPPER : 7PM PROMPT

FILM SCREENING: 7.30PM PROMPT

TICKETS: £10 ADULTS TO INCLUDE FILM AND GREEK THEMED SUPPER/ £8 CONCESSIONS

£5 CHILDREN TO INCLUDE FILM AND CHILDRENS SUPPER

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL!

BAR AND RAFFLE

CHILDREN MAY LIKE TO BRING A BEAN BAG

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CALL ANY OF THE TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE:

AMANDA HAGEN – 281855

POLLY MUIR – 281647

AMANDA KNIGHT – 281609

LIZ DRAY – 281688

Or email: westilsleynews@msn.com to reserve your tickets

LIMITED AVAILABILITY – BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

ALL SAINTS, WEST ILSLEY

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

April Church Services

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| 4 th | All Age Communion – Easter Day | 11 am |
| 11 th | Holy Communion | 8.30 am |
| 18 th | All Age Worship | 11 am |
| 25 th | * No service at West Ilsley | |

* Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice.

N.B. Please note time of Easter Day service.

Do come and join us at the All Age Communion service on Easter Sunday to celebrate this major event in the church's calendar.

In addition to the services shown above, there will be various services during Holy Week (Monday 29th March – Thursday 1st April) in the benefice, as well as over the Easter weekend itself. There will be a service of Compline (a quiet meditative service) in All Saints, West Ilsley on Tuesday 30th March at 8pm. Please see the notice board in the lych-gate for times and places of other services.

On Friday 2nd April there will be a **Good Friday Walk** starting at Farnborough church at 9.25 am and finishing at Peasemore church for a Devotional Service at 2pm. Contact Iris Stockwell on 248943 for further details of the walk.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Tuesday 27th April – 8pm in church

Everyone is welcome to join us in church to hear our news from the past year and offer your own views.

GOOD FRIDAY

**2 April at 11 in the morning
at the Church in Chieveley**

Hear and take part in the story...
not just any old story,
but the story of the person
who changes everything...

for the whole family, watch or take part, drinks and hot-cross buns to finish, the whole thing less than an hour, any questions talk to me:
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DOWNLAND VOLUNTEER GROUP

WANTED - VOLUNTEER CAR DRIVERS

We are a friendly group of people who use their cars to provide a service to people in the Downland villages who need help to get to local surgeries, hospitals, dentists and opticians or sometimes to go shopping. We would love to hear from you if you occasionally have some spare time during the week and would like to help.



Appointments are normally during the day between Monday and Friday. Our office staff take requests from clients and ring to ask about your availability. It's up to you how often you drive.

Some of us do it just once or twice a month, some more regularly. Some of our drivers also run the Handybus to take people on regular shopping trips or visits to the surgeries. We pay you a mileage allowance to cover fuel costs and reimburse any other out of pocket expenses. Our clients are usually very grateful for what we can do for them and we do find the job very rewarding. If you are interested, please do call us at the **Downland Volunteer Group office on 01635 578394 between 10 and 12, Monday to Friday mornings.**



St. Mary's Church, East Ilsley
Saturday 22nd May 2010
7.00pm



Blewbury Brass Band Concert
In their centenary year

Tickets are £5 which includes a complementary glass of wine or soft drink

Please phone 01635 281885 or email jwt.hibbert@btinternet.com for tickets

All proceeds go to St Mary's Church Funds
Please help to keep our village church open

Aldworth JUMBLE SALE

There will be a **JUMBLE SALE** in Aldworth Village Hall from **2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday 17 April** in aid of St Mary's Church.

Nearly new clothes, homemade cakes, produce, plants, books and white elephant stalls. Raffle and refreshments. (Details: 01635 578239)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

A big thank you to David and Jane Carlisle for inviting the children to visit the lambs at Folly Farm in March. The sheep were on a go slow on the birthing front but the children loved seeing the lambs and hearing all about the lambing process from Matt who should definitely consider a future on Blue Peter! The afternoon ended with delicious homemade cakes and tea in the farmhouse which set us up well for our walk back down through the fields. Thank you to all those who came and for your kind donations to West Berks Mencap which came to £62.90.

In April we will be meeting on Thursday 22 April at 4pm in the church and celebrating St George's Day. Small dragons would be most welcome to attend with their owners.

Services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones and last approximately half an hour followed by drinks.

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

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688

Louise Taylor on 01635 280622.



FETE - SUNDAY 4TH JULY

Could you all please save your broken, chipped, un-wanted crockery for the crockery smashing stall at the fete. You can bring it along on the morning of the fete or drop it off at The Harrow.

We need as many hands on deck as possible on the day of the fete, if you would like to help out on the day please let one of the committee members know, thank-you.

Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received. Please contact Hayley at The Harrow 01635 281260.

Potatoes for the produce class are still available from The Harrow.

If you would like a stall at this year's fete please contact one of the committee.

The committee members are, Alan Bloor Doug Brown, Jo Coles, Katharine Gibbs and Hayley Watling.

We are having a second hand clothing stall at this years fete so could you all please bag up any clothes you no longer wear and bring them to The Harrow.

Get your teams sorted for this years 5 a-side football competition. The categories are, under 7 year olds, under 13 year olds and over 13. Medals for winners.

Get snapping for the photography class. Categories are, under 16's and over 16's. It's a local theme so an animal, a person or an event that happened within the village. Prizes for winners.

This year's fancy dress is an American theme because of it being held on Independence Day.

Categories are, 0-5 years and 6-11 years. Free to enter and prizes for winners. We will be holding a talent competition. So if you think you're the next Cheryl Cole or Varsity then come along and wow the judges. £1 to enter. Prizes for winners. Categories are under 7 years, under 13 years and over 13's. So get practising!!

**ADVANCE WARNING
SATURDAY 3 JULY
PRE-FETE DANCE AT THE CRICKET
PITCH
PROCEEDS IN AID OF TENNIS COURT
REPAIRS (AGAIN!).
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Teri, Stuart, Demi and Sebastian who have moved to Coldharbour. Teri's skills as a rosette maker could also be handy in such a horsey village! - see ad for further details.

**EASTER SATURDAY
@ Aldworth
3rd April – 9.00 to 12.00
Meet Ray Prior and his amazing
BIRDS of PREY
followed by a
FALCONRY DISPLAY @ 11.00
on Aldworth Recreation Ground
EASTER MARKET
in Aldworth Village Hall
Fresh Produce, Local Foods, Cakes
Flowers & Plants,
Cards & Gifts
REFRESHMENTS
FREE entry!**

ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

Ilsley Under 5's is an established parent and carer run playgroup in partnership with Sure Start offering a great space to play in a friendly and safe environment.

It is a great opportunity to get together with other families and enjoy talk, play, going on picnics, trips, learn together or just have fun.

Every week we provide a craft such as painting, play dough and sticking, and special themed activities throughout the year.

We provide drinks and snacks for the children, and tea and coffee for the adults on a rota basis. The session ends with circle time sing song.

We meet on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall. Simply pop along and join us. New members are always welcome.

We look forward to seeing new faces during the Easter Holidays. Our Under 7s sessions will be held on Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 14th April. The "Monkey Music" group will be joining us on Wednesday 14th April for a session too. We look forward to seeing you.

Caroline Rand
01635 281921

POLICE UPDATE

Here is an extract from the latest neighbourhood update for Downlands from Neighbourhood Specialist Officer, PC Simon Easton.

The latest anti-social behaviour and crime figures for the Downlands can be viewed at <http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley> (opens new window). The facility allows you to view the crime statistics for various types of crime and also allows you to view the statistics for different areas of the force.

This month Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Dominic Bartlett and I were involved in the conference 'Tackling Rural Crime Together' held in Lambourn to raise awareness of crime reduction and prevention amongst rural communities. The conference was organised with the assistance of the Country Land and Business Association and other partner agencies and was very well attended. We also actively promoted the new rural text alert system which has been developed to inform local landowners in isolated locations about suspicious incidents that are occurring in the area. If you wish to find out more or join up to these alerts please email me with your contact details at simon.easton@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Our first priority is hare coursing this is still a problem in the Downlands area along the Ridgeway. The areas which appear to be targeted most are the Ilsleys, Catmore, Brightwalton, Farnborough, and Beedon.

We are still actively patrolling these areas throughout the day and night with the view of disrupting and preventing any further coursing. However if you have any information or witness any suspicious activity please contact us. We have further joint operations planned to tackle and disrupt hare coursing.

The operation involves hi-visibility patrols by each neighbourhood team whilst working closely with local landowners. Please be vigilant and report any sightings of such activity immediately to increase our chances of catching the offenders before they leave the area. This problem is often also linked to other rural offences such as shed, garages and out-building (non-dwelling) burglaries and thefts, so our patrols are focussed to stop suspicious vehicles in areas where offences have occurred previously.

The issue of anti-social behaviour in Leckhampstead appears to be decreasing as we have received very few reports in recent weeks. We are also currently reviewing the issue of speeding on Beedon Hill. I will be attending the Beedon Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 3 March at the Village Hall to discuss the current situation and look at ways that it can be addressed. We will also be using Speed Indications Devices across the area: we have already used them in East Ilsley during February and will be placing them at other locations such as Beedon Hill during coming weeks.

PCSO Bartlett has recently been in contact with most of the parish councils to ascertain when their parish meetings will be held for the forthcoming year. We are hoping to attend more parish meetings, as we hope it will give the public an opportunity to speak to us about any issues they may have.

We are working hard to engage with various members of the community, such as businesses, parish councils, residents, local schools, etc. We would very much like to be invited to any meetings, or fetes which you would like us to attend. If you know of any events, please get in touch.

A 30-year-old man was arrested on Saturday 13 February after a report of a disturbance at the Crown and Horns Inn in East Ilsley. The man received a fixed penalty notice for public order offences.

We are still in the process of liaising with local residents, businesses and parish councils with a view to establishing a Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) for the Downlands area. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about what it involves, please contact Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Dominic Bartlett via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505 or email us using the addresses listed here.

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WE NEED YOUR BRA'S, FOOTBALL SHIRTS ETC.

Mandy Slater is going with a church group to Nakuru in Kenya in May to visit a school and orphanage and they would like to take various items with them for the children and the people who run it.

The Orphanage was set up by someone who used to live on the streets and wanted to help children like himself who had no alternative but to live in the streets.

If you have any good quality bra's, football shirts, football boots, recorders and music or dressing up clothes please could you pass them to Mandy at 1 The Maltings, West Ilsley or call her on 01635 281325 and she will collect them.

Thank you in advance for your help.

22 February 2010

Dear Mr. Giglio,
Hebron Cottage
West Ilsley
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Berkshire
RG20 7AL

WEST ILSLEY
COUNCIL

Transport Services Team
Council Offices
Faraday Road, Newbury
Berkshire RG14 2AF

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Your Ref: Local Bus
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Direct Line: 01635 519663
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e-mail: mmetcalfe@westberks.gov.uk

Dear Mr. Giglio

Bus Service in West Ilsley

I was sorry to learn in your recent letter that West Ilsley was cut off from the local bus network during the period of heavy snow that West Berkshire experienced.

The decision of whether it is safe or not to operate a bus service to any location during inclement weather conditions is left to the discretion of the bus operators. In this case the management of Newbury Buses felt it was not safe to extend their 6, 6A service to West Ilsley even via an alternative route.

I appreciate you would like an improved service to West Ilsley. Unfortunately bus patronage from residents here has often been on the low side, hence the current level of service. However, I agree that it would be easy to schedule West Ilsley into more journeys. I have sent your letter onto Newbury Buses for them to consider your points.

West Ilsley is also served by D J Travel's 74 local bus service. This operates on Fridays. The bus departs from West Ilsley Church at 0930 and arrives in Reading at 1036. It departs from Reading at 1315 and arrives back at West Ilsley at 1421. The village is also served by the car and Handybus schemes operated by the Downland Volunteer Group (Tel 01635 202519). The concessionary free bus pass can be used on the Handybus service.

I have sent a copy of your letter and this reply to your District Councillor so he is aware of the matters you have raised.

Yours sincerely

M Metcalfe
Matthew Metcalfe
Transport Services Team

cc - Councillor George Chandler

THE AUTUMN GROUP

We have formed a new group for the over 60's who meet in West Ilsley Village Hall on alternate Tuesdays between 2pm and 4pm. The afternoon revolves around pleasant company, tea, cakes and a general chat and of course a raffle.

We try to have speakers to most sessions.

To date we have had talks on Astrology and by Sovereign Housing about their Care Alarm System.

Future speakers will talk to us about the British Legion, Air Ambulance and Spiritual Healing. We also have planned for someone to come and talk about his bees and for Helen Pearce to bring her singing group along (not rock & roll).

All this for only £2 per session.

The group is open to all from the Ilsleys and neighbouring villages.

Please contact Patricia Burnett **07786856440** for

more details. Our programme so far for 2010:

| Date | Subject |
|----------|-------------------------|
| 30 March | British Legion |
| 13 April | Helen Pearce |
| 27 April | Air Ambulance |
| 11 May | Citizens' Advice Bureau |
| 25 May | Hats for All Occasions |
| 8 June | Police |
| 22 June | Red Cross |
| 6 July | Paul about his Bees |

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UPDATE ON THE TENNIS COURT

Polly Muir

There has been been much bush-trimming and conifer-, sorry, stump-hacking and general tidying up in preparation for the forthcoming tennis season. The working party (and my beloved) has worked very hard. It must be said that the groundsman at Wimbledon might find the remnants of the moss on the tarmac a little disappointing, but it has been sprayed (twice) and is supposed to die. The court surface is a little fragile after the hard weather to treat it more aggressively by power spraying. The moss itself seems to have an extraordinary resilience, with a great will to live. It would appear to be taking an inordinately long time to perish. 'We' need a good dry period during which it will shrivel and die (and become has-been moss, like the Monty Python Parrot). That being the case, with repairs to the fence, you should all be able to recommence with your tennis playing.

We need to fundraise big time to replace the existing fencing and re-surface the court to restore it to its original glory, so do make sure that you watch these pages for news of events to come. The first will be the Mama Mia evening next month and then the pre-fete bash in July. Ah!! Summer.....I hear someone's making a forecast that it is going to be the hottest summer since 1976. This bulletin is not from the Met, but some

geezers who predicted the dreadful weather last year. I do hope their prediction is not wholly accurate as all my places of work suffer from the most terrible heat affliction and no air con. I shall therefore endeavour to be AWOL for the duration of the summer. It will, however, be good (or bad, depending on your viewpoint) for the moss. And great for tennis.

The tennis committee is very to grateful for the support it receives, both practically and financially. The Gore family and Carlisles have, once again, been very generous with materials: thank you to them both. And a big thank you to Microfocus who have given us a very generous donation towards the court maintenance. It is so good to have the support at a time that is so challenging for us and we do much appreciate it.

WHO TO CONTACT

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| VILLAGE HALL | |
| Audrey Tizzard - Treasurer and Bookings | 281646 |
| Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers | |
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