

West Ilsley News

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Yet another brilliant evening at this year's Winter Warmer - many thanks to the Scrivens. A few more social events are now on the calendar - see you there!

The Editors

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

William and Alexandra Axtell

6 th March	Mothering Sunday - All Age Service	11.00am
13 th March	Passion Sunday - Holy Communion	8.00am
20 th March	Palm Sunday - Family Communion	9.30am
27 th March	Easter Day - Family Communion	9.30am

Easter

In addition to the services above there will be meditation services in the Holy Week (21-23 March) at Peasmore church starting at 7.30pm - all very welcome. On Maundy Thursday (24 March) there is a Holy Communion of the Last Supper service in Peasmore Village Hall. On Good Friday (25 March) there will be a benefice walk concluding with a solemn service before the Cross at Beedon church at 2.00pm.

Winter Warmer

We hope everybody enjoyed the Winter Warmer last month. A good chance to catch up with some good food and a pint or two! We managed to raise around £700 for the general church funds. A big thank you to Tony and Jo Scriven and their team for their hard work to make it a fun night out.

Rev. Trevor Maines Licensing

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Trevor Maines and his wife Olive to the benefice. Trevor was licensed at a service in Peasmore on 21st February and has taken up his post as house-for-duty priest at the Rectory in Peasmore.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will take place in the church at 7.45pm on Tuesday 15th March. All welcome to come and air your views.

Raising the Roof Update

Funds raised to date are £13,710 - a good achievement! The aim is to reach £20,000 and then to apply to grant organisations by the end of this year. If you would like to organise any fundraising events to

help meet this target please let us know - your help would be greatly appreciated!

Wine Tasting

Date for the diary - we are organising a fun and informal wine tasting of South African wines on 9th April in the village hall from 7.30pm in aid of the roof appeal. Guest speaker and fine wines!

William and Alexandra Axtell

ILSLEY EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle

The Evergreens will be holding their AGM at the West Ilsley Village Hall on Monday 14th March at 2.30 pm. New members welcome. We shall be fixing our programme for this year, then there will be a talk on Peru by Mrs Anne Butterworth, finishing with tea and biscuits. Subscription if £5 for a year.

EASTER LILIES Anne Carlisle

I will be pleased to accept donations from anyone wishing to contribute money towards buying an Easter Lily, as a token of remembrance.

DIARY

MARCH

14 th	Evergreens AGM
14 th	Parish Council Meeting
15 th	Parochial Church Meeting
19 th	Lambing at Folly Farm

APRIL

6 th	Easter Activity Morning
9 th	Wine Tasting

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Monday 28th March

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C R I M E R E P O R T

Our thanks to PC Andrew Buckingham 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:

Overnight between Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th January thieves gained access to some stables on Ermine Street Lambourn Woodlands. They left empty handed as all the 'horse tack' had been removed. Please be aware of this if you keep your 'tack' in isolated locations.

Between 1.30pm and 2pm Friday 28th January a distraction burglary occurred in Southfields Boxford where a male distracted the occupant whilst a second male entered the property, fortunately this person was seen and both men ran off and drove away in a car. A local 10 Feb: Vehicle crime, I'm afraid, features again this week with two vehicles broken into. Both occurring on Sunday 6th, the first between 11.30am and 3.30pm when the offenders smashed the windscreen of a yellow Peugeot 205, while it was parked in Moores Place, Hungerford. The second was between 2pm and 2.30pm when the driver's door of a Citroen was forced whilst parked at Combe Gibbet. Thieves stole a rucksack and clothing.

On Saturday 5th February between 1.30pm and 1.45pm a one-year-old Terrier Cairn cross bitch was stolen from an isolated property in East Garston. We are keen to trace a grey Landrover seen in the vicinity that afternoon. If you have any information or are offered such a dog for sale please contact me at the police station.

Between 8.15am and 5.20pm on Thursday 3rd a burglary occurred in Southfields, Boxford, and a laptop computer and camcorder were stolen.

15 Feb: Last Tuesday night thieves forced the lock to a farm building in Farnborough and stole a quantity of riding tack. Theft of tack is I'm afraid an ever prevalent crime on the Hungerford sector with so many isolated stables and barns used as tack rooms. Please make sure that all tack is securely stored and locked away.

**Help required in garden
2 hours weekly
281552**

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES Ali Allan - Chair

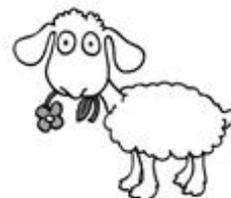
Since our last entry, we have had a lot of uncertainty with regard to the continuation of Playgroup. Unfortunately due to family reasons, Cindy had to leave us, which threw us into rather a panic as we had no one to 'run' the group who was qualified, oh for the days when 'Mums' could just step in! Fortunately, Half term was just round the corner.....

Luckily, Emma Bartholomew who used to be our Playgroup Supervisor is still between jobs and has

kindly offered to step into the breach until Easter which gives us a little more time to try and recruit a qualified person. So if any of you know of anyone who would like to apply for the role and who is NNEB, DPP or NVQ 3 qualified please get them to contact me on 281567. The closing date is 14th March and if we do not get anyone, the bottom line is we will probably have to close for the foreseeable future. We have looked into changing our registration with Ofsted to take under 3's, but this requires another member of qualified staff and we do not have the funds to support this. The other problem is we need more children to attend, we only have 6 on a Wednesday afternoon and 9 on a Thursday so again we have a major crisis looming in more ways than one. We are currently running at a loss each week and eating into our reserves which will not last forever.

We get together for Babies & Toddlers on Wednesday mornings -10. -11.30am in West Ilsley Village Hall.(Term time only) We have heaps of toys, a 'baby area' and lots of Mum's who love a chat over a cup of coffee, so come along. For further details - ring Penny Dillon on 281375. Playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Ilsleys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm during the school terms. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy Gregory on 281650 to enrol or if you would like to attend a session to see what the children get up to.

**Farmer Carlisle invites you
to the lambing**



at

Folly Farm, West Ilsley

on

Saturday 19th March

2.00-4.00pm

Farmhouse teas

Admission charges Adults: £2.00, Children £1.00

All proceeds to the All Saints Church Roof Appeal.

**NO PREGNANT WOMEN ALLOWED INTO THE
LAMBING PEN**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Fred Carter

We have been advised that a security company is again calling on residents in the Newbury and Thatcham area offering free home safety checks and/or selling alarms. They use high pressure selling tactics and sometimes say that they are from the Government or connected with the Police or Fire Service. We would advise using a reputable Company who do not sell from door to door or cold call by phone. It is best to obtain several quotes and not just accept the first offer and only sign up for a short period.

Householders and the use of force against intruders.

Joint Public Statement from the Crown Prosecution Service and the Association of Chief Police Officers.

It is a rare and frightening prospect to be confronted by an intruder in your own home. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and Chief Constables are responding to public concern over the support offered by the law and confusion about householders defending themselves. They want a criminal justice system that reaches fair decisions, has the confidence of law abiding citizens and encourages them actively to support the police and prosecutors in the fight against crime.

Wherever possible you should call the police. The following summarises the position when you are faced with an intruder in your home, and provides a brief overview of how the police and the CPS will deal with such an event.

Does the Law protect me? What is reasonable force?

Anyone can use reasonable force to protect themselves or others. You are not expected to make a fine judgement over the level of force you use in the heat of the moment. So long as you do only what you honestly and instinctively believe is necessary in the heat of the moment, that would be the strongest evidence of you acting lawfully and in self defence. This is still the case if you use something to hand as a weapon.

Do I have to wait to be attacked?

No, not if you are in your own home and in fear for yourself or others.

What if the intruder runs off?

This situation is different as you are no longer acting in self defence and so the same degree of force may not be reasonable.

Also you would be deemed to be acting with very excessive or gratuitous force and would be prosecuted if having knocked somebody unconscious, you then decided to further hurt or punish them:

Or, you knew of an intended intruder and set a trap to hurt them rather than involve the police.

For a full report:

www.cps.gov.uk/publications/householders.html

The Office of Fair Trading is running a campaign on how to recognise scams and avoid falling for them. Call 0800 389 3158 for a free leaflet or go to www.of.gov.uk/consumer/scams/default.htm for further information or to download a copy.

WINES OF THE RAINBOW NATION!



Come and enjoy a fun and informal evening exploring the fine wines of South Africa! South African guest speaker and an enjoyable evening guaranteed. Tickets only £10 to include tasting wine and cheese.

Book early to avoid disappointment! Tickets from Will Axtell (281 306), Tony Scriven (281 405) and Ian Fewtrell-Smith (281 625).

All profits to *Raising the Roof* church roof appeal.

Date – Saturday 9th April

Time – 7.30pm

Venue – Village Hall

See you there!

AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Liz Dray

At the February service our topic was "Lent" and the children heard how Jesus fasted for forty days; they then talked about some of the things they might give up or extra things they could do during Lent.

In March, thanks to David and Jane Carlisle, we will be able to do a "lambing" visit on Thursday 10 March. We will walk up to Folly Farm as in previous years and will leave The Malthouse (Alison Banks) at 4pm promptly. Please call Alison (281705) for more details if necessary.

Finally, we are holding an Easter activity morning in the village hall on Wednesday 6 April - please see details below. We do hope as many of you as possible will join us.

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

Children's Church

All Saints, West Ilsley
Invite you to

***An Easter Activity morning
On
Wednesday 6 April
10.15 – 12.30
Village Hall, West Ilsley***

WHAT IS THE ACTIVITY MORNING?

A fun morning of activities to help the children follow the story of Easter. We will be baking bread, making plate gardens and decorating eggs.

WHO IS IT OPEN TO?

Children of all ages. ***Under 7s accompanied by an adult please.***

REFRESHMENTS?

Drinks will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

As we have a maximum of 25 places please book into the activity morning by telephoning Alison Banks on 01635 281705.

PRE-FETE DANCE

The West Ilsley Fete Committee are pleased to announce that "The Friends of The Ilsleys School" will be organising the West Ilsley Pre-Fete dance on Saturday 9th July 2005.

CRICKET CLUB

Hugh Evans

Cricket Club Despite the extreme cold of this week, the Cricket Club have started preparations for the upcoming season with the usual mixture of anticipation and expectation. Head Groundsman, Alan Bloor, has been out doing the first key job which is unfortunately to kill the worms on the square. So what's happening...The season officially starts on the w/e 23rd/24th April. On the Saturday, there will be a club game - if you are interested in playing. In the evening there will be a Quiz Night. On the Sunday, we have the 1st round of the National Village Knockout Competition - opposition (TBC). We very much welcome new Members - both playing and non-playing - to the club. We run 2 XIs on a Saturday in the Berkshire League, which is reasonably competitive standard of cricket for both teams. And we run a Sunday XI which is your classic village cricket and always good value. If you are interested in playing, please contact Hugh Evans on 281763. Youth Cricket - we are planning to run youth cricket on Friday evenings from the end of April. More detail will be provided in the next edition of WIN. However if you would like to find out more - please contact Tony Scriven on 281405. On the non-playing side, there is always an active social scene at the Club particularly on Friday and Saturday evening and into the night!! Also when home games are being played, how about wandering over to the club for a cup of tea or something stronger and relax watching cricket.

FETE ACCOMPLI The Fete Committee

Further to our request for feedback, the result was very disappointing . We received just 2! Thank you to those of you who did take the time to give your input (you know who you are!). We assume from this that the residents of West Ilsley are happy with the existing fete content We look forward to the continued fantastic support to ensure another fun day for all and successful contribution to the local charities.