

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Tuesday 27th September

DIARY SEPTEMBER

12th Parish Council Meeting

24th Car wash

30th Coffee morning

OCTOBER

2nd Harvest festival and meal

NOVEMBER

19th Safari supper

MOBILE LIBRARY

The library van will be in Fir Tree Paddock on Tuesday 20th September, 2.10 - 2.40pm

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the village,

Inspired by the Great British bake-off on the BBC, we think we should have a West Ilsley version, so we are calling all cooks to join us ... here's the plan:

- We've booked the village hall for the first Tuesday in the month until the end of the year.
- We all turn up at 8 pm with our version of the cake/dish of the month plus a copy of the recipe we've used.
- Cakes are set out for judging and we all get to look and taste and talk technique over a cuppa, whilst completing our scores for each offering.
- The scores are then totalled and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places are announced.

The topics for the first three months are:

4th October – flapjacks

1st November – lemon drizzle cake

6th December – mince pies

Whether you are a novice cook who needs inspiration and help, or are experienced and happy to pass on your wisdom, we do hope you will join us for what we think will be a fun evening. We think £2 each will adequately fund the cost of the hall and drinks.

Please let one of us know if you will be joining us.

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Or email westilsleynews@msn.com

PRODUCE SHOW 2011 Sue Simmons

As usual fierce competition was the order of the day at this year's produce show with a huge number of entries for most categories. There was a heated debate at the men only baking table involving some of the entrants with regard to what officially constitutes a Victoria sponge. After stern intervention from the judge and much sampling of said sponge, calm was restored. It was a lovely tribute to Russ Brown, who every year would rush in at the last minute, move all other entries to the back and inform me with confidence and a twinkle in his eye that his cakes were the only worthy winners, that there were so many entries for the men only baking category. Russ's granddaughter Sophie presented a cup donated by Irene to the winner.

Another good natured battle ensued at the potato section with a stand-off between David Carlisle and his mother – really David, you are a sore loser! I hope you are still talking to your mother. The category for most spuds grown in a pot was popular and spuds were counted and recounted resulting in a clear winner who won a bag of spuds!

Other entries that really stood out were Jane Carlisle's cottage flowers, Isobel Pigot's Rose, Juliet Banks' fabulous marmalade, Geoff Wond's lovely bread and no West Ilsley Produce Show would be complete without Jon Evans and his onions. Jon swept the board with three prizes in the onion category. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great produce show. A big thank you to Liz Elliott who helped me judge this year.

This year's winners were.....

Drivers

Volunteer Handbybus drivers *urgently* required by the Downland Volunteer Group to take Downland residents on outings on weekday afternoons.

No previous experience necessary.

Can you help?

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Needed



World's Biggest Coffee Morning

In aid of

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Friday 30 September, 10am - midday

The Poplars

Main Street

West Ilsley

For directions tel:

Alison Banks 01635 281705 or

Liz Dray 01635 281688

Also on sale:

Recent secondhand paperbacks

Phoenix Cards

Suzy's Preserves

Bewitched Accessories – end of season sale of scarves and bags – bargain prices!

Please bring your friends!

COUNTY SHOW

The 2011 Royal County of Berkshire Show takes place on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th September this year and is set to be a bumper Show. If tickets are purchased in advance you can make a saving of up to £3 per ticket.

There is something for all members of the family at the Show. The livestock competitions are always a great attraction, visitors can view the competitors in their stalls before the classes, getting close to some of the best cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry and even llamas that the UK can offer. New this year is the first National Dexter Show. Dexters are the smallest British breed of

cattle and are extremely attractive in both size and personality.

The main ring's highlight display for 2011 is The Devil's Horsemen, these daredevil stunt riders will be performing Cossack style tricks on horseback at a gallop and will stun the crowds with their outstanding acrobatic skills. In addition The Band of The Brigade of Gurkhas will be performing in the main ring on both days; their military music is exceptional in that it is performed at a quicker march than their British counterparts.

With over 600 shops to browse, the shopaholics amongst us will be well catered for, but it's not only jewellery, clothing, homeware and gifts. There's also gardening stalls, DIY, tools, food, wine and crafts to enjoy. And for the foodies amongst us The Food Fare Marquee has a fantastic array of exceptional produce, much of it from local producers.

Keep the children amused with a visit to the old fashioned fun fair or let them try out the 'Top Gear' Simulator. Plus they can get up close with all sorts of reptiles in the Reptile Tent, they can enjoy pond dipping and meeting the hounds in the Countryside Area and they can round it all off with a visit to the Wicker Man – an awe-inspiring 30ft man of wicker made by The Oxford Sculpture Project.

For the equestrian enthusiast the Show has an excellent standard of jumping and showing classes culminating in the final of British Showjumping's International Stairway Competition.

Fans of The Archers will be delighted by a special exhibition at the Show commemorating 60 years of the popular BBC Radio 4 programme. Created by the University of Reading's Museum of English Rural Life (MERL), who also celebrate their 60th anniversary this year, the exhibition offers a unique opportunity for Archers' listeners to explore how the changing world of agriculture has been reflected throughout the programme's six decades. Members of The Archers team along with the curators of the exhibition will visit the show over the weekend to chat with fans and answer their questions.

Ticket Information:

There are some attractive discounts on tickets bought in advance, tickets can be purchased online at www.berkshireshow.co.uk or by telephone from the Newbury & District Agricultural Society on 01635 247155. Other local outlets will be selling tickets from the end of July, details can be found at www.berkshireshow.co.uk

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 15th September

8pm till late

£2 each to enter

Book your tables NOW!!

RECENT PAPERBACKS WANTED

Alison and I are looking for recent paperbacks in good condition to sell at the Macmillan Coffee morning in September. If you do have any to spare please give one of us a call or feel free to leave them in the porch at The Poplars.

With thanks.

Liz (281688) and Alison (281705)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

September Church Services in All Saints

4 th	Family Communion	9.30am
11 th	Holy Communion	8.30am
18 th	* No service in West Ilsley	
25 th	Family Service with Baptism	3.00pm

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

Also, please note that from September onwards there is a new pattern to our regular services. Our Family Service moves to the fourth Sunday of the month and will be held at 11.00am. However, for September only, it will be held at 3.00pm, for the baptism of Honor Pilditch. On the third Sunday every month the only morning service in the benefice will be a United Benefice Communion at Chieveley at 9.30am with a Taizé Service at 6pm elsewhere. Check the new benefice website for the location of the Taizé Service. Fifth Sunday services will rotate around the benefice, as before.

Ride + Stride – Saturday 10th September:

Visit as many of Berkshire's beautiful churches as you can between 10am and 6pm and raise money for your local church and the Berkshire Churches Trust. For sponsor forms and more details contact Ian on 281625.

New Benefice Website: Although still under construction, there is a new benefice website at <http://tinyurl.com/east-downland> A letter of thanks to everyone from Revdd Kate and Graham Stacey and family for your generous donations for their farewell present can be found there.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 2nd October – 9.30am Harvest Festival Service, followed by a Harvest Meal.

Saturday 19th November – Safari Supper - anyone who would like to host a main course for a number of people, please contact Sue on 281354. More details next month.

Do keep these days free.

Aldworth Saturday Market's

NINTH Birthday Fair

Saturday 10th September

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aldworth Village Hall and Rec.

DOG AGILITY DISPLAYS

(Have a Go for £1 with your dog)

Blewbury Brass Band

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Afternoon Teas at St Mary's Church, Aldworth, will continue every WEDNESDAY until 14th September. If a large group wishes to visit, please let us know in advance so we have enough delicious cakes! 01635 578177

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Sue Simmons - Bookings 281460 9 am - 3 pm, Monday to Friday)
or suesimmons@toucansurf.com

Fred Carter - 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 281688

Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

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