

West Ilsley News

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STORM'S CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE IN AID OF MACMILLAN NURSES

I am offering a very special Christmas card delivery service to all villagers! Instead of you having to walk around the village I will personally deliver them with the help of my new pony Sam! All you have to do is deliver them to my house,



Forge Cottage and I will sort them then deliver them on Sunday 16th December. I am fundraising for Macmillan nurses. Please drop a small

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DIARY

DECEMBER

- 1st Christmas Drinks Party
2nd Craft & Gift Sale 1-5 Village Hall
JANUARY
14th Parish Council Meeting
FEBRUARY
2nd Burns' Night

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Thursday 27th December

Contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy and "word" file, but most importantly, please do contribute. Contact details:

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

In November we talked about Remembrance and placed poppies on the war memorial. Our next service will be on:

Thursday 13 December and our theme will be Advent – travelling to Bethlehem.

Our Afterschool services are held at 4pm in the church and are very informal with songs to well-known tunes, participation from the children and a simple story to listen to. The children have the opportunity to become more familiar with the church and learn about prayer, religious festivals and other topics in a relaxed atmosphere.

The services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones.

The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Do come and join us if you have a free half an hour.

Don't forget to sign up in the church if you would like the travelling Mary and Joseph to visit your house for a night before Christmas.

If you would like any further details please do not hesitate to contact us on the following numbers:

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688.



WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW?

Saturday 1st December Live Irish Music 9pm till late, food will be served before 9pm

Wednesday 19th December Christmas Quiz 8pm Shepherds Pie, Fish Pie or Lasagne all at £9 each, food served before 9pm, £2 each to enter.

Not sure what to do this New Years Eve? Come and join in the fun, Live music from 9pm till late, buffet and champagne at midnight. An evening not to be missed!!



Opening times at The Harrow over the Christmas period:

Christmas Eve - 12pm - 3pm Food 12pm - 2pm
6pm - 12am Food 7pm - 8:45pm

Christmas Day - 12pm - 2pm Bar only

Boxing Day - 12pm - 3pm Food 12pm - 2pm
6pm - 12am Bar Only

New Years Day - 1pm - 3pm Bar Only
Closed pm

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Brilliant New Year from everyone at The Harrow!!

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News from The Ilsleys Primary School -
November 2007

The autumn term has continued very positively. The children remain focused on achieving their best and making the most of all the wonderful opportunities The Ilsleys Primary School has to offer.

As a school we believe in raising money for those less fortunate than ourselves and earlier in the term we held two charity events. Firstly, the children wore their jeans with pride to make money for the Jeans for Genes, a charity that raises money for genetic research. Secondly, for Harvest we collected toiletries for Feed the Children to help children in developing countries understand the importance of hygiene. These have been followed up by the children organising a cake sale for Children in Need. We really do have very caring pupils in our school.

During the term we also held our termly 'Achievement Assembly', where all the children reflect on what they have learned so far in the term and celebrate these successes with family and friends. Outcomes from the week show that standards remain high within the school and children are developing to their full potential. Well done one and all.

As always sport is a priority for the school and we have had some major successes this term. Our football team got through to the small schools finals at Woolton Hill and came home with a bronze medal. Our cross country team ran supremely well in adverse weather conditions in the area cross country meeting. And the netball team are just kicking of the season with some friendlies before they embark on the challenges of league matches later in the term. Let's hope they build on the successes of last year and go for gold!

In November teachers and pupils from the past assembled to share photos and memories of the school at a special tea party. Information from the afternoon will form part of the schools centenary celebrations in October 2008. It was a delightful afternoon and real privilege to meet people from the school's history.

We have plenty of exciting things to come in the run up to Christmas with the usual dinners and parties. Our show this year is 'A Rock n Roll Christmas' which will feature songs by Slade, Wizzard and more and include an updated version of 'A Christmas Carol' and a traditional Nativity. Does life get better than this? Another important event for the school is The Friends' 'Winter Wonderland' on the evening of Friday 7th December. This will be a wonderful chance for the whole community to come along and have some mulled wine, have some fun on numerous stalls and if very lucky meet Father Christmas! It will be great to see you there.

As always, if you have any queries concerning the school don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

Felix Rayner

Headteacher - The Ilsleys Primary School

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
The Deputy Chairman's Report of the
12th November Meeting

It was my duty, nay privilege, to chair this meeting due to the unavoidable absence of our Chairman. Clearly a complete coincidence then, that we had one of the best attended and lively meetings since the last one that was lively and well attended. Of course it might be that Cllr Mountford's excellent idea of emailing villagers to remind them of the meeting was the responsible stimulus, but as anybody who knows me will tell you, I am far too shy and retiring to venture an opinion on the matter. It – emailing that is - is something that we will do for the next meeting and I hope that we will have a similarly well represented and informed attendance from the village in January.

Hopefully those that attended will have valued the robust and informed debate that ensued on a number of matters including flooding, road safety,

public footpaths, the tennis court, dog poo, telegraph poles and the play area to name but a few. (For further details please refer to the relevant minutes –those regular WIPC minute watchers will be pleased to see that there is mention of The Ditch).

Looking at that list I think that it would be easy to trivialise the role of the Parish Council however it's my, perhaps rather old fashioned, view that it is precisely these sort of doorstep issues that we do need to bother about. I think that if we can't keep our village safe, clean, tidy and enjoyable to live in then a) society as a whole is always going to struggle on the big things like crime, education and care of the elderly; and b) if we don't do it (or at least ensure that those whose job it is to do it, do their job), then who on earth do we expect to look after our village?

Everybody has a view on what happens where they live and the Parish Council is a uniquely local institution which gives you the chance to speak your mind and help make where we live even better than it already is. I look forward to seeing you on Monday 14th January 2008.

Philip Knight, Somerdown

Deputy Chair

West Ilsley Parish Council

Travelling To Bethlehem
Christmas Activity sessions for
young people

Share the Christmas story following in the footsteps of Mary and Joseph.



Thursday 20th December
St. Barnabas church, Peasmore

Morning session: under 10-year-olds

10am-12.30am

Afternoon session: under 6-year olds **2pm -4pm**

A small charge of £2 per child to cover art and craft materials

There are limited places, so please book by calling Debbie Evans (01635 247544)

4-year olds and under must be accompanied by an adult.



ILSLEY UNDER 5's Amanda Knight

The Toddler Group is seeing some really good attendances. We have seen the return of some old friends and have also been delighted to see some new faces, the newest being Vikki, Owen and Jodie – a warm welcome to Toddlers and to the village! Many thanks to all those who supported our fundraising coffee morning earlier in November. Your purchasing prowess resulted in the Toddler Group receiving a very welcome



£40 towards our funds. Very many thanks also to Phoenix cards and Virgin Vie for their support. We have plans to hold a Christmas party during our last session of the term (19 December). Any pre-schoolers already on holiday would be very welcome to attend. If you

are thinking of attending please speak to a committee member (Amanda Hagen, Louise Taylor or myself) as we will be able to fill you in on our arrangements for a visit from Father Christmas during the party!

(Ilsley Under Fives Toddler Group meets on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall (term time only). We have heaps of toys, ride-ons and a baby area for the littlest ones and tea and coffee for the parents/carers. New faces always welcome! For further details please feel free to contact me (281609).)



Cleaner Wanted

For 2 West Ilsley homes,
totaling 6 hours
(references required)

Does anyone else need a cleaner,
or can recommend a cleaner ?

Enquiries to Sue 281354
or Alexandra 281306

Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the West Ilsley Village Hall Committee

(formally known as WI Social and Recreation Association)
on Wednesday 5th December 8pm in the Village Hall.

All welcome and especially current user group reps and village representatives.

Your opinion is required on the following:

Some background info:

The village has a new charity called West Ilsley Trust, which was set up for the benefit of the whole village and looks after its assets – namely the Village Hall and Recreation field. The trustees are all members of the Parish Council. There is a fully audited bank account and often funds raised at village events (eg Barn Dance, Winter Warmer etc) are placed there to charge the account, until spent on good causes for the village or ring fenced for future projects/groups as specified by the fund raiser.

Historically the Village Hall is also part of an old charity (WI Social and Recreation Association), which currently looks after the Village Hall and the Recreation Field. It also has a fully audited bank account.

As both charities are doing the same job, our proposal is to dissolve the old charity and hand the Village Hall over to the WI Trust.

The management of the Hall will stay the same with its small management committee plus User Group representatives looking after the maintenance, upkeep and bookings as usual. They will report into the WI Trust (i.e Parish Councillors as trustees) once a year. The Parish Council will take an overseeing role as they do now. The Village Hall committee will be able to use the benefits of the Trust's charitable status when applying for grants etc.

Before any decision is made, The Village Hall Committee would welcome your opinion or support at their meeting.

Angela Ryan, Alison Banks, Audrey Tizzard and Fred Carter.

WELCOME

Vikki, Chris, Owen and Jodie Morse have moved into 1 Coldharbour.



The England family have moved into the Maltings - Doug, Sally, Katie, April, James, Harriette and Will and Guinness and Lupin the cats, Maddie the dog and

Constance the horse who resides in Blewbury and not in the Maltings!!

We hope you'll all be very happy in West Ilsley.



*The Friends of the Ilsleys Primary School
invite you to their*

'Winter Wonderland'

on

Friday 7th December 2007

6.30pm- 8.30pm

***See Father Christmas, Mince pies and
Mulled Wine, Refreshments, Raffles with
some great prizes, Children's Activities,
School Calendars and lots more.....***

Everyone Welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there!



FRIENDS OF THE ILSLEYS SCHOOL (FIPS)

We are always caught in the dilemma of raising money for the school and giving the children positive, collaborative and fun outside of school activities. This year is no different and the Halloween Disco held before half term saw an 'extreme makeover' of children turning into witches, wizards, goblins and even mummies! This annual disco was great fun with prizes being awarded for the best costumes and for the younger ones, the colouring competition is always a favourite. We raised just over £50 which goes as always to Felix and the teaching staff to supplement necessary school expenditure.

Kim and Richard at The Swan kindly hosted a Coffee Morning in early November with Phoenix Cards coming along with all their lovely Christmas goodies, we raised about £65 from purchases that morning and orders, so thanks to all to everyone who supported us and a special Thank- You to Kim and Richard for supplying the refreshments. Our main fundraising event before Christmas will be the 'Winter Wonderland'. This has all the activities of the Christmas Bazaar that has always been so popular but with a new twist - its happening on Friday 7th December in the evening, so the school will be lit with Christmas lights and the sounds of Christmas will be everywhere. Even Santa may appear. Details are enclosed in this edition of WIN and we hope you'll come along.

The main raffle has a wonderful first prize of 2 tickets to the Emirates Stadium to see Arsenal play Reading next April and you can buy tickets from the school, or the mums that are likely to knock on your door soon if they have not already done so! Please give generously.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given us throughout the year and wish you a Happy and peaceful Christmas

Sue Evans Chair - FIPS

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST ILSLEY NEWS

Thanks to John Clemenger (the first WIN Editor) we have located the first edition of the WIN which was produced in June 1977. The Queen's silver jubilee was a major calendar item that month, with a Jubilee picnic and games being held on the recreation ground and a Jubilee Barn Dance held by the Evergreens at Cold Harbour. Mentions of current villagers/people still with links to the village were: Anne Butterworth and Margaret Gilmore's WI membership, Gary Tizzard coming second in the Senior Section Bonner Trophy, Kevin Holloway coming 2nd in the 8-9 Junior section boys and Julie Procter 1st in the girls 10-11, with Neil Holloway 2nd in the boys 10-11.

Also at that time, the Harrow was kept by Mr and Mrs Saunders, play group was 30p per session, and Mr and Mrs Noble still lived in West Ilsley House, and held a village barbeque in the grounds. We know from John C that the WIN was copied on one of those old duplicators which (those of us who were at school before photocopiers were popular will remember) needed special paper and smelly chemicals just like exam papers!

If you would like a copy of the first edition, please email or phone Liz Dray – contact details on front page

CRAFT AND GIFT SALE

Sunday 2nd December

1-5 in the Village Hall

Knitted bags and scarves etc

Hand made Christmas cards

Soaps, bath fizzers etc

Gifts in baskets

Embroidered towels and much more to buy for
Christmas.

Come along to see us in aid of the Village Hall

Refreshments

Admission 50p Children free

Ring Julia 281597

EVERGREENS



the Windmill Carvery near Burford.

On Saturday 15th December we will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 11 am to go to the Christmas Lunch at

PAWSWOOD CANINE MASSAGE THERAPY

Canine massage therapy can be an important tool in the management of joint dysplasia, arthritis, back injuries, muscle wasting/ spasms / cramps and general muscular pain and tension.

Treatment is aimed at:

- Relieving spasm and pain
- Warming and relaxing muscles to increase flexibility

In addition to treatments aimed at specific conditions or problems canine massage therapy can assist in the management and treatment of a variety of conditions:

- Reducing stress and promoting relaxation
- Promoting a healthy coat and skin

For appointments or further details contact:
Katherine Gibbs
07737 943 878
or email: pawswoodtherapy@yahoo.co.uk

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Rosanne Pilditch

Church Services for December:

2 nd	All Age Communion – Advent	10 am
	Sunday	
9 th	Holy Communion	8 am
16 th	Carol Service	
	Followed by mince pies and mulled wine	6 pm
24 th	Benefice Crib Service	4 pm
30 th	United Benefice Service	10 am

Travelling Crib

Mary and Joseph will be travelling through the village on their Advent journey arriving at church on Christmas Eve. If you would like them to spend a night in your home then please sign up on the list in the church.

Christmas Giving

The collection from the Carol Service on 16th December will be going to the local sections of the Macmillan Nurses and Air Ambulances. The collection on Christmas Eve will go to our church. As usual you are invited to bring gifts such as toiletries, toys and children's clothes to the Carol Service for donation to the local women's refuge.

Christmas

We hope to see you at church over the coming festive period – everyone is very welcome. Happy Christmas to you all and wishing you a very Happy New Year.

Date for the Diary:

2nd February, 2008:



Burns Night Dinner and Reeling in the Village Hall.

Further information will follow and tickets will be available in January.

Remembrance Day

Thanks to your generosity at the Remembrance Day service £218.60 was raised for the Royal British Legion. Some examples of how the funds may be used are: £75 could help towards providing a fresh start for an ex-Service man or woman so that they can adjust to life outside the Services; £250 could buy an emergency lifeline alarm for an elderly ex-service person or their spouse.

Clay Pigeon Shoot

Richard Gore, David Rockall and Anna Sugden organised a very enjoyable Clay Pigeon shoot in October. They even managed to fix the fantastic weather as well. Many thanks to Richard, David, Stephen Turner and the team from the Four Counties Shooting School for ensuring that the 5 traps were constantly manned and to Anna for her endless supply of bacon butties. Thanks to their efforts and the 50 or so competitors £825 was raised for church funds.

Piano in the church – your knowledge please

The piano is no longer required in the church. If you have any knowledge of its history or if you know of a good home for it please let me know (280553).

Christmas BINGO

Friday 14th 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 donations of prizes to Audrey,

5 Fir Tree Cottages

Proceeds to Village Hall Funds

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all our friends in West Ilsley.
With love from Neil, Cathy,
Lucy and Thomas xx**

**Very best wishes to you all for Christmas and
2008! from the Carringtons.**

**Have a very Happy Christmas from
Dries, Amanda, Mae and Hugo Hagen**

**Wishing all our friends and neighbours in
West Ilsley a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.**

**Love from Tracy, Steve, Sam, Alex, Joe
and Ollie Gregory**

**Christmas greetings and Best Wishes for
the New Year
From Adrian, Liz, Hannah, Matthew and
Ben Dray**

**To all the merry villagers of West Ilsley we wish
you the warmest yuletide greetings this
Christmas. Love from Will, Alexandra, Henry
and Charlie xxx”**

**Alison, Steven, Mark and Juliet Banks
would like to wish all our friends in
West Ilsley a very Merry Christmas and a
happy and healthy 2008.**

**Wishing all our West Ilsley friends and family a
Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
with lots of love from Jo, David,
Alex and Victoria. XXXX.**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2008
to all our friends and neighbours in West Ilsley
Mel and Andrea Cook**

**Wishing our friends and neighbours a Happy
Christmas and a very Merry (!) New Year.
Rosanne and Justin**

**Between us all we've raised £125
for Church funds.**

