

WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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"What do you mean - you think you might have left the grain dryer on?"

Thanks to Alan Bloor for this gem – anyone recognise the subjects??

E-NEWS

A bigger, better and more comprehensive news is now available to all of you who have access to the web!! Go now to www.zooming.to/ilsley and see what is on offer!! It would help us save production time and money if those of you who do have access to the e-news obtain your copy this way.

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STABLES NEWS

Well at last we are delighted to say we have had our first winner. Sharp Spice won at Goodwood on Sunday 29th August for the Nag's Head syndicate. It has been unbelievable the amount of good wishes and congratulations we have had, thank you to all those concerned. Sharp spice has since been 4th at Epsom and more recently 3rd in the Dubai Duty Free race at Newbury. Faraway Lass finished a very good second at Haydock in a race which she won last year.

We now have twelve horses at Keeper's Stables, half of which still have to run and which we are very hopeful for. Arabian Story is back at West Ilsley and we have great hopes for him next year. His owners have named their syndicate "West Ilsley Racing"!!

Sue and William Huntingdon have been a great help in giving us a start by renting us Keeper's Stables and Mick Channon has kindly agreed to continue to let us use the gallops. We are delighted that the village will continue to be a racing village.

Denis and Barbara Coakley

HARVEST REPORT

The 1999 Harvest is nearly complete. In fact, as I write, I think Richard is just finishing at the Manor whilst there is about 100 acres of wheat left to cut at Rowles Farm and Place Farm. August has been one of the wettest months on record which has made the 1999 Harvest one of the most difficult I can remember for a long time, with wet periods of inactivity followed by frantic dry intervals (usually, unfortunately for everyone over the weekends and Bank Holiday), which enabled us to resume combining. We are very appreciative of the West Ilsley villagers who put up with the noise of the drier(s) during these 'frantic periods'. Obviously they realise that the corn cut on any one day has to be cleared from the dryer before cutting can commence the following day. This means on one or two occasions drying into the night. Wheat and Barley has to be dried down to below 15% moisture content, whilst Oilseed Rape must be below 9%. This year these crops have often been harvested at around 18 – 19%, and 12-13% respectively. It costs in excess of £1 per tonne per % of moisture dried from grain seeds and Oilseed Rape, so obviously if we did not have to dry it, we would not. I think we all know that we cannot rely on the British weather to do the job for us. Once again, thank you to all those who put up with the drier over this tricky period, thus enabling the harvest to be completed.

Peter Carlisle

WEST ILSLEY FETE 1999

The Fete Committee met on Monday 6 September to arrange distribution of the funds raised from the 1999 Fete. It was decided to distribute £1,700, leaving a balance to fund advance expenses for the 2000 fete.

The distributions are as follows: -

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| All Saints Church | 250.00 |
| Village Hall | 250.00 |
| Evergreens | 200.00 |
| Ilsleys School | 200.00 |
| Cricket Club | 100.00 |
| Under 5's | 135.00 |

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| Ilsley Youth Club | 100.00 |
| Millennium Celebrations | 100.00 |
| Bonfire Night | 115.00 |
| Tennis Court | 50.00 |
| West Ilsley Relief Fund | 100.00 |
| Brightwalton School | 50.00 |
| Scope __ | <u>50.00</u> |
| | £1,700.00 |

Many thanks once again to all who helped with the 1999 Fete. The provisional date for next years fete is Sunday 9 July 2000.

Quite a few committee members have had to stand down due to work and family commitments and we are therefore looking for new committee members to fill the following posts; Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Produce Show Organiser, Fund Raiser and Publicity Officer. If you would like to offer your services please phone Neil Paterson on 281242.

TENNIS

It is good to read (in your September issue) of the increasing use of the village tennis court. All parishioners must be very grateful to the Tennis Court Management Committee (TCMC) for their hard work maintaining this facility. The criticisms also mentioned, and characterised as unkind and unfair, were made not at the Parish Council (although one of the P.C. functions is to field complaints on a wide variety of matters!), but at the Parish Assembly following Dennis Gilmour's presentation of the TCMC annual report. He described a substantial reduction in bookings and court usage, so Parishioners present were naturally concerned to offer suggestions to remedy the situation. Such interactions are why we have a Parish Assembly and are to be welcomed. I think the comments were neither unkind nor unfair; I am sure they were not intended as such. A further suggestion was made that at the tennis court itself there could be a public notice of the address and telephone number of where a booking can be made and the key obtained. The same information on the village notice board would also be helpful for would-be tennis players; both might boost the usage further.

R S Pease – Chair. West Ilsley Parish Council

EVERGREENS

Thursday 7th October 1999, outing by coach to Cardiff. We leave outside the church at 9.30 am and return about 7.30 pm.

Non-members welcome - £6 members - £5.

Names to D Wells 281255

Anne Carlisle

VILLAGE HALL PONTOON

The winners of the first pontoon which ran for 4 weeks up to Saturday 4th September were:

M Cook (Man United) and

V Chitty (Rangers) - £14 each.

The booby went to:

S Baggs (Carlisle United) and

G Tizzard (Oldham) - £4 each

A profit of £19 was made for village hall funds. There are still plenty of teams available!

Audrey Tizzard

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church Services for October:-

3rd October:-

All Age Service 11.00 am

10th October:-

Holy Communion 8.00 am

17th October:-

Family Communion 9.30 am

Harvest

Thank you to all who made the church look so lovely – as usual! Also to those who helped with the supper in church afterwards. I am sure everyone had a good time.

Concert and Supper

There will be a concert in church on the evening of Saturday, 30th October, followed by a buffet supper. The programme is still being finalised, but don't let that stop you from entering the date in your diaries. The music will be provided by Downwind and members of the Pease family. Watch out for the poster dropping through your door.

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

