# West Ilsley News

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# DIARY

SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning

## WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE

The Fete Committee would like to express their thanks and gratitude to everyone who participated in this year's village fete. This includes all stall holders who we hope had a successful day, all the helpers and local village groups who manned the various stalls and stands for us. all those who helped set-up and dismantle the show and to everyone including the various judges who took the time to judge the produce displays, childrens' fancy dress and dog show, people who brought their vintage cars, the Carlisle family for allowing the combine and tractor demonstration, the footballers and sponsors. Hopefully everyone enjoyed all the attractions and thank you to anyone else who we have missed. A special thanks to Clive Hooker for being our master of ceremonies and keeping the show to its timetable and to Peter Watling for printing our programmes and posters.

The fete made a profit of £755 and a spreadsheet of the income and expenditure is provided.

This money is distributed to our local village groups, organizations or clubs and the committee would ask those involved in these to make their request for a donation to Alan Bloor on .281341 or alanpeter.bloor@virgin.net. The committee will then allocate the money between those requesting funds.

This year's committee I believe, is already planning next year's event and if anyone wishes to be involved they should make themselves known to a committee member.

Village Fete Committee: Helen Tallant , Doug Brown, Jo Coles, Alan Bloor, Hayley Watling

#### **FETE ACCOUNTS**

	CREDIT	DEBITS	Profit /Loss
Entrance	287.00	0.00	287.00
Stocks	13.00	0.00	13.00
Bric a brac	25.94	0.00	25.94
Dog Show	48.00	27.85	20.15
Penalty Shootout	43.00	0.00	43.00
Aunt Sally	33.00	0.00	33.00
Raffle	291.40	36.45	254.95
Face Painting	28.00	0.00	28.00
Teas & Cakes	143.25	0.00	143.25
Hook a Duck	19.40	0.00	19.40
Lucky Dip	30.00	0.00	30.00
Skittles	55.00	0.00	55.00
BBQ	320.00	0.00	320.00
Evergreens	160.00	0.00	160.00
Balloons in mini	47.26	0.00	47.26
Ice Creams	36.30	0.00	36.30
Crockery Smashing	64.00	0.00	64.00
Pimms	27.02	0.00	27.02
Combine	27.02	0.00	27.02
Harvester	41.00	0.00	41.00
Bouncy Castle	51.70	0.00	51.70
Sumo	55.30	160.00	-104.70
Spinning Jenny	12.10	0.00	12.10
Tennis	20.00	0.00	20.00
Cricket club  Donation from	750.00		750.00
Mick Channon	50.00		
Donation from	00.00		
James French	30.00		
STALLS	40.00		
Plant Stall	10.00		
Alison Banks Isobel Mogford	10.00		
(Jewellery)	10.00		
Louise Taylor (Phoenix Cards)	10.00		
Julia Rockall	10.00		
(Tombola) Pat Burnett	10.00		
(Sweets & Toys)	10.00		
Valentine (Bee	40.00		
Keepers) Breakspear (Hats	10.00		
& Bags)	10.00		

<u>GENERAL</u> EXPENSES

 Event Insurance

 Services
 325.00

 T-Shirts
 74.50

 Produce show
 92.02

 Chilton Waste
 155.00

 Carters
 1135.05

 Profit
 755.80

 2761.67
 2761.67

# WEST ILSLEY FETE PRODUCE SHOW

Fierce competition was the order of the day in the Produce Show this year with some great entries from children and adults alike. The judges had a lovely time sampling the entries, in some cases several times over! Rosettes and cups were duly presented to worthy winners and hopefully everyone went home happy for another year. Once again The Harrow won The Best Hanging Basket cup and Dennis and Margaret Gilmore won The Best Kept Front Garden cup for a second year. Other winners were Rachel and Daniel Hudson of Church Way who swept the board in the baking category with Rachel's beautiful Victoria sponge and Daniel's delicious scones. Rachel also won the Sheila Hearn Rose Bowl for her cottage garden flowers. Jacqui Watling won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for a fabulous Elderflower cordial. Mandy Slater also came 1st in two categories for some lovely photographs. Of course, one name synonymous with the produce show is Jon Evans who defies what ever natural elements are thrown at him to produce the most gorgeous vegetables every year. This year he scooped 1st prize for his beautifully presented huge red onions (they were so heavy they had to be brought into the tent in a wheelbarrow for health and safety reasons)! The childrens classes are always a highlight and this year was no exception with some pretty gardens and colourful pictures, so well done to all the children who entered the competition. A big thank you to all those who took the time to participate in the produce show and thanks to Isobel and Sally Piggott and Juliet Banks who helped me choose the winners this year. Sue Simmons

## TITTLE TATTLE

Polly Muir

This month first:

Well, The West Ilsley festivities have, once again, arrived and passed. What a great effort was made by the cricket club for the pre-fete bash. Some of the theme stripes weren't quite so vertical (or horizontal, for that matter!) by the end of the evening. I think it was an indication that everyone had 'partied' thoroughly. The food was great and the disco floor, as is so often the case, was full to overflowing for both the live band music and the

piped music (once the inhibitions were lost). There was some impressive scaling of the poles (fortuitously, not entirely in true tradition without attire). And come Sunday morning, there were those who would not have had a full eight hours of kip but who were up and out setting up stalls, ready for the start of the fete itself. There were some old, no, I mean familiar, faces. Previous residents do love to come back and catch up. It was great to see both current and previous residents catching up. John Green-Wilkinson, Annie Paynter, our baby-sitters even....the clock went back to dawn time effectively unravelled and we talked about life fifteen years ago. It is very scary to think that it was all that time ago that John and Pru left West Ilsley for Winchester. Where has it gone? The sand is falling into the bottom of the bottle faster and faster! There was plenty happening, even if the field didn't look quite as busy as usual. I particularly enjoyed listening to the singing and watching the tug-of-war. I did chuckle as Andrew Piggott's team were catapulted down when Angus' team let go of the rope. Very devious and very naughty, but masterly timing!! I think everyone just loves to get together. Thank you to the fete committee for all their efforts in making it all happen.

On a soppy note and with reference to this lovely village in which we live, I received the following from an Australian house guest and thought I would share it with you all:

"Once again I want to thank you for a most wonderful time. I love your "village", the most magnificent country life, especially the people we meet and vourselves. You have really nice friends. (You can tell Clive that they are getting rid of JP's here). What a spectacular existence you have there. In a way, ours seems a bit mundane in comparison. Perhaps I'm a bit harsh on us lot, but I'm very envious of your lifestyles there. We don't have Village life like that. I really enjoyed the pub too. The whole thing really. And thanks for the most wonderful food. I'm back to dreary diet food now, as punishment." So, we are fortunate then: pub, newspapers, milkman, tennis court, toddlers, cricket, Pilates, youth club, not to mention the walking, cycling, riding....all sorts going on! And Andrea's visits to the Watermill which I appreciate more and more. It is such a treat to sit in the front row and experience first rate theatre, locally, at such a reasonable price.

Talking of The Pub - the Spanish evening was great fun. Jacky did a fab job with food and the atmosphere was really good (not solely on account of the beer, either!). This was helped both by an unbelievable attendance and by the amazing Spanish music provided by Andrea's talented nephew who strummed on his Spanish guitar for much of the evening. And what a talent! here was nothing missing as it was all catered for.

# TENNIS NEWS

Following our meeting at the beginning of the month we have mixed news to report. Sadly, Andy Driver who has been our stoic chairman for only ten short months is, for personal reasons, moving on. We shall be very sad to lose him, both as a friend and as a tennis member. He has contributed profoundly and wisely at our meetings and maintained a sensible tone of reason and leadership when the remaining members disagreed over issues. Even though he wasn't so good at dusting down his tennis racket and getting out his balls, we shall miss him greatly. There is no one to replace him at the moment: we are seeking someone with authority and gravitas, is anybody there?

The tennis court is being used well: the surface is not Wimbledon standard, but plays well enough for the time being, the wire netting is also deteriorating. We do realise that there will be maintenance required in the not too distant future. This would be much easier if everyone would take care of the faculty. The balls have gone walkabout again and there has been glass and detritus found on the court. This is dangerous, particularly for the younger members using the facility, however, it was noted that this situation has improved. Do make sure that you leave the court as you would like to find it. There is a broom to sweep the court if the conifer leaves/needles are causing a problem, but do let one of the committee know if you are concerned that the surface is playing badly, there is a sweeper which can be rolled out to deal with this. It is usually after windy weather or when the pigeons have been having a particularly exciting time (blessed things!) that it is not so good.

Don't forget the coaching that is taking place during August for the youngsters. I believe that there may still be places if any of the kids would like to take part. Ring Amanda Hagan on 281855 (or me and I can let Amanda know: 281647). Dates are 18 and 20 August.

# **PILATES**

Is there anyone who wants to take part in Pilates and who has been left off the list. Do telephone or email before the beginning of September if you wish to participate. There was someone who mentioned to me that they wished to be included and in a particularly senior blonde moment I cannot recall whom it was. Get hold of me if you haven't heard anything!! The class is well-attended and feedback is really good. Don't miss it!! Polly Muir – 281647.

# TWO INVITATIONS FROM ALDWORTH

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Morning Market's Seventh Birthday Celebrations Brass Band, Fun Fair, Archery, TEAS etc. at Village Fair in the afternoon

FREE Birthday Cake is on offer to all comers on Saturday 12 September when Aldworth Saturday Market celebrates its seventh birthday! YOU are invited to the morning market, 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Aldworth Village Hall.

**Dragonfly Teas** will offer **free tasting** of their wonderful range of teas from around the world - black, green, white, redbush and herbal. These teas will be on sale at the special price of just £1.50 a pack. Please come along to our market and see what else we have to offer! N.B. A **barbecue** will be available from 11 a.m. with local beef products on sale too.

LISTEN TO THE BAND in the afternoon of 12 September from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. You are invited to "Aldworth's Village Fair" where Blewbury Band will entertain you and you can relax with delicious TEAS. A barbecue will be available too. There will be all sorts of attractions and activities for the whole family to enjoy, including a mini Fun Fair and Face Painter. Special plant/produce/craft stalls, and local organisations/charities, are being invited. You can also "Have a Go at Archery" under guidance of Reading Archers.

Please join us for a sociable afternoon, at our Bell Lane recreation ground and village hall, have FUN and help raise a few pounds for local charities.

Please put Aldworth & 12<sup>th</sup> September in your diary. We look forward to seeing you and your friends at Aldworth..

Enquiries: Kathy Neville 01635 579090 or Pauline Sheppard 01635 578177

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# VILLAGE HALL

This summer we plan to replace the old floor, which suffered in the flooding of July 2007.

The hall will be shut for 3 weeks from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August. If there are any changes to this information we shall let you know. Audrey Tizzard – Bookings 281646

# **ILSLEY UNDER FIVES**

Toddlers ended the summer term with a Teddy Bear's picnic at Bluebell Woods (thank you to Peter and Sandra Carlisle for



allowing us to spend a couple of hours up at the Woods). The children were surprised to see that their bears had already arrived and were tucking into their sandwiches when they got there! There then followed some great adventures in the woods – teddies and all!

During July we also manned the Hook-a-Duck and Spinning Jenny stall at the West Ilsley fete. Despite a paddling pool that was half deflated we managed to raise a reasonable sum for the Fete Committee.

There will be some changes to the Committee from September as Amanda Hagen and I have stepped down from our respective roles as Secretary and Chairperson. We are hugely grateful to Caroline Rand who will take up the position of Chairperson and Zu Kingdon the position of Secretary. Along with Angelique Ravion as Treasurer and Vikki Morse as an additional Committee member we know we leave the Group in good hands!

Toddlers is due to reconvene after the summer on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Ilsley Under Fives (babies and toddlers welcome) meet during term time on Wednesday mornings, 10am to 11.30am, at West Ilsley Village Hall. The session is an informal meeting, providing playtime for the children, an occasional craft activity, a drink and biscuit with tea/coffee and chat for the parents or carers. The session ends with a singsong! For further details please contact Caroline Rand on 281921 or any other member of the committee or simply pop along on a Wednesday. New faces are always welcome! Louise Taylor

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

14 children enjoyed an afternoon with Kate Stacey in July doing arts and crafts based on the Piper window in the Farnborough church.

There will be no service in August but we will reconvene in the church at 4pm on Thursday 24

September. The theme for this service will be "Harvest" so please bring any tractors and trailers you may have at home; also anything you may have grown!

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.

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## **EVERGREENS**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August the coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9 am for an outing to Hereford. Members £7



non-members £10. Names to Pat Burnett 281131

# WELCOME

To Val and Jonathon who have moved into the old chapel.

# WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW



Italian Night
Friday 25th September
7pm till late
Menu to be confirmed
Book your tables NOW!!





Friday 30th October Halloween Fancy Dress Party Prizes for scariest outfits! Come along a get spooked!! 6pm till late



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# ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

## **August Church Services**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Age Communion	10am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8 am
16 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Worship	11 am
23 <sup>rd</sup>	*No Service at West IIsley	

30<sup>th</sup> \*No Service at West IIsley

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

For those of us who missed the service, the photo below shows our assistant curates Kate and Graham Stacey with Bishop Stephen after their ordination as priests, at St Mary's, Reading Minster at the beginning of July.



Date for the Diary
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Lunch – do try and keep that day free and join us for lunch in the

keep that day free and join us for lunch in the village hall.

# NEWS FROM THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL - JULY

It is very hard to believe I have been with the school for just over a year and as I submit my final report. I was delighted with the outcome of our Ofsted inspection and feel it is a true reflection of the hard work put



in by pupils, staff, governors and parents to make the school the shining example that it is. As well as this the last couple of months have included a number of active learning opportunities for all.

Our oldest pupils had a very enjoyable residential visit to Sealyham this year. Many of the group faced new challenges and learnt how to be self sufficient as well as develop new skills on land and water. Our ten year olds also participated in an overnight stay at Hampstead Norreys Primary School during the week. This included a walk to the school across country, camping and a number of out door activities to build team skills. Staff and pupils had a tiring but enjoyable time.

The choir continues to be a very active part of the school. They enjoyed performing at the Sheep Fair and West Ilsley Show, singing with lots of enthusiasm to an audience of Morris dancers, parents and friends. They put on a stunning concert this year on our new stage in the hall. Musical numbers included Caribbean song and dance as well as extracts from popular musicals — with an especially competent performance of 'Do Re Mi'. It was a real celebration of the work of the choir over the year.

At the end of our Science week we had a very engaging afternoon of parents and children in some hands on science. There was a wide variety of experimentation and investigation. It was great to see pupils working alongside parents and carers to make new discoveries. Pacific class

have also enjoyed caring for some chicks and gaining a real experience of life processes. Despite the high temperatures and loss of power children, parents and staff did have a morning of sport on the field. There was a lot of 'sportsmanship' as well as team competition. We finished with a visit from the ice cream van which helped us all to keep our cool.

Our last main event is our summer production of Oliver! This will be a suitable story on which to close our Centenary Year. There have been many highlights which are captured in our 'soon to be published' Year Book – which has a very 1908 feel.

I wish the school continued success as I hand over to Kate House, Head teacher to be from September. I take with me many happy memories of wonderful children and happy times being part of this community. I do feel that the school is very much a family school and I feel privileged to have been a part of it. Chris Prickett

# NOTES FROM THE JUNE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS MEETING

There is a free advice pack for people concerned about becoming victims of burglary that provides simple and practical advice on what they can do to prevent it. It includes discount vouchers for home security products from B & Q and Focus, a DIY company. A "Burglary Pack" can be obtained from the Home Office by phoning 0800 4561213. Anyone can phone and ask for this to

If you have a European Health Insurance Card, which replaced the E111, please check the expiry date, which is printed on the front of your card, as they are only valid for 3-5 years. To renew a card, visit the website: <a href="www.nhs.uk/ehic">www.nhs.uk/ehic</a>, phone 0845 606 2030 or complete an application form available from the Post Office. Your card will be delivered within 7 – 10 days.

Many people invest a lot of time and money in their gardens. Plants, shrubs, water features, solar lighting and garden furniture can be very expensive and are all very attractive to a thief. Extra attention should be given to passageways located at the side or rear of your home. Strong lockable high gates will deter thieves attempting to gain access to your rear garden. Fencing and walls can be given extra protection by fixing trellis on the top. This will collapse if someone tries to climb over it and the noise this causes can be enough to alert you or your neighbours and so deter a thief.

If you are planning to build a path in your garden or around your property consider using gravel. The noise made when this is walked on can alert householders to any approach. Plants and trees can be very attractive to a thief and difficult to secure. If you are buying expensive plants or

trees and intend planting them into plant pots then buy the heaviest you can. Expensive plants should be planted where they can be seen from the house or neighbouring properties.

Never leave spare keys hidden in your garden, garage or shed for children or family members. If hidden keys are found by an intruder and used to burgle your home you may find your home insurance is invalid.

Good lighting is an excellent way to deter intruders, particularly by fitting exterior lights with dusk to dawn sensors. These are light sensitive and activate when it gets dark and turn themselves off when it gets light. Using low wattage bulbs provides a cheap and effective security measure for your garden.

Since April, West Berkshire Council have taken over responsibility for the enforcement of parking regulations on streets around the district. This means that you will see a new set of twenty Civil Enforcement Officers walking the streets, working to tackle the problems of illegal parking, which in many cases causes significant inconvenience. Parking enforcement is an important tool in the safe management of our streets, and the changes to the way parking rules will be enforced are intended to ensure that the streets are kept clear for everyone.

As part of the new system, there will also be some changes to the penalty charges with the creation of two levels of fee, depending on the seriousness of the offence. The top penalty will cost £70, while less serious offences will cost £50. There is a 50% discount for drivers who pay their penalty charges within 14 days.

The majority of motorists who follow the regulations when they park will not notice any real change to on-street parking apart from regularly seeing the new Civil Enforcement Officers.

Newbury and District Agricultural Society celebrates 100 years at the Royal County of Berkshire Show

# Get your advance tickets for the 2009 Royal County of Berkshire Show at reduced prices

Living close to Newbury Showground we are lucky to have, right on our doorstep, one of the UK's largest Agricultural Shows providing fantastic entertainment for all the family. The Newbury and District Agricultural Society that organises the Royal County of Berkshire Show celebrates 100 years this year and the Show celebrates 100 years since it's first show in 1909, held at Enborne Gate, near Newbury.

To help celebrate the Centenary , the Royal County of Berkshire Show have the Royal Navy Raiders Parachute Team descending into the

main ring and a flypast from an historic Swordfish plane; the Royal Navy are celebrating 100 years of Air Power this year. Morgan Cars, who have achieved 100 years of British engineering excellence, will be demonstrating historic and modern Morgan cars. The well known local firm Dreweatt Neate (now Carter Jonas) will be marking 250 years of business and the Berkshire Women's Institute will be 90 years young.

As well as being able to find out how farming communities of the past from Newbury and its surrounding villages played their part in feeding the nation, visitors will be able to sample the wares of modern farmers, with local food taking centre stage at the Food Fare and backing up the Show theme of Good British Food. The cookery theatre will have a lively programme of demonstrations and Waitrose/Country Living Magazine will be awarding the Made In Britain Awards at the Show.

There will be plenty of local farmers to support in the ever popular livestock classes and many of areas leading equestrian enthusiasts, alongside some of our National champions, will be in action in the Show rings. The Aberdeen-Angus National Show will be held at the Berkshire County Show and the South West Holstein Calf Championships will also take place at the Show. The local inter-village horticultural competition is always popular and this year a special visitor, celebrity gardener, Pippa Greenwood, on the evening of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, will be talking about "Grow your Own in 2010". (Call 0845 6121253 - booking ref 5956 - weekdays 9 a.m. -5 p.m. RHS members get a reduced ticket price) So whether your interest is in the Country Area, the Livestock, Food Fare, Harvest Centre, Crafts Marquee, Horticulture Tent, Cookery Theatre, Pole Climbing, Sports Zone, Navy Zone or on the Fun Fair there is something for everyone. Why not make it a two day visit?

You can benefit from buying your tickets in advance with reduced prices and fast track entrance to the show. See the list attached or go to <a href="https://www.berkshireshow.co.uk">www.berkshireshow.co.uk</a> or telephone The Corn Exchange Newbury 01635 522733. Membership of the Newbury and District Agricultural Society for the Centenary year offers access to the members' area with its fine dining and unrivalled view of the action in the main arena. Schedules, for those wishing to compete are available by downloading from the website or by sending an A5 SAE (49 pence) to NDAS, Newbury Showground, Priors Court, Hermitage , Thatcham, Berkshire RG18 9QZ .

Contact Susan Carter 01491 874397 / 07711420586 or Kelly Smith 01753 847915 Nearest ticket outlets to West Ilsley:

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