

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY

JULY

11<sup>th</sup> Striped Ball  
12<sup>th</sup> Fete

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## JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING



David Smith, the Wantage based tennis coach who coached some of our children over Easter, has offered us a week of junior tennis coaching over the summer holidays. Please could you let me know

as soon as possible if there are any children who would be interested in attending this.

Monday 17 - Friday 21 August

9.30 - 10.30 5-7 years

10.30 - 11.30 8 - 9 years

11.30 - 12.30 10 years and above

(the age range above is approximate and your child's ability and experience will also be taken into account and will determine which group they attend)

The coaching will hopefully cost no more than £5 per child per hour (£25 for the week), but this does depend on numbers. Please note that they do not need to attend every day.

Please can you let me know asap if you are interested in this for your child. Many thanks.  
Amanda Hagen 281855

## BARN DANCE

Jane Carlisle

Thank you to everyone who supported the barn dance at Folly Farm by either coming and enjoying the evening or very generous donations. So far a massive £2,300.00 has been raised!

## ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

June has been a busy month for the Under 5's and their mums and dads!



The visit to Bucklebury Farm turned out really well despite the weather in the morning – it began bucketing it down! The odd shower of drizzle didn't stop the kids and the mums making the most of the trip out and the sun did shine for most of the time. The children enjoyed the fantastic outdoor playground as well as the indoor slides. The highlight was a tractor ride to see the deer and some recently born fawns. All the kids fed Big Ron (he's the resident stag!) and loved the bumpy ride. We topped it off with the obligatory picnic.

The Sheep Fair again proved a great success for us. We raised in the region of £80 running the cake stall. Thanks to all the parents who baked and donated cakes and to those who volunteered to man the stall on the day.

Looking forward, we have our usual Teddy Bear's picnic planned for the 22 July (the last

Wednesday before the summer holidays) and we will be running a stall at the West Ilsley fete on 12 July – come and Hook a Duck and Spin the Jenny!!

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 feel free to contact me on 280622 or any other member of the committee or simply pop along on a Wednesday. New faces are always welcome!

### CAN YOU HELP WITH MY FAMILY HISTORY SEARCH?

At present I am trying to go through my family history on the maternal side. I have come across some pictures of my Uncle Peter taken at West Ilsley and I was wondering if any of the family of Perrett came from that area during the approx years 1926 - 39. Most of the Perretts who I have traced thus far have come from Aldbourne, Wiltshire, so this is a possible link; if there is one with West Ilsley it would be quite significant. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Gary James (Great grandson of Eli Richard Perrett) email: [rodovre@lineone.net](mailto:rodovre@lineone.net) or contact at: 6, Blackmoor Rd, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 8ED

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The July service will be held on Thursday 9 July at 4pm in Farnborough church. Kate Stacey is kindly organising a free family afterschool art and craft activity based on the Piper window in the church.

There will be no service in August; we will then reconvene in the church at 4pm on Thursday 17 September.

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.

### EVERGREENS

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July the coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9 am for an outing to Bournemouth. Members £7 non-members £10. Names to Pat Burnett 281131



On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July The Evergreens have a cake stall at the West Ilsley Fete. Cakes, jams, marmalade, anything edible gratefully received by 12 noon in the marquee please.

### WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

**Spanish Night !!**

**Friday 17th July**

**Book your tables NOW !!**

**Paella, tapas and plenty of Sangria**



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**Tapas**

**Baked Chorizo Sausage**

**Cheese & Potato Croquettes**

**Deep Fried Whitebait**

**Garlic Mushrooms**

**Battered Calamari Rings**

**Mains**

**Paella**

**Chargrilled Tiger Prawns with Chilli & Garlic Dip**

**Lamb Meat Balls with Garlic and Tomatoes**

**Sides**

**Anchovy Potato Salad**

**Tomato Salad with Mediterranean Vinagrette**

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

#### July Church Services

5 <sup>th</sup>	*No service at West Ilsley	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8 am
19 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Worship	11 am
26 <sup>th</sup>	*No Service at West Ilsley	

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

#### An Invitation

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Ordination of Revds Graham and Kate Stacey by Stephen, Bishop of Reading, at St Mary's Reading at 10.30 am. All are invited to come and support Graham and Kate. Due to this service there will not be one in West Ilsley on that day.

#### Downland Festival of Faith

This will take place between 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July and will consist of various events held within the Downland area, culminating in a number of planned workshops at St. Mary's Chieveley, from 2pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. There are some exciting and interesting activities taking place so do come along. Everyone is very welcome. Details are in the leaflet in the Fourways magazine, which went through your doors recently. Most churches in the area will be open on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July between 10am and 12 noon

and are inviting people to visit. There is no special event in West Ilsley, but the church will be open as usual for anyone who wishes to call in – a quiet sanctuary during the frantic preparations for the fete!!

## WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE - SUNDAY 12 JULY

### CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS @ 12.30pm

Theme: Disney Characters

Categories: Under 5s and Under 10s

- Prizes for everyone

### DOG SHOW @ 1pm

£1 per dog per class

- Best under 7 year old handler
- Best trick
- Dog with the waggiest tail
- The dog that most looks like its owner
- Best six legs
- Dog the judge would most like to take home
- Obedience

### FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL @ 1.30pm

Medals presented for winners

- Under 10s: West Ilsley v East Ilsley/All comers
- Under 14s: West Ilsley v East Ilsley/All comers
- Adults: West Ilsley v East Ilsley/All comer

### TUG OF WAR @ 3.15pm

Get your team together now and submit names to Hayley at the Harrow.

Teams of eight people.

### West Ilsley Fete Produce Show

With only three weeks to go it's time to get in some last minute baking practice, weed and water your front gardens and hanging baskets and measure your courgettes. **Please register your entries by 12.30 in the marquee.**

Below is a reminder of the categories.

#### Flowers

1. Arrangement of cottage garden flowers
2. Single Rose
3. Single flower specimen
4. Container of mixed flowers

#### Fruit and Vegetables

5. Tray of home-grown tomatoes (any variety)
6. Three onions or shallots
7. Largest courgette
8. A bunch of culinary herbs (tied and in water)

#### Home Cooking

9. Jar of Jam
10. Jar of marmalade
11. Jar of chutney
12. Home-made drink e.g. Elderflower cordial, lemonade, wine)
13. **Gentlemen only** – six scones (fruit or plain)
14. **Ladies only** – Victoria sponge (with Jam)

15. A fruit cake
16. A loaf of yeast bread

#### Photography

17. A photograph of All Saint's Church
18. A photograph of a single flower
19. A photograph of a local scene

#### Children's Classes (under 7's)

20. A garden on a plate
21. A painting or drawing of a pet or house
22. Decorate a wellie
23. Six Jam Tarts

#### Children's Classes (under 12's)

24. A garden on a plate
25. A collage made from recyclable materials
26. A painting or drawing of your favourite subject at school
27. Six Jam Tarts

If you won a cup last year please return it to me as soon as possible for cleaning in preparation for this year. Thank you for your support and **GOOD LUCK.**

Sue Simmons – [suesimmons@toucansurf.com](mailto:suesimmons@toucansurf.com) or 281460

## West Ilsley Pre Fete Dance Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 till Midnight

# Striped Ball

Sit down Buffet, Bar  
Music & Dancing  
Tickets: Available shortly from  
The Harrow or  
Kevin Holloway: 01635 281556

## DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

Summer at last!!

Our summer holiday activity programme starts on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July and runs through the summer until Friday 21st August (10.00 am – 2.30 pm / Monday to Friday). As usual it will be packed with fun and games for children aged between 5 and 11 years and of course, fun in the outdoor pool will be a daily activity (weather permitting!) The programme will be distributed to local schools and if your child has attended the sessions before you will automatically be on our mailing list. If you would like a copy and neither of the above apply

to you please contact us on the number below. The activities are very popular and places limited so please book early to ensure that neither 'you' nor your child is disappointed!

The pool will also be open for public use from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August (2.30 – 4.00 pm / Monday – Friday). If you have not been to the Centre before, the pool is an outdoor, heated pool with a shallow end (approx. 3') which graduates to a deep end (approx 6'). It is manned by a qualified lifeguard during opening hours. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Non swimmers must have an adult in the pool with them at all times who is responsible for their safety.

If you enjoy playing Tennis, please ask about our Tennis Courts which can be booked for use most evenings from 6 – 10 pm (Monday – Friday).

For the young people in the community we offer a Junior Gym session, which includes use of the cardiovascular and resistance equipment. The session will resume on Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> (3.30 - 4.30 pm) and is for young people aged 11 – 16 and is supervised by a qualified instructor. Places are limited; therefore sessions must be pre-booked and paid for in advance. The sessions are designed to encourage activity, the correct use of the gym ..... and to be fun!

If you would like more information about any of the above, or indeed about any other activities held at the Downland Sports Centre, please contact us on 01635 578866 between the hours of 6 – 10pm (Mon. – Fri) or pop in to the Centre.

Have a great summer!

## POLICE UPDATE

Here is the latest update for the Downlands Neighbourhood from Neighbourhood Specialist Officer, PC Simon Easton

### June

#### Crime and Anti-social behavior

The latest crime figures for the Downlands area can be viewed at

<http://crimestats.thamesvalley.police.uk>

The figures show that recorded crime is significantly lower than at the same time last year, with marked decreases in assaults and anti-social behaviour. There has, however, been a rise in burglaries to sheds, garages and outbuildings (non-dwelling). Please try to ensure that you do not become a victim; make sure you lock your sheds, garages and outhouses.

It is easy to forget crime prevention advice when the summer brings hot weather. Doors and windows left open to let air in are often forgotten and provide an ideal entrance point for potential burglars.

Please do remember to secure your property when you go out, go into the back garden or go to

bed, and bear in mind the premises that surround your home as well: your vigilance may prevent a neighbour becoming a victim of crime.

As part of a new Force initiative, PCSO Bartlett will be conducting follow-up visits and basic home security assessments at any premises that are burgled across the neighbourhood in future. These visits will include any neighbouring properties in order to reduce the chance of other offences occurring.

A 16-year-old boy from Beedon has been charged with harassment and possession of a controlled substance, and will be appearing at West Berkshire Youth Court this month for sentencing. Lee Edwards, 23 from Brightwalton will be appearing at Reading Crown Court this month for sentencing in relation after he pleaded guilty to two house burglaries in the village earlier this year.

#### Partnership activity

We have attended a number of events recently, including a Parish Council meeting in Leckhampstead and the Sheep Fair at East Ilsley. PCSO Bartlett is looking to identify suitable venues, dates and times to hold regular surgeries in each Downlands parish so that local residents can drop in to voice any concerns they have about issues in their area. We will publicise the dates for these as soon as they are confirmed.

#### Priorities

We are still in the process of liaising with local residents and Parish Councils with a view to establishing a Neighbourhood Action Group. We will then hold a public consultation to identify the three top priorities to address across the area.

One of the recent priorities for the Hungerford neighbourhood policing team related to hare-coursing along the Ridgeway, and this still appears to be a cause for concern in the area and we will address this accordingly.

We are actively conducting police patrols in the area to disrupt any such activity and would encourage all local farmers, landowners and residents to report any incidents that they witness.

#### Future meetings

We are still in the process of making contact with key groups and members of the community across the area. As part of our engagement plans, PCSO Bartlett and I would like to be notified of any key meetings in the neighbourhood that may be beneficial to our understanding of local concerns. Please feel free to email me at [simon.easton@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:simon.easton@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) (or Dominic at:

[dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)) and we will do our best to attend if available.

**CAMP OUT REPORT**  
**13TH AND 14TH JUNE, 2009**

Once again many village children (about 30 children and 20 adults) and their families took part in the Camp Out – our 7<sup>th</sup> year. As usual it was a great opportunity for all village and ex village children and their parents to mix. It was particularly good to welcome new faces to Camp Out and the weather was perfect.

About 15 children enjoyed a long mountain bike trek to the camp at Park Woods via The Ridgeway. Thanks to Andy Carrington and his helpers. Amanda Knight and her helpers led a fun walk for several of the children and delivered all to the camp tired, hungry and dirty. Just in time for the hot dog and marshmallow tea cooked on the fire.

Then the real camping started as tents, parents and further children arrived. Our camp site of 13 tents was perfect, as was the weather and we all enjoyed a family BBQ and more fun for the children in the woods. After an early start, cooked breakfast was most welcome before a leisurely pack up and home to the village dirty and tired.

Many thanks to the Carlisle family for preparing the camp and the use of the woods, to all the willing helpers and to all the parents who endured the camping just for their children. Finally to the The Village Hall Committee who made it happen.

See you next year!

Alison Banks and Peter Carlisle.



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Audrey Tizzard – Treasurer and Bookings 281646

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