

West Ilsley News

July 2003

Fingers and toes crossed for good weather on the 13th - see you there!

The Editors

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Linda Gibson - Clerk - Tel 200242

Parish Council Vacancies.

The next Notice of Election will be posted on 13th August with a view to an Election Date of 18th September.

For those of you who are not aware, the minimum number of Councillors required to form a Parish Council is three! This could be your opportunity to get involved and have an input into local issues. If you would like more information on the role of a Parish Councillor, including the Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors, please contact me on 200242.

EVERGREENS Anne Carlisle

There will be a Mystery Trip on Thursday 24th July. The coach will leave from outside the Church in West Ilsley at 1.00 pm. Names to J Collier.

The Evergreens have a cake stall in the marquee at the West Ilsley Fete on Sunday 13th July. We would welcome gifts from anyone living in the village of anything edible – cake, quiches, jams etc.

FRIENDS OF THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

Sue Evans

We have been fundraising furiously this year with the objective of raising over £2000 to help convert one of the older rooms in the school into a much needed extra teaching space. However there are always termly things to pay for and so far this year we have raised £1,900 and have paid for the following items not funded out of the schools budget.

- Books
- Panto trip
- Cadbury World trip
- Fabric for new stage curtains

So, as you can see we are still short of paying for much needed school improvements.

The most recent event held was last Friday night at the school – RACE NIGHT.

Although the turn out was disappointingly low, a great night was had by all that participated. All races were sponsored, and in total eight races were shown with bets being placed to raise £250. To make the evening go with a swing, a reduced price bar was available with a chilli dinner too.

Please, please support your local school if you can. Our next fund raising event is at the West Ilsley Fete, and over the summer we will be organizing lots of

events for the Autumn term. If you are interested in joining the The Friends, or finding out more please contact Sue on 281763.

BRING A BOTTLE!



Bottles wanted for the bottle stall at
the fete

perfume or wine, bubbles or ketchup

Please have ready for collection by
Toni Sugden and Alexandra Axtell on
Friday 11 July

or

deliver to Alexandra at Bakery Cottage
(281306)

or to the stall on the day

SATURDAY CLUB CAMPOUT

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

About 28 children took part in the day camp from 2 - 5pm. 14 of the younger ones enjoyed a nature treasure hunt followed by camp crafts and the older children collected fire wood and learnt how to make fires without using matches or firelighters. At 4.30 all the children had their hot-dog and marshmallow tea around the fire. At 5 pm some children went home and parents came to take charge of those staying. Tents went up, the fire roared, kids played happily in the woods and then it was time for spag bol and red wine for the adults (we certainly felt that we had deserved a glass or two by then). Most of the children who stayed, aged 3 - 14, took part in the team challenge which was fun for all of us. They had to build a bridge and had to take water from one side to the other. By 11 pm the children had all gone to bed and the moon was bright orange. The woods were a perfect place to be for the night. In the morning the fire was stoked and we had bacon butties for breakfast. The tents came down and we were finished by 11 am. We were so lucky on two counts. Firstly, to have amazing weather and secondly for having a enthusiastic Village Hall Committee who all worked together to pull it off. Our thanks must also go the

Carlisle family for the loan of the site and all their assistance in many other ways. It was a truly memorable experience for everyone - lets hope we can find enough small and BIG kids to do another next summer! The next Activity Club will take place in late November. Any offers of help or indoor activity ideas would be most welcome. Until then the committee will be busy organising the Clay Pigeon Shoot on Sunday 19th October.

WEST ILSLEY

CRICKET CLUB John Verney

July 1 st	Ladies darts		7.30
2 nd	Downs league		6.00
5 th	1 st IX	Hollyport	2.00
15 th	Ladies darts		7.30
19 th	1 st XI	Sandhurst	2.00
26 th	2 nd XI	Bradfield	2.00
29 th	Ladies darts		7.30
Open Fridays at 7.00 pm			

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Church Services for July:

6 th July	All Age Service	11.00 am
13 th July	Holy Communion	8.00 am
20 th July	Family Communion	9.30 am

PRE-SHOW DANCE – 12TH JULY

A great dance, meal and fantastic raffle await you. Tickets are on sale from Anna Sugden (281784) or me (281625). They are £12.50 each and on a **first come – first served** basis. You should have bought your tickets by now - **do so before it's too late!**

SOFT TOYS WANTED FOR THE FETE

Are your cupboards full of soft toys that
you would like to clear out?
Well, we can make
great use of them at the West Ilsley fete.

Please deliver in black bags or phone and I
will collect.
I will wash them all so please
get them to me asap
Sue, Wheatfield Barn 281763

WEST ILSLEY FETE UPDATE

There are several new attractions at this year's fete, out goes the Bouncy Castle and in come, not only a bouncy slide, but also the Gladiators Challenge. For those who would like to know what the future will bring there will be a Fortune Teller who will tell all.

We have a new children's entertainer who will be giving 2 shows, this is bound to be popular with children (and parents) of every age!

We still need volunteers to man some of the stalls. Anyone who can spare some time to help should contact any committee member.

Bric-a-brac is always required; please call Jo Scriven on 281405.

Any spare plants that you may have will be welcomed for the Plant Stall.

The Great Men Only Challenge!

As you blokes were so good at making scones last year, we have set a new challenge for you this year. The West Ilsley Show 2003 men-only competition is to make MUFFINS. There will be a tenner for the best entry so strap on your pinnies! Don't worry they are dead easy to make, and the less time you spend on them, the better they usually turn out. The stakes are already hotting up. There is talk of revenge, secret recipes, spoiling tactics, bribery and corruption..... As usual, I will give you a head start with suggested recipes and a few hints and tips for the perfect muffin. Knowing how you blokes love to experiment with flavours, you may want to try your own recipe. I cannot guarantee that the judge will agree to taste baked bean and marmite muffins though, so be warned.

Banana Muffins

Makes about 10 in a standard muffin tin or in individual paper cake cases.

10 oz (280g) self raising flour
1 tsp (5ml) bicarbonate of soda
½ tsp of salt
3 large, well ripened bananas giving 8-10 fl oz / 240-290 ml when peeled and mashed
5 oz (140g) caster sugar
1 egg beaten with a fork
2-3 fl oz (60-90 ml) milk
3 fl oz vegetable oil or 3 oz melted butter

- Heat the oven to 200 deg C for a conventional oven, 180 deg C for a fan oven or Gas mark 6.
- In a large bowl, sift the flour, bicarbonate of soda and salt
- In a separate bowl mash the bananas. Stir in the sugar, egg, milk and oil/butter.
- Pour all of the wet ingredients into the dry. Stir until no trace of dry flour is visible.
- Spoon into paper cases or muffin tins. to about three quarters full. Bake for 20-25 mins until tops are lightly browned and spring back when pressed gently.

Chocolate Muffins

Makes 10 in a standard muffin tin or individual paper cases

9 oz (225g) self raising flour
1 tsp (5ml) bicarbonate of soda
½ (2.5ml) teaspoon of salt
5 oz (140g) of caster sugar
4 tbsp (60ml) cocoa powder
1 egg
9 fl oz (260ml) milk

1 tsp (5ml) vanilla essence
3fl oz (90ml) vegetable oil or 3oz (85g) melted butter
3oz (85g) plain chocolate chips

- Heat oven to 200 deg C, 180 deg C fan oven or gas mark 6.
- Sift flour, bicarbonate of soda, salt sugar, cocoa powder and chocolate chips together in a large bowl.
- In another bowl, beat the egg with a fork, stir in the vanilla and milk followed by the oil/melted butter.
- Pour the wet ingredients into the dry. Stir until just combined.
- Fill the muffin tin/paper cases three quarters full. Bake for 20-25 mins.

Here are a few hints and tips for perfect muffins. First of all make sure that your flour is fresh. Do not leave out the bicarbonate of soda, it is important to get a good rise – and make sure it is not out of date! It is important that you do not over-mix when you incorporate the wet ingredients into the dry ones. Mixing should take no longer than 30 seconds with a metal spoon and the mixture should still look lumpy. There should be no trace of dry flour though. If using a metal muffin tin, then oil the base only as this will encourage the sides to rise to give a taller muffin. The perfect muffin should have a raised, symmetrical top and straight sides. If the muffins turn out hard and small, then your mix was probably too thick, or your flour or the bicarbonate of soda stale. If the muffin spreads sideways instead of up, then your mixture is too runny. If the top of the muffin is pointed and distorted, this indicates that the oven was too hot. Make them on the morning of the show as they are best eaten fresh.

Good luck and may the best man win.

Produce Show

Don't forget, it is free to enter and the produce show is the heart of the village show., so please make an effort. It is much easier to register your entry this year. Simply write down the category number and your first name and surname on the labels provided and stick them to the underside of your entry. Children should put their age on the label too. The category lists will be posted in the marquee, so don't worry if you forget. Entries will not be accepted after 1pm and judging will be completed by 2pm. There will be cash prizes for the best children's exhibits. Cups will also be awarded for the overall winners in the homecrafts, flowers and ornamentals and fruit and vegetables categories. Make sure your garden is looking good as there will be a cup for the best garden and best hanging basket (as seen from the road). You don't need to enter for this, the judges will be making their decision one week before the show. If last years' cup winners could return their cups to Tanglewood one week before the show, we would be grateful. Last years' winners were Mrs Pearman (Colling Cup), N. Fielder (Sheila Hearn Rosebowl), Walton Cup (Sandra Carlisle), Country Garden's Cup (Denis Gilmour) and Millennium Cup (Toni Sugden).

The categories for this year's show are published here again, the more entrants we have for each category, the more likely we are to have new faces winning the coveted 1st places.

Flowers and vegetables are easy to grow and are always popular. Homecrafts are always popular, but we would like to see more entrants, especially sewing, knitting and upholstery. The flower arrangements are spectacular and almost anyone can take part,

The photograph competition was a great success last year, so get your cameras out and take lots of photographs of Illesley, family, holidays and all of the other categories.

The judging for the best garden and best hanging basket will be judged from the road and the winners will be announced at the Fete, so get your baskets out, cut the grass, weed the beds and you may well be a winner.

Produce Show Classes 2003

Flowers and Ornamentals

- 1 Roses – 3 blooms of any variety/varieties
- 2 3 blooms of any flower
- 3 Patio pot – minimum 3 plants, foliage and/or flowering
- 4 House pot plant – flowering or foliage
- 5 Pot of herbs – minimum 3 plants

Fruit and Vegetables

- 6 One dish of soft fruit, any variety
- 7 Collection of any 3 types of vegetable, 3 of each
- 8 Potatoes – 3
- 9 Carrots - 3
- 10 Onions – 3
- 11 Shallots – 6
- 12 Beans/peas – 3 pods, any variety

Flower Arranging

- 13 Arrangement to be viewed all round, max 24w x 24d x 36 inches high
- 14 Arrangement in a basket, max 24 x 24 inches
- 15 Miniature flower arrangement, max 6 inches overall
- 16 Arrangement in a beer can – men only

Home Cooking

- 17 Jar of jam or marmalade
- 18 Jar of chutney
- 19 Chocolate cake
- 20 Florentines
- 21 Shortbread
- 22 Man made muffins – ie made by the men!

Handicraft

- 23 Specimen of needlework, eg article of dressmaking, patchwork, weaving or any other needlecraft
- 24 Specimen of knitting or crochet
- 25 Upholstered item
- 26 Specimen of handicraft, eg pottery, corn dolly, whittling or any other handicraft

Photography

- 27 Views of West Ilsley
- 28 Photo of family or friends
- 29 Photo of a pet
- 30 Photo of your garden
- 31 Seasons of the year
- 32 Holiday photo

Children's Classes (under 7)

- 33 A miniature garden, not exceeding 12 x 18 inches
- 34 A decorated digestive biscuit
- 35 A painting or drawing of parents or family
- 36 Food face on a paper plate
- 37 Specimen of needlecraft / home made toy
- 38 Stencil picture, eg potato stamp

Children's Classes (7-11)

- 39 A miniature garden, not exceeding 12 x 18 inches
- 40 A decorated digestive biscuit
- 41 A painting or drawing of parents or family
- 42 Food face on a paper plate
- 43 Specimen of needlecraft / home made toy
- 44 Stencil picture, eg potato stamp

Best Kept Garden

Best kept garden as judged from the road – Country Gardens Cup

Best Hanging Basket

Best hanging basket as judged from the road – Millennium Cup

BOOKS WANTED!

For the fete bookstall



As new as possible please
Bring on the day, deliver to me or phone and I will collect.
Andrea 281224

MOBILE POLICE STATION WEST BERKSHIRE

July 8th:

WEST ILSLEY 09.00-10.30

EAST ILSLEY 10.30-12.00

COMPTON 12.30-15.30

THIS IS ALL SUBJECT TO UNFORSEEN MAJOR OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Editors' note: we contacted the police to ask what the MPS is all about, and this is what we received:

"The Mobile Police Station is a purpose built mobile unit commissioned and paid for by Thames Valley Police and Sovereign Housing Association. Its main

function is to visit the rural area's of West Berkshire providing;

- a highly visible police presence
- manned by a uniformed police officer
- a local Police Station to visit
- crime prevention advice
- local on site surgeries in partnership with Sovereign Housing
- providing reassurance to the public
- general information and advice

The Mobile Police Station is an operational resource capable of being deployed to major incidents across the force, i.e. Murder scenes, Missing persons and Fatal road traffic accidents."

PRAM SERVICE AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

This month we are combining the Afterschool Service and the Pram Service. The joint service will be held on Thursday 10 July at 4pm on the theme of "Noah's Ark". Please bring your favourite toy animal or come dressed as an animal. Please also bring your own picnic as we will have tea at the cricket pitch afterwards to round off the summer term (drinks will be provided).

The Pram Service is aimed at 0-5 year olds and the Afterschool Service for the slightly older ones as well as the babies. The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Each service lasts approximately half an hour followed by drinks for the children. If you would like more information please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825, Antonia Cretney on 01635 248925 or Liz Dray on 01488 638749.

Children's Fancy Dress Competition "On the Ocean Wave"

West Ilsley Fete
Sunday 13th July 2003 at 12.30 pm

Age groups: 0-5 years
and

6 years and up

To be judged by Revd Antonia Cretney
Prizes to be won!

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Fundraising

Many thanks to all who baked for us for the Sheep Fair and to those who took a turn on the stall. Despite the dramatic storm we raised £76 (well done Sue for stopping the cakes from washing away!!). We will be running the teas at the West Ilsley fete on Sunday 13 July and will be asking the Under Fives parents if they

would be kind enough to help us once again with some baking.

Illesley Under Fives AGM

This will be held on Wednesday 10 September at 8pm in the hall at the Illesleys School. All welcome.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meets on a Wednesday morning, 10.00am – 11.30am in the village hall. There are lots of toys plus a climbing frame, playhouse, slide etc for the children and coffee and a chance to chat for the Mums. If you are interested in coming along please contact Jess Logan on 281670 for more details. The last session will be on Wednesday 16 July. During the summer holidays we will continue to meet on a Wednesday morning at the same time via a garden rota, weather permitting (list available from Jess).

Playgroup

The playgroup is held in the Main Hall at the Illesleys Primary School on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.25pm to 3.30pm during the school terms. The numbers at the playgroup have risen suddenly and we are currently only accepting 3 year olds if a place is available. If you are interested in your child attending the playgroup please call Tracy Gregory on 281650 for an application form to register your child or if you would like to arrange a visit.

Playgroup will finish on Thursday 17 July with a trip to the Active Toy Company at Beedon – more details from Emma at Playgroup.

DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

Summer is approaching fast and that means four weeks of FUN at The Downland Sports Centre. Our programme of activities for children aged between 5 11 years will be available shortly. The activities will run from July 28th to August 29th (10.00 am 2.30 pm) Monday to Friday. The children will have exclusive use of the heated outdoor pool during the sessions. Please contact us if you would like your name to be added our mailing list so that you receive copies of all future holiday activity programmes.

The pool will also be open for public use from 2.30pm 5.30 pm (Monday !n Friday).

If you're new to the area and have not been to the Downland Sports Centre yet, why not pop in and see what we have to offer? Children's parties let us have the mess while you and the children enjoy yourselves! Archery - a skillful sport supervised by a qualified

instructor, Circuit Training – get fit at your own pace (why not come with a friend and give it a go? and for those who like a slower pace, Indoor Howls you do not need to know how to bow! as there is a wealth of experience in this small group who would by delighted to show you the ropes- We also have a small gym that is never too busy and if you're short on time it's on your doorstep!

These are just a few of the things we have to offer. For further information, please call into the Centre or telephone 01635 578866 (between the hours of 6 and 10pm Monday Friday)

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And finally: contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy, "word" file (via email or disk) or fax, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. The **latest deadline** for the next publication is **5pm** on Wednesday 30th July but the editors would appreciate receiving your contributions as you get them ready during the month, to save a rush of work at the last minute.

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