West Ilsley News

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5pm on Wednesday 27th August

DIARY					
AUGUST					
20th	Harrow quiz night				
26 th	Harrow coffee morning				
SEPTEMBER					
13 th	Church ride and stride				
26 th	Macmillan coffee morning				
DECEMBER					
13 th	Church Five Voices concert				

WEST ILSLEY FETE 2014

Wow!! What a fete! It had it's highs and lows, the fair rides didn't arrive and rain clouds loomed but the Essex K9 display team were brilliant and the sun did shine on West Ilsley!



Everyone worked so hard and we (the committee) are so grateful for all involved and would like to thank everyone who attended the fete and supported us on the day. Thank you to those of you who gave donations sponsorship.

The dog show was very well supported and thank you to Louise Beamont and Graeme Callegari for doing a brilliant job of judging.

Thank you to the tennis club for organising and running the teas, coffees & cake stall and to

Richard, Dewi and Christian for slaving over a hot BBQ all day.

Well done to everyone who entered the produce show and thank you to Tony for registering all the entries.

Sue Carrington did particularly well in several classes, I saw her a few times and well into the evening wearing several rosettes very proudly.

The main trophy winners in the produce show and dog show were

- The Russell Brown trophy (bread) Geoff Wond
- Gentlemen's Bake trophy (scones) William Beaumont
- Ladies Bake trophy (lemon meringue pie) -Sue Carrington
- Best Garden Lady Allendale
- Best hanging basket Allan & Maureen Thimbleby
- Potato cup Sue Carrington
- Single flower specimen Colin Sinclair
- Best in Show Rufus (liver spotted Dalmatian) owned by Tommy Knight from Reading
- Best portaloo The Hudsons (the Maltings), Ally Mountford and The Harrow

Thank you to Alan Bloor for judging the portaloos, it can't have been an easy job!!

The tug of war was good fun with West Ilsley beating East Ilsley hands down, they must have

been practising!
Wes did a
fabulous job of
commentating
throughout the
day even though
the microphones
weren't great,
sorry.

We raised a fantastic amount and have donated £1,100 to various charities within

the village as well as the Air Ambulance.



Gross profit - £4,418.69
Outgoings - £2,651.04
Donations made - £1,100.00
Retained profit for next year - £667.65

Donations:

Tennis Club £200 All Saints Church £200 Village Hall £200 Friends of Ilsleys Primary School £200

Evergreens £200 Air Ambulance £100 Total £1.100.00

Fingers crossed that next year will be just as successful!

If anyone would like a stall at next years fete, help out or has any ideas then please contact one of the committee (you know who we are).

If anyone is interested in hosting 2015's pre fete party then please let us know.

Thank you !!Hayley Morrick, Juliet Ryder, Donna Cobrin, Harriett Andrews, Dan Hudson, Tony Elliott, Justin Pilditch, Roger Lucas

WEST ILSLEY PRE-FETE DANCE 2014

Wow!! What a night. Friday 11th July certainly was wild in West Ilsley!! The sun shone for the start of the evening, so a glass of fizz could be enjoyed in front of the impressive mural. Over 100 people attended the event and they literally danced the night away. The Advocates were amazing and the dance floor packed until the early hours with people dancing and, a little later on,.....runners and riders! (absolutely nothing to do with the tequila obviously!).

Everyone worked so hard and we are really grateful to all involved. We would like to thank everyone who helped us make the night a success and to those who attended the dance and supported us on the night. Thank you to the Advocates. What can we say - the feedback has been amazing - everyone loved your performance.

We managed to raise £1,400 which will be put to very good use by the IIsley Under Fives toddler group.

Rachel, Juliet, Robyn and Flick.

WURZELS CONCERT Richard Gore

Thank you to all who came along to the recent Wurzels concert at Folly Farm, I hope you all enjoyed the evening. The event was a great success particularly because we were lucky with the weather, and the Wurzels certainly created a good atmosphere. The accounts are not yet finalised, but we raised in excess of £10000 for the RABI. Thank you to everybody for your support.

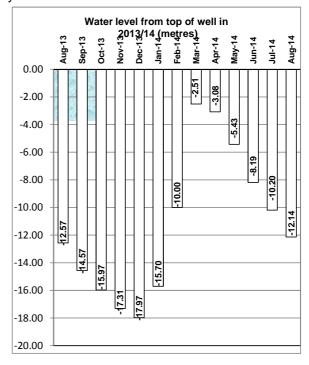
Anne Carlisle 15/10/32 - 13/6/14

We would like to thank everyone who so kindly sent messages of condolence to Norman and his family and the kind words were greatly appreciated by everyone and they were of great comfort. The flowers in the church for the funeral looked beautiful and we would also like to thank all the village flower arrangers for their wonderful efforts. Lastly, but by no means least, we would like to also say a huge thank you to Alex Dibble and Eliott Alexander who so generously gave their time to serve beverages in the barn for all those concerned.

Peter and Sandra

WELL READING

The Malthouse well water level has dropped 1.94 metres (approximately 6ft 4ins) since last month, but it is still fractionally higher than this time last year. Looking at levels over the last 10 years for the beginning of August, this month's reading just about falls within the normal range for this time of year.



FARMING NEWS

Peter Carlisle

This year's harvest commenced 14th July, ten days earlier than in 2013! So far we have been blessed with some perfect sunshine and heat and this has been a great benefit to us since, as you will all have noticed, we have barely used the drier for, firstly, the Winter Barley and, secondly, the Winter Oilseed Rape.

The yields for the Winter Barley were very satisfactory but the Oilseed Rape was disappointing as the little black seeds were smaller than expected. We now have a few days

to catch up with some jobs before starting on the Winter Wheat and Spring Barley harvest.

Alongside the harvest we are also making some hay to the north of the village alongside Bury Lane and hopefully the weather will hold until this is baled. The beef cattle are loving the sunshine and are very content grazing their fields and fattening nicely.

Two batches of fat lambs have departed catching the better, earlier market price and the remainder have now been weaned to allow their mothers some recovery time before October when the rams are reintroduced!

Charity Transport Fair

The Firs Farm, Leckhampstead, Newbury, Berkshire RG20 8RD

Saturday 2nd August 2014 12:00 to 16:00

Entry Costs: £5 per classic car – everyone else donations

Contact: Julia Brown 07787 507139

Classic Car Show and Fly in.

All proceeds in aid of the Thames Valley and Chilton Air Ambulance.

Bring your own picnic

Drinks and snacks on sale

A few small side stalls for the kids

Come and have a relaxing day out and support the Air Ambulance

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Quiz Night

Wednesday 20th August 8pm £3 each to enter,

winning team takes half, other half goes towards All Saints Church





Coffee Morning

Tuesday 26th August 10:30am till 12 Come and have a coffee and try a slice of homemade cake

Need some extra cash?

We need bar staff for evenings and weekends. Give us a call or pop in for a chat. 01635 281260

NATURE NOTES

You don't have to travel far to enjoy the wildlife of the area, both the following observations were made whilst gardening.

Tiger in the garden - a scarlet tiger moth that is!

A day flying moth with black fore wings blotched with white and yellow. The hind wings are bright red, spotted with black, the colours of a flamenco dancers dress, these are hidden beneath the fore wings while at rest. On taking flight this large moth explodes into colour which may give potential predators a fright? It also provides a warning that this insect may be poisonous? The closely related garden tiger moth certainly is, it's body fluids containing a neurotoxin. The scarlet tiger is normally found in damp places such as river banks and marshes. The centre of activity in West Ilsley seems to be at the bottom of the track to the summer gallops, aptly known as Water Gap Lane. For pictures, click

https://www.google.co.uk/search?hl=en-GB&gbv=2&tbm=isch&oq=&gs_l=&q=scarlet%20ti ger%20moth

Swallows and house martins kicking up a din, looked up expecting them to be being chased by a hobby, a daily visitor at this time of the year, but surprised to see a peregrine falcon. Perhaps this was one of the birds that nest on the, soon to be demolished, cooling towers at Didcot Power Station? Pity Fred Dibnah is still not with us, he would have enjoyed knocking those down. Word has it that the demolition company will be making provision for an alternative nesting site for the peregrines, on completion of the demolition work. Some nest box!

Perdix July 2014

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

August Services at All Saints' Church

3rd Family Communion 9.30am 10th BCP Communion 8.30am

17th *No service in West IIsley

24th Family Service 11.00am

*No service in West IIsley

31st

*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at www.eastdownland.org.uk

The Centenary of the Outbreak of 1st World

All Saints' Church will be open for private prayer and reflection on Monday 4th August between 9am and 9pm to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War and to remember those who died.

*United Benefice Holy Communion

Our United Benefice services continue at 9.30am on Sunday 17th August in St Mary's, Chieveley and at 9.30am on Sunday 31st August in St James', Winterbourne. Everyone is welcome.

United Benefice Café Church in Chieveley

There will be a break from Café Church during August and September. The next one will be held at 11am on Sunday 19th October in Chieveley.

Donations at Anne Carlisle's funeral

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously in memory of Anne. A total of £1,686 was raised, which was divided between All Saints' Church and Mencap.

Ride and Stride 13th September

This takes place on Saturday 13th September between 10am and 6pm. Visit as many churches as possible by bike, horse or by walking or running! Support your church by taking part in the event, or by sponsoring Andy Carrington or Will Axtell, as Berkshire Churches Trust and All Saints will receive half the sponsorship money. Volunteers, to act as stewards in All Saints during the day, are also required and can be sponsored too. Contact lan for a sponsorship form or you can download forms and find more information at the

http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ridestride

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 13th December in the evening – Five Voices Concert in church. This extravaganza is an event back by popular request and not to be missed, so put the date in your diary <u>now!</u>

Contacts

If you have anyone or anything specific you would like mentioned in church prayers at services throughout the year, do speak to either lan (281625) or Alexandra (281306). To receive by email a copy of the weekly pew sheet, which contains readings, prayers and notices about church events in the benefice, please contact eastdownland@btinternet.com

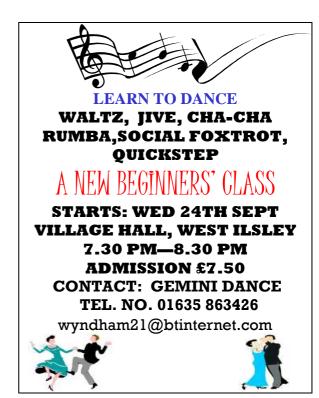
If you would like to organise a baptism, wedding or funeral or would like to talk to a member of the clergy for any other reason, email Revd John Toogood at edownlandrector@gmail.com or leave a message on 01635 247566.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

EVERGREENS

Evergreens Outings for 2014						
Thursday	21 st August	Bournemouth				
Thursday	25 th September	Weymouth				
Thursday	23 rd October	Cardiff				
Saturday	20 th December	Christmas lunch				

The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9.00am. Members £10, non members £12.50. Names to Madeleine Brand on 281292.



CHIEVELEY PRE-SCHOOL

Children and parents revelled in a fun-packed summer term at Chieveley Pre-School, from bikes and bugs to football and forests, all culminating in a triumphant Sports Day and Summer Picnic, where we wished our leavers the best of luck as they head to their respective schools in September. Much was learnt, while much fun was had by children, staff, committee and parents alike.

The summer term got off to a whizzing start with the children taking part in a Bike Challenge. They raced around a circuit on their own bike or scooter to see how many laps they could achieve. With each lap being sponsored by friends and family, the Pre-School raised a fantastic £1000 to go towards more outdoor equipment.

The term also saw Chieveley Pre-School introduce 'Nature Detectives', our new outdoor learning initiative. Every week it provides the children with an opportunity to explore the outside world. The children created a woodland pizza, built a giant nest (which they sat in!), listened to bird song and looked at natures rainbow... they even went on a 'Bear Hunt'.

Children enjoyed taking part in a baby's buggy race, an obstacle course and an egg and spoon race amongst others at the sports day, with families, staff and committee cheering the children along.

Parents also enjoyed the final term supporting the Chieveley Village Fete and West IIsley Fete, where Chieveley Pre-School had a stall offering glitter tattoos, name that bear and ice cream, all to contribute to our vital fundraising activities.

We're currently enjoying our summer holidays (and hoping the sun is shining when you read this!), however, if you're a parent in West Ilsley, or one of the surrounding villages, and looking for your child to attend pre-school from September 2014, please feel free to get in touch. We are a parent run, charity based pre-school and our spacious indoor facilities, coupled with our wide range of stimulating and inspiring resources and equipment, offer children the very best chance to learn through play. We like to ensure small session sizes in order to provide individual care and attention. We hope our friendly approach will reassure children and provide parents with a peace of mind that Chieveley Pre-School is a wonderful setting to be a part of.

For enquiries, please contact chieveleypreschool@gmail.com or visit www.mychieveley.co.uk for more information.

Juliet Ryder, Chairperson Chieveley Pre-School



VILLAGE FUNDING note from the PC minutes

At the July Parish Council meeting the proposed new procedure for allocating any precept money to village committees was underway and three applications had been received: All Saints Church, Village Hall and WI Website. Each was reviewed in turn.

All Saints up to £6100 to replenish reserves after repairing the church roof plasterwork.

Village Hall £5000 to match grant received and to be used for upgrading heating, insulating and lighting. Decoration was underway and self funded.

WI Website £62 for annual domain name registration and site hosting fee.

A few further details were requested. The website is likely to be funded by WIN, but all three will be summarized* in WIN for opportunities for queries and comments from the village followed by a Parish Council funding allocation/decision at the September PC meeting.

*Please see the end of this WIN for a summary of the requests made.

ALDWORTH SATURDAY MARKET CLOSURF

Aldworth's weekly market will take a two week "holiday" on 23rd and 30th August. Fully open again from 6th September 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. We celebrate the 12th birthday of our communityrun market on 13th September with a free slice of birthday cake for everyone! Details: 01635 578090

AFTERNOON TEAS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH ALDWORTH EVERY WEDNESDAY TILL END OF AUGUST 2.30 TO 4.30 P.M.

Enjoy delicious homemade teas in this beautiful and historic church, home to the unique 14th century effigies known as The Aldworth Giants. See the millennium tapestry depicting the history of this West Berkshire village.

Explore the peaceful churchyard with its 1,000 year old yew and grave of Laurence Binyon whose words from his poem "For the Fallen" are used at Remembrance Day services and are on the recently issued Royal Mail's 1st class stamp commemorating the First World War.

New disabled access and toilet; toys for children. Groups very welcome, but please notify in advance if large: 01635 578936.



Friday 26 September 2014 The Poplars, Main Street, West Ilsley 10am-midday

For directions call Alison - 281705

PARISH COUNCIL

Read the latest Parish Council Minutes and hear how village matters are being addressed. Visit our village website at www.westilsley.org - all the latest minutes from our meetings are available under the "Parish Council" tab.

> 2014 Parish Council Meetings: Sep 8th, Nov 10th

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers

PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions are now being delivered on Tuesday mornings only and can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close Mon~Thurs 10 till 6. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone 281997 to ask if it's convenient

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SUMMARY OF FUNDING REQUESTS

Organisation	West IIsley Village Hall Committee	All Saints Church West IIsley	West lisley Web Site
Purpose	Social gathering place for West IIsley villagers	Christian Worship	Running of the village web site
Annual outgoings	£2,300	£11,000 approx	£19.20 Registration of domain names westilsly.org & westilsley.co.uk
Approximate annual income from members, fees & regular donations etc	£1,750 hall hire £2,000 fundraising and donations	£5,000 (approx) including gift aid – Known £2,000 (approx) collections at services – unknown £4,000 approx – donations, fees, fundraising – completely unknown £11,000 total	Nil (there has been some limited fee paying advertising on the site but for simplicity fees from this have thus far gone to WIN)
Anticipated shortfall/excess for y/e 2015	Without fundraising, anticipated shortfall of c £500	£6,100 expenditure on roof plaster protection	
Savings/reserves	£2,500 deposit account, £2,500 current account	£7,000	Nil
Anticipated large future expenditure	£15,000	None, need to recover the £6,100 already spent	£42.84 + £19.20
Reason for the expenditure	Improvements to hall, heating, lighting and decoration	Dangerous plaster to underside of roof	Keeping the site running as a separate entity
When would this occur?	H2 2014 H1 2015	Already spent	For the next 12 months
List your committee members:	James Hanbury, Tony Elliott, Me I Cook, Ian F-S, Rachel Hudson, Ros Duckworth	William Axtell, Alexandra Axtell, Ian Fewtrell-Smith, Kay Fewtrell- Smith, Veronica Smith, Roseanne Pilditch	Martin BW
Number of households represented/regularly/ac tively involved in the organisation:	Unknown	9	Unknown but 2013 statisics: 18,000 page views 3800 visits
Number/% of those who are West Ilsley residents	Unknown	100%	This level of detail is not possible from analytics

Specific amount requested:	£5,000	As much of the £6,100 as possible	£62.04
Breakdown of planned use of funds:	To match Council Grant, to enable works to be carried out.	Payment for emergency repairs	£19.20 Annual Domain name registration £42.84 Annual site hosting fee
What are your fundraising plans for y/e 2015 and target amounts:	Village walk, run, bike ride Sept 14 to raise £1,000-£1,500	2015 not yet planned but possibly: winter warmer (500); harvest lunch (400) + one other (500) Total £1400 approx	None. (Possibly use any advertising revenues directly for maintenance of site, although unpredictable)
If funds are not granted, what would be the impact on the organisation?	Heating project would be put on hold until further fundraising enabled it.	Our reserves will continue to drop leaving the church vulnerable	I'll continue to run the site as is and cover costs.
	Any other information you would like to add: Exterior decoration £1,000, Interior decoration £2,500, Curtains £1000, Plumbing £200 – these items can be financed by existing funds. Lighting £3,000, Heating £6,000, Insulation £1000 – these items can be financed by Parish Council Grant matching the Local Council Grant which is agreed on the basis that it will be matched by the village.		Any other information you would like to add: I've had a few requests to expand the site and make it more open to content contribution (for example by different committees and organisations around the village). I think this is a good idea in the long term as it will hopefully: • Allow others to contribute more easily • Potentially increase in amount of content and how often it's updated • Make better use of the web site/technology in general • Make it more useful to visitors I would like to propose that over the coming 12 months the site is re-designed and re-hosted to allow this. I would carry out the initial work voluntarily (aithough contributions welcome) and once the site was migrated would look to contributions from any committees/other volunteers if required. Ultimately I would like to pass on the ownership of the site aithough this is not required in the short term/before the site is migrated. I currently host and maintain the site and purchase the domain name on an annual basis (and am more than to be happy to continue this in its current form) but for the above proposal I recommend hosting separately and to start considering the site as a separate entity. We could also set up email accounts/forwarder for generic emails e.g. clerk@westlislev.org.