

# West Ilsley News

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Editors' note ....

In this month's WIN we've included a lot of the notes which have recently been circulated on email as we are aware that those people who don't have online access probably wouldn't see them otherwise - there's only so much we can expect the kind neighbours who print the WIN for them to do. In the "old" days, people started putting notes in the WIN a couple of months prior to events - for the sake of inclusivity, could we go back to that? And also, please think about the WIN layout when producing ads and flyers - they don't always reproduce well in the WIN format - a word document is easiest for us to incorporate.

## DIARY JULY

1<sup>st</sup> Midsomer Party  
3<sup>rd</sup> West Ilsley Fete

## Drivers

Volunteer Handbybus drivers **urgently** required by the Downland Volunteer Group to take Downland residents on outings on weekday afternoons.

No previous experience necessary.

**Can you help?**

Contact Kate on 01488 638769

## Needed

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Justin, Rosanne & Georgia Pilditch are very pleased to announce the arrival of Honor Alexandra Charlotte, born on 22nd June weighing 6lbs 5½oz.

## Come and Practise your Tennis Shots on Fete Day!

this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 12-4pm

3 x 30min slots

Beginners

Better Players and Even Better Players  
There will be buckets of balls and a ball machine so come and have a go for free. Rackets can be provided but please wear sensible footwear.

Look out for the times in the fete programme.

**West Ilsley Tennis Committee**

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

On Thursday 21 July we will be meeting at the cricket pitch rather than the church from **4pm-5pm**, weather permitting. We will be organising a little treasure hunt; please bring your child a picnic if you would like to. This will replace the usual July afterschool service.

We will then take a break over the summer and will re-convene in the church at 4pm on Thursday 15 September.

If you would like any further details please do contact us on the following numbers:

Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library van will be in Fir Tree Paddock on Tuesday 19 July from 2.10-2.40pm.

**RUSS BROWN**

**11.09.1940 - 06.06.2011**

My deepest thanks to all my friends at West Ilsley who have helped me over the past month. The funeral service at Thatcham was a fitting tribute to Russ and I was so grateful that many of you took the time to join my family to say a last goodbye. Also thanks to you all for joining us in the Harrow, where a lot of good memories and stories were retold. I cannot give individual thanks the list would be too long but just a couple of special mentions. To Peter and his family for looking after us so well. Russ would have chosen nowhere else and I am eternally grateful. Also to Mick Channon Junior. Firstly for his lovely comments on his web site which I will treasure and secondly for letting the family see the Yard and of course Triggerlo. Seeing this wonderful horse showed them all how special West Ilsley had become to Russ and myself.

Finally to Jill and Hughie for all their support and help when I needed it the most.

Once again many thanks. Irene Brown

## **The Midsomer Party – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011**

A suitably elegant and raucous midsummer celebration is taking place in West Ilsley on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The ticket price of £20 per person includes:

- Welcome drink
- Raffle ticket for a Magnum of Champagne
- Hog Roast plus all the trimmings
- Salad, dessert and cheese
- The Advocates – a band led by Martin
- Sounds to groove to by Doug Brown

This event will raise money for all the volunteer organisations that do such great work within and for the village.

Tickets are available from:

- The Harrow
- Hugh Evans on 01635 281763 or [hevans17@btinternet.com](mailto:hevans17@btinternet.com)

Kind, reliable person needed, to occasionally sit with 2 small dogs for an hour at a time (daytime).

Payment by arrangement.

Tel: 281462.

## **Afternoon Teas**

At

**St Mary's Church  
Aldworth (RG8 9RY)**

Wednesdays

**2.30 to 4.30**

**from 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Please bring friends to enjoy**

Afternoon Tea

**in our historic church and  
beautiful churchyard.**

**Proceeds to:**

**St Mary's Church Restoration Fund**

**Details 01635 578177**

## **EVERGREENS**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July there will be a coach outing to Bournemouth, leaving from outside West Ilsley church at 9 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall 281597.

The Evergreens are having a cake stall at the West Ilsley fete on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Please bring your cakes on the day or deliver to Anne Carlisle.

## **WEST ILSLEY FETE SUNDAY 3RD JULY**

Could everyone please gather together any unwanted clothes, books, toys, bric-a-brac, etc. and bring them along to The Harrow or bring them along on the morning of the fete.

The childrens fancy dress competition is a Royalty theme this year, we look forward to seeing you dressed up! Prizes given to the winners.

Please don't forget to enter the produce classes, who will take the best hanging basket trophy this year? Whose sloe gin will knock the judges, heads off? Who will scoop the prize for the most amount of potatoes grown?

This year we have a new class for the children of the village. Best Children's Garden; this will be judged at the same time as Best Kept Garden, so please let us know if you are entering this class.

There is a Guy Fawkes building competition this year for the children, so we hope you have all been busy. The winning Guy Fawkes will be used on Bonfire Night. Please bring your Guys along so we can judge them!

This years photography classes are; A Village Scene, A Family Pet and Still Life. There will be two age groups, under 16's and over 16's, so get snapping !!

The dog show will have 7 classes this year; Prettiest Bitch, Handsomest Dog, Waggiest Tail, Best 6 Leg, Dog That Looks Most Like It's Owner, Best Fetcher and Best In Show. £1 to enter each class, prizes given to third place.

As always we rely on a small group of people who very kindly donate their time on the day of the fete, any one wanting to help then please let one of the committee know or just turn up on the morning of the fete and we will find you something to do !

If anyone has any cups / trophies from last year could you please return them to The Harrow.

The fete committee are; Alan Bloor, Doug Brown, Jo Coles, Teri Muggeridge and Hayley Watling. We look forward to seeing you there !!!!!

The Harrow have several bar staff, waitressing / waitering and washing up jobs available. If you would like to earn some money over the holidays please let Hayley or Pete know. 01635 281260

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

### July Church Services in All Saints, West Ilsley

|                  |                             |         |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Family Communion            | 9.30am  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Holy Communion              | 8.30am  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Family Service with baptism | 11.00am |

24<sup>th</sup> \* No service in West Ilsley

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

There is a **United Benefice Communion Service** at 10am on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July** at St Mary's Church, Chieveley. Come and say 'goodbye' to Kate and Graham Stacey, our curates, as they take their last service in this benefice, before moving with their family to north Oxfordshire. A presentation will be made to them at this service to thank them for all they have done here in the past three years.

**New Benefice Website:** Although still under construction, there is a new benefice website at <http://tinyurl.com/east-downland>.

## WEST ILSLEY FETE

### SECONDHAND CLOTHING STALL

Good quality, secondhand clothing wanted for the Really Good Clothing Stall!"

Ladies, gents, children etc.

Deliver to either Avice Morris at Burydown Cottage or Barbara Coakley, 1 West Ilsley House.

Alternatively drop off at the Cricket Pavillion on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

Anything not sold will be given to a Charity Shop.

## TENNIS NEWS

Amanda Knight is busy organising tennis coaching for the 'smallies', not-so-small juniors and the older juniors. At our last tennis meeting, we decided that senior members should not miss out! We have coaches, ready to offer advice and

help you commence or improve. If there are any new players (members or non-members) who would like coaching or any existing players who would like to improve, let either Amanda or me know. We can put you in touch with our coaches, or organise a group for tuition - you get to enjoy your tennis more and learn how to play!! Come and join us. New members are still very welcome. Please contact Liz Dray or one of the committee members for details (Liz's details are at the front of this newsletter). Polly Muir281647

## BOTTLE STALL

The village Hall and Church are jointly running the bottle stall at the fete this year.

Please let us have your bottles for the stall.

Please drop them off at

1, The Maltings or ring 281325 and we will collect.

Many thanks

Mandy Slater

## GOOD NEWS ABOUT COMPTON DAY CENTRE.

We have managed to save the Compton Day Centre in its present form for the foreseeable future.

The Day Centre will continue to provide all the existing services for vulnerable people through a private and approved company called 'Care at Home'. Some of you may already be using their services if you have home care help through West Berkshire Council. It has taken over existing day care services from Friday 10 June under the WBC's tenancy. When ownership of the building has been transferred to Compton Village Hall Management Committee of Trustees, they will then lease the centre from them.

We are very grateful to the WBC for their support and advice and pleased that 'Care at Home' can still provide this vital service to this increasingly isolated rural local community.

We still hope to work with Age UK to provide an Active Retirement Club in September. Are you 60+, like meeting people and would enjoy a day doing something different? It will offer a diverse range of activities and lunch for the more active of you and will open initially, one day a week from 10.30am until 2.30pm. The centre will be managed by a supervisor, helped by a band of volunteers and membership will be by monthly subscription which is unknown at present. It will be much cheaper than the £30 which has been rumoured and within most people's budget.

Those of you who have contacted me in some way, either wishing to attend the centre or volunteer to help, can I ask you to pass your details to Sheila Craig, the AgeUK's organiser, on the numbers below. Some of your contact details

have not been included or passed to me. She needs to know whether you would like to go to this club or volunteer to help. If you are interested, please send for further details, and an application form, by ringing 07786 435122 or 0118 959 4242 or email sheilac@ageukberkshire.org.

Finally, may I thank all those who helped in any way to make this possible, either by contacting people or circulating my previous appeals.

Dave Morris

Secretary of trustees of Compton Village Hall Management Committee.

### ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Ilsley Under 5's is an established parent and carer run playgroup in partnership with Sure Start offering a great space to play in a friendly and safe environment. It is a great opportunity to get together with other local families and chat, play, go on picnics, trips, learn together or just have fun. Every week we provide a creative activity such as painting, play dough and sticking, and special themed events throughout the year.

We provide drinks and snacks for the children, and tea and coffee for the adults and every session ends with circle time sing song.

We meet on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall. Simply pop along and join us. New members are always welcome.

If you're planning a birthday party or any other event, remember that the Ilsley Under 5's small tables and chairs as well as our toys are available for hire throughout the year. All for a donation of £10.

Please contact me for more details.

We hope you enjoyed our cakes and craft activity at the Sheepfair. We had an incredible number of cakes donated by parents and friends on the day and we were very pleased to see them all go! Thank you very much!

The West Ilsley Fete is now fast approaching and we will be holding the Nine Pin Bowling stand on behalf of the West Ilsley Fete Committee.

We hope to see you there.

Angélique Ravion  
01635 281 327

### UGANDA VIST - THANK YOU

We have had an amazing time at Butagaya Primary School in Uganda and wanted to say a big thank you again to everybody who helped with the Bring and Buy Sale to buy stationery for the children at the



school. We went to a stationary shop in Jinja and bought loads of things.

Every child got 2 exercise books, a pencil (from Lord Ilsley), Class 3 up had pens and class 5 and 6 had maths sets too. The teachers had red pens, chalk and rulers. We also bought loads of reams of plain and lined paper. They were very happy with the new volley ball net for the posts that have been empty for the last 2 years. We also gave



them 4 footballs. The nursery received lots of chunky crayons as well as pencils. They were very grateful and as we walked



through the village parents came out to give us gifts of mangos from their trees to say thank you. So thank you to everybody who helped- we all really made a difference to those children. Here are some photos. Briony Slater

## WHO TO CONTACT

### VILLAGE HALL

Sue Simmons - Bookings 281460 9 am - 3 pm, Monday to Friday)  
or [suesimmons@toucansurf.com](mailto:suesimmons@toucansurf.com)  
Fred Carter - [fred\\_kathcarter@btinternet.com](mailto:fred_kathcarter@btinternet.com) 281621  
Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers

### PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close, between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday 281997. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone to ask if it's convenient.

Prescription requests can be put through the door any time. The surgery bus makes deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

### CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306      Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

### TENNIS COURT

Membership: Liz Dray - [lizdray@btinternet.com](mailto:lizdray@btinternet.com) 281688  
Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

### PARISH COUNCIL

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# West Ilsley Fete

## Produce Show 2011

The Produce Show promises to be every bit as competitive as other years.

**Who will win The Best Hanging Basket Cup?**

**Who will win The Best Kept Garden Award?**

**Whose Victoria Sponge will sweep the board?**

**The competition for the largest number of potatoes grown in a pot is as keen as ever.**

One thing is for sure - you won't win anything if you don't enter the competition!

There is something for everyone so why not have a go? You might be a winner!

The categories are as follows:

### Flowers

- 1 Arrangement of cottage garden flowers
- 2 Single rose
- 3 Single flower specimen

### Fruit and Vegetables

- 4 Tray of 3 different home-grown vegetables
- 5 Three onions or shallots
- 6 A bunch of culinary herbs (tied and in water)
- 7 Largest number of potatoes (grown in a pot)
- 8 Heaviest home-grown potato

### Home Cooking

- 9 Jar of Jam
- 10 Jar of Marmalade
- 11 Jar of Chutney
- 12 Home-made Drink  
(e.g. Sloe Gin, Elderflower Cordial, Lemonade, Wine)
- 13 **Gentleman only** Victoria Sponge (with jam)
- 14 **Ladies only** Carrot Cake
- 15 A Fruit Cake
- 16 A Loaf of Yeast Bread

### Photography

- 17 Under 16's - Village Scene, Pet or Still Life
- 18 Over 16's - Local theme  
(person or event in the village)

### Childrens Classes (Under 7's)

- 19 A garden on a plate
- 20 A painting or drawing of your favourite toy
- 21 Four home-made decorated cupcakes

### Childrens Classes (Under 12's)

- 22 A garden on a plate
- 23 A painting or drawing of your best friend
- 24 Four home-made decorated cupcakes

### New - Childrens Garden

- 25 Will be judged at the same time as Best Kept Garden

Please return any trophies from last year for cleaning in preparation for this year.

**Thank you for your support and GOOD LUCK**

**Entry registration closes at 12.30 pm  
on show day  
Sunday July 3rd 2011**



**WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FÊTE**  
**SUNDAY 3RD JULY**  
**12NOON – 4PM**  
**WEST ILSLEY CRICKET GROUND**  
 Please come along and support the annual village fête  
 All proceeds go to local charities & organisations  
**Only £1 entry | Children FREE**  
 Dogs welcome – enter them in the dog show!  
 Children's fancy dress theme: **Royalty**

Bouncy Castle,  
 Go-Karts,  
 Craft Stalls,  
 Buckin' Bronco,  
 Cake Stall,  
 Raffle,  
 Teas & Coffees,  
 Licensed Bar,  
 BBQ,  
 Crockery Smashing,  
 Dog Show,  
 Bric-a-brac,  
 Home-made fudge,  
 Old fashioned Sweets,  
 Vintage Clothing,  
 Flower & Produce Show,  
 & so much more!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**ON THE DAY**

**West Ilsley Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament**  
**Bank Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2011. Start time 2pm.**

We would like to invite you to take part in a mixed doubles tournament to be held in West Ilsley. We shall use 2 courts - the village court and special thanks to the Hanbury's for the use of their court.

The format of this *informal* tournament is as follows:

We hope that at least 8 couples will take part with 4 couples on each court. They will play all other couples in their group and the group winners will be the couple with the most games. The final between the two group winners will take place on the village court in the late afternoon.

Each match will be 7 (or 9 games depending on timing and number of couples) with the 2<sup>nd</sup> deuce being sudden death.

If we have enough interest we will start with a group stage played in the morning (10am) and one in the afternoon (2pm). In this case the semi finals and final will be played in the early evening.

We very much hope that you will take part. £10 to enter per person and a chance to be crowned champions! The tournament will be followed by refreshments for all. All profits will go to the West Ilsley tennis management committee.

If you have any queries or wish to enter please contact Alison Banks on 281705 or [Alison@poplars.org.uk](mailto:Alison@poplars.org.uk)

**Open to all members of West Ilsley Tennis Club**

**Please reply as soon as possible and no later than Saturday 20th August, to Alison by mail or drop these details to her.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**£10.00 per person for entry**

**If you don't have a partner, let me know and I will see if I can put a pair together.**