# West Ilsley News

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#### **DIARY**

**APRIL** 

29th Royal Wedding

MAY

20<sup>th</sup> Barn Dance at Folly Farm

WELCOME

Hugo William Smethurst Lucas arrived on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 08:56 weighing 7lb 4oz to proud parents Roger & Flick Lucas living at Lane End Cottage. He was born at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and they were fantastic.

Simon and Camilla Chambers and family have moved into Main Street.

Elizabeth Messud, Beatrice, Sasha, Vasya, Margaret and Michelle have moved into West Ilsley house.

Emma Thomas and Sam Walls and children Hannah and Holly have moved into Church Way.

#### WEST ILSLEY PRE FETE DANCE

Is there a village group/organisation that would like to organise the pre show dance this year. This has been done previously by the cricket club, tennis committee, church etc. All previous organisers have been able to raise a significant sum of money for their efforts which they have then used for specific projects within their group. If any group is interested or wants to discuss the intricacies of organising etc please contact Alan Bloor 01635281341 alanpeter.bloor @virgin.net.

#### **ILSLEY EVERGREENS**

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



## WEST ILSLEY JUNIOR CRICKET

Join the fun with
ECB and County Coaches.
Outside training starts:
U9, U13, U15 Tuesdays from 26<sup>th</sup> April
6.15pm at West Ilsley Cricket Club
Girls, U11, U17, Minis
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April thereafter
Fridays from 6<sup>th</sup> May at West Ilsley
www.westilsleycricket.net

www.westilsleycricket.net Contact Tony Scriven ajscriven@hotmail.com

# NEWBURY & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY JUNIOR COUNTRYSIDE DAY

Wednesday, 3rd August 2011

36 young people, Junior members and friends from across Berkshire are invited to enjoy the Junior Countryside day at Barn Elms Farm, Bradfield on Wednesday 3rd August 2011. Six activities are on offer including Air Rifle Shooting at Targets; Archery, Clay Pigeon shooting with Robin Dunkley of Greenfield Entertainment simulating flights of different game birds; Falconry by Hawk the Walk including Harris Hawk, Barn Owl and Snowy Owl; Fly Fishing by Roy Davies of Barn Elms Fly Fishery; Countryside Lore, Gun Handling award winning Black Labradors/Spaniels retrieving dummies and a display.

All instructors and fully qualified and insured.

A Mini Berkshire Game fair for young people age ranging from 8 – 16 years old. The idea is to give the young people a taster of different rural

pastimes they had not tried before. Everybody always has a great day and some go home with trout to put on the BBQ.

Please come along and don't miss out - book early for the limited 36 spaces. The price is £22.50 per person.

Any further information from Sandra Carlisle – rowlesfarm@btconnect.com or book through:

Rosemary Balsdon, Barn Elms Farm, Bradfield RG7 6DF 0118 9744744

## Have YOU ever thought about FOSTERING?

If you think you might have what it takes to become a Foster Carer or just want to find out more then contact PACT now on 0800 731 1845 – fostering@pactcharity.org



PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER www.pactcharity.org

#### THE DOWNLAND VOLUNTEER GROUP



## What is the Downland Volunteer Group?

Founded in 1986 the DVG is a voluntary group which, in return for a donation towards our costs, assists with the transport needs of people living in the Downland area.

## I'd like some help - do I have to be retired to use the DVG's services?

No – we help people from all age groups however we are unable to carry child seats and booster seats. Our constitution states that we are here to help people who are "elderly, sick or disabled or who are otherwise in need". So if you or a friend or relative think that we can help you, telephone the office and discuss it with us to find out more. Examples of where we have been able to help include going to hospital, visits to the doctor, optician, dentist etc and even to the shops. Car journeys are not normally undertaken during evenings or weekends.

#### How does the DVG operate?

Our volunteers use their own cars to drive individuals, or operate the Handybus for group transport.

The Handybus is used on weekday mornings to transport patients to the Chieveley and Compton

Surgeries and volunteers drive it for shopping trips most afternoons. The bus is a community asset and can be hired by any social group, club, etc – subject to the availability of a volunteer driver. It has thirteen passenger seats, so it can be used for away fixtures by schools, clubs etc who have football or other teams.

## I'd like to help - do I have to be retired to be a DVG volunteer driver?

No – we are delighted to receive help from people of all ages and circumstances. We are asked to assist with a wide range of journeys at short and long notice, so shift and part time workers can be very useful additions to our team, as well as people who aren't currently employed outside the home. If you are only prepared to undertake local trips we can accommodate that in our planning, but we will also be very pleased to hear from drivers happy to travel to the hospitals in Oxford and Reading – parking permits can be supplied to make the trip as easy for the driver as possible.

#### **CONTACT THE DVG:**

Office hours Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 12 noon 01635 578394

Website: www.downlandvolgroup.org

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDYBUS:

For enquiries about morning transport to surgery appointments: The surgery on 01635 248251 For shopping trips and hire of the Handybus: Kate Bailey on 01488 638769 or email: <a href="mailto:ilovejaspe@AOL.com">ilovejaspe@AOL.com</a>

#### NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL.

Doug has resigned from The Village Hall Committee so we now need a Chairperson urgently. As well as this the village hall committee is very small and desperately needs more people to get involved so that we can keep the hall running smoothly. Please call Neil Slater if you can help on 281325.

We would like to thank Doug for all has done on the committee over the last year and wish him well with his future plans.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Sue Simmons is now our Bookings Secretary as well as our Treasurer. Please could we request that enquiries are only made between 9am and 3pm from Monday to Friday, so that village hall business becomes a little more manageable?

The Village Hall will be unable to organise a Village Camp Out this year as we are so few in numbers therefore if anyone else in the village would like to take this on it would be fantastic.

Don't forget to come to Easter Bingo at the Village Hall on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm



## MONTHLY UPDATE -**MARCH 2011**

Here is this month's latest update for the Downlands neighbourhood.

There is a new website www.police.uk, set up by the government to allow members of the public to view the crime figures for the area or road they live in. It is a useful website as it not only provides you with crime figures

but allows you to see who your current neighbourhood police team are, and how to contact them but also has advice on crime prevention. During February, Thames Valley Police executed a drugs warrant at an address in East IIsley after receiving intelligence suggesting cannabis cultivation was occurring at this address. officers entered the property discovered a large amount of cannabis being grown. All of the plants were seized and destroyed, along with the equipment to grow these plants. If you have any information about possible cannabis cultivation please report it immediately using the non-emergency number 0845 8 505 505. What to look out for, signs that a building may be being used for cannabis cultivation include 'windows always closed and blacked out', 'activity only heard during the night', 'unusual smells or sounds', 'fertilizer bags, grow bags or water piping lying around', 'more bin bags outside property than usual', 'new locks or alarms installed', and 'other suspicious or unusual activity'.

Throughout February, we received a small number of reports about anti-social behaviour in Leckhampstead village. All of the incidents were dealt with quickly and effectively, and did not result in any further actions being taken. If you witness any anti-social behaviour such as underage drinking, noisy or abusive behaviour please report it to us on 0845 8 505 505, or if you would like to discuss with me any concerns or issues please phone the above number or email me dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Although the Downlands neighbourhood has a very low burglary rate, a resident in West IIsley suffered a burglary whilst away on holiday. The police are still currently investigating this offence. However I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of reporting suspicious activity or behaviour. If you see someone who is acting suspiciously please try to provide a good description of the person, try to record the persons, age, build, ethnicity, hair colour/style, clothing, distinguishing marks (tattoos, scars, etc) and direction they left in. piercing, Alternatively you may see a suspicious vehicle, if so try to record the vehicle registration number first followed by the make, model and colour. Please report it to us immediately using the nonemergency number, as information from the public is vital in helping to prevent and detect crimes.

Following on from the above there have been numerous farms across the Downlands who have had people visiting and asking for scrap metal. Due to the price paid for scrap metal being so high, there have been a number of reports of metal being stolen across West Berkshire. We are always keen to know who these people are who deal in scrap, so please use the above information to report it if you are approached by any one asking for scrap metal.

I am always looking to attend parish council meetings, coffee mornings/afternoons, etc., so if you would like me to attend please email me dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

I will be visiting The Ilsley's primary school in East Ilsley on 1st April to talk with the Year 5 pupils on personal safety. The talk will cover subjects and issues that may arise when they are out with friends after school or during school holidays, and each pupil will be given a young persons high-way code.

I am still working hard to promote community messaging and the benefits it has for our community. It is a free service that provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour, and information on opportunities for local residents to raise concerns with their local policing teams. More information can be obtained directly from me or via our website, and you can sign up here too:

http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebpo rtal/startup.aspx

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. To do this, please follow the link:

http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournhabout-nh-pol/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n155-hys

Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.

For more information about your local Neighbourhood Police Team, contact 0845 8 505 505 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk

#### WANTED

Adult clothing size 10, child and baby clothes for girls 12-18 months and up to 2-3 years, also any toys. Please call Emma Thomas on 07827 275196

## JUMBLE for THE "GIANTS"

Visitors come from far and wide to see the "GIANTS" of Aldworth ,in St Mary's Church. These horizontal statues from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century are of local inhabitants,- the De La Beche family, who had come over from France.

However they now need maintenance and the first fund raising this year is a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday April 30th<sup>th</sup> between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

## **Easter Bingo**

Fun for All the Family Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm

West IIsley Village Hall Lots of Easter Eggs to win

Bring Your Own Drinks
Raffle prizes/Eggs welcome to
Mandy/Neil at 1 The Maltings
Admission 20p, children 10p
Bingo Books 30p
Proceeds to West Ilsley Village Hall funds

#### **Aldworth Events**

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Market's St George's Day/ Easter Saturday **FAIR** (in Village Hall) (Contacts re both above 01635 578090)

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> April 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**JUMBLE SALE** in aid of St Mary's Church (in Village Hall) 01635 578239

Sat & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June (all day)

FLOWER FESTIVAL in St Mary's Church with cake, plants stalls etc. and refreshments.

01635 578791

#### COMPTON SWAN

A Weekend of Royal Wedding Celebrations at the Compton Swan, with a weekend long Beer

Festival and the Launch of the Downland Villages Market

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April

- Join us from 11am for the start of the Beer Festival and watch the Royal Wedding Ceremony on our Plasma screen
- A free buffet from 3pm for all the kids attending the Prince & Princess party
- Wedding cake judging competition. All ages can enter our wedding cake competition from Princess Cupcakes to Court Jester messes!
- The Prince & Princess party starts at 4pm, with prizes for the best dress, the best costumes and best dancers
- Try on the glass slipper
- Evening Prince & Princess Party for the adults.
- All cocktails £3.00

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April

- Lunch time BBQ with Live Music
- Beers and Wines, including English wines, on the second day of our Beer Festival
- Food of the World
- If you have a vintage car or bike and fancy your first trip out come and show it off
- Food and drink best matches since the royal couple wedding! Come and enjoy our 5 courses sample menu, with beer and wine included, at £30 per person

#### **Sunday May Day is Market Day**

- The first Downland Villages Market will be open from 10am until 1pm
- There will be all the stalls listed below plus a food stall - so don't bother about breakfast, you can have it with us
- The next Market will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> of May and then on the final Sunday of every month.
- Something that <u>you</u> can be part of community driven, community life, community fun!
- Welcome to the third day of our Beer Festival Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May
- Roast beef and Pork for lunch £10.95
- Chill out, read a newspaper and enjoy the last day of our beer festival
- Everything must go

So, come on folks! Put the dates in your diaries, enjoy the fresh air, and be there!!



# DOWNLAND VILLAGES MARKET HELD AT THE COMPTON SWAN

The Compton Swan is opening its car park and large garden to hold the Downland Villages Market.

A market that will sell locally grown or locally made produce to the community, from good quality meat, dairy, fruit and vegetables to cupcakes and healthy juices. Local artists and artisans are also welcome to exhibit their skills.

It is a great day out for the kids too with fair games, face painting and farm animals, all here for the children's entertainment.

So come and join us and be part of the fun Stallholders will be asked to make a donation to the Thames Valley and Chilterns Air Ambulance Trust and although a number of stallholders have already made contact, Penelope and Jean-Marc from the Compton Swan would welcome further enquiries from farms, artisans, craft workers and children's entertainers. Everyone wishing to take part can contact the Compton Swan on 01635 579400 or email comptonswan@googlemail.com

#### The stalls will provide

- · Locally sourced and grown meat
- Fresh vegetables
- Jams and chutneys
- Breads and local cheeses
- Charcuterie
- Local crafts
- Beautiful plants
- · The butty and coffee bar

It is the place to meet friends and catch up with news, the place to browse the stalls whilst the kids enjoy themselves.

Please join us, help us to make it happen for everyone, find out what is around you

Enjoy locally produced food, enjoy freshly made cakes, and enjoy your friends company and the local community

Barn Dance
20th May 2011
Folly Farm West IIsley
7-11.30pm
Fish and Chip Supper
In aid of West Berks Mencap
Tickets Adults £14.00
Children£6.00 (3-14yrs) Family
£35.00
Tickets available
Jane Carlisle 281340
West Berks Mencap 01635 41464

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

A big thank you on behalf of the children from All Saints Church to David and Jane Carlisle for giving us such a lovely afternoon at Folly Farm on 17 March. Some of the lucky children were able

to see a lamb being born whilst the rest of us learnt a lot about the lambing process and the children were able to ask multiple questions!

Homemade cakes and tea disappeared very quickly at the farmhouse and we were blessed with a beautiful Spring day which gave the children the added bonus of a lovely play in David and Jane's garden. Thank you to all those who came and for your very generous donations which enabled us to present a total of £101.50 to West Berks Mencap.

On 7 April we will be back in church at 4pm where we will be learning about "Lent".

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

Denise Brown on 01635 281825 Liz Dray on 01635 281688



Lunch4Learning is a charity providing a lunchtime meal in a sustainable context

to primary school children in Uganda.

In its latest fundraising drive Lunch4Learning is collecting redundant mobile phones and inkjet printer cartridges (not Epson).

If you have any of these 2 items (any condition), please leave them on Donna Cobrin's shelf by the front door - at the Old School.

To donate directly to Lunch4Learning, please visit their website at <a href="https://www.lunch4learning.org">www.lunch4learning.org</a>

# WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE FETE SUNDAY 3rd JULY

The fete committee this year is Alan Bloor, Doug Brown, Jo Coles, Terri Muggeridge and Hayley Watling.

Could everyone please collect their un-wanted, chipped crockery for our crockery smashing stall. You can drop it off at The Harrow or bring it along on the morning of the fete. Also last year the second hand clothing and bric-a-brac stall was a great success so we are having another one this year, so please keep hold of any clothes, toys, books etc. that you no longer want or need. Anyone wanting a stall at this years fete please contact one of the committee members.

A quick reminder about the Guy building competition, hope all the children of the village are busy building. There will be two age groups, under 10's and under 16's.

Calling ALL under 11's. This year we have decidied to give the children of the village a chance to put their artistic skills to use and design a post card advertising The West Ilsley Village Fete on Sunday 3rd July. All entries to be in by the end of April. Drop them off at The Harrow where Pete or Hayley will happily look after them

until we judge them. The winning post card will be used round the local villages to advertise the fete. GOOD LUCK!! Potatoes are NOW available at The Harrow for the potato growing class. Grab yours while they last!! This years childrens fancy dress competition is a Royalty theme, look forward to seeing all your efforts! We will be having a best childrens garden competition, please contact one of the committee members to let us know you are entering.

# Aldworth "SPRING FAIR" Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Village Hall and Recreation Ground
Celebrate Easter Saturday & St George's Day
with us at Aldworth!
(Wear your Easter bonnet/hat!)
Morris Dancers, Vintage Motorcycles,
Basket Making & Crafts, Portraits, Fresh
Produce, Preserves, Cakes,
Plants & Flowers,
Raffle and Refreshments,
Toddlers' Play Area, Treasure Hunts.
Easter Bonnet Parade at 11.30 a.m.
Organised by Aldworth Saturday Market
Details: 01635 578090

#### TENNIS COURT

After a year of incredibly hard work by the members of the West Ilsley Tennis Court Management Committee we will shortly be opening the village's newly refurbished tennis court for another year of use by the residents of West Ilsley and neighbouring villages. Watch this space! Once the newly resurfaced and re-fenced court is opened we will be encouraging past season ticket holders to renew their membership and will also be out scouting for new members. There will be one or two changes to the way we operate this year. We have been advised that the only way to avoid damage to the fence from people climbing over it is simply not to lock it in the first place so there will no longer be a combination lock. In addition, in an effort to ensure everyone uses the court considerately and respectfully we will be introducing a Code of Conduct covering various items such as appropriate footwear, detensioning the net after use etc. Other aspects will remain the same thisyear, for example, the on-line booking service and, most importantly, our fees! One further

change will be the committee's Chairman. Once the court is handed over to us as a finished product by Academy Sports I will be stepping down and Alan Muir has kindly agreed to take on the role. Before I go though, I wanted to thank the utterly brilliant members of the committee who have worked so hard to raise the funds to refurbish the court and all the villagers who have supported our events. Also, particular thanks are due to Greenham Common Trust's and West Berkshire DC's "Vibrant Villages" scheme, West Ilsley Parish Council/West Ilsley Trust and the Fete Committee for their kind contributions of £4.500, £500 and £100 respectively. These donations are very much appreciated and were a massive boost to the progress of our refurbishment project. Without them, we would still be fundraising. Thank you! Amanda Knight

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WEST ILSLEY Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

#### April Church Services in All Saints, West IIsley 3<sup>rd</sup> **Family Communion** 9.30am 10<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 8.30am 17<sup>th</sup> Family Service 11.00am 21<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.00pm Good Friday Solemn Hour after Parish Walk 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Easter Day Family Communion

As you see there are several services in All Saints over the Easter period and we hope that you will be able to join us at some of them. Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice.

The Parish Walk on Good Friday will start from Peasemore at 9.20am and go to Beedon, then on to Farnborough, where there will be a break to enjoy a packed lunch (bring your own) around 12 noon. The walk will finish at West Ilsley in good time for the service at 2pm. You can join or leave the walk at any point, so do come along even if you can only spare an hour or so. If you would like any more details, please contact Iris Stockwell on i.stockwell@btinternet.com or ring 01635 248943.

#### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

This is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm in church. All welcome and we hope that you will come and let us know what you think of the church and what you would like it to be within the village.

### **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.

Sure Start are currently experiencing difficulties all around the country due to cuts in grants from the government and for that reason our local Sure Start Family Support Worker is only able to come and help us every other week at the moment. We have however been assured that the partnership remains in place for now.

If you're planning a birthday party or any other event, remember that the IIsley 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 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.

Angélique Ravion 01635 281 327

#### WHO TO CONTACT

#### VILLAGE HALL

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

#### CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306 Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

#### TENNIS COURT

Membership: Liz Dray - lizdray@btinternet.com 281688 Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

#### PARISH COUNCIL

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#### **Domestic Electrical Installation**

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12:30pm - 4:30pm



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\*Local charities \*Side shows \*Farm animals

\*Laser clay pigeon shooting \*Grand raffle

Food & Drink







Roger Stowell

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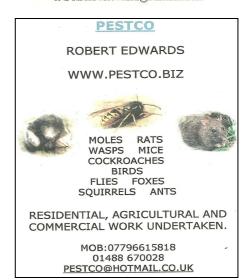
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