

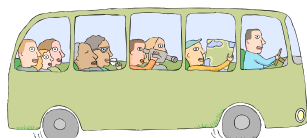
West Ilsley News

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June 2007

EVERGREENS

Anne Carlisle



On Wednesday 20th June we shall be leaving by coach from outside West Ilsley Church at 10 am for a River Trip, from Caversham to Pangbourne. There will be a £5 charge for a finger buffet. Members only. No tokens can be used. Names to J Collier 281283

Sunday 3rd June is the East Ilsley Sheep Fair. Mrs Burnett and Mrs Rockall will run a bric-a-brac stall and tombola. Contributions will be gratefully received.

AN INVITATION TO US ALL!

Ever wondered what that large, silver coloured doughnut shaped building is on the left hand side as you drive over The Ridgeway on Bury Lane? It is the Diamond Light Source, a gigantic synchrotron machine, used for scientific research - see their web site www.diamond.ac.uk to learn all about it. They are inviting us to their Open Day. An opportunity not to be missed.

Tickets can be obtained by any one of the following methods:

- **online**
- email: diamondopenday@diamond.ac.uk
- or call them on 01235 778639

When you apply for a ticket, you will need to specify which time you would like to go, from one of the following slots*:

10:00 10:45 11:30 12:15 13:00 13:45 14:30 15:15 16:00 There are a limited number of spaces available in each time slot.

You will also need to specify the number of tickets you require and provide contact/address details

for where the tickets should be sent. Once you have applied for tickets on line you will receive an email confirmation that they will be posted to you shortly.

Children aged 0 – 3 do not require a ticket.

Groups: for groups of 11 or more, please either call 01235 778639 or email: diamondopenday@diamond.ac.uk (do not use the online registration procedure).

Following last year's successful pre-fete event

West Ilsley Cricket Club

Presents a

**BLACK AND WHITE
BALL**

Saturday 7th July

from 7.30 pm

In the marquee

Contact Kevin Holloway

281556 for tickets £15

DIARY

JUNE

3rd Sheep Fair
23- Village Camp Out

24th
30th Flower Festival
- 1st

JULY

7th Black and White Ball

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Friday 29th June

Contributions to the WIN can be made by conversation, phone, email, handwritten or typed copy and "word" file, but most importantly, **please do contribute**. Contact details:

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Road Safety in West Ilsley Presentation at the Annual Assembly

The Parish Council was delighted to welcome Glyn Davis, Project

Engineer of the West Berkshire Traffic Management & Road Safety Team to the Annual Parish Assembly as part of the Council's 2007 Road Safety Campaign.

He reminded us that if a car hits you doing 20 mph you have a 95% chance of surviving, at 30 mph it is 55% and if you get struck at 40 mph then you have a 15% chance of living. He reported statistics that state that nearly 90% of pedestrians who survive being hit by a car doing 30 mph will sustain serious injuries and that traffic is the biggest killer of 15-19 year-olds, and the second biggest killer of children aged 5-14.

Positive Action

We have encouraged the Road Safety Team to database our concerns regarding the speed of cars through the village and are therefore pleased to report that traffic monitoring equipment will be set up at four locations in the village within the next few weeks to record the speed and frequency of traffic. Once this has been analysed we will discuss with the Road Safety team the various options available to us to manage traffic through the village.

Traffic calming

Many of the more common measures such as speed bumps are obviously inappropriate for the village and indeed can only be used where street lighting is present, something else which is not on our 'wish list'. However at his presentation Glyn Davis described a number of other strategies that can be used including features such as gates at the entrances to the village (as we currently have at the Western approach); a Road Safety campaign van with portable speed indicator signs; enforcement action by the Police; and permanent Vehicle Activated Signs which tell the driver if they are exceeding the speed limit. With regard to the latter the West Berkshire team is in the process of arranging a site visit to the village to see if there is a suitable site for one of these signs. Whilst the Parish Council is keen to deploy whatever resources we can to improve road safety in the village we are mindful of the potential light pollution and detracton in amenity value of additional street furniture and so will carefully consider and consult before installing such a sign.

20s Plenty

Parish Council Update

My personal preference of a 20 mph limit is apparently as yet unenforceable by the police and is therefore not something that is being used by West Berkshire as a traffic control measure. I would however, via this article like to encourage villagers to pledge to drive through West Ilsley, and indeed through our neighbouring villages, at 20 mph. Not only does it make little difference to the time it takes to get anywhere (I have calculated that it adds about 30 seconds to the journey time from one end of the village to the other), it massively reduces the effect of an accident (see above) and also reduces noise pollution. It also obviously reduces the speed of any traffic behind you to 20mph. I would like to seek the co-operation of our neighbours so that we all drive through the local villages at 20mph. The Downlands 20s Plenty Campaign. I rather like the sound of that.

Feedback

In summary therefore we are extremely pleased with the progress we are making in improving road safety in West Ilsley. I look forward to being able to share with you the data from the forthcoming survey and would welcome feedback on this subject from all villagers at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday July 9th.

Philip Knight
Vice Chair

LORDSHIP OF THE MANOR OF WEST ILSLEY

Liz Dray

I would like to welcome Allan Ilsley as the new Lord of the Manor of West Ilsley. Allan is part of a large family of Ilsleys originally from London and runs a business with the same name so it was very fitting that he should become the new Lord of the Manor. Alan is not far away at White Waltham; he is keen to help in any way that he can in the village and as he runs a wholesale business supplying food and drinks to London hotels he is happy to help with supplying village events or to donate raffle prizes if he can. Hopefully we will see Allan at some of the events in due course but if anyone would like to make contact with him in the meantime please call me and I will put you in touch.

BARNSTORMING

What a night the Barn Dance not only provided one of the social highlights of the year but also raised the magnificent sum of £2,700 for the West Ilsley Trust. The success of the evening was a tribute to the generosity of our hosts, the Carlisle family, to months of hard work put in by a superb team of organisers and to the overwhelming support of the village. Some 250 adults and 35 children took their partners by the hand and had a

ball, feasting on hog, drinking excellent beer and good wine and dancing the night away so energetically that one or two people woke up the next day to find that it wasn't just their heads that were aching!

On behalf of the West Ilsley Trust, thank you to everyone concerned - to the Carlises, particularly Peter and Sandra for helping to set up the barn and Norman, who made a painful exit but is now thankfully recovering at home; to the formidable Barn Dance Committee of Alison Banks, Sue Carrington, Sandra and Peter, Dries and Amanda, Barbara, Andrea, Isobel, Jo and Cathy, who prepared scrupulously, ran everything smoothly on the night and cleared away so efficiently that any volunteers who turned up after 11am the following day found a pristine, empty barn; to Sensible Shoes for their rousing performance and Thames Valley Meats for the delicious food; to all the bar hands who worked tirelessly in shifts; and to everyone who joined in, from the children who set the early pace and were so good when the time came for them to skedaddle, to the adults who stayed surprisingly sprightly until the band stopped playing and the diehards who carried on drinking when the barn had gone quiet, dark and cold. The friends and family who came along to see what West Ilsley had to offer went away seriously impressed.

It was a big night for the West Ilsley Trust, a new charity set up by the Parish Council to boost fund-raising and put the extra money to good use round the village. We'd now like to hear from any groups or individuals interested in applying for a share of the barn dance money, every penny of which will be spent on good causes in West Ilsley. To apply, please write to Alison Banks, the parish clerk, at The Poplars by July 1 and if possible come along to the next Parish Council meeting at 7pm on Monday, July 9, to make your case. We'll be deciding what to do with the money that evening.

It was also a night to remember for Will and Alexandra Axtell, who skilfully located the raffle "treasure". Their friends confidently predict that the Oakes Brothers wheelbarrow will last a good deal longer than the substantial quantity of booze inside. The lasting memory, though, will be of all our guests enjoying themselves, whether they were 5, 15 or 50 - laughing through the early confusion on the dancefloor as partners were lost and found and eventually savouring the satisfaction of well-rehearsed moves, expertly executed. Thanks for coming!
SEAN RYAN, Chairman

Barn Dance Photos can be viewed at <http://westilsleynews.spaces.live.com/> (not the usual website) If you have any problems viewing the photos, please let me know by email at:

westilsleynews@msn.com.

Andrea.

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TITTLE TATTLE Polly Muir

The only thing I have to tattle about is the large number of builders in the village...I think builders outnumber residents by 2:1 during the day. Judging by the number of vans I dodge on my way out of the village it looks as if we are hosting a 'Van Convention'. Hope that everyone is pleased with their new whatever!

How was the Barn dance? I expect someone will be reporting back.

I missed the knees-up, but the Isle of Wight was great, thank you for asking. I was amazed how quick and easy it was to get there, even if it cost as much as travelling to Europe club class on a posh airline. In fact, I had driven onto the ferry (having arrived an hour early) and had settled myself waiting for the departure. I was sitting in the car doing some investigative work, to find myself moving...I was sailing on the earlier ferry. What a shock to find yourself afloat - very disorientating when you're not expecting it! Well, the sun shone on the righteous (which wasn't me this particular weekend, but my friend!) and we all had The Time of our Lives.

Is anyone interested in a Pilates Class in Wantage at 10.30a.m. on a Friday morning (in one of the fitness studios)? It is run by a physio and is highly recommended as she modifies exercises for bad backs, knees and shoulders, etc.. I have joined and it has made a real difference...not so good for those less fortunate than me who work on a Friday.

An additional class is being started on a Wednesday evening at 7.45p.m.

Femke, who runs it can be contacted by ringing 01235 764618, email:

femkemaselkowski@hotmail.com

Domestic Electrical Installation

"Bright sparks" are all well and good on Bonfire night but when it comes all electrical work, installation/inspection/ testing/fault finding and certification. Insist on a local electrician who is,"Building regulation Part P Compliant". And P.A.T., full Portable Appliance Testing @ 110/240 VAC.

Contact Keith Pentecost
Tel: 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)
Mobile: 07985-797333

WEST ILSLEY
SUMMER DRINKS PARTY
with
THE SANDHAM SINGERS
followed by 
AN AUCTION
of FLOWER DISPLAYS celebrating THE SEASON

7:00pm Concert & Pimms
8:00pm Flower Auction & bar opens

Tickets / Concessions £10 / £8
Ticket price includes canapés and a glass of Pimms

Telephones: Alexandra 01635 281306
Rosanne 01635 280553

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY
Will and Alexandra Axtell

Church Services for June:

Sunday 3 rd	Family Communion and Sunday Club	10.00am
Sunday 10 th	Holy Communion	8.00am
Sunday 17 th	Songs of Praise	6.00pm
Sunday 24 th	No service	
Sunday 1 st	All Age Service	10.00am
July	Evensong (with new Bishop of Oxford)	6.30pm

Plant and Cake Sale:

The church held its annual Plant and Cake Sale in the church last month. Lots of delicious, homemade cakes and fine plants were purchased and around £500 was raised for general church funds. Thank you to all those who came and to all those who generously contributed.



Flower Festival:

All Saints will be holding a weekend flower festival on Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July. The

theme is "The Season" with each display representing our favourite social occasions including Wimbledon, Henley Royal Regatta and even our local Newbury Show! The church will be open to visitors on both days and we hope you will encourage your friends and family to come and enjoy this floral extravaganza!

The Sandham Singers will be providing entertainment for our **summer evening drinks party** on the Saturday evening (tickets available now from Alexandra Axtell – tel. 281 306). We will also be auctioning a number of the flower festival arrangements. So come and enjoy a glass of Pimms, some relaxing music and great company on an English summer's evening.

There will also be a special festival evensong on Sunday at 6.30pm at which the new **Bishop of Oxford** will be preaching!

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE CAMPOUT

This summer's campout will take place on the 23 – 24 June.

All villagers are invited to join us. Children between 5 – 10 will have activities on Saturday afternoon from 3 – 5pm, tea for children of all ages 5 – 6pm. Adults to arrive at 6pm to put up tents and the BBQ will be lit for supper at 7pm. Then we all have a fun evening around the camp fire! The next morning we have a 'bacon butty' breakfast and then go home to have a rest at about 10am. The cost per family is £10. We look forward to many of you joining us then.

Please note that the campout is for villagers only and those who have moved away in recent years. For more information contact Angela Ryan (281500) or Alison Banks (281705).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

In May the children listened to the story of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven; they then attached prayers to a helium filled balloon which was released in the church yard and they watched until it had disappeared from view.

Dates for the next services will be:

Thursday 14 June – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream coat

Thursday 12 July – Afterschool picnic at the cricket pitch

Our Afterschool services are held at 4pm in the church and are very informal with songs to well-known tunes, participation from the children and a simple story to listen to. The children have the opportunity to become more familiar with the church and learn about prayer, religious festivals and other topics in a relaxed atmosphere. The

services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones.

The services are well supported but we would love to see new faces or friends from outside the village. Do come and join us if you have a free half an hour.

Mums and Tots Coffee morning (for the very young and their carers)

This is a monthly get together from 10am – 11.30am either in West Ilsley or the surrounding villages. It is an informal gathering where the Mums and carers have a chance to have a coffee and a chat, there are toys for the children and occasional songs. Forthcoming dates are as follows:

Thursday 7 June – 4 Manor Farm Barns – Amanda Hagen - 281855

Thursday 5 July – 5 The Maltings – Tracy Gregory – 281650

We are initially trying a new idea of moving the coffee morning around to different homes and would welcome offers from anyone willing to have us!

If you would like more information about either of these services please contact Denise Brown on 01635 281825 or Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Ralph and Louise Taylor and their little boy Mark who have moved into Bakery Mews. Ralph has been a regular feature in West Ilsley cricket for the past year and we are delighted they have come to the village.

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ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Amanda Knight

I am delighted to report that Ilsley Under Fives has secured funding (£2,991) from the Local Network Fund for Children and Young People to install a pair of toddler swings at West Ilsley's proposed play area. Their installation should prove very popular with the many young children in our village and also with those of visiting family and friends.

Our first session following our week's break at Whitsun will be on 6th June when we will be hosting a visit from Phoenix cards/ Usborne books. As always, the Toddler Group will receive 10% of takings and so this will be an excellent opportunity for members (both past and present) to stock up on stationery and books at the same time as raising funds for the Group.

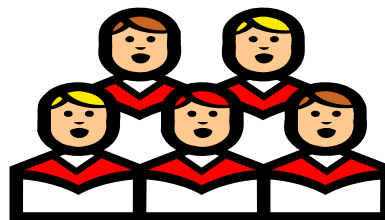
(Ilsley Under Fives Toddler Group meets on Wednesday mornings: 10:00 am – 11:30 am in West Ilsley Village Hall (term time only). We have heaps of toys, ride-ons and a baby area for the littlest ones and tea and coffee for the parents/carers. New faces always welcome! For further details please feel free to contact me (281609).)

NICE WORK

If you've admired the work done by Steve Batt in the garden of Bramble Cottage, and meant to get his card, his number is 01635 253829 or mobile 07799 784521.

The Ilsleys Primary School
Proudly Present...

Summer Concert



**St Mary's Church
East Ilsley**

21st June 2007 - 7.30pm

WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB

FIXTURES FOR JUNE

1st XI SATURDAY - 2 pm start

02 June	Uffington (Cup)	Home
09 June	Deddington	Away
16 June	Wootton & Boars Hill	Home
23 June	Begbroke	Away
30 June	Britwell Salome	Home

2nd XI SATURDAY – 2 pm start

02 June	Marsh Gibbon (Cup)	Away
09 June	Kings Sutton	Home
16 June	Marsh Gibbon	Away
23 June	Shrivenham	Home
30 June	Marcham 2ndXI	Away

SUNDAY

10 June	11.00am	East Ilsley Home
17 June	2.00pm	2ndXI Cup Quarter Finals
24 June	2.00pm	1stXI Cup Quarter-Finals

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

News from The Ilsleys Primary School

Felix Rayner - Headteacher

The summer term has begun brilliantly here at The Ilsleys; every child is focused on learning and achieving their best. The term is an important one as most children will take part in assessments during May, the results from these will be used to help us to continue to make our school an even better place. I know the children will do their best and will be supported by staff and families to reach their full potential.

As always sport continues to be an important element of our school life. The football team have played in a number of tournaments and the children have taken part in a cross country running competition. After school sports clubs continue to be very popular with the children – with summer sports, tennis, football, tag rugby and cross country running - the children are very lucky indeed.

These sports clubs have been joined this term by Gardening Club. This popular club enables the children to have hands on experience of growing and nurturing plants, not only in the school grounds but also at the new school allotment.

Talking of after school clubs in general I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents who make these activities possible. The range of activities for such a small school is outstanding.

In March we were visited by the Life Education Centre bus. This fantastic resource focuses on helping children make healthy choices in a range

of topics. The children loved interacting with puppet characters, making this area of the curriculum really enjoyable.

The summer term is always full to the brim with fun, sunshine, laughter and learning. As always we have lots of exciting things planned – sports days, trips, concerts and school plays. They say a busy school is a happy school – I hope we prove the point.

As always, if you have any queries about the school or want to know more please don't hesitate to contact me on 281225.

THE RIDGEWAY & THAMES PATH NATIONAL TRAILS

Join a guided walk to experience a National Trail in spring and summer

The Ridgeway and Thames Path Guided Events Programme, covering May to September 2007, is now available. The popular programme, produced by the National Trails Office, features a wealth of guided walks and events taking place on sections of both of these two National Trails. Experienced National Trails volunteers, local walking groups and representatives from other organizations lead the walks, the majority of which are free of charge. The programme features over 30 individual walks throughout the season which allow people to experience the beauty and variety of the countryside in different locations along a Trail. You can enjoy the scenery and wildlife and view features unique to each Trail - locks and watermills along the Thames or ancient castles and burial mounds along The Ridgeway. Some walks give opportunities for bird, butterfly or wild flower identification, or the odd spot of photography. There is also information on a range of sponsored/long distance events and where visitors can combine walking with other leisure activities - steam or boat rides, watching swan-feeding for example. The aim of the programme is to encourage visitors to the Trails and to showcase the very best that these National Trails have to offer. We try to include as much information as possible, providing details on length and difficulty of walk, whether suitable for children, if toilets and refreshments will be available, directions to the start, and other useful facts. Guided walks are a great way to get out and enjoy walking and to see some fantastic countryside that the Trails pass through. The National Trails Office maintains and promotes The Ridgeway and Thames Path through funding from Natural England and Highways Authorities. The Trails provide two clearly signed linear routes through many remote scenic and tranquil places in this busy part of England, including The Chilterns and North Wessex Downs Areas of Outstanding Natural

Beauty. To obtain a free copy of the latest Ridgeway and Thames Path Events Programme send a stamped addressed envelope to: National Trails Office, Environment & Economy, Holton, Oxford OX33 1 QQ.

Alternatively look at the events pages of The Ridgeway and Thames Path National Trails Website: www.nationaltrail.co.uk

23rd/24th June 2007

Village CAMP OUT & BBQ

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce that the annual Village Camp Out will take place on Saturday June 23rd (from 3pm) and extend through to Sunday 24th (10am).



It will be centred round camping, with an afternoon activity around the camp and in the woods followed by a camp sleep over.

The aim of the Camp Out is to invite all West Ilsley villagers and ex villagers to enjoy a camp out together and for all ages to mix and socialise. Details as follows:

Part 1 – Saturday afternoon 3-6pm

Activities for children aged between 5 and 12 years old, who can be left, led by volunteers from the village.

5yrs Plus

Camp skills centred around the camp
OR

Adventure trek (minimum 2hr walk)

12yrs Plus

Welcome to come and help.

To conclude the afternoon at 5pm approximately, hot dog tea and marshmallows for all cooked on the fire.

Part 2 – Saturday 6pm to Sunday 10am

From 6pm the camp is prepared for the night and for those children staying a responsible adult should arrive. Tents are put up and we strongly recommend that this is done as a family activity after 6pm. We then enjoy a family BBQ supper in the evening (from 7pm).

Cook breakfast, take down camp, clean and tidy up. Finish 10am Sunday.

Open to all West Ilsley children of any age.

Part 1, all children from 5-12yrs can be left, but helpers welcome and needed.

Part 2, a responsible parent/adult/volunteer to accompany (on a ratio of no more than 1 adult to 4 kids), help out and sleep over from 6pm to 10am.

The camp site is located 1 mile outside West Ilsley. Take the Catmore road and follow the signs. Park inside the gate on the LHS.

All food and drink is included for Part 1. For Part 2 please bring your own supper. We shall have a BBQ fire going so we suggest you bring something to cook and your own refreshments. Juice and water will be available throughout plus tea/coffee, sugar, milk, cereal, bacon, bread and jam for the morning. Please bring anything else you wish to eat or drink. Adults bring your own – cork screw and barrel of bitter supplied!

There will be a charge this year (£10 per tent), and we do require your signed booking form in advance. Without this we cannot accept the child/ren. The weekend will go ahead whatever the weather!!

To join in, wear appropriate old clothing that you don't mind getting dirty or torn. For Part 2, the following kit is required.

- Tent for you and your child/ren.
- Thick sleeping bag/duvet and Sleeping mat (optional)
- Waterproof top and trousers
- Thick wool jumper or fleece
- Spare warm trousers, socks and long sleeved shirt
- Warm hat/gloves and good shoes or boots
- Torch
- Plastic mug, plate & bowl plus cutlery for you.
- Do not bring anything electrical, any money or excessive sweets.

We hope this provides a great event for all ages and we look forward to hearing from you. Any adults willing to lead an activity/trek please come forward asap.

Please return the form to Angela Ryan, Forge Cottage. Tel 281500 or Alison Banks, The Poplars Tel 281705 **BY 17th June 2007**

Angela Ryan and Alison Banks on behalf of The Village Hall Committee and thanks to Peter Carlisle.

VILLAGE CAMP OUT 2007

Name	Age	Activity Choice
		Camp or Trek
		Camp or Trek
		Camp or Trek
		Camp or Trek

Accompanying Adult for Part 2

Please give details of any relevant medical information regarding any of the above child/ren.....

I give permission for my son(s)/daughter(s) to take part in the Camp Out.
 I understand that the activities are led by volunteer leaders and helpers and I take full responsibility when sending my child/ren.

Our emergency contact (in the village) during the event is.....

Signed by a parent/guardian.....Date.....