

West Ilsley News

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October 2008

DIARY

OCTOBER

5th Harvest Service and Lunch

NOVEMBER

1st Winter Warmer

7th Christmas Shopping event

15th Evergreens Bazaar 2pm

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THE HARROW

The Harrow Quiz Night is back by popular demand, Wednesday 15th October at 8pm, £2 each to enter. Menu - Lasagne, Chicken Curry or Fish Pie (all Homemade of course) £9, please book your tables now at The Harrow.

Fancy Dress Halloween Party on Friday 31st October. Prizes for scariest costumes. Buffet at 9pm. Come along and get spooked out!!

The Harrow are thinking about hosting a curry evening in October or November. Could you please express your interest to Pete or Hayley, we will then go ahead with the evening!! Let us know.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

Our next service will be at 4pm on **Thursday 23rd October** when we will have a bible story.

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.

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

Denise Brown on 01635 281825

Liz Dray on 01635 281688.

EVERGREENS

On Wednesday

October 22nd the coach

will leave from outside

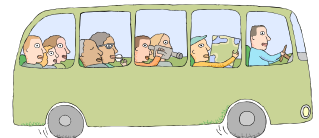
West Ilsley church at

10.30 am to go to the

Ferryman Inn at

Northmoor. Lunch and entertainment £13.50.

Coach – no charge. Names to J Collier 281283.



YOUTH CLUB – please see separate attachment to the WIN email for details of outings and booking form

Deadline for the next publication is 5pm on Tuesday 28th October

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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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Friday 7th November there will be a Christmas Shopping Evening with Father Christmas.

In aid of the village hall. For more information contact Julia on 01635 281597



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EMAIL TO THE WEBSITE

I am in my home in Dorset looking at your website on my laptop, as I have done several times before, with such a nostalgic feeling. I was born in West Ilsley and lived there until I was nine years old. My family had lived there for many years, my grandfather, Arthur Calder and his wife May had four children, all of whom lived there, some for their entire lives. I went to the village school, there were only 25 children there and when we moved to Dorset, our education was ahead of that of the local children. I have some wonderful memories of playing on the cricket green every Sunday afternoon with the local children, it seems every dad played cricket as all the village people seemed to be there. When my brother Keith, and my sister Lynne and I made another nostalgic visit to the village a couple of years ago, we visited the church and when we signed the visitors book, we noticed that two days before a neighbour from Rowles Paddock, Josephine Maskell had also visited and written "I have come home", that is just how we felt. We renewed our friendship with a childhood friend and still keep in contact with her now. West Ilsley will always hold a special place in my heart and its lovely that modern technology allows me to drop in on your website occasionally and see what is going on these days. Best wishes to all of you that are still helping to create childhood memories for the children of today. Wendy Chandler-Watts.
Sent from: Wendy Chandler-Watts nee Calder

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH Rosanne Pilditch

October West Ilsley Church Services

Sun 5 th	Harvest Festival	10am
Sun 12 th	Holy Communion – BCP	8am
Sun 19 th	All Age Workshop	11am
Sun 26 th	No service	

Congratulations to all of those who were confirmed on 17th September. We all look forward to celebrating communion with you next time you come to church.

Winter Warmer – Saturday 1st November at 8pm



Blow away those winter blues and come and enjoy a warming evening at the Village Hall, plus plenty of refreshing drinks from the bar. Tickets are £12.50 (£10 concessions) with first

drink free. Available from Alexandra Axtell (281306) and Rosanne Pilditch (280553).

All proceeds will go to the church.

DOWNLAND SPORTS CENTRE

I am writing this on the first Friday in September and funnily enough the weather is not much different to most of August – wet and grey!

The 'summer' activities have now come to an end and were again well-attended and great fun (did I mention tiring!). We had several new children take part in the activities and hope we will see them again in the future.

One activity that is very popular during the holiday period is the Junior Gym session. We have several children attending the activities who are approaching 11 or are 11 and I thought this would be a good time to let you know that we run a **Junior Gym session** on a Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm (term time) at the Downland Sports Centre for young people aged 11 – 16 years.

The session is supervised at all times. We aim to promote correct use of the equipment and concentrate on cardiovascular fitness – the type of exercise that makes you slightly out of breath and feel warmer. While the resistance equipment is also used, the focus is on fitness rather than 'pumping iron' – this would be actively discouraged as high weight loads could be detrimental as a young person is not physically mature at this age. The numbers are restricted to six at any one time to allow adequate supervision so it is wise to pre-book and pay in advance to guarantee a place and avoid disappointment.

And for our slightly older customers.....it's back....**Thursday evening Aerobics!!** starting

September 11th. The classes are at 7 – 8pm Aerobics and 8 –9pm Fitness Yoga (not a spiritual class). A turn up session, costing £3.35 (Members) / £3.85 (Non Members) and a discounted £5.00 (Members) / £5.50 (Non Members) if you do both classes!

STOP PRESS: The first two dates for our Indoor Boot Sales this year are Sunday 2nd November and Sunday 30th November. Time for that clear out!

For further information regarding any of the above, please contact the Centre on 01635 578866 between the hours of 6 – 10pm or do call in.

ALDWORTH

Turkey & Tinsel

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 22 November

9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

in Village Hall

TURKEY TASTING

Christmas Draw 12 noon

with Father Christmas!

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

The Toddler/Baby Group has reconvened for the new term with numbers still up. We currently have approximately 10 boys and 4 girls attending on a semi regular basis with at least 8 attending each week. Most of the children are from families in West Ilsley but we also have a number from East Ilsley, Farnborough, Snelsmore and Hampsted Norreys. Amanda Knight has now stepped down as Chairperson after a long stretch at the helm – 3 years! We thank her for all her commitment and hard work over this time. Our committee has now reshaped with myself as Chairperson, Amanda Hagen continuing as Secretary and Angelique Ravion taking on the role of Treasurer. We also welcome Zu Kingdon as a new committee member and still have a vacancy for one additional member.



October will see the children taking part in the Ilsley Under Fives HALLOWHEELATHON! – a sponsored bike ride and pram push around Snelsmore Common to be held on Wednesday 22 October (Halloween fancy dress optional!). All funds raised will go towards supplementing the Group's income and will be used to provide a trip

out for the children as well as additional craft materials and toys (depending on the level of funds raised!). Thank you in advance for your support in sponsoring a child you may know taking part in the event.

Ilsley Under Fives meet during term time on Wednesday mornings, 10am to 11.30am, at West Ilsley Village Hall. The session is an informal meeting, providing playtime for the children, an occasional craft activity, a drink and biscuit with tea/coffee and chat for the parents or carers. The session ends with a singsong! For further details please feel free to contact me on 280622 or any other member of the committee or simply pop along on a Wednesday. New faces are always welcome! Louise Taylor

Calling Ex Pupils Staff and Friends

The Ilsleys Primary School

Will be celebrating its



Centenary

Saturday 4th October 2008

Unveiling Stained Glass Window at

12noon

Followed by Hog Roast Lunch

Tickets £4-00 Available from the School

01635 281225

For Full Details please contact

The Ilsleys Primary School

Church Hill

East Ilsley

We hope that you are able to join us

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Alison and I would like to say a huge thank you to so many of you for supporting us with your very generous donations and eager shopping!!

We were delighted to have raised a grand total of £300. Liz Dray and Alison Banks

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**West Ilsley Village Hall
Committee**

Bonfire Night Fireworks
(kindly paid for by WI Trust Funds)

All villagers and their friends and families welcome to join us for a fun evening on

Wednesday 5th November
(next field but one to the pond)

BBQ from 6pm
Bonfire lit at 6.30pm
Fireworks at 7pm

BBQ (Hot Dogs and Burgers) and Refreshments available for sale from 6pm plus

Glow sticks for sale.

The Cricket Club bar will be open afterwards

At the end of the 2008 season, both senior teams are safe from relegation and sit at 6th and 4th in the 3rd and 5th divisions of the Oxfordshire league respectively. The Under 9s and Under 11s both finished 4th in their Berkshire league divisions despite playing less matches than some of their competitors. The Under 13s and 15s final positions have not yet been posted but I can tell you that the newly formed Under 13 girls team only lost one match, so all credit to them and their management! As



you may have noticed, this was our busiest season to date with 9 teams in all: 2 seniors, Sundays, Wednesdays and 5 junior teams. Huge thanks must go to the team captains for the tremendous effort required to field and coach teams each and every week and thanks must also go to Alan Bloor, Jon Evans and the many others who have continued to maintain the recreation ground to such a high standard despite the significantly increased use of the pitch! And now that the season is over, it has come to that point in the year which requires a little bit of your time to help us see the year out - the AGM and the end of season party.

The AGM - this will be on Sunday 26th October in the pavilion at 7pm.

I would like to stress that the AGM is not the exclusive domain of the players nor is it only about cricket. The club sits on and maintains **the village recreation ground** and as you know, the pavilion gets used for a variety of functions. Recently such things as bar security and pedestrian gates to access the playground have been raised. The club is also working to achieve Clubmark status, an accreditation given by Sport England which ensures that member clubs meet the highest standards of safety and security for children while also providing the necessary facilities for all ages and abilities. So, as you can see, there are wider issues to consider.

All playing and social members are welcome and this is **YOUR** opportunity to have a say in the club and ground's future. Poor attendance in the past has meant that issues do not get raised and remain unresolved for another year. Got something to say? Then please come and tell us. Do you think you can help improve the club or the ground? We are extremely grateful for all the effort put in by a small army of volunteers but can always do with the extra hands - you can even put your hand up for a committee position and get bossy!

Remember - this is **YOUR** club on **YOUR** recreation ground and it can only improve with **YOUR** input so please make every effort to attend on the 26th.

The End of Season Party

I've heard tell that this used to be one of **THE** events to attend in the village social calendar. Partly due to the poor attendance at last year's AGM, we do not have the services of a social secretary so nothing formal has been organised yet. I say "yet" as the committee feels that it is up to the club's membership to decide on what they would like to do and has come up with the following options:

1. A party in the pavilion - food, drinks, music, the usual sort of hoolie that we're well known for.

2. A casual gathering in the Harrow - i.e. a bunch of friends meeting for a few beers.
3. An evening out at a venue in Newbury such as the curry house.
4. None of the above - i.e. do nothing.

Again, this is open to all members and families and you are allowed to discuss topics other than leather on willow! But we must be guided by the level of response so please, if you haven't already heard from me or replied, then email me your choice to secretary@westilsleycricket.net. And if you have an alternative and seriously whizz-bang idea that you think will fly than please tell me that too.

Once again, please make every effort to attend the AGM on the 26th October - it is important that we get as many opinions as possible - and let me know your preferred choice for the end of season shindig.

Many thanks & I'll get my coat...Justin

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CLUBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Well the summer holidays have come to an end and it has certainly been an action packed vacation for the children of West Ilsley. BACYP (Berkshire Association of Clubs for Young People) chose West Ilsley as one of five venues across West Berkshire to play host to their Summer Activities Programme that aimed to bring young people from around the village together to try new activities, play sports, make new friends and most importantly have lots of fun! Thanks to the support of local clubs and coaches, the children of West Ilsley have had the chance to learn some hip hop street moves and experience acrobatic cheer gymnastics with Sabrina Steele of Steele Studio Reading (www.steelestudio.co.uk); get the taste of some Olympic favourites; Volleyball and Badminton thanks to Sue Sayers of Newbury Volleyball Club (www.newburyvolleyballclub.co.uk) and Mary Anne Stevens of Downlands Badminton club; brush up on their ball skills American style thanks to Jeff Goodman and Ben Fisher of the Reading Rockets Basketball Club (www.readingrocketsbasketball.com); and even get a master class in becoming the next Tiger Woods with some professional golf tuition from Jim Lynch (PGA Advanced Coach). There was also time to take part in some old favourites as Ali & Ien from Newbury Rugby Football Club (www.newburyrfc.co.uk) provided some expert rugby skills coaching; Pete Beeching developed everybody's soccer skills to another level and Debbie, Mel and Andy (BACYP Staff) made sure that rounders, kwik cricket and everything else was fast paced, fun and just a tiny bit competitive.

Whilst we are unable to return to West Ilsley this time round, BACYP will be running more activities during the autumn half term. The cost will be £6 per day and the age range 8 – 14 years. Please find details below:

Monday	Great Shefford	9am-
27 th October		4pm
Tuesday	Compton	9am-
28 th October		4pm
Wednesday	Hermitage	9am-
29 th October		4pm
Thursday	Frilsham	9am-
30 th October		4pm
Friday 31 st October	Brightwalton	9am-
		4pm

If you would like to try more sports, dabble with some drama, or show off your artistic side let us know. You can contact us on 0118 923 1259 or email: : andrew.horner@bacyp.co.uk

EAST ILSLEY SCHOOL

A quick reminder to all pupils, ex-pupils and friends and staff and ex-staff of the Ilsleys Primary School that the School celebrates its Centenary on its current site on Wednesday 1st and Saturday 4th October.

On Wednesday, the children will be experiencing life in an Edwardian school – including the clothing! There will be a celebration service at 6.30 pm in St Mary's Church to which all are welcome.

On Saturday 4th October we are planning a day of celebrations, starting with bellringing by the children at 11.30 am and the unveiling of our new window at 12 noon.

Lunch follows, and then we plan an afternoon of events including children's entertainment, games, singing and country dancing. Tickets for lunch are £4 for adults, to include a roast pork roll and salad, and £2 for children, to include a sausage in a roll. Everyone gets ice cream and there is a vegetarian option.

There is also an exhibition of the history of the School, open on both Saturday and Sunday.

Everyone is welcome to our celebration events at the Church on the 1st and the School on the 4th (& 5th) October. Tickets for lunch should be bought in advance (to guarantee you are fed!) and are available from the School – please call 01635 281225 for information.

UPDATE TO THE EMAIL RECENTLY SENT TO RESIDENTS

...thanks to modern technology (microchipping) I have found that the big grey tabby is "Joe". He had been missing for a month and found his way here from Faringdon – owner and cat now happily reunited! Liz Dray