

West Ilsley News

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5pm on Friday 27th January

DIARY

JANUARY

10th Bake off

FEBRUARY

4th Winter Warmer

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CHRISTMAS BINGO Tony Elliott

I would like to thank everyone who came along to support this village event, all of those who generously donated prizes and my trusty band of helpers. From the comments received you all had an enjoyable evening and thought the prizes were excellent. The event raised £140 which will go towards paying for the new fridge and the new

crockery. The old cups and saucers can be smashed at the fete!!!. The next village bingo will be on Friday the 30th of March at 7:00 pm. Come along and join in.

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

January Services in All Saints' Church, West Ilsley

1 st	*No service in West Ilsley	
8 th	Holy Communion	8.30am
15 th	Family Communion	9.30am
22 nd	Family Service	11.00am
29 th	* No service in West Ilsley	

*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at <http://tinyurl.com/east-downland>

New Year

The first service of 2012 to be held in the benefice will be a communion service at St Mary's Church, Chieveley on Sunday 1st January at 11.00am. This means our January services in West Ilsley are slightly altered, so please make a note of the changes and don't forget to come along. The United Benefice Communion on Sunday 29th January will be at Boxford at 9.30am.

Christmas Services

It was great to see so many people in church over Christmas. Thanks to your generosity, £190 has been sent to our local Air Ambulance Trust. The lovely candle lit Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies at the Old Rectory (thank you James, Lucy and helpers) started our celebrations for Christmas. The delightful Crib Service, which was beautifully led by our fantastic team of mums on Christmas Eve afternoon, was standing room only. So, thank you everyone who took part and made it once again a memorable service. Many villagers and their families welcomed in Christmas day at our Midnight service, when, as at the other Christmas services, those whose names decorated our 'Tree of Remembrance' were prayed for.

'Thank you':

To those who have donated gifts for the charity 'Loose Ends' over the Christmas period and also to everyone who helped make All Saints' Church look so beautiful for Christmas, as well as those

who spend time flower arranging and keeping the church and churchyard looking lovely throughout the year. We were especially pleased to receive £355 from the WIN Christmas Greetings, so thank you to all who contributed.

Date for your Diary:

Saturday 4th February 2012 – Winter Warmer – make a note in your new diaries and keep the evening free. More information will be made known during January.

Contacts: If you have anyone or anything specific you would like mentioned in church prayers at services throughout the year, do speak to either Ian (281625) or Alexandra (281306). 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, ring Revd John Toogood (our Rector) on 01635 247566 or email him at cwando@btinternet.com

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2012.

WEST ILSLEY BAKE-OFF

The mince pie queens were:

- 1st Cathy Paterson
- 2nd Adele Peek and Storm Ryan
- 3rd Margaret Gilmore

We are happy to invite girls and boys of all ages (over 10 and up to 100+) to join in, and if bakers want to bring a companion who will also taste and score that's fine too - £2 each to cover costs.

The topics for the next three months are:

- 10th Jan – chocolate brownies
- 7th Feb – Victoria sandwich
- 6th March – carrot cake

See you at 8pm in the Village Hall.
Andrea 281224 and Angela 281500
Or email WIN.

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Happy new year! Well its been a busy few weeks for the toddler group, here's a few of the activities we have been up to in the last month or so.... As a group we participated in the Ilsleys school christmas bonanza and ran a craft table where children could decorate a Christmas biscuit. Many thanks to the ladies that ran the table on the day it was a great success and plenty of yummy biscuits were made and sold. Finally we hosted our very own Christmas party, by converting our usual Wednesday morning hall into a Christmas Grotto. The children really enjoyed it as did all of the carers. We had festive Christmas nursery rhymes playing in the background whilst the children played with the toys, before tucking into a spread of Christmas treats with not an empty plate in sight. The session concluded with a Christmas themed sing song and a surprise present for each of the children. Who knows, maybe next year

even Father Christmas himself may make an appearance?!!

Finally we had our annual 'grown up's Christmas night out where 12 of us managed to enjoy a night of Tapas and wine! It's a tough job, but someone has to do it!!

Ilsley Under 5's is a well established parent and carer playgroup which in partnership with Surestart provides a great place to play in a friendly safe atmosphere and fun environment. We meet every week, most weeks of the year, in West Ilsley village hall between 10am and 11.30am. The children have a snack and drink half way through the session, with tea and coffee available for mums dads and carers. Every week we offer a new activity table; painting, drawing, play dough etc, not forgetting the regular toys that are available and suit all ages of toddler or baby. And we finish the session with a group sing along. If you are planning a party or event remember the small tables and chairs as well as our toys are available for hire throughout the year for a donation of £10. Please call myself for more details. Kate Storrar 281132

COMEDIES AND FARCES IN WEST ILSLEY

I am in possession of an extremely nice old book with West Ilsley connections and I wonder if you can help me research its history. The book is entitled 'Comedies and Farces'. It is a collection of plays published by Thomas Hailes Lacy. Inscribed inside the front cover in flowing hand is the signature 'Charles Collins' and the date 1871. Mr Collins seems to have been involved in local amateur dramatic productions with the Morland family, to whom reference is made several times in the book. It appears the Morlands and Collins put on various of these plays at West Ilsley House which, I understand, was owned by the Morlands (of farming and subsequent brewery fame). Mr Collins and various Morlands, and others, were cast members. For example, I have reference here to a Captain Bushby, Mr E H Morland, Mr E Morland Junr., Messrs J B Jenkins and B Morland, Mis Emily Collins and Miss Anna Morland.

And so, the questions are these: Does anybody thereabouts know of Charles Collins or his descendants or other cast members? Are there any Morlands still living in the area who might know more about this part of their family history? Is there any local knowledge concerning this small West Ilsley based acting troupe? I'd be delighted to receive any information or leads you can provide and I thank you in advance for your time. Kind regards Charlie Taylor (Dr)
dct.email@ntlworld.com

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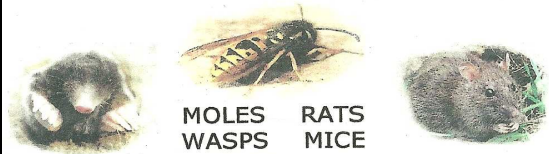
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