

West Ilsley News

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Many thanks to all those who have sent their village greetings via the WIN – see later on. We have raised a whopping £340 for church funds!
Andrea Cook

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

December Church Services in All Saints, West Ilsley

5 th	Family Communion	9.30am
12 th	Holy Communion	8.30am
19 th	Carol Service	6.00pm
24 th	Christmas Eve Crib Service	4.00pm
25 th	Christmas Day Family Communion	11.00am

N.B. The usual pattern of services is changed slightly, with the various services over Christmas.

Working Party

Thank you to every one who came to church at the beginning of November to help give it a thorough clean inside and out. After a couple of hours or so, All Saints was gleaming and smelled wonderful, while parts of the churchyard were virtually leaf free (if only for a short while before the winds got up again). Particular thanks must go to Norman Carlisle for all his hard work throughout the year. He has worked tirelessly keeping everything in order.

Remembrance Sunday

All Saints has rarely seen such a huge congregation as it did when members of the British Legion and of young people's groups from around the area processed to church this year. So unexpected were the numbers attending, with around 100 standing, that we ran out of hymn books and service sheets. The impressive sum of £436.12 was collected during the service and a

cheque for this amount has been sent to the Royal British Legion.

Clay Pigeon Shoot

This went with a distinct 'bang', in spite of the rather chilly weather. The big attraction was the radio-controlled "flush", with clays flying from different directions just like the real thing! As well as the shooting, bacon butties, washed down by gallons of tea, were the order of the day, with soup, cakes and other goodies for variety later on. Our particular thanks must go to Richard Gore, Dave Rockall, and Brian Claridge of the Four Counties Clay Target Club, for all their organising, as well as to Steven Turner for instructing the novices who turned up. Thanks also to all those church members who helped keep the cold out with their hot food and drinks, as well as to everyone who provided such delicious cakes.

Cleaning Rota

First, a thank you to those who clean the church on a regular basis. At present, there are 5 people on the rota, with another person starting in January, and we would be very grateful for any additional help. Your turn would come once every 5 or 6 weeks (at present), but the more on the rota, the less often each person has to do it. It is not onerous, with a quick vacuum and a wipe over with a duster generally being enough to keep the church looking fresh all year. If you would like to be added to the rota, please let either of us know (281625).

Christmas Services

Join us for mulled wine and nibbles after the Carol Service on 19th December. This year we are planning to make a donation from the collection to WBC Christmas Gifts Appeal, so that local vulnerable young people from needy families, with no chance of a 'normal' Christmas, will receive a present. Then let your little ones dress up as angels, shepherds or kings for our Crib service on Christmas Eve and all come on Christmas Day before going home to 'eat, drink and be merry'. As usual, if anyone would like to bring gifts of toys, stationery or toiletries to church during December, they will be distributed to disadvantaged families through Berkshire Women's Aid. Christmas Eve Midnight Communion this year will be held in Beedon at

11.30pm and Chieveley at 11.00pm, while on Sunday 26th December (Boxing Day), there will be a United Benefice Communion Service in Chieveley at 10.00am.

As you can see there are services for every age so we look forward to seeing you in church sometime over the festive period. Happy Christmas to all and we hope you have a very Happy New Year.

TENNIS COURT

A meeting was called at the beginning of November to discuss the options open to us for maintaining and improving the court. In addition to the committee, several villagers and season-ticket holders attended and this led to a very supportive and helpful discussion of the priorities. It was agreed that the first priority was to replace the court surface when funds allow – pending the outcome of a grant application.

Several attendees at the meeting agreed to join the committee (to the great relief of the existing members), so many thanks to Alison Banks, Alan Muir, Sue Evans and Kevin Clarke for joining up. Thanks also to Sandy Gore, David Gardhouse and Martin B W for their contributions at the meeting.

Since the meeting, we are delighted to report that our application to the Greenham Common Trust Vibrant Villages scheme was successful and we have been granted £4,500 towards our improvement costs. This sum, together with our fundraising and fee income means that we have around £10,500 to spend.

There will be a further meeting of the committee in the next week or so to agree the way forward for this spending round.

MOBILE LIBRARY

This will be in Fir Tree Paddock from 2.10-2.40pm on Tuesday 21st December.

EVERGREENS

The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 11am for the Christmas lunch at the Windmill Carvery at 12.15 pm on Saturday 11th December 2010.

PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

Liz Elliott has kindly volunteered to take over the service. Liz lives at 2 Morland Close, and is happy for prescriptions to be collected between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday - if you want to phone to double check she's in, Liz's number is 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 will continue to make deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.



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We will be sending a donation for every tree sold to Macmillan Nurses.

**Thank you from Storm Ryan and Merry Christmas!
(281500) or mark.balloon@btinternet.com**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The next service will be in the church at 4pm on Thursday 16 December when we will hear the story of the Nativity and have a little chocolate hunt afterwards! In January we will celebrate "Christingle" on Thursday 13th January at 4pm. Services are aimed at all ages from babies to older ones and last approximately half an hour followed by drinks.

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.

RETURN OF BOXING DAY CLAY SHOOT

I would like to hear from anyone interested in taking part in a clay shoot in the village on Boxing Day. Informal team and individual competition followed by a gathering in the pub. Hugh Evans 281763 hevans17@btinternet.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

<p>June & Ronnie Cook Wish everybody in the village a very Merry Christmas and good health and happiness in 2011</p>		<p>Wishing all our friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Sue, Hugh, Gee & Harry Evans x</p>
	<p>We wish all our friends and neighbours in West Ilsley a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the festive season! Ralph, Louise and Mark Taylor.</p>	
<p>Wishing all West Ilsley residents a wonderful Christmas and the very best for 2011 With love Sue, Andy, Zoe and Lizzie Carrington</p>	<p>Wising you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy 2011 Alan, Louise, William and Suzanna (Shoe Horn Cottage)</p>	<p>To all of our friends and neighbours in West Ilsley, we wish you a Merry Christmas and the very best in 2011 Ally and John Mountford</p>
<p>Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2011 to all our friends and neighbours. Andrea and Mel Cook</p>		<p>Happy Christmas to all our friends in West Ilsley! Dries, Amanda, Mae & Hugo xxxx</p>
<p>Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Mike, Alison, Calum and Drew Farwell</p>	<p>Merry christmas and happy new year to all at West Ilsley from John V</p>	<p>Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas and 2011 Norman and Anne Carlisle</p>
	<p>Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From Denis, Barbara and Charlie</p>	
<p>A Very Happy Christmas to you all and Best Wishes for 2011 Tony, Jo, Ellen, Tom and Katie.</p>		<p>With our very best wishes for a fantastic Christmas and 2011. From Mandy, Neil, Andrew and Briony</p>
<p>Merry Christmas to all our friends in West Ilsley With love from Tracy, Steve, Sam, Alex, Joe and Ollie xxx</p>	<p>Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all our friends in West Ilsley! With love and best wishes from Neil, Cathy, Lucy and Thomas xx</p>	<p>Wishing all our friends in West Ilsley a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With love from Philip, Amanda, Ellen, Alice and William Knight</p>
<p>Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2011 Shirley Gore</p>	<p>Yuletide Greetings to all the merry villagers of West Ilsley with love from the Axtells</p>	<p>Wishing everyone in West Ilsley a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2011 Best Wishes Alison, Nigel, Sophie & Adam Ryan</p>
<p>Wishing all our friends and neighbours a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2011. Adrian, Liz, Hannah, Matthew and Ben Dray</p>	<p>Wishing everyone in the village including friends in East Ilsley & Compton a Merry Christmas. Have a wonderful New Year and remember to start some new habits. Big hugs from Steve, Donna and Toren</p>	<p>Wishing our friends and neighbours in West Ilsley a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year With Love from Justin, Rosanne and Georgia Pilditch</p>
<p>Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our friends in the village Fred & Kath Carter Elvira</p>	<p>A very merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy New Year to West Ilsley from everyone at The Harrow !!</p>	<p>Alison, Steve, Mark and Juliet would like to wish everyone in West Ilsley a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year</p>
	<p>Very Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone in West Ilsley from all the Duckworths.</p>	

WEST ILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Sean Ryan, Chairman

POND

A grand total of £12,350 has been spent by West Berks Council on cleaning out our pond and reducing the risk of flooding. The amount of silt that had built up since this was last done 21 years ago was astonishing - the contractors took out more than 200 dumper loads, each weighing 7-10 tonnes. That's a total of, er, 1,400 to 2,000 tonnes! Not only that, but the parish council spent about £400 on having the ditch cleared along the bottom of the recreation ground - another 20 dumper loads, weighing anything up to 200 tonnes.

The main reason we pressed for this heavy lifting to be done - and it's taken three years - was that torrential rain had caused flooding along the back of the properties between the pond and the village hall. You may have noticed that a bank has been created at the back of the pond with the aim of preventing this from happening in the future and a new channel from the pond to the road should carry any overflow into the drains in Main Street. That's the theory. We'll see how it works in practice.

What seems beyond doubt is that we're very fortunate to have got this work completed. You have only to look at the sorry state of the ponds in some of the surrounding villages to see how lucky we've been.

Our one concern is that the trees that used to screen the field behind the pond were cut back more radically than we and the owners would have liked. At the time of writing, we're waiting to hear what West Berks proposes to do about this. Nevertheless, warm thanks are due to Alan Bloor for all his hard work with the contractors, to Peter Carlisle for taking the initiative to get the ditch sorted out at the same time as the pond and to Sandra Carlisle for introducing six of the happiest ducks in the county to their new home.

PRESCRIPTIONS

I'm happy to report that a threat to the village prescription service has been averted. The Downlands Practice was unhappy with a system that had been in place for many years, whereby we could collect prescriptions from a box outside Audrey Tizzard's home. The practice introduced some new rules and Audrey understandably felt she couldn't continue. I had a word with the practice manager, who was adamant that a proper audit trail was needed for the medicines. Fred Carter then went to see her and they agreed that if new people could be found to comply with the requirements, the service could be resumed. Liz Elliott has very kindly volunteered to do the necessities and if all's gone according to plan,

the details of where and when medicines can be collected should appear elsewhere in this WIN. I'm very grateful to Fred and to Liz for rescuing a service which is of tremendous value to those who can't easily get to the surgery to collect their prescriptions.

VILLAGE GATEWAY/SPEEDING

A new gateway is due to be installed shortly on the Bury Lane approach to West Ilsley. It will be similar to the one on the road in from Farnborough, providing a clear warning to drivers that they're entering a village and need to get their speed down to 30mph. On the subject of speed, we've asked for the 30mph sign to be moved further up the road in from East Ilsley. We don't think there's enough time for drivers to slow to 30mph before they hit that junction with the road to Hodcott on the left and the cart track on the right. West Berks disagrees with us about this but has agreed to review it early in 2011.

CRICKET CLUB

I'd like to reiterate the parish council's thanks to the senior cricket club people - especially Dick Beech and Adrian Dray - who responded so vigorously earlier this year to concerns about mightily struck balls hitting neighbouring property. The number of balls reaching Ed and Anna Sugden's garden, for instance, is said to have been cut to fewer than five throughout the entire season. This dramatic improvement was achieved in various ways, not least by playing the matches with the biggest hitters further up the ground. There have been other improvements too and the club, as ever, has kept the ground in magnificent condition all year. More power to their elbows...

It only remains for me to wish you a very happy Christmas and new year on behalf of all the councillors - Dries Hagen, Jo Scriven, Alan Bloor, Anna Sugden and John Mountford - and our brilliant clerk, Alison Banks (who actually runs the council). I'll be in the office on Christmas Day, producing a Boxing Day newspaper for you to ignore, so if you notice an eccentric family of five celebrating Christmas on the wrong day, you'll know why! Sean Ryan 281336 / 07831 350233

ILSLEYS SCHOOL

Hello from everyone at The Ilsleys Primary School and winter is on it's way! We are fast approaching Christmas and the school already has an air of excitement about it! We are busy planning the Christmas production which will take place in St Mary's Church this year. The date for the evening production is Tuesday 14th December at 6pm. If you wish to come along and join in our celebrations please let the school office know on 01635 281225. The school has just had a brilliant themed week for the children in conjunction with

our new curriculum The International Primary Curriculum. I am holding an information evening on Wednesday 24th November to explain all about it. The themed week was centred around our host country which was Africa. The teachers did a fantastic job at organising it all and parents came along on the last day in the afternoon to see what the children had been doing. All ages joined in and activities included building houses similar to those in Africa and making puppets with traditional African dress. We are very much looking forward to Christmas and would like to take this early opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas!!

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW?

Wednesday 8th December

Christmas Quiz Night
Guest quiz masters
8pm start
Book your tables!!



Wednesday 22nd December

West Ilsley Male Voice Choir
Singing Christmas Carols from
7pm

Mulled Wine will be served as
well as Christmas snacks
Everyone welcome

Bring the children along early
for pizza and chips from 6pm.

Normal menu from 7pm till 9pm.

Christmas Opening Times

Christmas Eve 12 - 3pm

6pm – Midnight

Christmas Day 12 - 2pm

Closed pm

Boxing Day 12 - 3pm Closed pm

Monday 27th 12 - 3pm Closed pm

New Years Day 1pm - 3pm Closed pm



New Years Eve Black & White Party !!

Music, buffet and champagne at
midnight, no tickets needed!!
6pm till late.

Come and bring in the New Year
in style at The Harrow!



We now have a web site visit us at
www.theharrowwestilsley.com

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES

Ilsley Under Fives have welcomed a few new families since September but have also sadly said goodbye to our 'pre-schoolers' who we very much look forward to seeing during the holidays again and wish them luck. This means we now have quite a young group which is great and means we put our lovely baby toys to good use. We do of course still have toddlers too and welcome all those with children under the age of 5 every Wednesday to come and join us.

The beginning of this academic year sees a new committee forming our details are below should anyone wish to get hold of us. We are all looking forward to taking Toddlers forward into a year of learning and fun.

We would like to thank Caroline Rand for all her hard work as Chair of Ilsley Under 5's this past year and also Zuleika Kingdon for her help as Secretary. We will miss them both very much in our committee.

Louise Taylor from Phoenix Cards made a visit and kindly donated 10% of her takings to toddler funds. Thank you, Louise. We always look forward to having you.

Our now established partnership with Sure Start sees the continuation of a variety of visits to the group from local Policeman, Health Visitors, Speech & Language Therapists and Toy Library to name a few. It also means we have a rotation and access to further fantastic toys and activities creating real variety for the children.

We are continuing with the successful Ilsley over 2s (Link Group) visits to the Ilsleys Primary to give those building up for pre-school and school a chance to play and familiarise themselves with the school.

Our last session this year will be on the 15th December 2010 (Christmas Party) returning in the New Year on the 5th January 2011. Please note that there will be no Ilsley Under 7s during the 2 week Christmas holidays.

The Ilsley Under 5's tables, chairs and equipment are available for hire throughout the year for any occasion, all for a donation of £10. Please contact Angelique Ravion on 01635 281327 for more details.

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 or 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. Happy Christmas!!

Francesca Wilson – Chair 01635 281741

Angélique Ravion – Secretary 01635 281327

A WORD OF THANKS

With the onset of Christmas and its associated foibles I would just like to take the opportunity to relay a personal thank you to the residents of the village.

To those who are not aware, my wife has been rather poorly over the last couple of months and though she now appears to be well on the recovery road I really would like to thank the many amongst you who have been so supportive through this period.

This in part explains why you may have received your neighbours mail by default (my excuse anyway).

It just remains for me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hopefully a little less of a winter than last year, though it needs to be said that when I used to have a "proper" job, over 20 years ago now, all winters were like that. Bill.

STANDING ROOM ONLY AT REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE & SERVICE AT WEST ILSLEY

The Compton, Ilsleys & Norreys Branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) this year held its Remembrance Sunday parade and service in West Ilsley. The branch rotates the event, on an annual basis, around its catchment downland villages.



Those parading, RBL members, Youth Groups and supporters, assembled in the Harrow Public House car park under the direction of the Parade Marshal and Branch Chairman Mr Alex Lister, and then marched to All Saints church led by Pipe Major Ian Knight and RBL branch standard bearer Mike Crockford.

The service started around the War Memorial located in the church grounds, led by the Rev Lady Denise Brown and assisted by the Rev Martin Cawte, branch chaplain. The Exhortation was spoken by Mr Alex Lister and the names of the fallen read out by the branch secretary, Mr David Norbury TD. A two minute silence was observed at 11 o'clock with the Last Post and Reveille being played by bugler Mr Richard Clark. Wreaths were then laid on behalf of the RBL by

branch treasurer Mr Mel Sitch, Mr Dries Hagen of West Ilsley PC, Mr Daniel Meila of East Ilsley PC and representatives from local youth groups.

The service continued inside All Saints Church with the lesson being read by Councillor George Chandler and address being given by the Rev Martin Cawte. The event was very well attended with many of the congregation having to stand – an estimated 200 people. After the service the parade reformed to return to the Harrow.

Next year, the branch's parade and service will be held in Compton.



VILLAGE HALL AGM

Don't forget the Village Hall AGM on Tuesday 7th December at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for the meeting.

We have a volunteer for the Bookings Secretary and Cleaning but still need a Treasurer. Please think about helping this valuable village resource continue. Anyone else who would like to join us as a regular member would be greatly appreciated too.

Please contact Neil Slater on 281325 for more information or just come along on the night.

SKI APARTMENT AVAILABLE FOR USE

Wed 12th - Sunday 16th January 2011 (4 nights)

Located in Mont D'Arbois, the ski station just up from the resort of Megeve, France, 45 mins drive from Geneva airport or by regular coach service.

The apartment is on 2 floors and sleeps up to 8 people. (1 double, 2 singles, bunk beds and double sofa bed with 2 bathrooms). It adjoins the hotel with free use of an indoor swimming pool and games room. There is a large bar and restaurant on site.

The apartment is opposite the ski slopes of the Mont D'Arbois/Rochbrune area, which has kms of good skiing suiting all abilities. It is very close to the neighbouring ski areas of Les Gets, Morzine, Avoriaz and Chamonix.

If you would like to go please contact Alison Banks on 281705. There is no charge but we would like a donation to go to the West Ilsley Tennis Court.



DOWNLANDS MONTHLY UPDATE - OCTOBER 2010

Here is the latest neighbourhood update for the Downlands from Police Community Support Officer, Dominic Bartlett.

The latest crime statistics for the neighbourhood can be found at <http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley>.

The neighbourhood has seen a 14.7 per cent decrease in crime through the summer months compared to the same three month period last year (July-September). During this period we have seen a decrease in burglary by 19.1 per cent, and robberies are down by 50 per cent.

Anti-social behaviour and vehicle crime are both down by 19.3 per cent. This is all really good news, I would like to emphasise the point that prevention is the key to keeping crime down in the area, however if you would like further advice on any type of crime prevention, please contact us via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505.

Although the above figures show that burglaries have fallen, there were two burglaries across the Downlands neighbourhood in October, one in Woolley and one in West Ilsley. Please remember to keep all windows and doors locked when you are not at home, even if you are just popping out for five minutes. Most burglaries happen at the rear of the house where the offender is less likely to be seen so keep all side gates fully locked and try to keep hedges and bushes trimmed back to increase visibility.

Hare-coursing is still our number one priority and as with each month's update I would like to emphasise the importance of reporting hare-coursing to us immediately. The people involved in this activity often cause other problems for the landowner such as criminal damage to fences and crops, and often when challenged can be threatening and intimidating, so if you see hare-coursing in progress please phone 999 or if it has just happened please contact us via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505.

Some of you may have heard of our rural text alert scheme, it is a system we use where by if we receive a report of hare-coursing we send the vehicle details and incident details out via text message. It has been very successful and we have received excellent feedback from those who receive the messages. If you would like to receive

these messages please contact me via email at dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

On Saturday 23 October, Thames Valley Police received a phone call reporting two men seen to be hare-coursing in the Peasemore area. Due the member of public phoning us immediately, we were able to respond quickly and effectively. Two men were arrested and their vehicles were seized. This is a great example of the community and police working together, and the results which can come from it.

In November I will be returning to Brightwalton and Chaddleworth primary schools to deliver the second input of our Safety First Scheme which provides Year 5 pupils with information and knowledge on different areas of safety.

On Wednesday 10 November I will be visiting the stay and play group at West Ilsley village to meet Mum's and Dad's to talk about road safety. And on Monday 22 November I will be visiting The Ilsley's Primary School to take part in a lesson on Indian dancing and on the same day I will be going to the stay and play group at Beeton Village Hall to talk about road safety.

The next 'have your say' meetings will be held on Thursday 16 December from 2.30-4pm at Chaddleworth Village Hall and Tuesday 21 December 10am -11.30am, at the East Ilsley Coffee Morning. If there is any group, meeting or event you would like me to attend please contact me either via the 0845 number or via email dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

I have been made aware of some anti-social behaviour in Leckhampstead village, involving people riding mini-motorbikes and throwing stones across the road. I am regularly patrolling the village to help deter and prevent such behaviour but if you see anything please report it to us via the 0845 number. It is also the time of year when we see an increase in anti-social behaviour involving fireworks. If you see people under the age of 16 using fireworks in a public place or people miss-using fireworks in public please do not hesitate to call.

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/rmwebportal/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/yournh-about-nh-pol/yournh-tp-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 policing team, contact us via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk

VILLAGE FIREWORKS

A big thank you to everyone who came out on the wet and soggy night of November the 5th to support the village fireworks. It was a great evening despite the weather and we raised approximately £500 for the Village Hall.

Huge thanks also go to Alison, Barbara, Peter and Sandra for the very tasty barbecue and mulled wine, Richard for the field and bonfire and Doug for organising, buying and letting off the fantastic display of fireworks.

Thanks Alan and Fred for excellent bucket shaking. The buckets collected more than £200.

Finally, thanks to The Cricket Club, Fete and Trust for helping towards the funding of the event.

CHRISTMAS AND BANK HOLIDAY COLLECTION CHANGES

There will be no green waste collections between 26 December and 22 January. All normal collections will resume on 24 January.

Please be aware that around any bank holiday week, your collection day is likely to change. This year due to the number of bank holidays over the Christmas period there will be some changes to your normal collections. Please check the dates below to make sure you put out your rubbish and recycling on the right day.

Normal collection day	Revised Collection day
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Thu 30 Dec	Tue 4 Jan
Thu 6 Jan	Mon 10 Jan
Thu 13 Jan	Sat 15 Jan
Thu 20 Jan	Fri 21 Jan

If you require any further information on recycling or rubbish collections, please do not hesitate to contact me. **Lisa Vine, Waste Officer**

WEST ILSLEY BONFIRE

I am sure like me, all those who attended the bonfire and fireworks display on Friday 5th November enjoyed themselves. The precision and safety with which the fireworks were despatched was fantastic and added to the

display. Many commented as they were leaving the field and depositing monies in the bucket that it had been one of the best, if not the best they had seen in West Ilsley. A lot of thanks in particular must go to Doug Brown and the Village Hall Committee and the many helpers for organising and manning the event. Without such generosity in time, effort and in a certain case a further donation to the fireworks in addition to those from the Cricket Club, the Fete Committee and the Trust Fund and to Richard Gore in allowing the bonfire to take place on his land, such splendid annual free events would not take place in West Ilsley.

It is certainly a case of "bring on next year's bonfire and fireworks display" and for those of you who missed out, make sure you're there next year. The Guy.

LUXURY WREATHS CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



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WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL	
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Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers	
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