

# WEST ILSLEY NEWS

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## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The new day for refuse collection will be announced in September.

The Environment Agency has been out and tested the pond water for pollutants so that there is now a reading with which to compare tests next year.

The West Berkshire Mobile Information Van is under utilised and will probably be incorporated with the mobile Library Service.

The new railings which have appeared at the pond are apparently galvanised so we have been advised not to paint them.

There is concern that vegetation is overhanging the footpath in Main Street causing pedestrians to walk in the road. The Parish Council Deputy Chairman has agreed to call on householders to make them aware of the problem.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 14th September at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

**Gail Wilson-North** - Clerk

## **EVERGREENS**

The cake stall at the West Ilsley Fete made £166.75p. I would like to thank the members who helped on the stall and to all those who provided cakes etc.

There will be no meeting in August.

Tuesday September 8th there is an outing to Chichester. We leave at 9.30 am outside the Church by coach. Non members £5. Tokens can be used. Come and help fill the bus! Names to D Wells, S Gore or A Carlisle.

**Anne Carlisle**

## **WEST ILSLEY FETE**

Following the 1998 Fete, please will all local organisations hoping for a contribution from the funds raised write to Steve Price, West Ilsley Fete Committee, Manor Farm Barn, West Ilsley RG20 7AJ. Please ensure that such requests are received by August 22nd 1998 in time for the Committee distribution meeting shortly thereafter.

Several organisations have indicated, and we tend to agree, that the Public meeting we have traditionally held to discuss distribution of the Fete proceeds creates some embarrassment for organisations who by the very nature of the limited supply of funds we have available feel they are competing with each other for a generous settlement at the meeting itself. As the distribution is, in any event, ultimately a matter for the Committee we wonder if perhaps we can dispense with this and simply advise those applying for funds of the outcome once decided.

With this in mind, when writing to the Committee can we ask that:

- a) a brief description of the requirement is provided
- b) whether the donation sought will cover all or only part of the cost and
- c) the timescale for completion of the project.

If a donation is sought to cover the running costs please do say so.

Initial indications are fairly positive and whilst it is impossible to fulfil everybody's expectations we are nevertheless confident that the benefits will be obvious to those applying for funds.

**Steve Price** - Chairman, West Ilsley Fete Committee

### **WEST ILSLEY MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS**

Following the proposed events put forward by villagers and subsequent voting, a proposal (see attached) has been received by the Millennium Committee for a project which would incorporate two of the top four voted events. The Millennium Committee considered the project at its meeting on 7 July and unanimously agreed that, provided it now receives the approval of the majority of members of the village, it was worthy of pursuing. In excess of £3,000 has recently been spent on renovating the village pond, and the project was seen as a long term enhancement to this area. As far as at present can be ascertained from Parish records, the area is "Common Land" and planning permission would need to be sought. It would be intended to seek funding under the Millennium Festival "small awards" (up to £5,000) and if this was successful it would enable other funds raised to be released for other proposed events. The Parish Council has also welcomed the proposal, but will consider the long-term implications re maintenance at its meeting in September before it can fully endorse the project. Members of the village have the opportunity to make their views known at this meeting.

**Michael Brown** - Chairman, West Ilsley Millennium Committee

### **WEST ILSLEY FETE 1998**

This year we were faced with a potential "double-whammy" - our "Tim" threatening to reach the finals at Wimbledon - again - and England playing rather well in the World Cup - at least for a time. That the Wimbledon Finals and the World Cup were both staged on successive Sundays in early July explains our

reluctant decision to hold the Fete on July 19th - and once again the gods were kind to us. Rather kinder, in fact, than they were to Henman and to England who rather mucked in up be keeping stiff upper lips whilst losing in the best British tradition. Fortunately though, after weeks of weather more suited to ducks and fish than fetes and hot dogs, Sunday dawned if not exactly bright then most decidedly warm, and the 30 seconds of rain we had at 11am served only to freshen the grass and top up the pond.

First Saturday though - can anyone who was there claim *not* to have enjoyed the pre-Fete "do"? Following the grand tradition laid down by John and Anke in previous years, the Millennium Committee stepped in to organise and execute a wonderful opener to the weekend of fund-raising. It is always difficult to single out individual contributors but special thanks must obviously go to Avice, Annie, Anne Wond and Mickey Brown for organising the affair, and thanks are also due to the army of helpers who willingly prepared salads, desserts and mountains of baked potatoes; others helped behind the bar or on the Raffle.

Sunday, and many of us brought our hangovers and our tired legs to the Recreation Ground early and once again started the morning-long process of brining all those paper plans to reality. The stalwarts arrived as always - the "Village Hall Tea Brigade" brought cakes, cream teas and coffees; the Evergreen's table literally groaned with the weight of multi-coloured, multi-flavoured cakes; the Skittles, the Aunt Sally, the Golf Putting, the Horse Shoeing, the Plant and Book stalls all arrived and set-up in their usual positions. There were a few new attractions - badge-making for the children in the main Marquee, Guide Dogs and the Fire Engine Rescue Vehicle to name but a few. If there was disappointment in the number of stalls at first, it soon became evident that the Fete has in any event adopted a life of its own - with the Dog Show, Bar and BBQ (and what excellent burgers they were), the well-attended and colourful Produce Show, the School Children dancing, Mr Wiggy the Punch and Judy man, the Shinfield Shambles Dance Troop (where did they get that name?) the "roller-coaster" ride, Flyte Entertainments, Treasure Hunts and Tombolas, Art Exhibitions and competitions - all contributed in ways large and small to a good day enjoyed by all.

We do know that we took £491 on the gates between 12.30 and 4.00pm - representing perhaps 800 people including children, and our survey has thrown up some interesting facts about the people who visited us from as far afield as Bradford and North Wales! We shall use that information in the future to target our advertising and promotional efforts more effectively.

Highlights - Jemma Gore's face when winning the Colling Cup (and thank you to her and Tessa Muir on Saturday night for selling ALL the raffle tickets!); Peter Bartaby's amusing commentary; the sudden arrival of multitudes of owners from the Stables which precipitated a rush on burgers and drinks late in the afternoon (we kept hoping the Queen might put in an appearance but regrettably not); the "mini-explosion" under the BBQ which sent burgers and sausages in all directions: dog owners crawling through the tunnel whilst their dogs looked on! The list goes on.

It is impossible to thank everyone who contributed in so many ways to the success of the day - as usual you know who you are and how much we rely upon your continued support. That the day will have raised significant money is not in doubt - and the Village will be better for your efforts.

**Steve Price** - Chairman, West Ilsley Fete Committee

### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Church Services for August:-

2nd August:-

All Age Service 9.45 am

9th August:-

Holy Communion 8.00 am

16th August:-

Family Communion 9.30 am

23rd August:-

Morning Prayer 11.00 am

30th August:-

United Benefice Communion

at Peasemore, followed by drinks

at the vicarage 10.00 am

A couple of matters have been raised with me which I need to pass on. Judging by the presence of the obvious, it seems that a dog is getting into the churchyard. If it is attached by a lead to a human, would the latter please note the sign on the gate! The other matter relates to parking on the grass verge. It is certainly safer for the village if the cars are off the road, but it is setting a difficult precedent for when the grass is wet and liable to damage. Could any invitations to parties and the like mention that point please. The last thing we want to do is put large stones along the edge - that would make life difficult for those mowing the grass.

The telephone message on my ansaphone when I got in from a family wedding in the early hours of 5th July will warrant a mention in any memoirs I might eventually get round to. I am referring, of course, to the message from the organist at Nicola Atkins' wedding about the failure of the organ pump at the grand entrance of the bride! Fortunately, Norman Carlisle pumped the organ manually (with help from David) and all carried on smoothly, I am told. The pump is being repaired and the organ will be back in service from the beginning of August. Incidentally, my earliest memory back in 1985 of Norman is of his single-handed lifting and moving the main pole of the show marquee - with the marquee fully erected and guyed out! Now if that's not a good enough advert for British beef, then I don't know what is...

Thank you to all who gave to the church tombola at the fete - as last year, we were overwhelmed by your generosity. Also, thanks to the fete committee who worked so hard to put on a great time for us.

**Ian Fewtrell-Smith**

### **THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Summer term has been busy.

Our workweek at Sealyham passed off very well. As always, the children threw themselves into it (mostly mud and water) with enthusiasm and gained a great deal from the experience. The weather was not good but it really didn't matter since the water seemed all the warmer!

Our children were privileged to be included in a concert at St. Mary's Church with the Steventon Choral Society which opened the Ilsley Church Festival. A great experience for those who took part and something they will remember for a long time. The country dancers, coached by Mrs. Mankin, performed at the East Ilsley Sheep Fair and the West Ilsley Village Fete.

During this last term, we have been pleased to welcome Mr. Hallett from Compton Cricket Club who has run 'Kwik Cricket' sessions for the juniors on Thursday afternoons. This culminated in a tournament hosted by Compton Cricket Club and sponsored by Mr. Awni Samara of D.T.L International on 15<sup>th</sup> July in which our 'A' team lost in the final by one run and the 'B' team won the plate. Thanks Mike - the children really enjoyed your visits and the tournament.

Pupils have been busy on Cycling Proficiency and trying hard with the Ten Steps athletics awards during the term. There were lots of awards presented in our final assembly. At the end of term, we said farewell to twelve year 6 pupils - Stephanie Gibbs, Zilah Grant, Jamie Blowfield, James Finch, Luke Kirkpatrick, Ben Pocock, Steven Turner, Antonia Carmichael, Laura Tooke, Nicola Draper, Emma Hibbert and Adella Buckland. We wish them all well in their new schools and look forward to hearing great things about them in the years to come. This is the largest year group we have 'lost' for some time, but the good news is that we are expecting an even larger intake during 1998/99, with at least 25% taking the trouble to travel to us from farther afield than the Ilsleys.

In September, we look forward to welcoming The Ilsleys Under-5's who will meet in the school hall for two sessions per week on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. We look forward to working with them for our mutual benefit.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the school throughout the year, parents and others interested in the children and their education.

We have been happy to welcome you and I hope you will continue to support us during the coming school year. Particular thanks to the governors for all; their commitment and hard work (not inconsiderable!!) and to the Friends Association for their amazing financial support.

Sorry the 'barbie' had to be cancelled - a wise decision as it turned out - but don't forget the rearranged date of 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4 - 6pm (earlier time as it's later in the year), which will be the first major event of the new school year.

**Mark Jones**

### **VILLAGE HALL PONTOON**

The football season will be here again soon (did it ever go away!!).

The pontoon will be starting during August so if you wish to take part just let Phil or myself know. It's still just 50p a pontoon or £5 for the season, per team. We really could do with some more punters. All profits go towards the upkeep of your Village Hall.

**Audrey Tizzard**

### **CALLING ALL UNDER 5's ALL SAINTS PRAM SERVICE, WEST ILSLEY**

We are delighted to announce the start of a monthly pram service at All Saints Church commencing on Tuesday, 15th September at 11 am with a harvest festival theme.

The services will be for babies through to school age children plus a parent, grandparent, carer etc. The idea is to provide an informal opportunity for the children to come into the church and learn about worship, prayer and Christian festivals as well as a chance for the adults to meet others. The emphasis will be on fun learning through songs and stories in a relaxed atmosphere and the services will last for approximately half an hour followed by refreshments. Do put the dates in your diary and come along and join us:

Tuesday 15th September

Tuesday 13th October

Tuesday 17th November

Tuesday 15th December.

You don't need to be a churchgoer though a sense of fun and ability to shake the odd tambourine would be useful!

If you have any questions please contact Liz Dray on 281704, Sara Laver on 281614, Denise Brown on 281825 or Antonia Cretney on 248925.

### **VILLAGE SERVICES**

Mobile Library - Parks in Morlands Close between 4 and 4.45pm on alternate Fridays.

Fishmonger - Parks in Morlands Close at 1730 Hrs every Friday.

Surgery - Telephone for appointments - 248507. Emergencies and General Enquiries - 248251. Prescriptions ordered from the surgery can be delivered to the Post Office.

Noise Complaints - (01635) 519192

Environment Agency - 0800 807060

Low Flying Helicopter Complaints - (01256) 702134.

Police - (01635) 31000.

Downland Volunteers - (01635) 578394 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings).

### **FOR SALE**

"Street - Wolf" bike - suit 4 to 8 year old. Telephone 281647.

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## **DOG SHOW**

- Class 1 Best choc drop catch  
Chipper and Barley tied for first place
- Class 2 Dog with the waggiest tail  
1st Trudy, 2nd Woody, 3rd Humbug
- Class 3 Dog the judge would most like to take home  
1st Ella, 2nd Bess, 3rd Judy
- Class 4 Fastest Recall  
1st Tabs, 2nd Pippa, 3rd Woodie
- Class 5 West Ilsley Dog Derby  
1st Tabs, 2nd Woodie, 3rd Pipper

## **SCHOOLS ART**

- East Ilsley School "Where I live"  
1st Laura Tooke  
2nd Laura Evans  
3rd Luke Kirkpatrick
- Brightwalton School "Pictures"  
1st Bryony O'Neill  
2nd Callum Battersby  
3rd Rachel Blackmore
- "Mosaics"  
1st William Clarke  
2nd Chloe Deneuve

3rd Glaina Ananin

"Collage"

1st Celine Deneuve

2nd Bethany O'Neill

3rd David Howells

## **CUP WINNERS**

### **Colling Cup**

for Homecrafts

**Jemma Gore**

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### **Sheilah Hern Rosebowl**

for flowers, ornamentals and flower arranging

**Anne Carlisle**

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### **Walton Cup**

for Fruit and vegetables

**Sandra Carlisle**

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### **Country Gardens Cup**

for best kept garden

**Winner - Bakery Cottage**

**2nd - 16 West Ilsley**

**3rd - 39 Church Way**