

West Ilsley News

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DIARY

JULY

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Pre-fete dance
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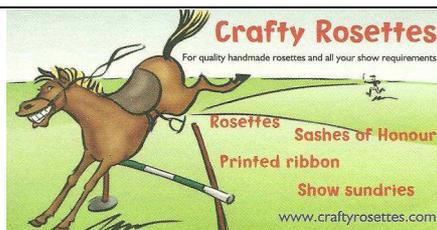
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WEST ILSLEY CRICKET CLUB

Run in support of Sir Ian Botham's
forget me not walk for leukaemia &
lymphoma research.

A small but determined band massed at the cricket club for our event. As usual the sun shone for us as various stretching routines were undertaken, tyres checked, and hooves felt in preparation for the small but demanding task.

First to set off were the 'light troops' headed by Grant Phillips who steamed off at a vicious pace closely followed by Ruth and James Craigen. Sue Huntingdon led the cavalry with Anna and Tara and were later joined by the Hanbury squadron. Then it was the turn of the 'foot sloggers' ably represented by a very fit looking Alec Coles at one end of the spectrum and Will Allan at the other end. Other stompers were joined by the enormous clan Banks (sailing close to disqualification for taking the wrong course en masse).

I waved a farewell and hoped for a speedy passage for all. 38 minutes later Grant strode into view clear of the field. Jo Scriven was next to appear (would have beaten her but for bad back). James Craigen waltzed into 3rd followed by Mike Farwell who surely could have claimed a 'weight for age' allowance. Sean the 'Ed' Ryan came in 5th having been abandoned by Desmond the dog who preferred the cavalry. Ruth Craigen completed the front 6 claiming a statistical Scottish win.

Almost home now. Could this be the first time there had been no calamity at the WI run?

Alas no. Louis Bosley, moving faster than I have ever seen him, arrived and panted that his dog had expired on the final hill and could I help. As we sped towards the unfortunate canine I thought dog rescus might be a little beyond me but heigh ho will have a go. On the hill Bill the unfortunate hound lay motionless. However as soon as I opened the rear car door he leapt into life and flew into the back seat much to the relief of all. Pretty smart. Disaster averted we headed off to the Harrow where Pete had opened up for us in order to have tea and medals.

We first started this run because many years ago a wonderful little girl Laura lost her fight against

leukemia. It is fantastic that so many were able to give both their time and money for such an important cause and we raised a total of £700. Well done all.
Many thanks Tony Scriven

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ILSLEY EVERGREENS

On Thursday July 22nd there will be an outing to the Isle of Wight. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 8.30 am. Members £7, non-members £10. Names to Pat Burnett 281131

On Sunday 4th July at the West Ilsley Fete the Evergreens have a cake stall. Cakes, jams, marmalades – anything edible gratefully received, by 12 noon in the marquee please.

POLICE UPDATE

Downlands Monthly Update – June 2010

Here is the latest update for the Downlands Neighbourhood 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>. Reports of anti-social behaviour have decreased by 25% when compared to the same period last year. Throughout the summer month's people tend to leave windows and doors open due to the heat. However please be make sure that when you leave your house that the windows and doors are securely locked, as many opportunist burglars will target houses who have left them open. The same also applies for you are likely to be in the rear garden for a prolonged amount of time.

During May a resident of Beedon discovered a vehicle and 3 occupants on their land. They immediately suspected that they could be harecoursing and reported it to the police. The males were challenged and left shortly after. We completed a search for the vehicle around the Beedon and Ilsleys area but did not locate them, however we will be making further enquiries as it is still a priority profile for the area.

We are still addressing speeding as a priority in Beedon and other areas. The speed indication device (SID) has proven to be a big success. I have taken it out to Fiddlers Lane in East Ilsley twice in May, and have had noticeable results. The vehicles who were driving over the speed limit will be receiving a letter outlining the implications of speeding. It has also been used in Beedon, with similar results. If you feel there is any area or road which is known for vehicles to speed, please let me know via the following email address below and we will try and bring the SID out with us.

The 24 year old male arrested for the burglary at a farm in Farnborough on 29th April 2010 is still currently on police bail.

Reports of ASB in Leckhampstead have shown a marked reduction as a result of the work carried out to address that priority but we have had some calls reporting problems in Beedon. After receiving numerous reports of anti-social behaviour in Westons, Beedon, I discovered that there was not a current neighbourhood watch scheme down that particular road and I felt that the road would benefit from a scheme such as this. I have since visited all the houses and have had a very positive response, and am in the current process of setting one up. The same is currently being done for Nuttingtons in Leckhampstead. I will be hoping to

identify more roads across the downlands area who do not have a current scheme, with the aim of setting more up. If you would like more information on such schemes please email myself or email Debbie Morton at

deborah.morton@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

In the forthcoming months I am hoping to start a crime prevention scheme known as Virtually Stolen. It involves identifying vehicles which have valuable items such as sat navs left in the vehicle. If a vehicle is identified with having an item left on show, the owner of the vehicle will be sent a letter, advising them of the danger of doing so. I will be hopefully targeting car parks of premises such as public houses, village halls, and anywhere there is likely to be a number of cars. So please do not be alarmed if you see me looking around your vehicle.

We are still in the process of liaising with local residents, businesses and parish councils with a view to establishing a Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) for the Downlands area if viable. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about what it involves, please contact Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Dominic Bartlett via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505 or email me at dominic.bartlett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

For more information about your local Neighbourhood Police Team, contact 0845 8 505 505 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk



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DATE FOR DIARY - "SAVE THE GIANTS"!

From **7 p.m. on Saturday 25th September** your family and friends are invited to a Barn Dance, Entertainment from "Mo Cairde" and Hog Roast at Hampstead Norreys Village Hall. (Bar available) This social evening is to raise funds for the restoration of the "Aldworth Giants" – 13th Century effigies in St Mary's Church, Aldworth. Tickets: £15 adult, £7.50 child (up to 16), £40 family (2 adults & 3 children)

Box Office: Gill Wilding 01635 578624

gillwilding@hotmail.com

PLEASE put this date in your diary and join us for an entertaining evening of good music, dancing, food and friendship. PLEASE help us "Save the Giants".

TRIBUTES TO OLIVE CLARKE

From Polly Muir

Olive was a lady with whom you could not fail to become acquainted - she was so often to be seen 'out and about'. Her daily constitutional must have helped her to enjoy the celebrated 95 years she lived in West Ilsley. She was, indeed, a familiar sight to many of us and her absence, particularly latterly, had been very much noted.

I learnt from my source in the village that she had lived in a number of the cottages and houses here, until she finally shared the Granny Flat with Margaret and Denis at Old Forge. From what Gail was telling me, there seems to be no corner of the village that Olive didn't know, and as a consequence of her walking, no corners that didn't know Olive!

I first knew Olive when she played the organ in church and have abiding and fond memories of Christmases and carol services in the church. Memories of Sarah, her grand-daughter, and I singing solos from the choir stalls, having been expertly drilled and rehearsed - Olive was always very patient and generous with her time when practising.

She had already been missed by those of us who exchanged pleasantries in the village and will now be more sorely missed by her family and friends. Our condolences go to Margaret and Denis, to Sarah and Emma and their families in their loss.

From John and Elaine Clemenger

Sadly, Olive died last week at the grand old age of 95. She was born in the village, the youngest of 5 sisters and had lived here almost all her life. She was a most intelligent lady who took a keen interest in all about her. A staunch member of the WI and Evergreens, and also organist for many years at the church. Olive seemed fearless and didn't mind speaking her mind on life in general!

She was the first person to welcome us to the village in 1972 and indeed had a strong family link at one time to our cottages. My abiding memory of Olive was her sense of fun. "Want a lift on the back of my motor bike Olive?" "Not just at the moment, John" she used to say recently with a playful laugh and a girlish twinkle in her eye. Olive was a nice person; a good person and Margaret and Denis looked after her beautifully in her later years. She will be greatly missed by all her family.

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING



David Smith, the coach from Wantage Tennis Club, has offered us a week's tennis coaching from Monday 26 – Friday 30 July (in the afternoons) at the court in

West Ilsley. Please could you let me know as soon as possible if there are any children who would be interested in attending. The sessions are lots of fun and in the past have been really successful.

There will be 3 sessions (Mini Red 5-7s, Mini Orange 8-9s), Mini Green (10+). The age range given is approximate and the child's ability and experience will also be taken into account.

The cost per child for an hour's coaching each day is £5.

For more information on timings etc then please contact Amanda Hagen on 281855 or by email at amandahagenuk@yahoo.co.uk.

WEST ILSLEY PRE FETE DANCE AUCTION

On Saturday 3rd July the West Ilsley Tennis Committee will be holding an auction as part of the pre fete dance. Please find below details of the items on offer.

Do let us know if you would like us to bid for you on the night if you are unable to be there in person. We are hoping that this is going to raise a substantial amount of money towards the new fencing and surface needed so badly at the court.

If you would like further details of any of the items please contact Liz Dray on 01635 281688 or lizdray@btinternet.com

Please place bids for the silent or open auction with Liz Dray by 9pm on Friday 2nd July.

Open auction promises

1. **Two nights B+B in a 17th century Merchant's House in Topsham, near Exeter.** Two bedrooms for 4 people (a camp bed can also be provided on request) with continental breakfast. Available from 2nd to 22nd August or by

arrangement. Gardens overlooking the Exe estuary and 7 mins walk to Topsham's attractions. (Similar accommodation approx. £75 per room per night).

2. **A one week stay in 2011 for 2 people in a self catering studio apartment on the harbour in Tenby, Pembrokeshire** (any week during the year apart from 13 Aug - 3rd Sept). Similar apartments valued at £200-£400/week.

3. **A one week stay in 2011 in a 3 bed apartment (sleeps 7) on the harbour in Tenby, Pembrokeshire** (any week during the year apart from 13 Aug – 3rd Sept). Similar apartments valued at £680-£1,100/week.

Silent auction promises

1. **Six bottles of GH Mumm champagne** – to be auctioned as 1 lot

2. **A two hour "Survival in the Wild" party** for up to 12 children aged 6-10 years. Party host to provide site and 2 adults (help can be given in finding a site). Valid for 18 months (normal value £160)

3. **Two courses and a bottle of wine for 4 people on a weekday evening at The Harrow** (Normal value approx £80).

4. **A two hour garden consultation with Isobel Pigott Garden Design** (www.isobelpigott.co.uk)

5. **A Marnie Moyle beautiful solid timber chopping board, 7"x5"x2"** – goes in dishwasher (retails at £30), (www.greenoakfurniture.co.uk)

6. **Two halves of lamb ready for the freezer**, to be auctioned as separate lots

7. **A window clean** of up to 20 windows within West Ilsley by Roger Stowell

8. **A stable visit/morning on the gallops** for 2 people at Hodcott Stables, West Ilsley

9. **One bottle of red wine** - Giorgio Primo, Fattoria La Massa, Toscana 2001 (retails at £27/bottle)

10. **A Bewitched Accessories handbag and scarf** – details from Liz Dray

11. **A reflexology treatment** by Ally Mountford, West Ilsley

12. **Six bottles of Jacobs Creek Chardonnay** – to be auctioned as 1 lot

13. **"Introduction to Piano" lesson** with Mary Baggs, West Ilsley

14. **"Introduction to guitar or drums" lesson** with Ross Muir, West Ilsley

15. **A family West Ilsley tennis membership for 2011** (normal value £40)

16. **A one hour cricket coaching session** with a level 2 ECB qualified coach, West Ilsley

17. **A one hour individual tennis coaching session with David Smith**, an LTA licensed coach. Valid either at West Ilsley or Wantage tennis clubs. (Normal value £25).

18. **A full family photographic session** (value £50) with Scotts Photography at their

Witney studio plus £75 towards any wall images you may wish to buy. Valid for 1 month from 3rd July.

19. **“CKFree for Men” aftershave** by Calvin Klein

May we take this opportunity to thank our very kind benefactors who have been so generous in their support. It's not too late to add in items so if anyone else has anything they could offer we would love to hear from you!

TENNIS COURT

Just a reminder on how to access the court if you haven't already joined for 2010.

Annual rates are £40 per family, £25 for single membership and £20 for student membership. Pay and play is also available.



Please call Liz Dray for membership on 281688 or any of the committee for Pay and Play – Amanda H – 281855, Amanda K – 281609 or Polly – 281647.

ALL SAINTS, WEST ILSLEY

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

July Church Services in All Saints, West Ilsley

4 th	All Age Communion	9.30 am
11 th	Holy Communion	8.30 am
18 th	All Age Worship	11 am
25 th	* No service at West Ilsley	

* Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice.

New Benefice

As of the 1st July All Saints West Ilsley will officially be part of the East Downlands Benefice. This also encompasses the parishes of Beedon, Farnborough, Peasemore, Chieveley, Oare, Winterbourne, Boxford and Stockcross and the ministry team will continue to be the Revds John Toogood, Denise Brown and Kate and Graham Stacey.

THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hello again from The Ilsleys Primary School.

New clubs have started including Summer Sports and Country Dancing. Other clubs include Outdoor adventures, Cookery Club and Arts and Crafts. We all enjoyed the Sheep Fair and look out for the school in the Newbury Weekly News!

The school has something else to celebrate, we were recently awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark, a national accreditation. The school was congratulated on everything we are doing to



support children in developing their skills in reading, writing and maths.

The year seems to be flying by and the children are enjoying working hard. We had new additions to The Ilsleys Primary School family in the form of 9 beautiful baby chicks!! We also had ducklings which were equally beautiful. The children and staff were very sorry to see them go. The children have really enjoyed this experience.

Have a wonderful July.

Kate House, Headteacher

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Afterschool Service

On Thursday 15 July we will be meeting at the cricket pitch rather than the church from **5pm – 6pm**, weather permitting. We will be organising a little treasure hunt; please bring your child a picnic. This will replace the usual July afterschool service.

We will then take a break over the summer and will re-convene in the church at 4pm on Thursday 16 September.

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.

MOBILE LIBRARY

This will be in Fir Tree Paddock on Tuesday 6 July from 2.10-2.40pm.

ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

Ilsley Under Fives have had a busy few weeks. We have had many new families joining us and welcome them to our group.

Our annual Sheep Fair event was a success and managed to raise just over £50. Thank you to all parents and carers who helped to bake and donate cakes. Especially to all those who helped man the stall on the day.

We look forward to running a stall at the West Ilsley Fete next month.

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

Val and Monkey joined Ilsley Under 7s during half-term. Yet another exciting session, jam packed with songs, instruments and a giant parachute with flying monkeys!!! We look forward to inviting Val and Monkey to West Ilsley again soon.

Our first Ilsley over 2s (Link Group) visit, went very well at The Ilsleys primary School last week. And all look forward to making a second visit towards the end of term.

Towards the end of term we will be going on a picnic to celebrate the start of the summer holidays. Toddlers will run throughout the summer holidays as normal. However on Wednesday 11th August we will be meeting at West Ilsley Park and on Wednesday 18th August at East Ilsley Park. Drinks and snack will be provided.

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 families and enjoy talk, play, going on picnics, trips, learn together or just have fun.

Every week we provide a craft such as painting, play dough and sticking, and special themed activities throughout the year.

We provide drinks and snacks for the children, and tea and coffee for the adults. The 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.

Caroline Rand
01635 281921

RACE FOR LIFE

Sue Carrington and Amanda Hagen are raising money for Cancer Research UK by entering the 5km Race for Life at Newbury Racecourse on 11



July 2010. You may have seen us "in training" around West Ilsley since January. We would really appreciate it if you could support this cause which has touched many of our lives.

You can sponsor us via JustGiving and can make a donation via: <http://www.justgiving.com/sue-amanda-raceforlife>. It's easy, fast and totally secure. JustGiving sends your donation straight to Cancer Research UK and, if you're a UK taxpayer, automatically reclaims Gift Aid on Cancer Research UK's behalf, making your donation go further. What's more, JustGiving will never spam you or sell your details. If you don't want to sponsor via Justgiving you can always sponsor us in the old fashioned way with cash!

I hope you'll join us in supporting Cancer Research UK. Many thanks!

WHO TO CONTACT

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

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