

West Ilsley News

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5pm on Monday 27th October

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Evergreens Outings for 2014

Thursday	23 rd October	Cardiff
Saturday	20 th December	Christmas lunch

The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9.00am. Members £10, non members £12.50. Names to Madeleine Brand on 281292.

DIARY

NOVEMBER

5th Fireworks and bonfire

DECEMBER

13th Church Five Voices concert

ROADWORKS WARNING

Please note the last two pages of this win contain details of roadworks on the M4 and A34.

FARMING NEWS

Peter Carlisle

September's Farming News

This month has been a fabulous time for us on the farm to finish planting the Winter Oilseed Rape and start the planting of Winter Wheat and Winter Barley. Thursday night and Friday's rainfall were perfectly timed to help the germination of all seeds as the seed beds had been very dry until then. This week we have a field of barley and three fields of wheat to finish the autumn planting which is very much the same time as in previous years.

The beef cattle are still in the field enjoying the autumn sunshine and will soon be coming in to the sheds as the evenings draw in and become cooler and, therefore, the grass growth reduces. We will soon be picking out some of the fatter/finished animals to go to market. Twelve newly weaned beef animals were bought from Thame Market on Friday which is the start of the 2015 herd intake.

The sheep are all looking extremely well outside and the teasers have been introduced to the ewes for a few days pre-tupping next week. Ewe lambs have started to be bought from the North of England setting up the replacements for next season.

Let us hope that this lovely weather continues for a while.

Peter Carlisle

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Liz Dray and Alison Banks

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning held at The Poplars on Friday. We are delighted to have raised an incredible £501,



with a little more to come from Phoenix card orders from those unable to attend. Thank you also to the bakers and to those who bought items on sale which all contributed to the funds. We were very grateful that so many of you supported us and this worthwhile cause. I have looked at the figures for the coffee mornings over the last 9 years and an amazing £3,683 has been raised by your generosity. Alison and I took over from Sue Carrington but having done 7 years we are thinking of hanging up our aprons next year. As it's a good excuse for getting together (to eat cake....!) as well as a wonderful cause we do hope it will continue and know that a couple of you have expressed interest. Fingers crossed and many thanks again!

PS If anyone is missing a large pink and blue umbrella Alison has it!

DEFIBRILLATORS SAVE LIVES

TEAM WEST ILSLEY (Adele, Barbara, Clare, June, Louise & Mel) have signed up to RUN 10K at Blenheim Palace on Sunday 5th October to raise money to buy a defibrillator for our community. Please support us in our challenge to raise £1000 by clicking on the link below to make a donation www.JustGiving.com/wipct/

The link to JustGiving will only be open until the end of October so please DONATE ASAP. If you do not have access to the internet you can still

help by sending a cheque payable to 'West Ilsley Parish Council Trust' c/o Alison Banks at The Poplars.

THE FACTS: Of the 150,000 sudden cardiac arrests that occur in the UK, more than 75,000 might have been saved if a defibrillator had been available in the first few minutes. For the best chance of survival, a shock to the heart should be delivered within the first 5 minutes. The likelihood of successful resuscitation decreases by approximately 10% with every minute that passes. After 10 minutes without defibrillation, few attempts at resuscitation are successful. Sadly, the average response time for emergency medical services in a typical community is 9 minutes and in West Ilsley this could easily be longer. That is why we would like our village to have its own defibrillator and all have immediate access to this potentially lifesaving equipment. The life saved could be yours or your loved ones so please help us and DONATE TODAY

www.JustGiving.com/wipct/

If we can raise the money and purchase a defibrillator the local ambulance service have promised to come to the village to give free training to all those interested. THANK YOU

SUPERFAST BROADBAND - UPDATE

By now you should have seen the new Green BT cabinet opposite the Old Chapel; this is our new Fibre Broadband cabinet. This will shortly be commissioned so that we can elect to upgrade our current Broadband packages, to take advantage of the increased speeds which will be available.

What is it?

The broadband connection will be travelling over Optical Fibre from Didcot (using cable-runs from East Ilsley), meaning the speed to each house can increase from around 3Mbps (Mega-bits per second) to around, if not better, than 20Mbps. This will make a significant difference to households with more than one person using the internet at a time, or video streaming.

When is it coming?

Soon. We're not precisely sure but before the end of the year. We'll let everybody know as we hear more

What will I need to do?

Nothing yet, but as soon as its available you'll need to contact your Broadband provider, and negotiate transferring your contract to a Fibre package, this will probably be more expensive. If you chose not to change your contract, your speeds will remain the same. They will probably arrange for an Engineer to come and visit to connect in a new Fibre modem and to test the line.

For example Plusnet, will charge £12.49 for standard unlimited broadband, but £17.49 for unlimited fibre.

Does the connection to my house change?

No. Your Broadband connection will still come over the old copper phoneline into your "Master Socket"; however BT may need to come round to change your master socket.

What should I be doing now?

Know where your Master Socket is.

This should be the point where the telephone line comes into your house, and there should be a square box which will have a horizontal split; it's called an NTE5 socket; if you still have an old fashioned round or oval socket, you may need to get a new socket fitted. Hopefully this will all be covered when the engineer is sent round.

http://bt.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/40812/-/what-type-of-master-socket-have-i-got

What are microfilters?

A microfilter is a device that allows broadband to work at the same time as your telephone service. Without microfilters you may get problems with your broadband or experience noise on your telephone line.

Dependent of the type of Master Socket you may or may not need to plug microfilters into every used socket in your house. Speak to the engineer when they come round.

Where to place your Modem/Router

Your Modem/Router needs to be plugged in directly to the Master Socket, i.e. as close to where your line comes into the house. If it's plugged into an extension, it's probable that you will experience significantly reduced speeds.

Wired vs Wireless

Wired means that your devices connect to the modem with an "Ethernet Cable", and is always the most efficient. Nowadays people mostly connect with wireless. If your wireless signal does not reach your entire house, you can purchase a "Wireless Booster" or get a set of "Powerline Adapters".

Any Questions?

Feel free to contact me at the Old School or via email to steve.cobrin@gmail.com

Useful Links?

[1] Superfast Berkshire -

<http://www.superfastberkshire.org.uk/>

[2] BT Broadband Checker -

<https://www.btwholesale.com/includes/adsl/main.html>

[3] BT Openreach Broadband Checker -

<http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/>

[4] Deployment Map -

<http://www.superfastberkshire.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=30506>

Janet Wynne

27th December 1953 – 24th September 2014

A Daughter's Promise

From your loving daughters
Tracy, Annabel, Melanie

Every time that I smile,
Every time that I sigh,
I think of your face,
And a tear escapes my eye.

You were my world,
My inspiration and my heart,
But when you left me,
I thought I would fall apart.

You were my best friend,
My one true 'confidante',
Ant that's not all you were,
You were also my mum.

I didn't want to live without you,
But you would have wanted me to,
And if there's anyone I want to make happy,
That anyone is you

I would of given anything to have you back,
But I know now that it was meant to be,
For you are still watching from up there,
And I know you're watching me.

I'll make you proud Mum
I'm going to fulfill your wish,
You're going to see me and smile,
That's a daughter's promise.

We love and miss you dearly Mum,
If we had stairs that reached you in heaven, we
would be all there to see you
from your sad loving family
Henry, Tracy, Annabel, Melanie,
Coco, Jazz, Jeremy
XXXX

Funeral Service

Janet's funeral service will be at All Saints Church on Tuesday 7th October at 11 o'clock. Family flowers only, but any donations in lieu to the RSPCA please.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

October Services at All Saints' Church

5 th	Family Communion	9.30am
12 th	BCP Communion	8.30am
19 th	*No service in West Ilsley	
26 th	Family Service	11.00am

*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at www.eastdownland.org.uk

Ride and Stride

Five ardent mountain bike riders – Will Axtell, Andy Carrington, Alan Beaumont, Will Beaumont

and Neil Paterson - set off from All Saints around 10:00 on Saturday 13th September heading up the cart track to the Ridgeway before striking west and on to Farnborough, the highest point of the ride with some lovely views. From there, the motley crew braved a rather overgrown track featuring brambles and stinging nettles before entering Park Wood and on to Catmore church. They were little more than a blur through fast wooded tracks before emerging on the road near Stanmore and then enjoying a downhill tarmac stretch to Beedon. Ribena and chocolate snacks at Beedon were the order of the day as a lack of power prevented a hot brew, but nevertheless, except for one very lumpy stretch (ouch - imaginations to the fore!), this intrepid band positively flew down more fast tracks to Peasmore, before retracing their steps (?) to the track from Stanmore, powering round the back of the stables and whizzing down the quick but narrow and rutted byway to emerge at the pumping station. Finally some tarmac was enjoyed before the last little hill and then home. All fared well, with no mechanical failures other than Neil's knees which could be heard creaking up the hills! Mrs C put her nurse's uniform on and declared that a pint of WD40 would be the only cure!! Sponsor money amounts to approximately £120 so far, but if there is anyone else out there who would like to sponsor 'the boys', please contact Andy on andy.carrington@outlook.com or Will on williamaxtell@me.com as soon as possible. Half the sponsor money will come to All Saints, while the remainder goes to Berkshire Churches Trust.

United Benefice Café Church in Chieveley

Café Church returns on Sunday 19th October at 11am in St Mary's Church Chieveley, after the United Benefice Communion Service at 9.30am. Come at 10.45am for coffee and cake before the service. Everyone is welcome to both services.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 13th December in the evening – Five Voices Concert in church. This extravaganza is an event back by popular request and not to be missed, so put the date in your diary **now!**

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). To receive by email a copy of the weekly pew sheet, which contains readings, prayers and notices about church events in the benefice, please contact eastdownland@btinternet.com

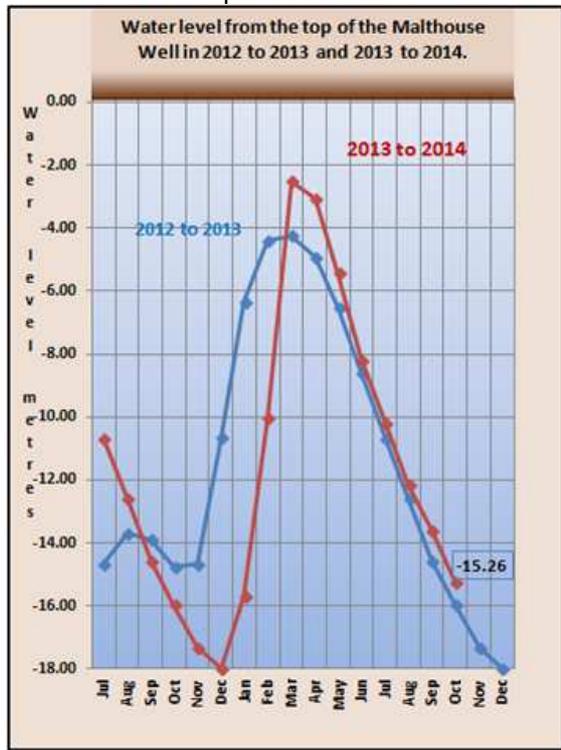
If you would like to organise a baptism, wedding or funeral or would like to talk to a member of the clergy for any other reason, email Revd John Toogood at edownlandrector@gmail.com or leave a message on 01635 247566.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

DON'T FORGET
THE WEST ILSLEY
BONFIRE AND
FIREWORK DISPLAY
WITH BBQ.
WEDNESDAY 5th
NOVEMBER @ 6:30

WELL READING

The water level dropped 1.65 metres (5ft 5ins) during September which is a larger drop than recorded over the previous month.



QUIZ NIGHT

A big thank you to everyone that attended the Pub Quiz at the Harrow on Wednesday 24th September. As usual the Harrow did a fantastic job hosting this fundraiser. We raised £606 for Chieveley Pre-School. Although Chieveley Pre-School does receive a little Government funding it is not enough to sustain the running of the Pre-School so we rely heavily on fundraising events throughout the year to enable us to keep serving the local children in the community.

There were 12 teams who filled the pub and the quiz included recreating Didcot Power Station in play dough, a Masterchef muffin tasting round and questions on the latest edition of Hello magazine.

We were also very lucky to have Chopsy as our judge of the modelling competition.

Many thanks, Juliet

Juliet Ryder

Chairperson Chieveley Pre-School

NATURE NOTES

23rd September

Today is the autumn equinox marking the end of summer and the start of autumn.

The house martins have gone, I don't know when they left? You just become aware that they are no longer here. So different from the spring when the date of the arrival of the first birds is noted. It seems like only yesterday that a nest on the front of the house contained a late brood of nestlings demanding food, but I see from my notes that they flew the nest on the 28th of August. That gave them three to four weeks to grow strong before they set off on their first migration south, which will take them to Africa,

Autumn is also fungus time. In our few remaining meadows fairy rings may appear at this period of the year, often created by the champignon fungi. A single spore will settle in the grass and a toadstool appear, it's spores will spread outwards in a ring. The ground inside the ring becomes devoid of nutrients for the fungus so it keeps moving outward, the ring increasing in diameter. Although this ground inside the ring no longer meets the needs of the fungus the grass is enriched with it's decayed remains and a dark verdant grass grows. It used to be believed (and perhaps still is by some) that these rings were where the fairies danced. Perdix

Dear the residents of West Ilsley,

I just wanted to say a huge "Thank-you" on behalf of myself and Great Ormond Street Hospital for your very generous donations towards my walk I did for them last month.

The walk itself was a fantastic success. Every day we were up at 6:00, packed up and left by 7:30. We'd then walk for more than 16 hours a day and pitch up the tents as it was getting dark. We covered up to 34Km a day and the only injury to report of was my friend's feet: he was taken to minor injuries after we finished and had 16 dressings on his feet. Other than the occasional wasp sting, cuts and blisters, the rest of us finished fine.

Even though money is still coming in we have surpassed £2,100, more than four times our original aim.

Another thank-you and special appreciation from myself and Charlie, Tom and Henry who did it with me and from Dr. Mike Burch the lead cardiologist at GOSH.

Jordan Ashley.

PARISH COUNCIL

Read the latest Parish Council Minutes and hear how village matters are being addressed. Visit our village website at www.westilsley.org - all the latest minutes from our meetings are available under the "Parish Council" tab.

2014 Parish Council Meetings:
Nov 10th

WHO TO CONTACT

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19 September 2014

Dear Stakeholder,

A34/M4 Junction 13: Roundabout Resurfacing Work

I am writing to inform you that the Highways Agency will be resurfacing the roundabout at the A34/M4 (Junction 13) Interchange at Chieveley, West Berkshire, to ensure the roundabout remains in a safe and serviceable condition.

For the safety of the workforce and our customers and to keep overall disruption to a minimum, work will be carried out at night between 10pm to 6am on the following dates, whilst fully closing either the east or west sides of the roundabout:

Closure	Dates*
West-side closures	Monday 6, Tuesday 7 and Monday 13 October
East-side closures	Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday 10 October

East-side Closures

During these closures the following slip roads/links will be closed:

- M4 Junction 13 westbound exit slip road
- M4 Junction 13 eastbound entry slip road
- A34 southbound approach to roundabout
- A34 southbound departure from the roundabout

Road users will only be able to approach the roundabout from the A34 northbound link to access the M4 westbound carriageway, Moto Service Area and A34 slip road to Chieveley village; and M4 eastbound exit slip road to access the A34 northbound carriageway and slip road to Chieveley village.

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- M4 Junction 13 westbound entry slip road
- A34 northbound approach to roundabout
- A34 northbound departure from the roundabout

Road users will only be able to access the roundabout from the A34 southbound slip road to access the M4 eastbound carriageway, Moto Service Area and A34 southbound link road; and M4 westbound exit slip road to access the A34 southbound carriageway and Moto Service Area.

Diversion Routes

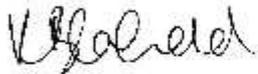
During the closures clearly signed diversion routes will be in place for both motorway permitted and non-motorway traffic – the main diversion route will primarily use the A4.

Advance warning of the confirmed closure dates will be displayed on electronic and hard-standing black and yellow signs at the junction.

I would like to apologise in advance for any disturbance or inconvenience caused by the works. Should you require any further information, please contact the Highways Agency Information Line on 0300 123 5000 or email them at ha_info@highways.qsi.gov.uk

**Please be aware that these works have been carefully programmed but may be postponed at short notice due to circumstances beyond our control (e.g. adverse weather, unplanned emergency works).*

Yours faithfully,



Kathryn Blofield
Communications Coordinator, EM Highway Services Ltd
On behalf of the Highways Agency



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