

# West Ilsley News

## DECEMBER 2023

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### EDITORIAL POLICY

We are editors (though we don't edit unless we have to) – we are not reporters, so we only write something if we want to. We rely on villagers to contribute news and information and welcome updates from groups, committees and businesses to let the village know what is going on in their area of interest. We are always happy to receive feedback about WIN so please get in touch if you have anything to say.

### DISTRIBUTION

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### What's on in West Ilsley

#### DECEMBER

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Georgie Carlisle Village hall Vineyard talk 7 pm |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas bingo                                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> | Village Hall Xmas Jumper Party                   |

#### JANUARY

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| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Village hall - Ugandan School talk |
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### FULL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

**7.30 in the VILLAGE HALL**

Tuesday 20th February 2024

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Tuesday 14th May 2024, 7:00pm - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 14th May 2024, 8:15pm - Annual Parish Meeting

### PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council held a council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November and a number of topics were discussed which are worth mentioning.

The Parish Council has submitted a funding application to seek a financial contribution to complete the village hall windows, specifically the front windows. By the time you read this we should know whether the funding bid was successful and an update will follow. You will all have received a copy of the minutes from the Village Hall AGM. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank the Village Hall Management committee for the work they do to keep the village hall in good shape. The committee is looking for more volunteers so if you can spare some time please talk to a member of the current committee. Participation should be considered a fun activity and not a chore and volunteers are always welcome for all village groups.

There has been an improvement to the pavements due to some residents cutting back overhanging vegetation and West Berkshire Council removing the weed growth along Main Street. Future problems can be reported to a Parish Councillor or to West Berkshire Council directly.

During the meeting the Parish Council received a report from Carolyn Culver, our District Councillor. Of particular interest was an update regarding speeding and a scheme called Community Speedwatch (CSW). CSW will require a small number of volunteers to use a device loaned from the police periodically to measure vehicle speed through the village. Any vehicle caught over a certain limit will automatically receive a letter from the police and anyone over 60mph receiving a home visit from the police. In Burghfield the number of people exceeding 35mph fell from 60% before the scheme was used to 16% after the scheme. Further details will be sent via the WIN to ask for volunteers.

I am sure many of you will notice a Speed Indicator Device moving regularly from one end of the village to the other. The device is measuring speed and the data is being collected. Moving forward we will publish high level data for all to see. It is quite a surprise to see how many people enter the village at over 60mph, especially during the day. The main difference between the SID and the CSW scheme is that the CSW device records number plates whilst the SID does not. Believe it or not, there have been occasions where vehicles have been captured going over 80mph. Below is the data captured for October 2023

## Oct-23

No. vehicles below 30mph	10566
No. vehicles 31mph to 40mph	2202
No. vehicles 41mph to 50mph	236
No. vehicles 51mph to 60mph	2
No. vehicles over 60mph	2
No. vehicles over 70mph	1
No. vehicles over 80mph	0

I was unfortunately unable to attend this year's fireworks display although I understand the event was very well attended despite the weather. Thank you to all those who helped make the evening a success.

The village was represented at this year's remembrance parade which took place in Yattendon. A wreath was laid at the memorial on behalf of the residents of West Ilsley and it was great to see some of the younger residents of West Ilsley participate in the parade, namely Rosie, Jasper, Elsie, Ollie and Tegan.

We also discussed the West Ilsley Recreation and Social Association (WIRSA). For those of you unfamiliar with this, WIRSA is a registered charity which can be used as a vehicle to apply for external funding for village projects and acts as a management body for certain parts of the village. Changes are required to modernize the WIRSA constitution so I am hoping to be able to update all in due course.

Lastly, contact details for all Parish Councillors can be found on the website: [www.westilsley.org](http://www.westilsley.org)

Graham Woods - Chairman

## PANG VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION EXHIBITION

The Pang Valley Flood Protection Exhibition has now been rescheduled and will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 1pm-6pm at Hampstead Norreys Village Hall.

This is an opportunity to find out more about flooding in the Pang Valley.

- Explore whether your property is at risk of flooding and what you can do to reduce that risk.
- See maps of previous flood events and local groundwater flood risk.
- There will be stands with flood protection devices and an opportunity to see these in situ in a purpose built mobile demonstration vehicle known as the [Floodmobile](#).
- The [Floodmobile](#) is packed with around 50 different property flood resilience measures that can be installed in buildings to make them more resilient.

Refreshments will also be available.

## EVERYDAY FIRST AID TRAINING

Connecting Communities Berkshire (CCB) has arranged an Everyday First Aid Training workshop at West Ilsley Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 10:45am-12:45pm.

It is free to attend. You can sign up using this

link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/everyday-first-aid-training-tickets-768258902057?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information, please contact CCB on 0118 9612000 or [www.ccberks.org.uk](http://www.ccberks.org.uk)

## UPDATE FROM CLLR CAROLYNE CULVER

Dear Residents

I have submitted a match-funding bid to WBC for new windows for the village hall. We will know by the end of this month whether this bid has been successful. I have been asked by the parish council to get Bury Lane added to the WBC winter road salting schedule. WBC has said no in the past, but I will try to persuade them. WBC and Thames Valley Police are promoting Community Speed Watch, where volunteers monitor speeding traffic using a hand-held device, and the police subsequently issue letters to offenders. If you are interested in volunteering please email [CSW@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:CSW@westberks.gov.uk)

West Berkshire Council has started work on its 2024/25 budget with a challenging financial position set to continue into next year. The budget will continue to be squeezed due to an increasing demand for services, high inflation making those services more expensive to deliver, and Government funding falling below inflation rates. There is a £14m gap between expected funding and forecast spending next year. A public consultation is due to begin on Monday 27 November 2023 and will include proposals to:

- Restructure car parking fees - generating up to £450,000
- Close or find an alternative provider to run Willows Edge Care Home - a saving of up to £240,000
- Reduce the frequency of grass cutting - saving up to £220,000
- Restructure funding for Adult Social Care transport services - generating between £100,000 and £400,000
- Reduce funding for gully emptying and bridge maintenance – saving up to £110,000
- Reduce litter and dog waste bins - saving up to £90,000
- Restructure Adult Social Care Care-Home charges – generating up to £80,000
- Reduce the opening hours of the Household Waste Recycling Centres - saving up to £59,000
- Reduce the frequency of annual weed treatments – saving up to £20,000

- Reduce contributions to community transport - saving up to £10,000

I continue to be a member of Western Area Planning Committee, I chair the Scrutiny Commission and the task and finish group about healthcare on new developments, and I attend the task group on lessons learned from covid. If you are interested in knowing more about these let me know.

Best wishes

Councillor Carolyne Culver

Ridgeway Ward (representing the Ilsleys, Compton, Hampstead Norreys, Yattendon and Frilsham)

Chair of Scrutiny Commission

West Berkshire Council

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The poster features the SCS logo at the top. Below it, the text reads 'Steventon Choral Society Christmas Concerts'. The main title 'Jingaling Christmas' is written in a large, red, cursive font with stars around it. Below the title, the dates 'Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023' are listed. The time '7.30pm (bar from 7pm)' and location 'Steventon Village Hall' are also provided. A QR code is on the left, and the website 'steventonchoral.org.uk' is at the bottom left. Ticket information 'Tickets £10' and contact details are on the right. A small registered charity number is at the bottom.

Featuring Liz Dray and Phil Knight from West Ilsley!

## FIREWORK THANKS

On behalf of the Firework organising team, we'd like to thank everyone that came along to and supported the event.

Despite the weather in the build up, and thus lack of a bonfire, The Harrow's 'Gigatruck' seemed to be very well received! Especially for the ravers amongst us. We're awaiting the final totals to come in, but we're looking to be up around £1000 after all costs are paid. This is fantastic for a Sunday and was only possible due to the BBQ team (Alan Bloor, Dewi, Neil, Alex, Nigel & Roger), the WICC kindly operating the bar, the ticket team (Jo, Louise, Amanda) and the record breaking bucket shaking! (Dries, Alison, Clive, Alan and Matt).

Thanks also to Jack Channon racing and The Harrow for their kind donations.

Last but not least, Tony, Heather and Wayne for the fantastic firework display, which went off seamlessly, despite the weather.

This money will go towards supporting the facilities in the village hall – hopefully you've seen the new windows, with 2 more to go!

The Village Hall Management Committee

## VILLAGE HALL AGM

The West Ilsley Village Hall Management Committee held their Annual General Meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The minutes were attached to an email of this note – if you'd like to see them again please email below.

We're very pleased to announce more events for the winter (watch this space - next event 1<sup>st</sup> December), a healthy bank balance, resident hiring rates maintained for 2024 and new windows and back door (and garage roof repairs in progress!).

We're also looking for a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (due to our previous incumbent heading to warmer climes). Please see ad below. All those interested, please contact a member of the committee or email me (the secretary).

Thanks, Matt

Secretary

**West Ilsley Village Hall Management Committee**

([matt.yarnall@boehringer.com](mailto:matt.yarnall@boehringer.com))

## Are you (fairly) organised, and fun?

The village hall team are looking for up to 2 more members to join them. The time commitment is minimal, with meetings 4-6 times a year, with regular keeping in touch via WhatsApp and email. We're currently planning exciting future developments and improvements, and fun activities to raise funds for them, and we'd love for you to be involved (being organised is optional).

We look forward to hearing from you, or seeing you at the wine talk or Christmas jumper party (1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December)

Louise, Jo, Pete and Matt (07929 569 050)

## THE HARROW

A big thank you to all of our lovely customers that have joined and supported us.

We have lots planned over the festive period. Our opening hours for the festive period are below:

**Christmas Eve** normal Sunday service

**Christmas Day** we will be opening for drinks from 10am-4pm with diners from 12pm.

**Boxing Day** normal service resumes from 12pm

**New Year's Eve** food service from 12pm-6pm with our big New Year's Eve party from 7pm (book your free

place with us now). We hope to see you all there and bring in the new year together.

For any bookings or queries please do contact us on 01635261993 or [info@theharrowwestilsley.co.uk](mailto:info@theharrowwestilsley.co.uk)

Thanks again for the continued support!!

Follow the link for menus and details of Breakfast with Santa:

<https://www.theharrowwestilsley.co.uk/>

We would like to wish all our lovely customers a happy and healthy Christmas, from all the team at the Harrow. Liam and Martin

## DECEMBER AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Service at 11am

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Carol Service at 6.00pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> *No service in West Ilsley*

Christmas Day Family Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> *No service in West Ilsley*

Please look on the notice board in the lychgate or on the East Downland website:

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and->

[notices/this-week](https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-) for other services in the benefice during December or see the Benefice Christmas card, which should be coming through your door soon.

### Working Party Tidy Up for Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to all of you lovely people who helped tidy the churchyard and church before Remembrance Sunday and for the beautiful flower arrangements in church.

### Remembrance Day Service

Once again there was a good turn out at our service, which was ably taken by the Revd Denise Brown. Thank you to all those who took part in the service, including David and Julian for their musical contributions. A cheque for £291.45 has been sent to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

### Café in All Saints' Church

Our monthly church cafe continues on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December between 10.00am and 11.00am. Donations go to a different charity each month. Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee, cake and a chat!



### Christmas Services

There will be numerous services around Christmas in all nine churches in our benefice, including All Saints', and you are warmly invited to any of these.

Our Carol Service will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and, as always, will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. As in previous years the collection will go to a local charity. Our Christmas Day Communion Service will be at 9.30am and everyone is very welcome.

### Christmas WIN Greetings

A huge 'thank you' again this year to those of you who have given so generously with the Christmas greetings and of course a particular thank you to Andrea and Liz for kindly donating the total amount to All Saints' Church.

### Dates for your Diary

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January starting at 10.30am – make your own Christingle

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Look out for details of a Church Walk

### Make a note in your 2024 diaries now!

### Private Prayer

All Saints' continues to be opened on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and sunset.

### Pastoral

If you would like prayer (or other support) for you or someone else, please get in touch. We are happy to be contacted by phone or email using the details of contacts shown below.

If anyone needs help or would just like to chat, do contact the wardens or clergy who will do their best to help.

### Contacts:

**Churchwardens:** Ian – 01635 281625; Alexandra – 01635 281306

**Rector:** Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 or 07748 822336 - [edownlandrector@gmail.com](mailto:edownlandrector@gmail.com)

**Associate Priest:** Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – [revjdales@gmail.com](mailto:revjdales@gmail.com)

**East Downland Benefice Office:** 07957 458107 - [eastdownland@btinternet.com](mailto:eastdownland@btinternet.com) – Usually manned on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

## ILSLEYS NEWSLETTER

### Written by a Year 6 pupil and a Year 5 pupil

Last half term, we celebrated the harvest season with an assembly. We all took part by singing a song called 'Paintbox' and each class contributed. Arctic Class sang a song, Pacific Class read aloud a poem and Atlantic told everybody about the true meaning of harvest. We really enjoyed this assembly and hope the parents did too.

On the first day we came back from the half term break, we celebrated Halloween with an amazing disco thanks to FIPS. Everybody dressed up in spooky and scary costumes and brought in a carved pumpkin from home. We then had many fun competitions including dance, outfits, pumpkins and lots more. The whole school really enjoyed this party and hope to do it again next year!

On 9<sup>th</sup> November, Pacific went on a school trip to Cheddar Gorge and looked at many caves. After that, they went to visit the museum all about the history of

these caves. They all really enjoyed this trip and loved having the opportunity to go.

For Remembrance Day, the whole school made poppies in honour of the soldiers who fought in the war for us. At eleven o'clock, on the tenth of November, we had a Remembrance service in the hall and some students read out the names of men who lost their lives in the war who had lived in East Ilsley. We raised about £90 as a school for the British Legion from buying poppies.

On 13<sup>th</sup> November, Arctic Class went on a school trip to Windsor Castle. When they arrived, they went on a workshop and learnt all about Queen Victoria. After that, they went out for a walk around the castles grounds and some of the rooms including a bedroom, dining room and reception room. They really liked this trip.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, it was 'Diwali Day' so we spent the whole day celebrating it. We all made many things including diva lamps (which are put outside to welcome the god of wealth in to their homes) and Rangoli patterns which are paintings made out of powder. We had lots of fun making all of these things! Friday 17 November was Children in Need Day! We were able to wear non-uniform because our parents had donated money to this charity. Children in Need is brilliant and helps lots of children across the country so we always want to support them.

Recently, it was Anti-Bullying Week so on the 12<sup>th</sup> November some of the school came in in odd socks to represent that everyone is different. The Year 6s (our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors) created their own assembly to show the school. We also made our own posters to stick around the school about what to do if you are ever in a situation where you are being bullied. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, four children were selected from Year 6 to take part in a Maths Challenge at Curridge School. It happens often with children from nearby schools. They all enjoyed the chance to make friends with children from another school. Two students from Year 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to enjoy a French Challenge which was held at Hampstead Norreys C of E Primary School – our federated school. They enjoyed French treats, dressed up in French clothes and counted up in French.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, a few students were selected to go and take part in a cross country relay race together. They competed in a race with many other primary schools and had lots of fun. They all really enjoyed this activity and would love to go next year.

We are looking forward to December and the whole school wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!



## ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Hello everyone.

We were all saddened by the news of the passing of our friend and past member Jim Hughes. Jim was 91 and had been a member of the Evergreens, along with his late wife Sue, since 2007 and served the group as Secretary from 2012 until his retirement in 2017. Jim was very sincere, a pleasure to be with and a true gentleman. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Our monthly trips for this year were completed by our visit to Winchester Christmas Market on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. I hope that the weather was kind to us and everyone enjoyed a great time. (This newsletter was written on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November)

This year's Members Christmas Lunch will be held at The Harrow in West Ilsley on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.

The Evergreens Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February at the Wilkins Centre, Compton.

We wish all of you that support the Ilsley Evergreens a Wonderful Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy 2024.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

### COUNTRY NOTES

Along the Catmore road the bleached blond, backcombed, seed heads of wild clematis are backlit by the low winter sun. They swathe the shoulders of the hedgerow thorns in cloaks of ermine. It is these seed heads that give our only native clematis species its country name Old Man's Beard. In the summer when it is covered with lovely little cream flowers it is known as Traveller's Joy; flowers that are not only a joy to the eye but also to the nose with their scent of almonds. I like its old Berkshire dialect name of Bedwine. Is this where the Wiltshire villages of Little & Great Bedwyn got their names?

From the comfort of my seat on the wooden horse jump at the woods edge I peer into the shrub line of elder and bullace, the bushes legs stockinged with goosegrass straw. This is the wood's selvedge edge, an edge that prevents the wood from unravelling, marks the clear transition from closed woodland to open ground. In these bushes a small flock, perhaps a family, of blue tits search for food, their pale winter yellow breasts outshone by the sulphurous lichen that encrusts the elder twigs, both illuminated by the low sun. On the ground a grey, brown song thrush forages in grey, brown leaf litter, only visible when it moves. The track through the wood is carpeted with fallen oak leaves, they look and feel as though they have been cut from stiff brown paper, the type of paper that was

used to wrap parcels to send through the post, parcels tied with string, knots sealed with blood red sealing wax. These paper leaves rustle underfoot, make silent travel impossible.  
Geoff Wond

### VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Date for your 2024 diary!

Amanda Slater will be giving her rescheduled October talk on her Ugandan School project on Friday 19th January at 7pm at the village.

To get a taste of what Amanda will be talking to us about go to: <https://familyofhope.co.uk/>

### HARROW RACING CLUB

The first year of the Harrow Racing Club proved to be a huge success with nearly all of the 50 shares sold. My Ambition ran seven times during the flat season winning two races at Bath and placed twice, giving the members lots of fun and excitement at the races and celebrations at the Harrow afterwards.

All the members also received a dividend from the prize money at the end of the season.

The racing club will continue with My Ambition in 2024. There are a few shares available, if anyone is interested please contact Denis or Barbara [racing@deniscoakley.com](mailto:racing@deniscoakley.com) for further details.

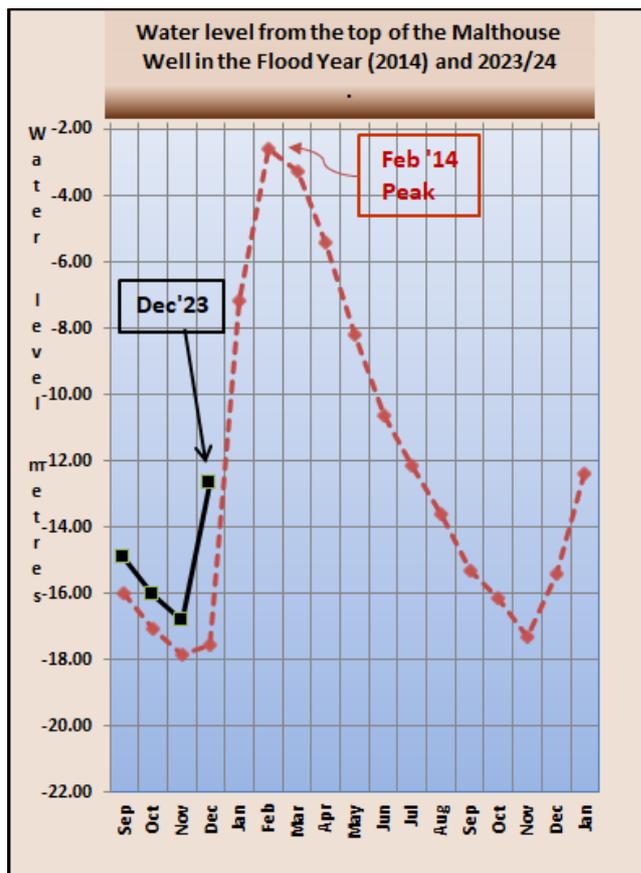
### MALTHOUSE WELL.

With the exception of August, since the beginning of July we have had a lot more rain than usual. Typically, during this period we can expect around 320mm (approx. 12.5 in) rain, but this year we have had about 400+mm (approx. 16 in). This represents an increase of around 25% compared to average. July, September, and October were much wetter than usual, but thankfully November has been more in the normal range.

Naturally all this rain has affected the ground water level and the Malthouse well readings bottomed out at the beginning of November at 16.83 metres (approx. 55 feet) below ground level. This is several weeks earlier than usual. This extra rain has meant that the ground water is rising at a faster rate than usual, although with the drier November the rate of increase has slowed a little in the last few days. At the beginning of December the Malthouse well reading now stands just below 12.5 metres (approx. 41 ft) below ground level.

We still have some way to go before any flooding risk occurs early next year, but less rain in the next three months should reduce the risk.

**CHRISTMAS**  
**FAMILY PRIZE BINGO**  
AT  
**WEST ILSLEY**  
**VILLAGE HALL**  
**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**DOORS OPEN 7:00**  
**EYES DOWN 7:30**  
**TERRIFIC PRIZES**  
&  
**GRAND RAFFLE**  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
**COME & ENJOY YOURSELF**



## WHO TO CONTACT

**DEFIBRILLATOR** is outside the village hall - code: C159

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** – Carolyn Culver 07976 374146  
Carolyn.Culver1@westberks.gov.uk

### PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

**Alan Bloor** [alan.bloor@westilsley.org](mailto:alan.bloor@westilsley.org)

**Clive Hooker** [clive.hooker@westilsley.org](mailto:clive.hooker@westilsley.org)

**Katy Morris** [katy.morris@westilsley.org](mailto:katy.morris@westilsley.org)

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**Graham Woods** [graham.woods@westilsley.org](mailto:graham.woods@westilsley.org)

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**Sarah Marshman** – Clerk [clerk@westilsley.org](mailto:clerk@westilsley.org)

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT** – Laura Farris  
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**PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP** rep is Joe Clerkin  
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**PRESCRIPTIONS** are delivered from Compton on Tuesday mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on **Tuesdays only between 2 pm and 4.30 pm**. Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box at any time before Monday evening for the following week's delivery.

**TENNIS COURT** membership and enquiries email -  
[tennis.bookings@westilsley.org](mailto:tennis.bookings@westilsley.org)  
Book and play without joining via  
[westilsleytennis.jezzam.com](http://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com)

### VILLAGE HALL

#### Bookings & enquiries:

Any new bookings should now be done via the village

**Website:** <https://www.westilsley.org/>

Or by email to: [village.hall@westilsley.org](mailto:village.hall@westilsley.org)

Anyone without access to the internet can leave a message on: 01635 281762

Rates: £10.00/hour for villagers and £12/hour non villagers.

#### WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT A PROBLEM:

<https://westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

#### WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT SPEEDING:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/speedingtraffic>

#### WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT DOG FOULING:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/36781/Report-Dog-Fouling>

A massive  
**THANK YOU** to  
everyone who has sent  
their greetings to village  
friends and neighbours,  
and contributed to  
raising the grand total of  
£540 towards church  
funds

Merry Christmas to all. We hope  
you have a joyous festive period  
and a peaceful New Year.  
Roger, Flick, Hugo, and Emilia  
Lucas

Wishing all in our wonderful  
village of West Ilsley a very merry  
Christmas 🎄 and a great 2024!  
😊 Much festive fun and seasons  
greetings  
Jo & Pete & Kitty 🎁🍷x

Wishing you all a very merry  
Christmas and a happy, healthy  
New Year.  
Love the Carringtons. Xxxx

Wishing Everyone a very Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New  
Year. Love to all.  
Richard & Sandy xx

Wishing Everyone in West Ilsley  
A Very Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year,  
Love,  
Graham, Rachel, Tegan, Lily and  
Benji

Wishing all my West Ilsley friends  
a very happy healthy peaceful  
Christmas and New Year  
Janice Sheppard

Wishing all our lovely friends and  
neighbours a playful Christmas  
and a peaceful New Year.  
Love from Sean, Carmel, Alastair,  
Charlotte, Anna, Teddy (the dog)  
and Ian (the cat). XX

Wishing everyone a very Happy  
Christmas - Lots of Love Tor,  
Patrick and Hughie (Bramble  
Cottage)

Wishing everyone a very Happy  
Christmas and New Year  
With Best wishes from  
Denis Barbara & Charlie  
and all at Keeper's Stables

Wishing my new friends and  
neighbours in West Ilsley a very  
Merry Christmas and all the best  
for 2024! Many thanks for making  
me feel so welcome as I settle  
into my new life in West Ilsley.  
Susan Sanders 15 Main Street  
xxx

Wishing everyone a very Merry  
Christmas and a happy and  
healthy 2024  
Andrea and Mel

Wishing everyone in West Ilsley  
and their families a very Merry  
Christmas and Happy New Year  
Bryan and Karen Marriott  
Bakery Cottage

Carol and Joe wish everyone a  
very Happy Christmas and good  
health and happiness for 2024

My very best wishes for a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy, healthy  
New Year to all friends and fellow  
villagers in West Ilsley. Wendy x

Wishing you all a very happy  
Christmas and good health in the  
year to come.  
With love, Ian & Kay xx

Have a great Christmas and to a  
happy and healthy 2024!  
Best wishes from  
The Banks family xxxx

Christmas greetings to all and  
best wishes for a happy and  
healthy New Year  
Denis and Margaret

Wishing all a very happy  
Christmas and a good New Year.  
Ed, Anna, Caspar, JJ, Jonty and  
Banter xxx

Wishing all our friends and fellow  
villagers a very Merry Christmas  
and A Happy, Healthy New Year  
Avice & Alan

Wishing our village friends and  
neighbours a very Merry  
Christmas and a healthy New  
Year. With love from Justin,  
Rosanne, Georgia and Honor xx

Wishing everyone in West Ilsley a  
very happy and restful Christmas.  
With best wishes  
from the Farris family x

We wish you a happy and healthy  
Christmas and New Year.  
May you all be Merry and Bright.  
Kath and Fred Xx

Wishing all the merry villagers of  
West Ilsley a joyful Christmas and  
a very happy 2024!  
Love from Will, Alexandra, Henry  
and Charlie (and Folie!) x

'Wishing you a fabulous  
Christmas and all the best for the  
year ahead. Sending much love,  
The Reekie Family.'

A very merry Christmas to all in  
West Ilsley and best wishes for  
2024 from Philip, Amanda, Ellen,  
Alice and Will Knight

Merry Christmas to everyone and  
best wishes for a happy and  
healthy new year  
Love from Adrian, Liz, Hannah,  
Matthew and Ben Dray

Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year to everyone.  
With best wishes from,  
Tom, Jane, Adam, Tash and  
Reuben

Seasons Greetings to all in West  
Hope your Christmas is the best!  
Wishing everyone Goodwill & Cheer  
for a Healthy & Happy New Year.  
The Beaumont Family xx

Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year from  
Julie, Jenny and Ben  
Xxx

To all our Friends and  
Neighbours in West Ilsley,  
Wishing you all a wonderful  
Christmas and Happy New Year  
Best wishes Nigel, Alison,  
Sophie & Adam xxxx

