

West Ilsley News

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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

Our aim is to reach every dwelling in the village. Most homes have signed up to receive WIN by email, but for those who haven't, the Parish Council produces paper copies which are delivered by volunteers. If you have received a paper copy of this newsletter but have access to email, please join the email distribution list by contacting westilsleynews@westilsley.org – help to save paper and shoe leather!

What's on in West Ilsley

SEPTEMBER

5th Council meeting
30th Macmillan Fundraiser

OCTOBER

1st Harvest festival and lunch

FULL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

7.30 in the VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Tuesday 14th November 2023

Tuesday 20th February 2024

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

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

NOISE NUISANCE

Recently, several residents have approached the Parish Council regarding the disruption caused by parties within the parish that continued into the early hours of the morning. The Parish Council would like to request that everyone is respectful and considerate of their neighbours and all other residents of the parish. This can be achieved by reducing loud noise to an acceptable level at a sensible time to ensure that everyone can obtain the rest they need.

Sarah Marshman, Parish Clerk

UPDATE FROM CLLR CAROLYNE CULVER

Dear Residents

West Berkshire Council issued an important press release on 22 August saying the following.

'West Berkshire Council has implemented an action plan to reduce spending this year as it continues to be affected by rising inflation, increasing customer demand and a challenging job market. Spending reductions will be focused on internal measures with frontline services remaining available to the public and future spending prioritised towards supporting our most vulnerable residents. Forecasts earlier in the year showed an £8.7m overspend by year-end but measures put in place already have reduced this to £6.3m. The ongoing benefits of this work together with new measures should deliver a break-even position by the year end. The overspend is being driven by an increasing demand for social care as well as the increasing costs of providing the care, the cost of delivering Home to School Transport as well as the impact of inflation and high levels of agency worker costs.'

Please look on the council's website for the full text of the press release.

As chairman of Scrutiny Commission I will soon be chairing a series of meetings focusing on lessons learned from the covid pandemic. On 14 September senior police officers will be attending Scrutiny to give an annual update. On 11 October Thames Water and the Environment Agency will be attending Scrutiny to answer questions about sewage and investment in infrastructure. Over the coming months we will also be scrutinising the Council's financial reports and looking at its equalities framework. I have been contacted by many residents asking for a variety of issues to be tabled at Scrutiny. All meetings are open to the public. You can attend in person or watch on YouTube. Scrutiny does not dictate what the council does, but it can challenge decisions and make recommendations. I continue to be a member of the Western Area Planning Committee (WAP). As I write this, I have been preparing to speak at WAP about the latest round of planning conditions for the Compton Animal Institute site, where 160 houses will be built after the current

buildings are demolished, plus the renovation of the sports hall at the Downs School in Compton. West Berkshire Food Bank provides emergency food to local people. Please see <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/> for more details about how to be referred to the service and collection locations. You can also donate to the food bank. Their phone number is **01635 813390** and their email is info@westberks.foodbank.org.uk Information about benefits can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/low-income> The Citizens' Advice Bureau can also advise you via **01635 516605**.

Don't forget that you can report problems including fly tipping, unemptied bins, and pot holes via www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem

Alternatively, email customerservices@westberks.gov.uk or call 01635 551111.

If you don't get a satisfactory response let me know. For information about road works (eg utility companies digging up roads) please look at One Network <https://uk.one.network> which contains a map where you can search for details of what is happening in the area.

Councillor Carolyne Culver

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

Chair of Scrutiny Commission

West Berkshire Council (m) 07976 374146

Aiming to be as inclusive as possible this year's

Macmillan Fundraiser

Is on

Saturday 30th September

In the

Village Hall

From 9.30 am until 12 noon

Come early for hot bacon/sausage baps

Filter coffee, tea and children's drinks

Home made cakes and treats

Cake sale

Donations of cakes gratefully received

Queries, please email WIN or ring Andrea: 281224

Cash and contactless donations

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

September Services at All Saints' Church

Sunday 3rd Pet Service at 11.00am

Sunday 10th Holy Communion at 8.30am

Sunday 17th Family Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 24th *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-notice/this-week> for other services in the benefice during September.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly church cafe will be on Sunday 10th September between 10.00am and 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there for coffee, cake and a chat!

Pet Service – Sunday 3rd September at 11am

Everyone is invited to bring their pets along to church for what is always a very lively and popular service,



enjoyed by animals and their humans alike. This year the collection will be shared with the National Animal Welfare Trust at Trindledown Farm and if you would like to bring along some cat or dog food or other specifically needed items (details nearer the time), we will pass them on.

Ride+Stride – 9th September

The annual nationwide church-crawl takes place this year on Saturday 9th September between 10am and 6pm. You can walk, run, cycle, ride or even drive to as many of our beautiful churches as you would like. Sponsor forms and other details can be found on the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust website at: <https://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/> or you can donate via their justgiving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust> Half the money you raise will go to the church you have chosen, so don't forget to nominate All Saints', West Ilsley when you donate.

Harvest Festival and Lunch

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 1st October at 11am and it will be followed by Harvest Lunch in the village hall. Further details will be sent out shortly so put the date in your diary now.

Date for your Diary

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Service.

Private Prayer

All Saints' will continue to open on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6pm.

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

Associate Priest: Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – revdjales@gmail.com

Associate Priest: Revd William McDowell – rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com

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

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith



 **COACH TRIP**
TO
EVESHAM
AND THE
Valley Shopping Centre
ON
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 21ST

The coach will depart from:

West Ilsley bus stop	at 9:00am
Compton bus stop	at 9:10am
East Ilsley bus stop	at 9:15am
Departing destination	at 4:00pm

Call **TONY** on **07780 994297**
to book your seat for only **£18.**

Arranged by
ILSLEY EVERGREENS

POSTMAN

You may like to know that Lee, our regular Postie, is leaving on October the 7th to become a Driving Instructor.

I am sure you would all like to thank him for turning out in all weathers and wish him well in his new direction.
Alan Muir

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE
HALL
PRIZE BINGO
FIREWORK SPECIAL
FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER
STARTS at 7:30pm
EXCELLENT PRIZES
AND A GREAT RAFFLE
COME ALONG AND SUPPORT
THE VILLAGE BONFIRE
AND FIREWORKS



COFFEE 
MORNING
AT THE
WILKINS CENTRE
COMPTON
SATURDAY 16TH
SEPTEMBER

From **10:00am** until **NOON**

Come and enjoy a
Coffee/tea & cake = only **£1.50**
Raffle tickets = **£1** a strip - good prizes!



FAMILY 
PRIZE
BINGO
COMPTON
VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

Doors open: **7:00PM** Starts at: **7:30PM**

GENEROUS PRIZES
SUPERB RAFFLE
COME AND ENJOY THE BEST OF BINGO!
Refreshments available



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

At present our chairman Julia Rockall is very ill in hospital. We all send her our very best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

On our latest trip to Portsmouth & Southsea on the 23rd August we enjoyed very good weather and had a really enjoyable time.

We will be holding our next Coffee Morning on Saturday 16th of September at 10am in the Wilkins Centre Compton. All are very welcome to attend and sample homemade fare for only £1.50.

A Family Prize Bingo evening is booked for Friday the 22nd September in Compton Village Hall starting at 7:30 pm.

THE LIST OF REVISED DATES FOR THE FUTURE DESTINATIONS IN 2023 are

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 21ST ~ EVESHAM & VALLEY SHOPPING CENTRE. See Almonry Museum, do the Town Walk, Hampton Ferry, Bell Tower

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 19TH ~ GLOUCESTER. See Cathedral, Docks and Quay, National Waterways Museum, Eastgate Indoor Market, Soldiers of Gloucester Museum.

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 30TH ~ WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET TRIP

Members Coach Fare ~ £15, Guests Coach Fare ~ £18

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS ON OUR POSTERS

Please Contact Tony - 07780 994297/01635 281997 to book your seat. Tony Elliott ~ Secretary/Trips Officer

WHO TO CONTACT

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

Alan Bloor alan.bloor@westilsley.org

Clive Hooker clive.hooker@westilsley.org

Alan Muir alan.muir@westilsley.org

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07905 558884

Sarah Marshman – Clerk clerk@westilsley.org

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT – Laura Farris
laura.farris.mp@parliament.uk 01635-551070

PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP rep is Fred Carter on 281621 or fred_kathcarter@btinternet.com

PRESCRIPTIONS are delivered from Compton on Tuesday mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on **Tuesdays only between 10.30 am 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
Book and play without joining via 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

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>