

West Ilsley News

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DIARY

MAY

14th Parish council meeting and annual assembly

JUNE

29th Pre-fete party

JULY

1st Fete

Please note the date:

West Ilsley Parish Council Annual Assembly And AGM

Monday 14th May, WI Village Hall

**7.30pm AGM followed by Parish Assembly at
8pm**

Parish Assembly

Come and hear all about the activities of the West Ilsley clubs and committees. Short presentations from each committee.

Annual General Meeting

Come and listen to the activities of the Parish Council and we welcome comment and contribution.



Here is the latest update for the Downlands neighbourhood from Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (NSO) PC Matthew Allen.

The latest crime statistics can be found by visiting www.police.uk. This website provides you with helpful information about crime and policing in your area. Enter your postcode, town, village or street into the search box, and get instant access to street-level crime maps and data, as well as details of the neighbourhood police team and

'Have Your Say Events'. The level of crime and ASB in the area remains below average compared with the rest of England and Wales.

Currently there are no neighbourhood priorities. If however you do have some concerns about crime or disorder in the Downlands neighbourhood please email me at the address below or call me on 101.

On 23rd March an overnight operation was carried out in the Downlands neighbourhood involving police and local gamekeepers aimed at tackling rural crime. Although no one was arrested on that night I am pleased to say that no crimes were reported to us either for the area that the operation covered.

The mobile police station is coming to a street near you. On 14th April it will be parked in The Westons, Beedon, outside the primary school between 1.45pm and 2.15pm and outside Peasmore village hall on Field Road between 2.45pm and 3.15pm. On 5th May the police station will be on Broad Street, East Ilsley between 10.00am and 10.30am, Main Street, West Ilsley between 10.45am and 11.15am, outside the church in Farnborough between 11.30am and 12.00pm, outside the village school in Chaddleworth between 12.30pm and 1.00pm, in Brightwalton village hall car park between 1.30pm and 2.00pm and in Leckhampstead village hall car park between 2.30pm and 3.00pm. You can meet your local police team and discuss any issues with us you may have.

Community Messaging is a free service which provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour, and information on opportunities for local residents to raise concerns with their local policing teams.

More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up here too:

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>

You can keep up to date with news from the Downlands Neighbourhood Police Team and find out about forthcoming meetings, crime statistics and how to contact your neighbourhood officers by visiting the Thames Valley Police website at

www.thamesvalley.police.uk (opens new window)
and following the links for Neighbourhood Policing.

FETE NEWS

This years fete committee is Alan Bloor, Jo Coles, Simon Richards, Teri Muggeridge and Hayley Watling. Could you all collect together any chipped or unwanted crockery for the crockery smashing stall. Either bring along the morning of the fete or drop it off with Hayley at The Harrow. Also we want any unwanted bric-a-brac and books for the always successful bric-a-brac stall. For those of you who won trophies last year can you please return them, polished to The Harrow. As always we need volunteers on the day of the fete to help man stalls, please let one of the committee know if you are available. This years fancy dress theme is Olympic. There will be two age groups, 7 and under and over 7's. So start thinking of ideas!!

WELCOME to new Main Street residents Henry and Janet Wynne.

DIAMOND JUBILEE BEACON

Monday June 4th

The Carlisle and Gore families, with support from the Parish Council, will be lighting a beacon on Monday June 4th to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This is part of a national initiative, coordinated by RABI (the farming charity) when it is hoped that more than 2012 beacons will be lit almost simultaneously. We plan to build our beacon adjacent to the Ridgeway, and are hoping that many other beacons will be visible from this vantage point.

We would like to invite all members of the village to join us from 7pm for a fun evening at the site, or if the weather is wet, in the barn at Folly Farm. There will be a barbecue and drinks, and Angela will be organising games for the children (and maybe also for adults!). The lighting of the beacon, along with fireworks, set off by Tony, will take place at 10pm.

If you would like to come along, please tell any member of the Carlisle family, or alternatively contact me at richard.gore@farming.co.uk or 281241. Please inform us of the ages of children who will be coming, and let us know by the end of May for catering purposes.

Daniel and Rachel Hudson
are pleased to announce the safe arrival of
Henry William Hudson



Born 26 March 2012



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at
West Ilsley Fete

on
Sunday 1st July 2012

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EVERGREENS

On Thursday 24th May there will be a coach outing to Witney and Lechlade Garden Centre for a cream tea – tea £2 per person. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall 281597.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (RBL) - news from your local branch March 2012 - Compton, Isleys & Norreys Branch

The Officers and members of the branch would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 2010-2011 Poppy Appeal. The villages of Compton, West Ilsley, East Ilsley and Aldworth raised a record £2,331 for the charity. Hampstead Norreys has conducted its own successful campaign. Your generosity was a splendid statement of support for the RBL in its 90th year that culminated locally with the tremendously well attended Remembrance Sunday parade and service in Compton that has been previously reported – thank you.

For those readers who like to get dates in their diaries early, this year Remembrance Sunday is on 11th November and the branch's service and parade will take place in Hampstead Norreys.

Since our last bulletin the branch has held two successful events. The first was our annual lunch which was held on Friday 30th September 2011 at the Compton Swan. We were delighted that Richard Benyon, Member of Parliament for Newbury and

Minister for the Natural Environment and Fisheries, attended and spoke briefly about the Government's commitment to the Military Covenant which is now enshrined in law.

At this event, we are proud to report that Richard Benyon presented Alex Lister with an RBL Berkshire County Certificate of Appreciation. Our Branch is a small one and it is largely due to Alex's determination, hard work and engaging personality that it survives today under his chairmanship. It is still a small branch but membership recruitment over the last several years makes it a healthy one. Alex, who many readers will know, has managed the local Poppy Appeal collection in all our villages, except Hampstead Norreys, for 35 years!

The second event, specifically a fund raising effort to contribute to our county headquarters' target to raise an additional £90,000 to mark the RBL's 90th birthday, was a wine tasting and talk held at the Compton Swan on Friday 25th November. Mr Julian Jeffs, wine author and member of our branch, gave a masterly and amusing description of the origins and attributes of eight wines from the pub's wine list. The evening was very much enjoyed by all attending.

Finally, may we renew our call for new members? You do not have to be an old stager or have been a serving member of our armed forces but just be a believer in the RBL cause – young applicants are particularly welcome and the annual membership fee presently stands at £12. If you are interested in joining please use the points of contact below - we look forward to hearing from you

David Norbury 01635 578531 davidnorbury@btinternet.com
Alex Lister 01635 281343 alexplister@btinternet.com

Need help looking after the horses? Or a hand taking the dogs for a walk? Cats home alone and need feeding? Ironing pile growing? Also available for house sitting.

Contact Hayley Watling 07947 188069

01635 281260 hayleybird22@hotmail.co.uk

Afternoon Teas

St Mary's Church

Aldworth

WEDNESDAYS

(2nd May to 29th August 2012)

2.30 to 4.30

Enjoy Afternoon Tea!

See the newly conserved "Aldworth Giants" & 1000 year old Yew Tree.

Relax in our peaceful churchyard or enjoy TEA in our historic church.

Please help us raise funds to improve

St Mary's Church facilities.

Details: David Sheppard: 578177

Historical Seminar:

"Berkshire Downland churches and the Aldworth Giants"

at **St Mary's Aldworth**

7 p.m. Wednesday 9th May

Come and see the newly restored effigies – the Aldworth Giants - and learn, from three eminent speakers, about their history and that of other

Downland churches.

Further details, and tickets at £10 to include wine and nibbles, from Michael Soames: 01491 874399

or email: michael@soamesonline.com

BLEWBURY BRASS BAND

Blewbury Brass band are running a series of enjoyable "step up to brass" music courses, at their rehearsal hall beside the Blewbury recreation ground. The next course runs for 8 weeks starting 23rd May, playing each Wednesday evening from 6.30pm to 7.20pm. There is also the opportunity to stay on and play with the main band afterwards as you get more confident.

The course is open to youths and adults aged between 10 and 100 who can read music and play an instrument to something like grade 2, 3 or 4 standard - don't worry if you haven't actually taken the exams! The brass band provide the instruments and professional tuition.

Perhaps you play in the school orchestra, maybe you played a brass instrument at school 30 years ago and fancy starting again. Or just maybe, you have a teenager who wants to play drums in a rock band and you'd like a peaceful evening once a week. Either way, this could be just your cup of tea.

To book or find out more please contact Jolyon Tidmarsh on 07979 031273 & secretary@blewburybrassband.org.uk or at www.blewburybrassband.org.uk.



DYSLEXIA OPEN EVENING

WHEN: THURSDAY 3RD MAY 2012 **WHERE:** SPEENHAMLAND SCHOOL, NEWBURY, RG14 1NU

TIME: 7.30PM

COST: £2 MEMBERS, £3 NON -MEMBERS

Talk by Sister Helen (Retired Head Teacher) On 'Life with Dyslexia'

Also, young adults will talk about their personal experiences of 'Living with Dyslexia'

Talk to our Dyslexia Teachers

Display of games and resources by **Smart Kids** (chance to buy too)

Raffle and Refreshments

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Dyslexia Helpline - Lyn Pounds - calpounds@supanet.com

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Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

May Church Services

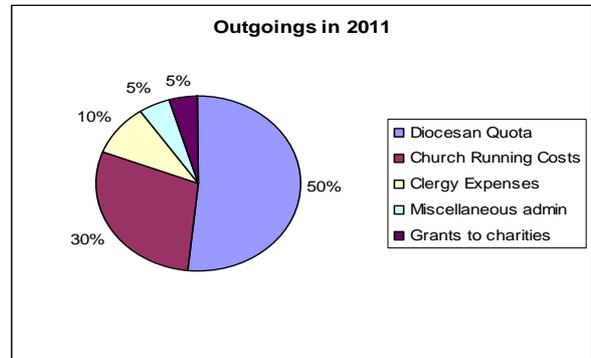
6 th	Family Communion	9.30am
13 th	Holy Communion	8.30am
20 th	*No service in West Ilsley	
27 th	Family Service	11.00am

*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at <http://tinyurl.com/east-downland>

Easter

It was lovely to see so many people in church at Easter and we would like to thank all those who made All Saints' look so beautiful. Coffee was served after the service and the children had great fun searching the churchyard for Easter goodies.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year was held in church on Tuesday 24th April when the last year was reviewed. The meeting covered various aspects of church life, including a report on finance, in which we discovered where All



Saints' money came from and went to in 2011. Thanks to your generosity, for every pound we needed to spend, we received the equivalent of 73 pence through your donations and collections, leaving a further 27 pence to be found. As always we rely heavily on fund raising events to augment our income and through the hard work of our PCC and others we were able to make another 22 pence in this way. Fortunately this year we were able to make up the shortfall from other sources, such as fees and grants. Our outgoings in 2011 can be seen by percentages in the pie chart, although these figures are approximate.

We thanked everyone who contributed to All Saints' in any way during the year whether to the church building or churchyard. We also thanked Anne and Norman Carlisle who after their many

years of gardening, would like to "hand over the trowel". If anyone would be prepared to help look after the churchyard flower beds in particular, please contact Ian (281625).

'Jubilee Posies and Puddings' will be held on Wednesday 30th May at 7pm in church. There will be flower arranging demonstrations by Veronica Smith and a workshop for you to create beautiful floral table decorations in time for the Jubilee weekend, all followed by delicious puddings. Please book your tickets as soon as possible as spaces are limited. Tickets are £15 and can be obtained from Rosanne on 280553.

Date for your diary

Saturday 22nd September – Safari Supper. Whether you enjoyed our previous one or would like to see what you missed out on, put this 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). 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, ring Revd John Toogood (our Rector) on 01635 247566 or email him at cwando@btinternet.com

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com
Rates: £7.50/hr Villagers £15/hr Non Villagers

PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close, between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday 281997. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone to ask if it's convenient.

Prescription requests can be put through the door any time. The surgery bus makes deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306 Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

TENNIS COURT

Membership: Liz Dray - lizdray@btinternet.com 281688
Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

PARISH COUNCIL

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Jo Scriven - Jo.clifton@tynan-darcy.com 281405

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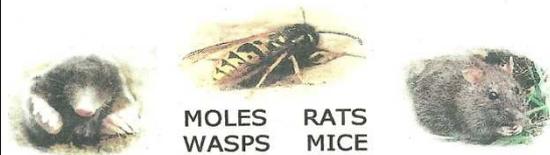
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