

West Ilsley News

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DIARY

SEPTEMBER

13th Church ride and stride
24th Harrow quiz night
26th Macmillan coffee morning
28th Church harvest lunch

DECEMBER

13th Church Five Voices concert

EDITORS' NOTES

The village email system was helpful on several occasions again this month so if you've not yet signed up or want to add any more addresses, please email us.

We're loving the farming and nature news – if you like them too, let us know! A&L



Friday 26 September 2014
The Poplars, Main Street, West Ilsley
10am-midday
EVERYONE WELCOME
For more information call Alison - 281705

WELL READING

Water level from the top of the Malthouse Well in 2012 to 2013 and 2013 to 2014.



FARMING NEWS

Peter Carlisle

The 2014 Harvest was completed on the 20th August and we think this is the earliest we have finished for many years - very unusual before the August Bank Holiday! The weather was not so kind for the latter part due to an abundance of showers and cooler temperatures.

The yields from the Spring Barley and the Winter



Wheat were both above average and the new variety of Winter Wheat called Crusoe outyielded the older variety, Solstice, by we think, approximately one tonne per hectare, therefore, a good reason to be dropping Solstice and

growing Crusoe next season. The new variety of wheat this season that we are trialling is called Skyfall – we love the name! The boys have noticed whilst combining and corn carting there have been an abundance of wildlife in the fields, especially Partridges, Hares and Red Kites. All the barley straw this year was baled and is used for the horses at Mick Channon's stables and the surplus is sold to Wales and the West



Country. We have baled very little wheat straw since there is no market. We have always said there is more to do after harvest than during and we are now busy planting next year's crop of Winter Oilseed Rape. The work includes cultivating, spraying off volunteers (seeds from last year's crop) plus freshly germinated weeds, then planting the rape and rolling afterwards to create a firm seed bed so that we can achieve a good germination and prevent slug damage. The sheep have not required too much attention over the harvest period, except feet trimming and applying the chemical Click to help prevent fly strike (maggots!). The beef cattle, in the meantime, are still enjoying the sunshine. Peter Carlisle

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

QUIZ NIGHT - Hosted by Chieveley Pre-School
 Wednesday 24th September 8pm
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NATURE NOTES

9th August
 Sunny, fresh westerly wind, sign of the approaching tail of hurricane Bertha, rain overnight. Several whitethroats along the Catmore road, their scolding churring calls from between the hogweed stems, bolder than normal, perhaps juveniles showing less caution than the adults? A flock of fifty or sixty finches, mostly linnets with a sprinkling of goldfinches, flitting from blackthorn to hawthorn. The green haws of last week now have a partial pink blush, miniature Granny Smiths turning to Pippins.

16th August
 2-300 lesser black backed gulls on the recently cultivated Top Wood Hill field east of the Barracks. The flock increasing in size as singletons arrive from the northeast. Fifty years ago it was rare to see gulls of any species inland, if seen, then some sage would pronounce with much wisdom "there must be a great storm at sea to drive them this far inland"! Now they are a common sight attracted by a plentiful source of food in refuse tips and safe overnight roosting sites on reservoirs. Above Starveall a wheatear, sentinel like, perched on a stack of straw bales. Approaching closer it flew off to be joined by another, these birds will be on passage from their summer breeding grounds in northern Britain to winter in central Africa. A murder (collective noun) of eight carrion crows together in the stubble giving a lie to that country saying "You see a rook on it's own that be a crow, see a crowd of crows they be rooks". Below Starveall a flock of thirty young swallows fly low amongst the grazing sheep, one minute hawking for insects the next seeming to play chase with each other. Two yellow wagtails on the track, the appearance of these beautifully dainty birds along with the earlier wheatears heralds the end of summer. Perdix August 2014

EVERGREENS

Evergreens Outings for 2014		
Thursday	25 th September	Weymouth
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.



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VILLAGE FUNDING

note from the PC minutes

At the July Parish Council meeting the proposed new procedure for allocating any precept money to village committees was underway and three applications had been received: All Saints Church, Village Hall and WI Website. Each was reviewed in turn.

All Saints up to £6100 to replenish reserves after repairing the church roof plasterwork.

Village Hall £5000 to match grant received and to be used for upgrading heating, insulating and lighting. Decoration was underway and self funded.

WI Website £62 for annual domain name registration and site hosting fee.

A few further details were requested. The website is likely to be funded by WIN, but all three will be summarized* in WIN for opportunities for queries and comments from the village followed by a Parish Council funding allocation/decision at the September PC meeting.

***Please see the end of this WIN for a summary of the requests made.**

WEST BERKS FLOOD

INVESTIGATION REPORT

A copy of this report was circulated on email last week for comments. Alison Banks has pulled together all of the feedback into one document which has also been circulated. If anyone without

email would like to see the report and feedback please contact Alison.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

September Services at All Saints' Church

7 th	Family Communion	9.30am
14 th	BCP Communion	8.30am
21 st	*No service in West Ilsley	
28 th	Harvest Festival	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 - 13th September

This takes place on Saturday 13th September between 10am and 6pm. Visit as many churches as possible by bike, horse or by shanks's pony! Join Will Axtell and Andy Carrington and visit all the churches in our benefice by bike or sponsor them by contacting Will (williamaxtell@me.com). If you would prefer to walk or visit other churches contact Ian (ian.fewtrell-smith@keme.co.uk) for a sponsor form. Berkshire Churches Trust and All Saints will receive half the sponsorship money. To find more information, visit <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ridestride>

Harvest Lunch on 28th September

Come for lunch in the village hall at 12 noon, after the Harvest Festival service at 11am in All Saints. Tickets are £7 for adults, £5 for concessions and £3 for children and can be bought from Rosanne on 280553. Everyone is invited – we'd love to see the entire village at one or other, but preferably both!!

Harvest Festival – any produce you would like to bring to the service at 11am will be delivered to Willows Edge Residential Home in Newbury.

Chieveley Flower Festival – 'Let There Be Light'

This runs between 6th and 8th September in St Mary's Church, Chieveley and, as well as flowers, includes Craft and Produce Stalls, an Art Exhibition and refreshments. Further details can be found on the notice board in the lych-gate at All Saints.

United Benefice Café Church in Chieveley

There will be a break from Café Church during September. The next one will be held at 11am on Sunday 19th October in Chieveley, so do join us then.

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



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Fundraising for Chieveley

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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:
Sep 8th Nov 10th

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com
Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers

PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions are now being delivered on Tuesday mornings only and can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close Mon~Thurs 10 till 6. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone 281997 to ask if it's convenient.

PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP

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SUMMARY OF FUNDING REQUESTS

Organisation	West Ilsley Village Hall Committee	All Saints Church West Ilsley	West Ilsley Web Site
Purpose	Social gathering place for West Ilsley villagers	Christian Worship	Running of the village web site
Annual outgoings	£2,300	£11,000 approx	£19.20 Registration of domain names: westilsly.org & westilsley.co.uk
Approximate annual income from members, fees & regular donations etc	£1,750 hall hire £2,000 fundraising and donations	£5,000 (approx) including gift aid – Known £2,000 (approx) collections at services – unknown £4,000 approx – donations, fees, fundraising – completely unknown £11,000 total	Nil (there has been some limited fee paying advertising on the site but for simplicity fees from this have thus far gone to WIN)
Anticipated shortfall/excess for y/e 2015	Without fundraising, anticipated shortfall of c £500	£6,100 expenditure on roof plaster protection	
Savings/reserves	£2,500 deposit account, £2,500 current account	£7,000	Nil
Anticipated large future expenditure	£15,000	None, need to recover the £6,100 already spent	£42.84 + £19.20
Reason for the expenditure	Improvements to hall, heating, lighting and decoration	Dangerous plaster to underside of roof	Keeping the site running as a separate entity
When would this occur?	H2 2014 H1 2015	Already spent	For the next 12 months
List your committee members:	James Hanbury, Tony Elliott, Me I Cook, Ian F-S, Rachel Hudson, Ros Duckworth	William Axtell, Alexandra Axtell, Ian Fewtrell-Smith, Kay Fewtrell-Smith, Veronica Smith, Roseanne Pilditch	Martin BW
Number of households represented/regularly/actively involved in the organisation:	Unknown	9	Unknown but 2013 statistics: 18,000 page views 3800 visits
Number/% of those who are West Ilsley residents	Unknown	100%	This level of detail is not possible from analytics

Specific amount requested:	£5,000	As much of the £6,100 as possible	£62.04
Breakdown of planned use of funds:	To match Council Grant, to enable works to be carried out.	Payment for emergency repairs	£19.20 Annual Domain name registration £42.84 Annual site hosting fee
What are your fundraising plans for y/e 2015 and target amounts:	Village walk, run, bike ride Sept 14 to raise £1,000-£1,500	2015 not yet planned but possibly: winter warmer (500); harvest lunch (400) + one other (500) Total £1400 approx	None. (Possibly use any advertising revenues directly for maintenance of site, although unpredictable)
If funds are not granted, what would be the impact on the organisation?	Heating project would be put on hold until further fundraising enabled it.	Our reserves will continue to drop leaving the church vulnerable	I'll continue to run the site as is and cover costs.

	<p>Any other information you would like to add: Exterior decoration £1,000, Interior decoration £2,500, Curtains £1000, Plumbing £200 – these items can be financed by existing funds. Lighting £3,000, Heating £6,000, Insulation £1000 – these items can be financed by Parish Council Grant matching the Local Council Grant which is agreed on the basis that it will be matched by the village.</p>		<p>Any other information you would like to add: I've had a few requests to expand the site and make it more open to content contribution (for example by different committees and organisations around the village). I think this is a good idea in the long term as it will hopefully:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow others to contribute more easily • Potentially increase in amount of content and how often it's updated • Make better use of the web site/technology in general • Make it more useful to visitors <p>I would like to propose that over the coming 12 months the site is re-designed and re-hosted to allow this. I would carry out the initial work voluntarily (although contributors welcome) and once the site was migrated would look to contributions from any committees/other volunteers if required. Ultimately I would like to pass on the ownership of the site although this is not required in the short term/before the site is migrated. I currently host and maintain the site and purchase the domain name on an annual basis (and am more than to be happy to continue this in its current form) but for the above proposal I recommend hosting separately and to start considering the site as a separate entity. We could also set up email accounts/forwarder for generic emails e.g clerk@westislew.org, win@westislew.org, village.hall@westislew.org etc</p>
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