

West Ilsley News

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DIARY FEBRUARY

11th Harrow Panto film viewing
14th Harrow Valentine's night
25th Harrow Quiz night

"ONCE UPON A PORTALOO..."

THE MOVIE!

DID SOMEONE
MENTION SHEPHERD'S
PIE? ?

SHOWING AT THE HARROW
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH
2015
EVENING SHOW 7.30PM

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The Harrow. 01635 281260
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RESULTS OF THE VOTING FOR THE GREEN SPACES SPEND

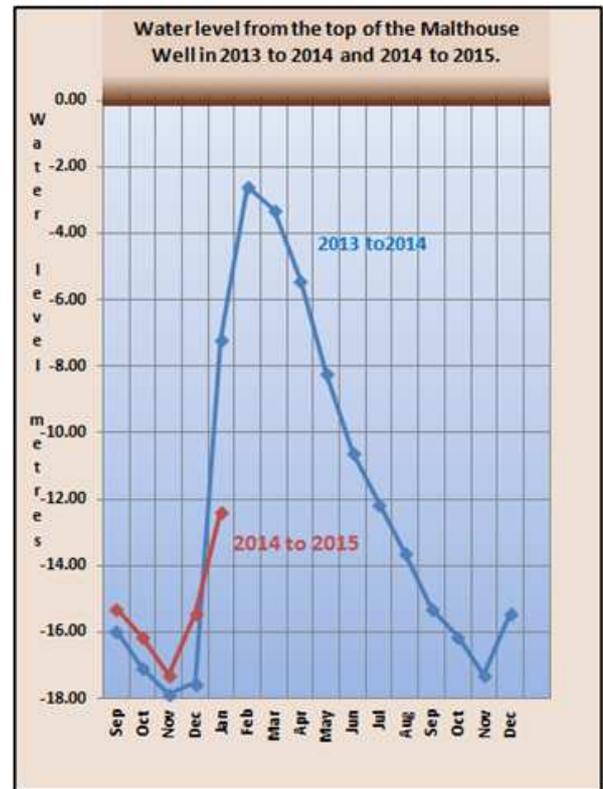
The full results of the voting are shown at the end of this WIN. The recommendation to the Parish Council is that (in order of preference) West Ilsley would like to spend the money on:

1. Two heavy benches
2. Replace the rec fence
3. Removal of trees round the tennis court
4. Mobile rugby/football goals

With £254 of the £9000 remaining.

WELL READING

Good news from the Malthouse well this month. The water level has risen about 5 metres during January which thankfully is about half the increase we experienced during the same period last year. As the WIN goes to press the water level stands at 12.16 metres which is way below the critical level for the village. This time last year the water level was rising rapidly every day and as we all know led to the flooding that started on 8/9 February. The graph below shows the difference between then and now.



JANUARY'S FARMING NEWS

Even though we feel we have not had the equivalent rainfall to last year the ground conditions still appear to be very wet. Nevertheless we have just started applying some Kieserite which contains the trace elements of magnesium and sulphur onto the winter oilseed rape crop and for this work we require no rain and

minimal winds. After this we will be applying some Triple Super Phosphate on some of the winter oilseed rape and winter wheat crops at Chilton. All these elements are beneficial to the growth and development of the crops.

Last week we wormed and brought in the pregnant ewes to Folly barns to give them better nutrition (sheep cake and hay) and shelter prior to them giving birth to their lambs towards the end of February and beginning of March.

Meanwhile the cattle are happily stored in the Coldharbour barns where they are fed and sheltered until the spring when the weather conditions improve sufficiently to turn them out.

Peter Carlisle



Chieveley Pre-School



Open Day

Tuesday 3rd March 2015

10 – 11.30am at Chieveley Village Hall



Parents and carers are invited to come along and see our wonderful Pre-School in action. You can see our resources, chat to our staff and see how we give our children the best start to the Early Years Foundation Stage and school life.

10 - 10.30am - Come and enjoy an outdoor learning session with us (reading a story, an outdoor art activity and a ladybird cupcake at the end!)

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NATURE NOTES

January, named after the two-faced Roman god Janus, a name derived from ianua, the latin word for door, January being the door to the year and Janus was the god who controlled doors and beginnings. Two faced because one face looks back to the year departed, and one looks forward to the year ahead.

January's birth flower is the Snowdrop and a few of these are showing their nodding heads in the garden, interspersed with the yellow of winter aconites. A spectacular display of snowdrops will be on view at Welford Park from the 28th of the month.

On the bird front it is the winter visitors that stand out. On a recent shoot fifteen short eared owls were flushed by the beaters from a field of stubble turnips. Fieldfare and redwing are still present in good numbers. The highlight of the month however was a flock of one hundred golden plover between Abbott's Heath and Sheep Down. A pair of stonechats are still in residence above Starveall. Perdix 25th January

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Panto Viewing

Wednesday 11th February
7:30pm

Oh no it isn't, oh yes it is !!

Valentine's Day

Saturday 14th February
For all you old romantics,
complimentary glass of
prosecco with your meal
Book your tables now



Quiz Night

Wednesday 25th February 8pm
£3 each to enter, teams of up to 6
Raising money for local
charities within the village



AUTUMN GROUP

Christmas Day Community Lunch, Compton

A very enjoyable Christmas Dinner was held for the residents of Compton, Hampstead Norreys, East Ilsley and West Ilsley who needed company at that special time in the Wilkins Day Centre, Compton on Christmas Day. They were joined by some others that the Thatcham Community Lunch could not accommodate

Those that were unable to join for lunch were invited to drop in for a chat, games, mince pies and a drink anytime during the day. During the afternoon Santa Clause paid a surprise visit much to the enjoyment of all. The event was the brainchild of



Patricia Burnett, the founder of the Autumn Group. Patricia was assisted at the Centre on the day by Ronnie Peters and also by John Golding who provided all the transport to and from the event.

The day was made possible, indeed FREE, by kind donations from Waitrose, East Ilsley Swan and Compton



Village Shop plus a very generous cash gift by an individual in East Ilsley who wishes to remain anonymous. The support from a large number of individuals, too many to name, in supplying of gifts, prizes for games, hanging decorations plus the preparation and supply of food and drink was staggering. Even adversity did not spoil the day. In the months leading up to the event the cooker in the centre was found not to function and the centre management were unable to supply a replacement, so it was left to the organisers. By an overwhelming vote all those present and the volunteers that gave up their precious time on the day and days leading up decided that this should become an annual event to be held in the Wilkins Centre. Indeed donations have started to arrive, including the takings from a raffle held at the Swan East Ilsley.



Update from the Royal British Legion – Compton, Ilsleys and Norreys Branch

Our members wish all readers a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2015.

It is with pleasure that we can tell you that our newly structured team of village Poppy Appeal Organisers (PAOs) collected a total of £3,600 for this charity from the villages of Aldworth, Compton, East Ilsley, West Ilsley and Hampstead Norreys. To everyone who contributed and wore their poppies with pride last November - an enormous thank you for your generosity.

The Branch held its Remembrance Sunday parade and service in Aldworth on 9th November - we rotate the event on an annual basis around our catchment villages. Those parading, RBL members, Youth Groups and supporters, assembled outside the Bell Inn under the direction of the Parade Marshal and Branch Chairman Steve Allison, and then marched to Saint Mary's Church in the sunshine led by piper Ian Knight and RBL branch standard bearer Mick Crockford. It was a special occasion befitting the centenary year, as the WWI war poet, Lawrence Binyon, is buried at Aldworth Church. It is the fourth verse of his poem "For the Fallen" that is used as the exhortation by the RBL at all Remembrance services.

The congregation was delighted to welcome two of Lawrence Binyon's grandsons, Edmund Gray and Jonathan Higgs, to the event. The congregation of 200 plus gathered round the War Memorial located outside the church before the service, led by the Rev Will Watts, continued inside. The Exhortation was spoken by Branch President Julian Jeffs QC and Peter Whitworth, vice Chairman read out the names of the Aldworth fallen. The Last Post and Reveille were beautifully

played by 16 year old Aimee Jones. A two minute silence was observed at 11 o'clock and Wreaths were then laid.

This year 2015 the Branch's Remembrance Parade and Service will be held in West Ilsley.

Our annual charity lunch, in aid of the Poppy Appeal, was held on Friday 21st November at the White Hart Hampstead Norreys. 30 people attended and we were very well catered for by James & Tracey Stanley. Our guest speaker was Major Tikendra Dewan from the British Gurkha Welfare Society who gave an interesting briefing on the approximately 10,000 Gurkha families resident in UK and a resume of the society's activities.

Finally, our small branch is always looking for new members. Please consider joining. You do not have to be ex services but only supportive of the charity's objective - that being to support the serving and ex serving communities. The membership annual subscription is small at £15 but your joining will help keep the Branch alive and healthy. To join, please contact the undersigned. David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

February Services at All Saints' Church

1 st	Family Communion	9.30am
8 th	BCP Communion	8.30am
15 th	*No service in West Ilsley	**
22 nd	Family Service	11.00am

** See Café Church below

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

Café Church

The next one will be at St Mary's church, Chieveley at 11.00am on Sunday 15th February. It is an informal service for everyone, with live music and an emphasis on families with young children. It has proved to be very popular, so come along at 10.45am for coffee and cake beforehand.

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

THE PANTO THANK YOU

Dear West Ilsley,
You were amazing! A daft idea pulled off by our village's mutual support for each other. This wee paragraph may concern the Cast and Crew, but in reality it relates to the supporters and audience too. The communication, the self motivated departments, the positivity & drive, the sheer quantity and quality of creative energy, a panto would have been much flatter without. The panto worked because we are a community. Everyone soon learned the qualities and skills of what they and others could bring and everyone trusted each other. It was a beautiful to oversee and perhaps that's why I had a tear at the very end. I was simply overwhelmed and proud of you all working so very well together. Indeed, thank you audience, for throwing yourselves so lovingly into the fun of it.

The generous financial support from donations, sponsorships and fundraising made this mad exercise much less of an headache and really lubricated (the money wasn't spent on booze!) West Ilsley's creative energy. Full information is available is shown on the *Programme, available during the movie*

Cast and Crew are due to meet at The Movie Preview, where monies brought in, monies spent, our own presentation (the full amount of ticket money and possibly more) to the chosen charitable causes; The Evergreens and The Village Hall, should be discussed and shall be reported on in the next WIN.

The general showing of **Once Upon A Portaloo,... the Movie** will be at *The Harrow on Wednesday 11th at 7.30*. Please contact The Harrow sooner rather than later to **book your seat** (and shepherd's Pie supper?), as space/tickets will be limited). Email: info@theharrowwestilsley.com phone 01635 281260

Hope Mick has written something of eloquence, words are not my forte!, or check out the NWN report! With love, Marnie

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015

March 9th, May 11th AGM and Assembly, July 13th, Sept 14th and Nov 9th.

WHO TO CONTACT

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Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

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GREEN SPACES VOTING RESULTS

	Total					score	Item	total	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th			£	£
3 Two heavy benches for the grass embankment by the tennis court - £1000	10	15	11	9	4	165	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	
10 Replace the fence around the recreation ground - £3780	12	9	15	4	8	157	£ 3,780	£ 4,780	
2 Removal of dead trees from around the tennis court - £990	11	5	8	7	6	119	£ 990	£ 5,770	
1 Mobile rugby post/football goal - £2975	10	8	4	2	4	102	£ 2,976	£ 8,746	
4 Lockable oak notice board to replace the one by the village hall - £1000	7	6	4	7	9	94	£ 1,000	£ 9,746	
11 Outdoor table tennis table - £450	5	6	7	9	4	92	£ 450	£ 10,196	
12 A gate at the end of the footpath behind the Maltings - £603	4	4	4	10	8	76	£ 603	£ 10,799	
6 Cricket club for use on rec - table mower - second hand - £5000	1	2	3	2	2	28	£ 5,000	£ 15,799	
5 Cricket club for use on rec - wicket mower - second hand - £2000	0	1	3	3	4	23	£ 2,000	£ 17,799	
7 Cricket club for use on rec - strimmer - £500	0	2	1	3	6	23	£ 500	£ 18,299	
9 Cricket club for use on rec - multi-purpose rotary mower - £500	0	2	0	3	5	19	£ 500	£ 18,799	
8 Cricket club for use on rec - flymo - £500	1	1	1	2	1	17	£ 500	£ 19,299	
weighting	5	4	3	2	1				