

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.

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

November	5 th	Bonfire night
	8 th	PC meeting
	11 th	Ilsleys Friends pop-up shop
	21 st	Craft fair – village hall
	25 th	WIN Xmas greeting deadline

PRESCRIPTION COLLECTIONS

Please note new times for winter collection at the end of this newsletter.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The scheduled meetings of West Ilsley Parish Council through to May 2022 are as below. The agenda will be available on the village website 3 clear days before the meeting. You can also 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 information from our meetings is available under the "Parish Council" tab.

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
8 th November 2021	Full Council
17 th January 2022	Full Council
15 th March 2022	Full Council
16 th May 2022	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
16 th May 2022	Annual Parish Meeting

You can see the draft minutes of the September PC meeting by looking on the website or clicking: [here](#)

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

We are stilling awaiting the dog bins and these will be installed around the recreation ground as soon as they arrive – we can only apologise for the lack of progress on this, shortage of delivery drivers or some other excuse. We are still struggling to find a suitable position for the VAS (speeding sign) but we will endeavour to find a solution. The flood alleviation works around the village hall have been completed by the contractors and the pond dredging is next on the agenda, so a big thank you to Clive and Stuart Clark (West Berks Sustainable Drainage Engineer) for their efforts. The village hall committee submitted a CIL bid to West Berks for some additional works but were unfortunately unsuccessful. They have requested some feedback as to why the bid was unsuccessful so as to improve their chances next time. The next phase of works for the village hall is for new doors and windows. Thanks to Tony for a great quiz at the Harrow on Wednesday evening and I know some much needed funds were raised for the fireworks. The village bonfire will be taking place on the 5 November, there will be a barbeque and the bar will be open. Thanks also to The Carlisles for allowing the use of their field for the bonfire and hope to see a good turnout on the night. And lastly, there is a vacancy on the PC, Justin Gilbert has resigned after 6 years of service – so a huge thank you to Justin and for his support over the years and look forward to a new recruit (don't all rush at once!). Alan Beaumont

NOTICE FROM THE CLERK

There is now a vacancy on the Parish Council. The wording of the formal vacancy notice is given below, is displayed on the noticeboard and can be accessed on the website here: [Vacancy Notice](#)

This notice gives the parish the opportunity to call for a by-election should the electors wish to do so.

If a by-election is not called within the timescale given below, the Council will be able to co-opt an individual to fill the vacancy. Should this happen, the Council will advertise the vacancy with a view to co-opting at the January meeting.

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

1. There is a vacancy on the above Council.
2. A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if within 14 days (not counting a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday) from the date below ten electors for the ward/parish give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer.
3. The address of the Returning Officer is West Berkshire Council, Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury RG14 5LD.
4. If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

Signed: Dr Sarah Marshman

Clerk to West Ilsley Parish Council

Dated: 27th October 2021

WIN CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As in previous years, we are happy to put your Christmas greetings in December's WIN, in return for a donation to All Saints' Church. If you would like to do this, please send your greeting to WIN **by 25th November at the very latest.** At the same time, put your donation (cash or cheque made out to All Saints' Church, West Ilsley) in an envelope with your name and put through the letterbox at either Windrush Cottage, Church Way (Kay) or at Bakery Cottage, Main Street (Alexandra). As All Saints' has been unable to fundraise again this year, your generous donations will be most gratefully received by All Saints' PCC.

EXHIBITION

of Original Paintings, Ceramics
and Scandinavian Christmas Decorations

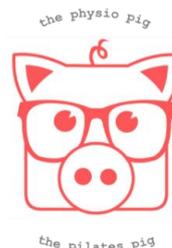
All exhibits are for sale



SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2021

2.00 pm until 8.00 pm

West Ilsley Village Hall
RG20 7AJ



Pilates Classes

Physiotherapist led

Thursday evenings 6-7pm & 7.10-8.10pm
in West Ilsley Village Hall

£12 per class or £10 per class if booked for the month
(block bookings start from the first Thursday of each month)

All classes must be booked in advance due to limited capacity.

Unfortunately, cancellations or missed sessions cannot be carried over.

Please bring your own mat due to COVID protocol.

Please let me know if you are unable to source a mat.

Please contact thephysiopig@yahoo.com to book your class or if you have any questions.



FIPS (Friends of the Ilsleys Primary School) are turning the West Ilsley Cricket Pavilion into a preloved Boutique on Thursday 11th November. We are looking for donations of preloved clothes (ladies, men and childrens) which we can sell in our boutique or could be used in our next Bags2School collection. Please get in contact if you have clothes to donate and we can organise a collection. Donation deadline is Monday 8th November. Thank you! Please contact Juliet juliet_lamb@hotmail.com Or Victoria brittonvictoria@yahoo.co.uk Further details regarding the Boutique shopping experience to follow.

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE

WELCOME YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
BONFIRE & FIREWORK'S

AT THE
RECREATION GROUND

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER THE 5TH

BBQ AT 6:00PM

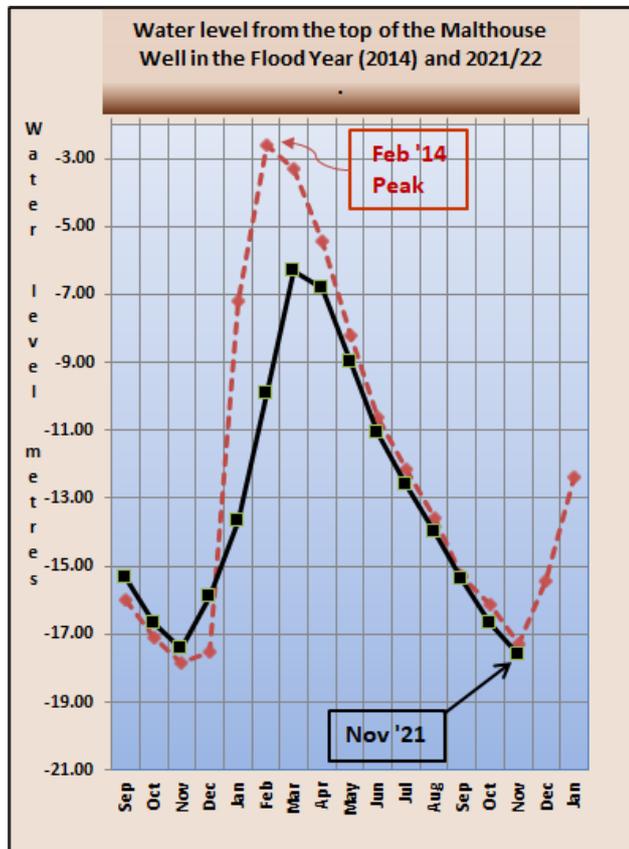
BONFIRE AT 6:30PM

FIREWORK DISPLAY AT 7:00PM

FREE ADMISSION
DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

MALTHOUSE WELL

As usual the Malthouse well reading has been dropping steadily since March this year and is now approximately 17.6 metres (approx 57 ft) below ground level. It is currently dropping about 0.2 metres (approx. 8 inches) per week and will probably bottom out at the end of November / beginning of December.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Sunday 7th November Family Service at 11am

Sunday 14th November Remembrance Day Service at 10.55am

Sunday 21st November Eucharist at 9.30am

Please look on the notice board in the lychgate or on the East Downland website: [here](#) for other services in the benefice during November.

Although Government restrictions have been relaxed, you are welcome to wear face masks and you are encouraged to use hand sanitiser in church.

Harvest

It was so lovely to host a large congregation in All Saints' church after so many months of outside services. A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our Harvest Festival such a lovely occasion: to those who decorated the church so beautifully; to those who donated harvest gifts during the service, which were delivered to the West Berkshire Foodbank and to those who provided drink and nibbles after the service.

Working Party Tidy Up for Remembrance Day

We will be holding our usual church and churchyard working party on Saturday 13th November. Hopefully, you will have the odd spare hour or so to join us from **10.30am** to tidy up the churchyard before the Remembrance Day Service the following day. Help with the church cleaning would also be much appreciated. Please bring rakes, secateurs, dusters, polish, etc.

Remembrance Day Service – Sunday 14th November at 10.55am



We hope you will join us in remembering and giving thanks for those who have fought for this country, many of whom have died in action for us, over the years. As previously, we will have the

Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial and then move into the church for the rest of the service. Please try and arrive in the churchyard before 10.55am as the Act of Remembrance starts promptly. As always, a donation will be sent to the Royal British Legion.

Private Prayer

All Saints' will continue to open on Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6.00pm.

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:

Rector: Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 or 07748 822336 - edownlandrector@gmail.com

Associate Priest: Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – revdjdales@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

WEST ILSLEY CC – CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR 2021

Results wise, 2021 began on a somewhat downbeat note with two defeats and an abandonment in the opening three fixtures. Losing to Thame on the opening day was what we deserved having manfully dropped eight catches. Whilst that was farcical, the side's true potential was shown on our trip to Dorchester where we ran them very close only to lose by three wickets. That was very heartening despite losing 2020's top wicket taker to a knee injury that few thought he'd ever recover from. He didn't, still hasn't and probably never will.

Our first victory of the season arrived in week 4 away to Stokenchurch. After a brilliantly orchestrated early collapse, the middle order came together as Matty Fowler, Patrick Charrington, the Skipper and James Briggs laid the foundations for some stupid running and a failure to bat out the overs. In many ways, and not for the first time, this put the bowlers under pressure, and they responded with all five of them chipping in. Andy Brown (3-16) and Noah Deacon (3-15) were outstanding in our 134 run victory against one of the few sides who contained more than a few monumental ****s.

Week 5 saw victory over a poor Aston Rowant 4th XI although a pattern was beginning to emerge. Brown's bowling was consistent throughout the season and his reliability invited others the opportunity to perform at the other end. With so many youngsters in the side, they were often erratic but showed they had plenty of ability.

Our most impressive losing performance of the season came away at the eventual champions Wantage. Chasing 187 (Brown 4-40), Charrington's 77 was one of the most impressive of the season. Alex Dibble and the Skipper both contributed but a brilliant catch to dismiss the latter swung the game. Both Fowlers were missing – with them, we'd have probably won the match.

Two thrilling draws followed against Steventon (Adie Dray 48 & Colin Sinclair 20) and Clifton Hampden (David Brooks 3-35) before a routine victory over Marcham (Skipper 66 & Brown 6-19 with a great spell of bowling).

It was then time for the worst game of the season at Thame where we got thoroughly dicked by 8 wickets having scored a paltry 66 all out.

We were then thumped by Dorchester at home despite the opening partnership of Brooks (66) and Ryan (51). Our 171/7 off 45 was put in perspective though as the visitors knocked them off inside 28 overs for the loss of only one wicket.

That was the worst of it though as an influx of previously 'now & then' squad players became available on a more consistent basis. Namely Peter Healy and George Gardiner.

They both got hundreds batting together in our 200 run victory against Didcot (Gardiner 109 & Healy 101 not out) with Noah Deacon turning in arguably the most impressive spell of the entire season taking 4-5. It was quite astonishing and typical of the ability and inconsistency of the youngsters. It would only be a fortnight until Noah bowled an 11 ball over, conceding 19 off it. Quite baffling really.

Healy's batting feats continued the following week against Stokenchurch where this time Matty Fowler, a model of consistency at No3 all season, made his much-deserved maiden century. This game goes down

as Captain's error as the weather scuppered the chances of victory despite full awareness of the weather forecast.

Healy's third successive century could and should have arrived on our visit to Aston Rowant but Will Barnes managed to run him out for 80 in the most tragic and hilarious act of stupidity seen to date in the history of the game. Brown wrapped up the 187-run victory with 5-29.

Despite scoring 226 against Wantage at home (Barnes 76) we were toothless in attack, bowling 21 wides and losing by 6 wickets against a very good side.

Clifton Hampden then beat us by 7 wickets as they chased down the target of 172. We'd have made them fight for it a little more were it not for our extras column that fell just one short of a deserved half century. Sherlock Holmes may well suggest there's a pattern here.

The final game of the season at home to the already relegated but delightfully fun Marcham saw half centuries to Matty Fowler (58) and George Gardiner (69) with Jack Channon doing most of the damage with the ball (4-35) in Brown's only absence of the season. A win by 78 runs then, so it's probably time to appraise our strength and weaknesses.

BATTING

In Matty Fowler, Peter Healy and George Gardiner we can boast of probably the most talented run scorers at this level. With Tim Fowler it should only be a matter of time. He regularly gets a start but all too often a lapse in concentration sees him walking back in when seemingly under no threat of dismissal.

In Will Barnes and Alex Dibble we have two of the most destructive hitters (although utterly erratic performers) I've seen. James Briggs, Patrick Charrington, The Skipper and Adrian Dray can all be relied upon to contribute whilst there are some of the side who are brilliantly bizarre.

Adam Ryan looks like a batsman one week and a rabbit the next. Utterly baffling. You'd be tempted to predict a future for him as an all-rounder, but I don't think I've ever seen anyone look so good one week and so devoid of technique the next, only to see him pick up the ball and bowl brilliantly a week after being smashed to all corners due to a rancid long hop as his stock ball.

BOWLING

In 2021, Andy Brown bowled 139.1 overs, taking 36 wickets at an average of 14.61. He took the most wickets in the division and was the club's cornerstone. Adam Ryan took 14 wickets at 17.79 – he has a rare talent to swing the ball when he gets his length right although his consistency is equally as rare, he'll have a successful time at this level.

Which brings me to Colin Sinclair.

Colin only took 12 wickets all season at an average of over 33. He has pace, generates bounce, and has a lovely action. He just never threatens the stumps. He is sometimes a real handful and certainly a handy opener – I just hope that he too can add a little more consistency in the coming years. Developing a real hunger to actually take wickets would see him be far better than anyone at this level, but at times he seems happy to not get hit for four – which sometimes leads to an immediate capitulation and a request to be taken off.

As already stated, Noah Deacon was devastating at times but, as with Sinclair he was often erratic and wayward. His nine wickets from 54 overs at 26.89 tells its own story when viewed next to his best bowling of 4-5 at Didcot.

Matthew and Tim Fowler have been invaluable with their off and leg spin respectively. Indeed, Tim produced the best performance of spin bowling I've seen from anyone his age against Wantage.

All of the above: Ryan, Sinclair, Deacon and the Fowlers will be interesting to watch develop in the coming years. In the case of Ryan & Deacon, they thrive on encouragement, are both willing to listen and respond brilliantly to feedback. The Fowlers tend to feed off each other's performances whilst Colin is Colin!

The youngsters aside, Patrick Charrington's shoulder injury was a real blow as he was always a threat and provided control, whilst David Brooks was another in that mould whose season would be cut short by injury. The Skipper only managed 11 overs, but had he been able to replicate 2020 in tandem with Brown, a few results may have gone the other way.

Nicole Beasley always chips in with wickets, 10 this year at an average of 19.30 whilst for much of the second half of the season Peter Healy was underused. After his heroics with the bat, we've been in such a commanding position we've called upon others to do their share.

THE TEAM

By far the best part of the whole year has been the mix of characters within the team. We are almost split 50/50 down the middle in terms of extreme youth and extreme experience. Everyone has chipped in with runs, wickets, catches and most importantly, a spirit of enjoyment. Chrissy Walker, Ralph Taylor, Barnes, Dibble, Charrington and Briggs are far from ever present but slot effortlessly into the team when available and have a great balance of competitiveness and silly humour.

Walker & Brown have been a great source of leadership when the Skipper has struggled for ideas (and sometimes just basic maths) along with Nigel Chubb who has been invaluable throughout the year

in terms of organising player availability and team selection.

WICC finished 2021 sixth in the ten team Cherwell Division 6C.

They Won 6, Drew 3, Lost 7 with two matches abandoned.

A proper middle of the road side with the ability to be very, very good and very, very poor in the space of 7 days.

That said, we boast the Division's highest wicket taker, had three centurions, and saw nine individuals reach half centuries.

With emerging young talent heading towards their potential, more consistency in the bowling should see the side be far more competitive in 2022.

Bowler of the Year 2021 – Andy Brown

Batsman of the Year 2021 – Peter Healy

U18 Player of the Year – Matty Fowler

I commend this statement to the House.

Michael Channon

Capt. WICC 2021.



Aldworth Craft Group

We are a friendly group of people who like to have a go at different crafts, or revisit ones we have enjoyed so much we want to have another go!

We meet on **2nd & 4th Mondays from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon** during term time.

Each session costs £2.50.

Autumn term dates:

November: 8th and 22nd

December: 13th

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Gill Wilding on 01635 578624 (ansaphone) or email aacg20161@outlook.com

WHO TO CONTACT

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