

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY

### MARCH

10 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow – Mother's day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow – St Patrick's Night
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Bingo
27 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow – Quiz night

### APRIL

6 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow – Grand National
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### MAY

11 <sup>th</sup>	Barn Dance at Folly Farm for Mencap
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### JUNE

8 <sup>th</sup>	Concert in the church
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### JULY

5 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-fete dance
7 <sup>th</sup>	Fete

Irene commissioned a bench which is to be used by all, and she knew where it was to be placed...! Somewhere her husband loved. Peter (The Harrow's landlord) and I were informed it should look out from the pub and should have a view of the cricket green and I think we can all agree that being able to watch passing race horses would have been the cherry on Russ' cake. And so Jon Evans and I made a little curved bench which has been installed on the bank in front of the beer garden (to the left of the pub), where the sunsets are long, the views are great and if you get up early enough you can watch the horses.

I'd sent a request for villagers and friends of Russ to forward words or thoughts that could be included in an inscription and I hope you may find yours upon the seat. This morning, our small gathering felt he would be have been chuffed to bits to have been so well thought of. Some champagne was sprayed over the seat, yet we had to accept he would have preferred a pint (and this baptism will duly be done). And so perhaps when you rest yourself upon the bench, bask in sunshine, watch cricket, or taking the view maybe you might take a sip of your beer and give him a salute.

In memory of Russ and with thanks to his wife Irene, from Marnie

## EASTER BINGO

Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond my control, I will have to postpone the EASTER BINGO for 24 Hours until the same time 7:30 on SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH. I do hope this will not inconvenience you too much and that you will all be able to come and enjoy yourselves and raise some much needed funds for the village hall. Thank you. Tony Elliott

## THINKING OF RUSS BROWN, AND A NEW BENCH IN THE VILLAGE

This morning at 11am on February 8<sup>th</sup>, Irene Brown unveiled work by which we can all remember her adorable late husband, Russ Brown.

**EASTER BINGO**  
**WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE**  
**HALL**  
**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH**  
**DOORS OPEN 7:00**  
**EYES DOWN 7:30**  
**GREAT PRIZES**  
**AND**  
**SUPER RAFFLE**  
**COME ALONG AND JOIN IN**  
**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**  
**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**



# CHIEVELEY TENNIS BALL

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**  
**7.30pm – 1am**  
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## ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

### March Church Services

3rd	Family Communion	9.30am
10th	Family Service – Mothering Sunday	9.30am
17th	*No service in West Ilsley	
24th	Family service	11.00am
Tues	Morning Prayer for Holy week	9.30am
26th		
31st	Family Communion - Easter Day	9.30am

\*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at [www.eastdownland.org.uk](http://www.eastdownland.org.uk)

**“Come and Grill a Vicar”** on Monday 4th March from 4pm to 5pm at High Trees, West Ilsley. The Revd Douglas Dales is taking an ‘Any Questions’ hour for any and every teenager. Bring a friend! Please just come along. For more information phone 01635 281354.

### Mothering Sunday Service

Please note a change in service pattern in March, with Mothering Sunday on March 10th giving us an extra Family Service, but at 9.30am. Children, bring Mum (and Dad) along to receive a little posy of flowers.

### Good Friday Walk

This year we start outside West Ilsley church at 9am and walk to Farnborough. From there, at around 10.10am, we continue to Peasemore, where we stop to eat our packed lunches. The final leg of our walk takes us to Beedon, leaving Peasemore round about 12.50pm, in order to

arrive in time for a service of Prayer at the Cross at 2.00pm. It's not necessary to walk the whole way, so join or leave us as you wish, but do come.

### Easter Services



All Saints' is holding a Family Communion on Easter Sunday at 9.30am – we hope to see you there! There are other services in the benefice, both on Good Friday and on Easter Day, so do look on the church

notice board or on the benefice website (see above) for times and places. An Easter card announcing all our Easter services will also be sent out soon.

### Village Community Lunch

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to our first, and maybe not our last, Community Lunch. We all had a great time and were home in time for the rugby!

### Dates for your Diary

Saturday 8th June 2013 – Concert in church - further details soon.

### Pew sheet

As you may be aware, All Saints' Church, West Ilsley, is one of nine churches within the East Downland benefice. Virtually every week of the year, the benefice produces a pew sheet, which contains information about services and other events to be held throughout the benefice, as well as readings and prayers. Some of you have expressed a wish to be reminded regularly about church services, so to that aim, if anyone would like to receive the pew sheet by email each week, please contact Kay on [eastdownland@btinternet.com](mailto:eastdownland@btinternet.com) or [kay.fewtrell-smith@keme.co.uk](mailto:kay.fewtrell-smith@keme.co.uk) and you can be added to the list.

### 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](mailto:cwando@btinternet.com)

*Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith*

## ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

Although its been a very quiet start to the year, we have been very busy with our crafts each Wednesday. All the children were involved in making Valentines day cards to take home. With Mothering Sunday and Easter fast approaching we will all be involved in making something for our families.

Ilsley Under 5's is a well established parent and carer playgroup which in partnership with

Surestart provides a great place to play in a friendly safe atmosphere and fun environment. We meet every week, most weeks of the year, in West Ilsley village hall between 10am and 11.30am. The children have a snack and drink half way through the session, with tea and coffee available for mums dads and carers. Every week we offer a new activity table; painting, drawing, play dough etc, not forgetting the regular toys that are available and suit all ages of toddler or baby. And we finish the session with a group sing along. If you are planning a party or event remember the small tables and chairs as well as our toys are available for hire throughout the year for a donation of £10. Please call Tasha 07502393842 or Rachel 01635 281350

### WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Mother's Day Sunday  
10th March  
Treat your mums to  
Sunday lunch  
12 till 3pm



St.Patrick's Night Friday  
15th March  
Come along and sample  
our Irish menu and sink a  
Guinness or two!!  
7pm till late

Quiz Night  
Wednesday 27th March  
Guest quiz master 8pm  
start  
£2 each to enter  
Teams of up to 6  
Winning team takes half, losing team gets a  
round of drinks on us !!



Easter Weekend  
Good Friday 29th March  
Easter Sunday 31st March  
Easter Monday 1st April

Grand National  
Saturday 6th April  
4:15pm  
We will be running a  
sweep stake for the BIG  
race, fancy a punt and a  
pint??



Sweep stakes for all the other races, starts  
from 1:45pm Good Luck !!

### TENNIS COURT UPDATE Liz Dray

Thank you to all members for using the online booking system. It is invaluable for us to have a good audit trail of usage should we need to apply for any grant help in the future.

With Spring just around the corner we would like to remind all villagers that it is never too late to learn! Play can either be on a pay and play basis at £5 an hour or via an annual membership. Our family membership will increase by just £5 to £45 for all the household this year, single membership will remain at £25 and single junior membership £20.

There will be a spring clean of the court on Saturday 6 April and renewal requests will be emailed out to existing members at around this time. The court is of course open all year round, weather permitting, and we have been impressed to see bookings by our hardier members in December and January!

### 63 MILE CHALLENGE

This is a message to all of you who know my son John. He is 17 now and is one of a group of sixth formers attempting to complete a gruelling 63 mile walk in 24 hours along the Ridgeway on 28/29 April this year. This challenge was completed by some of the prefects at Abingdon School in 1963 and the story caught the eye of my husband Jan. As many of you know, Jan loves walking and has completed challenges like the 3 Peaks in 24 hours, as well as trekking to Everest Base Camp and climbing the peaks there. So Jan, who currently teaches maths at the school, decided to organise a similar challenge this year, 50 years after the original one. This time they are walking along the Ridgeway and not main roads!! Jan has been planning this for months and everyone has taken part in many practice walks during the day and night, so hopefully all will be fully prepared. The walk will start at Overton Hill at Avebury and along the Ridgeway to Streatley, where they will take the Thames path back to school. Anyone who would like to walk with the boys for the last 9 miles is welcome, just contact the school.

So, they will be walking across Bury Lane about 3-4am in the morning and I am aiming to be there to provide sausage baps or similar. If anyone wants to join me to cheer them on or help me then you're very welcome, please contact me on [jill.wiejak@btopenworld.com](mailto:jill.wiejak@btopenworld.com). Though initially planned as a challenge, the boys themselves decided to try and raise some money and the charities are the Childhood Cancer Research Charity at the John Radcliffe and the Bursary fund at Abingdon school. Any money they raise will be split equally between the two charities. If you would like to sponsor John, you can find his page by looking on the Abingdon School Website. Look



at Abingdon 450 and follow the links to the Virgin Giving page, each boy has his own page or use the school website, which is [www.abingdon.org.uk/63milewalk](http://www.abingdon.org.uk/63milewalk). Many thanks, Jill Wiejak

### ENJOY A RIDGEWAY DAY

The Ridgeway is an ancient track across England, a 4,000 year-old trade route, and today a National Trail. It links hillforts, barrows and hill figures and passes through spectacular landscapes. It is Britain's oldest road and it's right on our doorstep, on the edge of the Downs, for everyone to enjoy. On Sunday, 7 April, The Friends of the Ridgeway are holding an Open Day at the Court Hill Centre near Wantage. Why not take a walk on The Ridgeway, and enjoy one of Britain's finest views. Visit nearby Segsbury Castle hillfort, and spot wildlife and spring flowers. Drop in to the Court Hill Centre any time between 10.30am and 3.30pm and find out more about the trail and how you can help to keep it special. Have a snack at the Barn Cafe. Meet the volunteers who help to preserve the ancient track, and join in a discussion about the future of the National Trails. With exhibitions of art inspired by the Ridgeway landscape and a birds of prey display, there's something for the whole family to enjoy. To get to the Court Hill Centre, take the A338 south from Wantage for 2 miles. Turn right into The Centre just before the crest of Court Hill. The Friends of the Ridgeway, is a charity (number 1107926) which helps to preserve and protect The Ridgeway, to raise awareness of it and promote its quiet enjoyment. [www.ridgewayfriends.org.uk](http://www.ridgewayfriends.org.uk). Thanks so much for your help and interest! Jeff Goddard, Secretary FoR  
Sent from: The Friends of The Ridgeway([ridgewayfriends@googlemail.com](mailto:ridgewayfriends@googlemail.com))

A group of a dozen local Christians from many different denominations are getting together to open the

### 'Downland Filling Station'

There are many other similar events across the country and the slogan for these is:-  
**IN NEED OF FUEL? THEN TOP UP SPIRITUALLY AT A FILLING STATION NEAR YOU!**

The Filling Station is a new informal way of expressing the Christian faith. Using local mid-week monthly celebration meetings in unusual venues we find that the local church is strengthened and helped in many ways. The Filling Station is not a new Church denomination, rather a group of Christians who are celebrating their faith in God in an informal and authentic fashion. Do come and join us for our first meeting in **Hampstead Norreys' Village Hall RG18 0TR**

on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Here you can meet Richard Fothergill, the Filling Station Director. To find out more, visit The Filling Station website ([thefillingstation.org.uk](http://thefillingstation.org.uk)), or contact Shelley Bowdery 01635 578252. We would love to see you there!!

### EVERGREENS

The Evergreens' annual general meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 pm in West Ilsley Village Hall. Would as many members as possible please attend and bring a raffle prize. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided and there will be a raffle.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March there will be a coach outing to London. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9.00 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall on 281597.

### DO YOU KNOW A BERKSHIRE LAND GIRL?

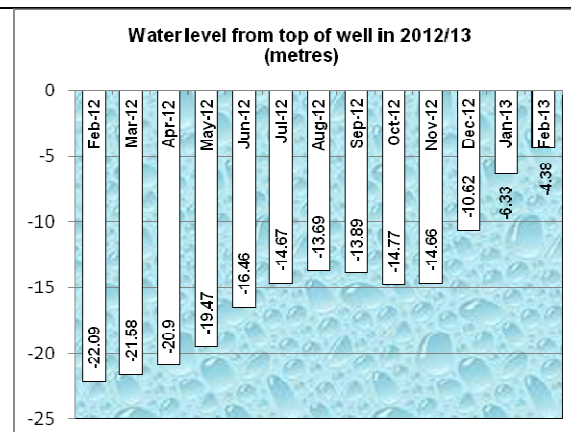
An appeal goes out this week to find the surviving land girls who helped to keep Berkshire fed during the last war.

The Royal County of Berkshire Show is keen to pay tribute to the women whose often unrecognised contribution to the war effort helped to ensure that people did not starve at a time when food could not come in from abroad.

"It is only in the past few years that the nation has given proper recognition to the Women's Land Army from both world wars in growing food at a time when men were fighting," says show chairman Ali Brown. "As the modern face of farming in Berkshire, we want to find those who are still alive and make a bit of a fuss of them."

If you were a land girl or know of one, please call the show office on 01635 247111, email [office@newburyshowground.co.uk](mailto:office@newburyshowground.co.uk) or Twitter @Berkshire\_show.

### LATEST WELL READING





**Birds of Prey &  
Falconry Displays**  
**Easter Saturday morning**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March**  
Meet falconer Ray Prior and his birds from 10 a.m.  
At 11 a.m., marvel at amazing flying displays!  
**Aldworth Recreation Ground**  
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**Refreshments**  
**Further details: 01635 578090**  
**FREE "Traidcraft" Refreshments on 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Come to **Aldworth Market** on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** and enjoy a **FREE "Traidcraft" cuppa and biscuit!** We would like to promote and show you our wide range of "Traidcraft" groceries. Hopefully you may wish to buy some and therefore support Aldworth's community-run Saturday market and the Fairtrade organisation.

Aldworth Saturday Market opens from 9 a.m. to 12 noon **EVERY** week. Please visit us on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and try some "Traidcraft" goodies for **FREE!**

N.B. We also have freshly prepared Le Bistro foods, artisan breads, cakes, fruit and vegetables, eggs, plants, books, cards, postage stamps, bird food etc.

**Aldworth's community-run Saturday Market offers friendship and sociable, local shopping. We enjoy having you visit us!**

Details: Kathy 01635 578090

## PARISH COUNCIL

Read the latest Parish Council Minutes and hear how village matters are being addressed. Visit our village website at [www.westilsley.org](http://www.westilsley.org) - all the latest minutes from our meetings are available under the "Parish Council" tab.

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### Meeting dates for 2013:

May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>

## WHO TO CONTACT

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