

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. We are always happy to receive feedback about WIN so please get in touch if you have anything to say.

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

JULY

2 nd	Village fete 12-4
26 th	Tegan's Tearoom – Village Hall

FULL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 7.30 in the VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 5th September 2023
Tuesday 14th November 2023
Tuesday 20th February 2024

Tuesday 14th May 2024, 7:00pm - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
Tuesday 14th May 2024, 8:15pm - Annual Parish Meeting

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank Alan Beaumont for his 10 years as a Parish Councillor. During his tenure Alan served as councillor, vice chairman and chairman. The Parish Council currently

has a vacancy and expressions of interest have already been received. We hope to have a full complement of councillors within a few weeks.

The Parish Council held an additional meeting on the 22nd June to discuss part funding replacement village hall windows. The funding was approved and the project will be part funded by grants which the village hall management committee has obtained. It is hoped the work will be completed before the winter months arrive.

It is great to see the pub reopen, and I wish Martin and Liam all the best.

I will aim to provide updates to the village via the WIN after each meeting. Our next scheduled meeting is on the 5th September.

Graham Woods - Chairman

WEST ILSLEY ARCHIVES

You may recall that some months ago a request went out from the Parish Council for help with a lot of old village documents and photographs which had been stored in a village loft and now needed to be reviewed and decisions made about their future. Amanda Knight (who is studying to qualify as an archivist) volunteered and I have been assisting her. It has taken some time to complete but between us everything has been catalogued for the PC, and recommendations made as to what happens to it all. We expect quite a bit to be deposited at Berkshire Records Office, some of which we will also scan to the village website. Other items may be disposed of. This all awaits a formal decision from the PC, but in the meantime we thought it would be great to give the village the opportunity to see for themselves, and also some of our older residents may be able to put names to some of the faces in the photographs and perhaps fill us in on some background. There are maps, photographs and various village histories, some of which going back to the late 19th century. Who knows, you may discover an unexpected windmill, pond or well on your plot or simply be interested to see how your patch looked before it was developed.

We have booked the village hall for 22nd July, and from 2 until 5 we plan to be there with the files and boxes for you to have a look. Please note that this is very informal, and isn't an "exhibition" so it will be a case of having a look at what might interest you. Amanda will be on hand to look after the more fragile, unique items which we hope that the Berkshire Records Office will accept into their archive. Please don't be offended if we ask you to wash your hands if you want to handle an item (although white cotton gloves won't be required!).

We have no idea of the interest this might attract, so to give us an idea of numbers please will you email

WIN or ring 281224 (leave a message) to let us know if you are planning to attend? Thanks, Andrea

THE HARROW RACING CLUB

In conjunction with the Harrow we launched The Harrow Racing Club earlier this year. The Club are leasing My Ambition, a handsome four year old gelding for the 2023 flat season. It has been a huge success with membership nearly full and not only that My Ambition has won two races very impressively at Bath, from just three starts. With the re-opening of the Harrow last weekend, many members celebrated his second win last Saturday on their return from the races.

Denis & Barbara Coakley



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

July Services at All Saints' Church

Sunday 2nd Family Service at 11.00am
Sunday 9th Holy Communion at 8.30am
Sunday 16th Family Communion at 9.30am
Sunday 23rd No service in West Ilsley
Sunday 30th No service in West Ilsley

Please look on the notice board in the lychgate or on the East Downland website:

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-notices/this-week>

for other services in the benefice during July.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly church cafe will be on Sunday 9th July between 10.00am and 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there for coffee, cake and a chat!

Advance Notice - August Service Change

Please note that the Family Service on 6th August has been cancelled.

Private Prayer

All Saints' will continue to open on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6pm.

Date for your Diary

Sunday 3rd September at 11am – Pet Service Put the date in your diary now!!

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:

Churchwardens: Ian – 01635 281625;

Alexandra – 01635 281306

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



Tegan's Tearoom



Bookings only:

Traditional afternoon tea - £8.00
Tea/coffee/soft drinks, sandwiches, cakes and scones

Children's afternoon tea - £5.00
Squash/soft drinks, sandwiches, fruit and cakes

Bookings 4 days in advance

Walk ins:

Tea, coffee and soft drinks - £1.00
Selection of cakes and scones - £2.50

On selected Wednesdays from 2-5 pm throughout summer starting on July 26th in West Ilsley Village Hall (dates to follow)

Proceeds to charity

If you are interested or have any dietary requirements, please let me know

tegan@grwc.co.uk / 07944 656561

NEWS FROM THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Written by 2 Year 6 pupils and 2 Year 5 pupils

This term, we were very lucky to be able to have an outdoor classroom built on the grass field behind the Arctic play area. It means that, when it is very hot, we can work outdoors in the sun. It is really nice and we all love working in it! We were really lucky as FIPS purchased it. We have also brought out the table tennis table and equipment so we can all play ping pong at lunch and breaks in the summer. It is super fun to play with!

In other news, Pacific Class got to enjoy a trip to Englefield where they did lots of different activities. First, they learnt how to build a roof with tiles in the woods. They also did farming food and learnt about how crops make our food. As well as that, they learnt about trees and how they are farmed. They really enjoyed everything and had lots of fun! Arctic Class have been to Studley Grange for a school trip to see some butterflies, a racoon and lots of other different animals. They really enjoyed going.

On the 15th June, seven Y5 and Y6 children went to a Maths Challenge which took place at The Downs. Firstly, the chosen students were split up into teams and had to figure out various questions. Then they had three rounds of mathematical puzzles. They really liked the challenges and they really enjoyed it.

In Arctic Class, they have had the new Reception pupils for next year come in and visit their new class. They have had a story time to welcome them to their new school. They have also visited for the afternoon. We look forward to them coming in for a whole day soon! For two days, the Year 6s have had their induction days to get used to our new school. This includes having lessons that we will have when we go to The Downs. We went to The Downs for two school days, the 20th and the 21st of June, and the days consisted of exploring different secondary school subjects including Science, Maths, English, DT, PE and Drama. We all met lots of new friends from different primary schools, which was very reassuring as they were in the same position as us.

The Year 5s had an amazing workshop this week from the NSPCC charity. A very nice lady came and talked to them about what they do and who they help. They taught them a way to memorise ChildLine's number – which is 0800 1111- and what types of bullying and abuse there are, as well as what to do if you see it happening.

On the 21st June, a lady came in to talk to us about the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge, which is called READY, SET, READ! It takes place from 1st July and ends on the 15th of September. To complete the challenge, you have to read six different books in that period of time. They can be different levels of difficulty

depending on your choice and you could pick any library in West Berks to get your selection.

Some children competed in an exciting swimming gala which took place on the 22nd of June; they enjoyed it immensely. They each performed their favourite strokes and tried their very best to win.

We are looking forward to more exciting events in July!



WEST ILSLEY

PRODUCE SHOW

Registration for Classes closes at 12:30
Adult entries: £2. Children: FREE!

Entries marked with * will be auctioned off at the end of the fete before the raffle is drawn

HOME COOKING

- 1 * Jar of any Preserve, Chutney or Sauce
- 2 * Homemade Alcoholic Drink
- 3 A Loaf of Yeast Bread
- 4 * Ladies' Bake
 - fruit loaf or scones
- 5 * Gentlemen's Bake
 - sponge cake, plain or flavoured
- 6 Children's Bake
 - 6 iced or butterfly buns

FLORAL

- 7 * Best Single Flower (any variety)
- 8 * Best Floral Arrangement (3 varieties)
- 9 Best Hanging Basket
- 10 Best Kept Front Garden

PHOTOGRAPHY

- 11 Adult Photograph - farming scene
- 12 Child Photograph - farming scene

CREATIVITY
(Drawing, Painting or Model)

- 13 Adult - Farming Scene
- 14 Child - Farming Scene

If you wish to enter classes 9 or 10 please contact Tony on 07780 994297

Find us on  www.facebook.com/Westilsleyfete/

WHO TO CONTACT

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

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Carolyne.Culver1@westberks.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

Alan Bloor alan.bloor@westilsley.org

Clive Hooker clive.hooker@westilsley.org

Alan Muir alan.muir@westilsley.org

Tim Pearey timothy.pearey@westilsley.org

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07905 558884

Sarah Marshman – Clerk clerk@westilsley.org

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT – Laura Farris

laura.farris.mp@parliament.uk 01635-551070

PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP rep is Fred Carter on 281621 or fred_kathcarter@btinternet.com

PRESCRIPTIONS are delivered from Compton on Tuesday mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on **Tuesdays only between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm**. Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box at any time before Monday evening for the following week's delivery.

TENNIS COURT membership and enquiries email -
tennis.bookings@westilsley.org
Book and play without joining via
westilsleytennis.jezzam.com

VILLAGE HALL

Bookings & enquiries:

Any new bookings should now be done via the village

Website: <https://www.westilsley.org/>

Or by email to: village.hall@westilsley.org

Anyone without access to the internet can leave a message on: 01635 281762

Rates: £10.00/hour for villagers and £12/hour non villagers.

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT A PROBLEM:

<https://westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT SPEEDING:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/speedingtraffic>

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT DOG FOULING:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/36781/Report-Dog-Fouling>