

West Ilsley News

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5pm on Thursday 29th December

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DIARY	
DECEMBER	
3rd	Harrow Beatles night
16 th	Christmas Bingo
18 th	Church Carol service
21 st	Harrow Quiz night
FEBRUARY	
4 th	Winter Warmer

WEST ILSLEY EMAIL

We haven't yet resolved the problem but we seem to be coping. We still have the old list of village houses to which a paper WIN used to be delivered, and we're using this to work through and send one email per household with a request that they forward it around their other residents. One shortcoming is that anyone whose house isn't on the original delivery list won't be getting an email, so if you have chums in the area who you know have added themselves on to the email list (Farnborough, East Ilsley and other villages) please forward anything you do receive from WIN to them until we are fixed.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A huge West Ilsley **thank you** to everyone who put their greetings in the WIN and contributed to a fantastic total of **£480** for the Church.

**WEST ILSLEY
VILLAGE HALL
CHRISTMAS BINGO
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER
Doors Open 7:00
Starts at 7:30
GREAT PRIZES
GRAND RAFFLE
PLEASE COME ALONG
AND ENJOY THE FUN!**

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Love and Best wishes
Tony, Jo, Ellen, Tom and Katie

As we will be with our family in New Zealand, may we take this opportunity of wishing all our friends and neighbours a very happy and peaceful Christmas and healthy New Year.
Janice and Colin Sheppard

Wishing everyone in West Ilsley a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous 2017 from
Peter, Jacqui, Hayley, Wes, Chris and Freckle
xxxx

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone in the village.
Love
Roger, Flick, Hugo and Emilia Lucas

A very Happy Christmas to all in the village.
With love
Ed, Anna, Caspar, JJ and Jonty xxx

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! Love Ed, Juliet, Fiona, Holly and James xx

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WEST ILSLEY

December Services at All Saints' Church

4 th	Family Communion	9.30am
11 th	BCP Communion	8.30am
18 th	Carol Service	6.00pm
25 th	Christmas Family Communion	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

Christmas Services

There will be numerous services around Christmas in all nine churches in our benefice, including All Saints', and you are warmly invited to attend any of these. Very soon the Benefice Christmas card will be dropping through your letterbox with details of all the services on it.

All Saints' Carol Service

Do join us on Sunday 18th December at 6pm for our annual Carol Service, which will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine. The collection this year will be split between two charities: a local charity and the Church Urban Fund, which works in the community to change lives and communities, by building trust and respect, especially where there is poverty, poor relationships or community tensions. If you would also like to bring gifts of small toiletries (travel size), individual sachets of coffee and hot chocolate and tea bags, we will donate them to the Mothers Union

project which provides items for families with sick children in the JR hospital.

Remembrance Day

As always, we congregated in the churchyard beside the War Memorial to commemorate those from West Ilsley who died in the two world wars. After the Reveille from the bugler, we assembled in church to continue our moving Remembrance Service. The collection of £220.50 will be sent to the local British Legion.

Tidy Up for Remembrance Day

Thank you to you lovely people who turned out on a wet November day to clear the churchyard of leaves and to give the inside of the church an extra clean. Also, many thanks to the providers of refreshments which were very welcome on such a miserable day.

Date for your Diary

Saturday 4th February 2017 – Winter Warmer.

Write the date in your diaries 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 the East Downland Benefice Office on eastdownland@btinternet.com or phone 07957 458107 and leave a message. The office is usually open on Thursday and Friday mornings and can be contacted in the first instance for information about baptisms or weddings. Revd John Toogood is now back from sabbatical and can be contacted on 01635 247566 or email him at edownlandrector@gmail.com
Kay and Ian Fawcett-Smith

Please bring items to the carol service on Sunday 18 December to donate to the families with children in the JR hospital: Kind regards Alexandra

JR Hospital Project Items required for 2016

Toiletries – Anything from soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothbrushes and toothpaste. **All** sizes are welcome and the small bottles supplied by hotels are very useful

Coffee – individual sachets only please

Chocolate and Horlicks - individual sachets only

Tea bags – not necessarily individually wrapped so larger boxes are very acceptable

Small packets of biscuits – the ones with two or three biscuits only please

Magazines – No more than 5 from each branch please and not more than 2 months old. **Soap powder** (for machines)

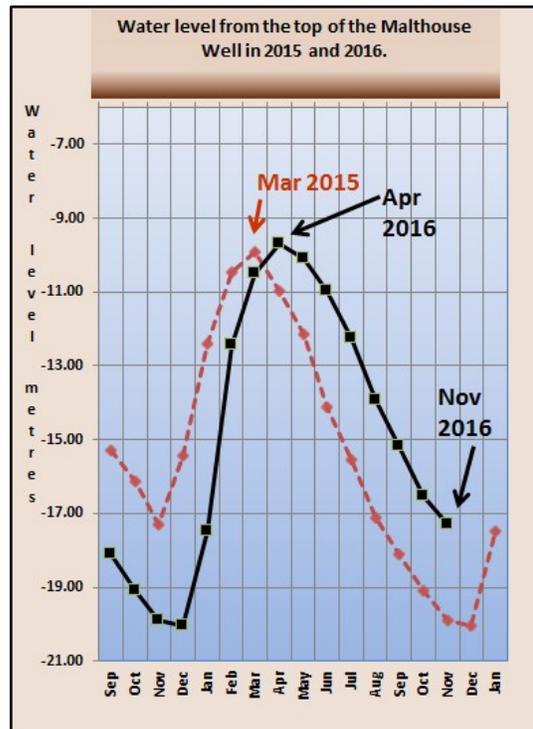
Sink cleaner etc **Air freshener**

MALTHOUSE WELL

As expected the Malthouse well readings have fallen steadily over the summer and at the end of November the groundwater level is now around 17.3 metres (56.8ft) below ground level.

Interestingly there was no effect on the groundwater level following the flash flood we had after the tremendous thunderstorm in the early hours of 9th September when an astonishing 70+mm rain fell in just a few hours. Other than that our September

rainfall was pretty average, and this was followed by one of the driest Octobers in the last 50 years. However, November has been average and so the groundwater level is still dropping by around 150mm (6 inches) per week at the moment.



With our very best wishes to everyone in West Ilsley for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Avice & Alan

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
 Neil, Cathy, Lucy and Thomas xx

Festive Greetings to all our friends and neighbours, good health and happiness for 2017
 Love June, Stuart & Charlie xxx

To all our friends and neighbours in West Ilsley
 Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy 2017.

From Dries, Amanda, Mae & Hugo Hagen

Ally and John
 Wish everyone in West Ilsley a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2017

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the new year to everyone in West Ilsley, from Denis and Margaret

A reminder about the consultation which looks at the options for reshaping the library service. If you would like to take part in this consultation, information about the options and the methods for responding can be found on our [Consultation Portal](#) or by visiting www.westberks.gov.uk/libraryservicereview. The consultation runs until **11 December 2016**. All feedback will be considered and a decision made by Full Council in early 2017
consultation@westberks.gov.uk

**MEXICAN WINTER
WARMER**



**SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY
4TH FEBRUARY**

**8PM
CASA VILLAGE HALL**

DINNER + CASH BAR

**PRIZES FOR BEST HAT
AND BEST MOUSTACHE!**

Village Hall committee and their friends for their support and help on the night. A great team effort. See you there next year!
The Village Hall Committee.

Christmas Trees for Sale
Non-drop Norwegian Blue Spruce Trees



5-6ft £32
6-7ft £37
7-8ft £42
8ft +£45

Prices remain the same as last year!
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December 3rd
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Yuletide felicitations to all the merrie villagers of West Ilsley with love from Will, Alexandra, Henry and Charlie Axtell xxx	A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our neighbours and friends in West Ilsley. Best wishes, Ralph, Louise and Mark Taylor x
Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to all in West Ilsley John V	Tis the season to be jolly! Happy Christmas everyone Gail x
Wishing everyone in West Ilsley a very Happy Christmas and joyous New Year Denis, Barbara & Charlie Coakley	Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all Mel and Andrea xxx

To everyone in West Ilsley wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - love from Nigel, Alison, Sophie & Adam xxxx	Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all. Kath & Fred
A very Happy and Healthy Christmas and 2017 to all in West Ilsley! Our very best wishes from Alison, Steve, Mark and Juliet at The Poplars.	Alan, Louise, Will and Suzie wish all the lovely people of West Ilsley Health, Happiness and Good Cheer this Christmas and for the New Year!
Wishing everyone in West Ilsley a very Happy Christmas and New Year With love from Justin, Rosanne, Georgia and Honor xxx	With our very best wishes to you all for a very Happy Christmas and New Year Love, Ian & Kay

WEST ILSLEY FIREWORKS

5th November 2016.

The Village Hall Committee organised a very successful bonfire night with a huge bonfire and impressive fireworks - complemented with a BBQ and refreshments on the Recreation Field. The clear evening drew the crowds and the event made a healthy profit towards Village Hall funds. Thank you for all who came and supported us and gave so generously into the bucket. The fireworks were bought from donations from the Village Fete committee, The Harrow and Mick Channon to whom we are very grateful.

Thanks to the Carlisle family for allowing the use of their land and for their invaluable help. Also to the

COUNTRY NOTES

November 2016

It has been a particularly colourful autumn but the mid month gales have done their best to strip the trees of their leaves. Some cling on longer than others, particularly in the hedgerows where bright yellow elm leaves still provide a splash of colour. These hedgerow elms are remnants of the once magnificent trees that for millennia graced and defined the southern English landscape, the landscape of my childhood. They stood in rows in every hedgerow, and as specimen trees thirty metres tall in the middle of fields, elms were as quintessentially English as the oak. Their branches the home of rooks, the hollow

trunks housed nests of jackdaws, owls and stock doves. Their twisted, close grained timber, provided seats for chairs, stocks for cart wheels, water pipes for the Romans, planks for coffins, piles to raise Venice above the mud of its lagoon and foundations for the Old London Bridge that resisted the Thames tides for 600 years. Ravaged by Dutch Elm disease in the nineteen seventies, thirty million died, changing the landscape for ever. But some retained the ability to propagate themselves from root suckers and these are the ones that still appear in the hedgerows, they will live for around fifteen years reaching a size when they will attract the attentions of the elm bark beetle which will "infect" the tree with the deadly Dutch elm fungus which will "strangle" the tree to death.

Perdix



I would be delighted if you could join me for some relaxation and pampering. I'll also be offering aromatic hand massages to calm and de-stress. Orders can be taken on the day so bring your cash, card, or cheque book!

Dates are as follows. Please RSVP to tell me when you will be coming 07796272386.

Friday 2nd December 7 - 9 pm

Saturday 10th December 10 - 12 am.

Address: 13, Main Street, West Ilsley, RG20 7AJ

I look forward to seeing you then, Emma x

In the meantime, check out some of the products online on my website (orders can be placed here too if you wish).

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THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Towards the end of October, we travelled to the popular Wiltshire Market Town of Devizes, with its many inviting shops and restaurants.

There has been a change in venue for our final coach outing of the year, which took place just a few days ago. Instead of going to Bath for its Annual Christmas Market as previously intended, arrangements were made to go to Salisbury for that city's similar attraction.

Anyone who would like to join the Evergreens to take advantage of our monthly coach outings, please contact Julia Rockall on 01635. 281597.

Plans for our Christmas Lunch at "The Hare and Hounds" at Speen, near Newbury on Thursday, 15th December have now being finalised. Coach travel is free to members.

On behalf of the Evergreens, I would like to wish all our members and friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Grateful thanks to our Committee and particularly to Julia and Mary for organising our outings, our Christmas Lunch and their work associated with the pending Christmas Extravaganza. Thanks also to Tony for all his hard work in raising funds for the Evergreens by running the Bingo Sessions that have been held several times during the year at Compton Village Hall. Tony has also done so much in arranging trips to the New Theatre, Oxford over the past year and has also contributed a great deal in regard to the planning of the Christmas Lunch. Many thanks to the West Ilsley Show and Fete Committee for their support.

We start again with our Annual General Meeting in February, 2017.

Jim Hughes, Secretary Tel. 01235 834487

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW?!

BUCKLEBURY ARTISAN FOOD MARKET

Saturday 3rd December 10am onwards

First Saturday of the month on the village green, Chapel Row, Bucklebury. Hayley will be selling her gluten free cakes and other treats at the Artisan market this month. Marnie Moyle will be there selling her goodies too. Pop along and see what other Christmas delights you can find.

<p>Carol and Joe Clerkin wish all their friends and neighbours in West Ilsley a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year</p>	<p>A very merry Christmas to all in West Ilsley and best wishes for 2017 from Philip, Amanda, Ellen, Alice and William Knight</p>
<p>Merry Christmas and our best wishes for 2017 With love from Mandy, Neil, Andrew and Briony Slater</p>	<p>Wishing all of our friends in West Ilsley a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Love Graham, Rachel, Tegan and Lily Woods xxxx</p>
<p>Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy Christmas and prosperous New Year! With love The Carringtons</p>	<p>Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to one and all Liz, Adrian, Hannah, Matthew and Ben Dray</p>
<p>Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas Bill de Grey (ex postie)</p>	<p>Wishing all of our friends in West Ilsley a fabulous Christmas and New Year from snowy Calgary. With love, Sue , Hugh, Harry and Gee xxxx</p>

Hi All,

I have recently become a consultant for Neals Yard Remedies (more for the light relief it gives me from my hectic day job, but also as a way of indulging my passion for organic skin care, aromatherapy and natural remedies!).

Some of you may have received some info through your door, and by popular demand I will be running a few open house parties for people to drop in and experience some of their fantastic products.

BEATLES NIGHT

Saturday 3rd December 8pm till late
Marnie's Minstrels (with the help of
Martin) will be performing some
classic Beatles hits that you all know
and love! Come down and support the
boys!

Raising money for The Air Ambulance.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 21st December

8pm £3 each to enter

Teams of up to 6

Raising money for The Air

Ambulance in memory of Norman Carlisle.



SJF Childcare are holding a
Craft and Open Morning
On Saturday 3rd December
Between 10.30 – 1.00.
Parents, carers and children
are invited to come along and
join in with the activities at
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250 PEOPLE ATTEND REMEMBRANCE IN COMPTON 13TH NOVEMBER 2016

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



The Compton, Ilsleys & Norreys
Branch of the Royal British
Legion (RBL) this year held its
Remembrance Sunday parade
and service in Compton on a
bright, cold and sunny morning.
The branch rotates the event, on
an annual basis, around its
catchment downland villages.

Those parading, RBL members, Youth Groups and
supporters, assembled in the Compton Swan car park
under the direction of the Parade Marshal and Branch
Chairman Mr Steve Allison, and then marched to the
church led by Pipe Major Ian Knight and RBL branch
standard bearer Mike Crockford.

The service started around the War Memorial located
in the church grounds, led by the branch chaplain Rev
Clive Jones. The Exhortation was spoken by Mr Julian
Jeffs and the Kohima Epitaph by Mr Peter Whitworth.
The names of the fallen were read out by the branch
secretary, Mr David Norbury TD. A two minute silence
was observed at 11 o'clock with the Last Post and
Reveille being played by trumpeter Miss Aimee
Jones. Wreaths were then laid on behalf of the RBL
by branch member Mick Hall. Further wreaths were
laid by representatives of local parish councils and
youth groups.

The service continued inside the church with the
lesson being read by County Councillor Virginia Von

Celsing and address being given by the Rev Clive
Jones. The event was very well attended with many of
the congregation having to stand – an estimated 250
people. After the service the parade reformed to
return to the Compton Swan via the new plaque under
the village notice board commemorating the
centenary anniversary of the Battle of the Somme
where Parish Council member Ian Tong laid a wreath.
Next year, the branch's parade and service will be
held in Hampstead Norreys

The officers of the branch would like to thank all those
who supported this successful event and to thank
villagers in all our downland catchment villages for
contributing so generously to the Poppy Appeal this
year by wearing their poppies with pride. Our Poppy
Appeal Organisers (PAO's) in each village work
tirelessly to collect as much as possible for this charity
and the branch thanks them very much. We will report
the total collected from our area in my next update.

Finally, and not least, the branch would like to
compliment those in our youth groups and their
leaders for attending our Remembrance event in such
numbers and for being so very smartly turned out -
you can rightly be proud of yourselves.

And as always a recruiting note – do come and join
us! You do not have to be ex services (or a senior
citizen!) to join the RBL but only supportive of the
charity's objectives of looking after the serving and ex-
serving community. The membership annual
subscription is small at £17. To join, please contact
one of the undersigned. Steve Allison tel 07812
991013 email steveallison1888@aol.com or David
Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email
davidnorbury@btinternet.com



XMAS BAZAAR

**Friends of Ilsleys Primary School
Come along to The Ilsleys Primary
School, East Ilsley for festive fun for
all, lots of stalls, school choir, Santa's
Grotto and refreshments.
Sunday 4th December 2016
2pm – 4pm
Free Entry
All Welcome**

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH CLERK

Please have a look at the article right at the end of
this WIN – it is the draft form of a proposed Sandbag
Policy that will clarify the West Ilsley Parish Council
position regarding the supply of sandbags.

I would be grateful if you could please send me any
comments you may have by Friday 16th Dec 2016
on westilsleypc@gmail.com.

Best wishes

Clerk to WI PC

Inna Fauler

Aldworth's "December Specials"

Please visit **Aldworth Saturday Market** in the run up to Christmas.

We are open **EVERY** Saturday 9.30 to 12 noon, INCLUDING Christmas Eve, with FRESH foods and lots more!

Find a bargain present for yourself or friend! Enjoy a cuppa and chat and perhaps make new friends. See our large range of SWEETS and FAIRTRADE and other groceries in our store cupboards.

Details of some December stalls at ASM in Aldworth village hall (RG8 9SE):

On 3rd there will be HANDCRAFTED gifts and cards as well as variety of tasty foods!

On 10th 17th and 24th Janet Allen will have Pibworth Cottage potted bulbs and plants and can make beautiful FESTIVE WREATHS to your personal requirements!

On 10th we invite YOU to have a go at CRAFTING! We will be decorating church candles and terracotta pots with pretty and festive patterns – just pay for your candle or pot and take home your very own "masterpiece"!

On 17th we will have a wonderful array of beautiful scarves, bags, knitted goods and fancy buttons! Scarves are only £4 or £8 and this occasional stall is VERY popular!!

Also on 17th there will be a fantastic range of preserves, many gift packaged ready for Christmas!

Home-baked cakes, pies, biscuits etc. are available every Saturday and again special orders can be taken for you to collect. We also have savoury tarts, quiches and cheeses on 3rd and 24th and artisan Birch Cottage breads on 10th.

FRESH fruits and vegetables are always stocked and special orders happily taken – let us know what you would like. **Pre-order to collect on Christmas Eve.**

Handmade greetings cards (extra special crafted cards on 3rd) and postage stamps are always in stock.

Newspapers and bread is available every Saturday, but must be pre-ordered.

N.B. Open ONLY for pre-ordered papers on 31st December - 9.30 to 10.30 a.m.

FULLY OPEN from 7th January 2017 – 9.30 to 12 noon
Aldworth Saturday Market WELCOMES new and occasional stall holders, so please contact Kathy if you would like to join us one Saturday. There is NO table fee, but we do ask for donation of 10% of takings to help cover our costs.

For more details please contact Kathy 01635 578090 or Julie 01635 579344

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL AT ASM!

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.

2017 MEETING DATES

9 Jan, 13 March, 15 May, 10 July, 11 Sept, 13 Nov

DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

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

PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions are delivered from Compton on Tuesdays mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from 2 Morland Close on Tuesday or Thursday evening between 6.00 and 7.30.

Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box anytime before Monday evening for the following week's delivery. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping to the times listed.
Tony Elliott

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CHURCHWARDENS

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PARISH COUNCIL

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West Berkshire Council Sandbag Policy

1. This document sets out West Berkshire Council's policy regarding the supply of sandbags during an emergency flood event.
2. Householders and business owners are responsible for protecting their own property. **West Berkshire Council does not have a statutory duty to provide sandbags** nor is it our policy to do so. However, the Council does have permissive powers in relation to flood defense and maintains a limited supply of sandbags for use to primarily to protect vulnerable residents (*residents who as a result of age, disability or illness they are unable to take protective actions to safeguard themselves or their property*). During a severe flood event, we will not be able to meet every request for sandbags, however we will handle all enquires sympathetically but in strict accordance with the following priorities:
 - a. To prevent loss of life or serious injury (supply and placement, subject to health and safety considerations)
 - b. To maintain access for emergency services (supply and placement)
 - c. To protect vital facilities within the community e.g. care homes, schools, surgeries (supply only)
 - d. To protect Council buildings (supply and placement)
 - e. To safeguard vulnerable individuals (supply and placement)
 - f. To support local partners (supply only and recharge costs)
3. The Council will consider providing help to residents who are in imminent danger of flooding where resources allow. However, we will not supply sandbags as a precautionary measure based on forecasts. Requests from commercial premises owners will only be considered in very exceptional circumstances and a charge will be made for any assistance that is given.
4. Where sandbags are provided the following conditions apply:
 - a. No guarantee can be given that sandbags will be delivered within a specific timescale.
 - b. The council will not accept responsibility for the quality or effectiveness of sandbags provided by the council.
 - c. All requests for sandbags will be assessed in terms of the health and safety of the crews making deliveries and the availability of personnel to produce sandbags.
 - d. Members of the public will not be allowed to collect sandbags from the council's depot.
 - e. We will supply sandbags free of charge on a needs basis. However, once issued the sandbags are deemed to become the property of the householder or receiving organization. West Berkshire Council will not accept responsibility for the collection and disposal of sandbags although exceptions will be considered where householders are elderly or disabled.
 - f. Sandbags will not be provided to protect gardens, garages or other outbuildings
5. The Council will encourage people to make their own enquires for sandbags in advance of a flood event by contacting local suppliers such as builders merchants where they can purchase them or possibly have them delivered.
6. The Council will continue to support and encourage householders and businesses to develop flood action plans to prepare in advance of flood emergencies and flood warnings.