

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

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| January | 10 th | Councillor application deadline |
| | 17 th | PC meeting |

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 |
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| 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 November PC meeting by looking on the website or clicking: [here](#)

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

At last dog bins have been installed at key locations around the recreation ground – so thanks to Alan Muir and his DIY skills. We also took delivery of 3 standard 'Tai Haku' cherry trees, for the 'Blossom into Spring' initiative set up by West Berks Council, which were planted around the edge of the recreation ground earlier this month by PCs, with help from Will Thomas-Ferrand and as the trees were about 15 feet high his height came in very handy! We also have another tree to plant, donated by the Greenham Trust for the Jubilee. We hope to plant this some time early spring but in the meantime it is being lovingly looked after by Alan Bloor. Although we have not had any restrictions over the festive period, if anyone needs help please let us know via WIN and we will assist wherever possible. Remember anyone interested in joining the PC, there is still a vacancy so if you are interested please email our Clerk at clerk@westilsley.org or alternatively have a chat with one of the Councillors. And lastly, just want to wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year! Alan Beaumont

NOTICE FROM THE CLERK

Dear all,

Following the recent advert regarding the vacancy on West Ilsley Parish Council, West Berkshire Council has now confirmed that no election has been called and so the council is able to co-opt.

An advert for this is attached.

The Council is requesting applications until **10th January 2022**, with the intention of co-opting an individual at the meeting scheduled on 17th January 2022.

The full criteria for eligibility for joining the council is given below:

To qualify to become a Parish Councillor a person must be at least 18 years of age and be a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union and

must satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

- Be listed on the current electoral role for the Parish of West Ilsley.
- Have, for the previous 12 months, occupied land or other property in the parish, either as owner or tenant.
- Have, for the previous 12 months, had your principal or only place of work within the parish.
- Have resided in, or within 3 miles of, the parish during the previous 12 months.

If you would like to apply or would like more information about the role or the criteria for eligibility,

please do not hesitate to contact me at Clerk@WestIlsley.org.

Kind regards,

Sarah

Dr. Sarah Marshman PSLCC

Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

West Ilsley Parish Council

Correspondence address: Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road, Compton, Newbury, RG20 6NP



West Ilsley Parish Council

Parish Councillor Vacancy

If you care about where you live and want to make a difference to your local community then join West Ilsley Parish Council

For more information, or to apply, please contact the Clerk at Clerk@WestIlsley.org

Closing date 10th January 2022 for co-option at the meeting on 17th January 2022

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

A Happy New Year to you all!

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| Sunday 2 nd January | Family Service at 11am |
| Sunday 9 th January | Holy Communion at 8.30am |
| Sunday 16 th January | Family Communion at 9.30am |
| Sunday 23 rd January | <i>No service in All Saints'</i> |
| Sunday 30 th January | United Benefice Communion at 9.30am |

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 January.

With the onset of yet another, faster spreading variant, life is rather unpredictable at the moment, but hopefully, we will be able to continue holding services in church. It is now a legal requirement to wear a face mask in church unless you are legally exempt. Please also continue to use the hand sanitiser provided.

Carol Service

Once again this was held in the churchyard just before Christmas, when around 50 villagers braved the cold and sang as loudly as masks permitted. The service

was, by necessity, somewhat shortened again this year, but many thanks to those who kindly agreed to deliver the readings and to Revd Dales who confidently led the singing. The collection of £200 has been sent to Berkshire Women's Aid.

Christmas Greetings

Thank you all for the very generous donations of £570 given with the Christmas greetings and of course thank you to Andrea and Liz for kindly donating them to All Saints' Church.

Christmas Bingo

Thanks go to Tony and his team for the kind donation of £30 from the Christmas Family Bingo.

Private Prayer

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

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 – revjdales@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



The Autumn Group caters in the main for the over 45's from Compton, East and West Ilsley and importantly from all the surrounding villages. We hold weekly meetings and activities in the Wilkins Centre, Compton on a Tuesday between 1pm and 4pm. Although some of our meetings involve trips/visits such as a barge trip on the local canal.

The afternoon revolves around pleasant company, tea, cakes and a general chat. We often have speakers and entertainment at our sessions. The highlight of our year is the annual Christmas Day Lunch where we organise and run the event for anyone that is alone on that special day. On most Mondays we run our Hobbies Club between 1pm and 4pm where members

are encouraged to attend to demonstrate and learn new skills. Of particular success, is the art lessons run by Mary Anne Stephens who has given our members skills they could have only dreamt of. Recently we have taught ourselves flower arranging, wreath making and bottle painting. All this for £10 per year and a small admission fee.

Contact Details.Patricia Burnett, email

patriciaburnett1@aol.com

Tel 07786856440



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.



Looking back over what can only be described as a most difficult year we managed to get back to some sense of normality in the last quarter with some terrific speakers.

- We learned about the tremendous amount of work put in by the volunteering team in Compton supporting their residents during the height of the pandemic and lockdown, surely replicated in other communities.
- A fascinating afternoon listening about life and the dangers of living in the Antarctic as part of the project team moving the Halley Research Station.
- Looking after our feet, what a complicated part of our body they are.
- The proper way to use the Lateral Flow Test Kits.
- Then we had a panic where a speaker could not make it at the last minute, so we did a round robin to find out what our members had done with their

lives. Most interesting 😊. Even the one that was “volunteered” to join West Ilsley Cricket Club as a casual umpire and now looks after the development of all recreational umpires in the South-Central Region of England.

- Finally, we must not forget our Christmas Lunches. We organised two for ourselves, the first we cooked in the Centre’s kitchen and the second was where everyone was asked to bring something.

MOST IMPORTANTLY we managed to organise our Christmas Day Lunch for all those who had nowhere to go on the day. Unfortunately, we felt we could not supply transport but still people turned up. We really MUST thank ALL those who VOLUNTEERED to help whether it was with raising money, in the kitchen, supplying food or the wonderful group of children that came.

We are now planning for the new year and already have a few items in the pipeline which will be announced very shortly. For all our members we will run a “jigsaw library” where we have a stock that they can borrow a puzzle from. This library will be open during normal club hours on a Tuesday. With the Hobbies Club restart we have introduced some new activities that our members can try their hands on. Wreath making and Flower arranging were understandably popular as was bottle painting – strange how something so simple produced such well received Christmas gifts. We even managed to run a small Whist “Drive”. It is important to note that we try to do what the members want.

Contact Details.Patricia Burnett, email

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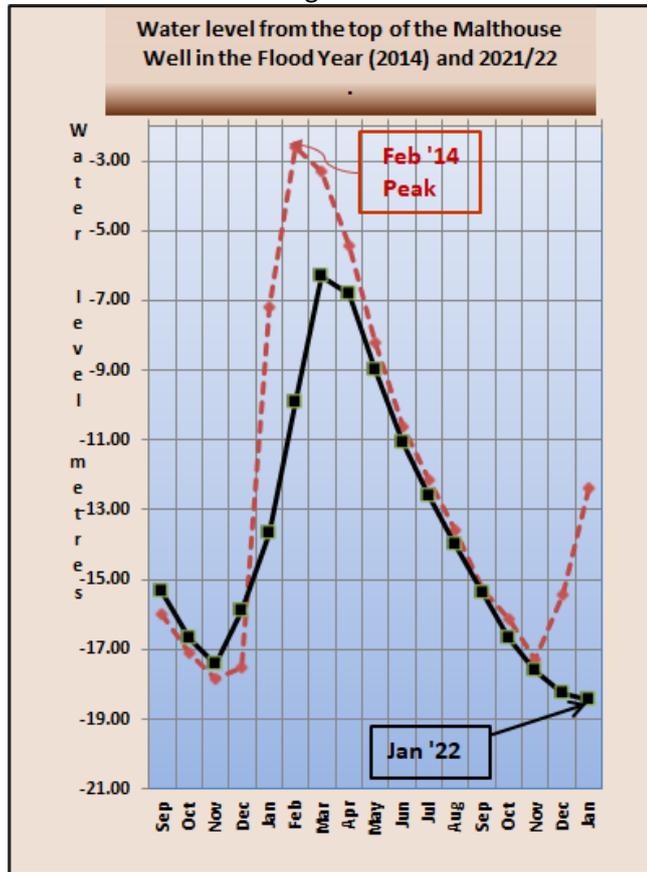
Tel 07786856440

CHRISTMAS FAMILY BINGO

I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who came along to play at the Christmas Family Prize Bingo at the Village Hall on the 10th of December, and to all those who generously gave lots of raffle prizes. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and as a result I was able to make donations to the following groups; The Downland Volunteer Group, Friends of Ilsley Primary School, Ilsley Under 5's and All Saints Church. I hope that more of you will come to the next Family Prize Bingo enabling me to continue to donate funds to our Village organisations. Thank You. Tony Elliott

MALTHOUSE WELL

After October's higher than average rainfall, November and December were below average. As a result the Malthouse Well reading bottomed out at the end of December at about 18.45 metres (approx. 60.5ft) below ground level. As we go into the new year its inexorable rise will begin as Winter sets in.



WHO TO CONTACT

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

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PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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07980 875179

Alan Bloor alan.bloor@westilsley.org

Clive Hooker clive.hooker@westilsley.org

Alan Muir alan.muir@westilsley.org

Graham Woods graham.woods@westilsley.org

07905 558884

Sarah Marshman – Clerk clerk@westilsley.org

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

PRESCRIPTIONS are delivered from Compton on Tuesdays mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on Tuesday or Thursday between 2.30 pm 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. **Please note the revised winter collection times above.**

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

VILLAGE HALL bookings and enquiries, go to the village hall page on the website, or contact Ros Duckworth on 281471 or rosduckworth@btinternet.com. Rates: £10.00/hour for villagers and £12/hour non villagers.