

# 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](mailto:westilsleynews@westilsley.org) – help to save paper and shoe leather!

### What's on in West Ilsley

September	12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting
October	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Church Harvest Festival

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The scheduled meetings of West Ilsley Parish Council through to May 2023 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](http://www.westilsley.org) - all the latest information from our meetings is available under the "Parish Council" tab. You can see the draft minutes of the June PC meeting by looking on the website or clicking: [here](#)

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
Monday 12th September	Full Council
Monday 14th November	Full Council

2023

Monday 16th January	Full Council
Monday 13th March	Full Council

Monday 15th May

Annual Meeting of  
the Parish Council

Monday 15th May

Annual Parish  
Meeting

### FROM OUR PARISH CLERK

Dear all,

WIPC has received some information from Eight Bells Community Strength.

"I am contacting you about our community-based service introduced to prevent and reduce social isolation and improve mental health and well-being for people throughout West Berkshire. We are looking for both volunteers to become local community navigators and welcome any referrals from people needing the service. We need both male and female volunteers, however, we are at this present time in urgent need of male volunteers to support the men we currently have on our waiting list who have indicated a preference for male support.

I attach 2 adverts about the service, one for volunteers and one for referrals."

Please do get in touch with the organisation directly if you need help or would like to volunteer.

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

### Sign up as a Community Navigator Volunteer



Do you have...

- a friendly nature?
- the ability to chat with people easily?
- good listening skills?
- knowledge of your local area?

**You can make a difference to someone's life!**

Our charity will reduce social isolation, throughout West Berkshire. Using volunteer Community Navigators, we support individuals' mental health and wellbeing by connecting them locally to community activities.



☎ 07985 404302  
for an informal chat

✉ [cs@eightbellsnewbury.co.uk](mailto:cs@eightbellsnewbury.co.uk)

Are you or someone you know feeling  
lonely or isolated?

## We Can Help

If you or someone you know are over 18 and

- are at risk of loneliness and isolation or
- have a long term medical condition or
- are experiencing mental ill-health or
- have a physical or learning disability,

then please get in touch with us.

Our charity will help support people to connect with their local community through community activities and by making new friends and support networks. We will help to build confidence and encourage them to do things that will make them feel good and stay active for longer.

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for an informal chat

✉ cs@eightbellsnewbury.co.uk



### UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR CAROLYNE CULVER

Dear residents, I hope all is well with you.

I've recently been able to secure another £5,000 in match funding for community projects in Ridgeway ward via the council's Member's Community Bids scheme. This year's successful projects include £1,100 for West Ilsley village hall. This is in addition to the £2,000 secured for the village hall the previous year using the same scheme.

Following the recent parish council meeting I reported the uncut roadsides on Bury Lane to WBC.

I visited the Downs School to speak to the head teacher and business manager about the ongoing problems of parking and congestion when parents are dropping off or collecting students. They have shared their traffic management plan with me, we discussed the options that they have already looked at, and what we might be able to do in the future.

At Executive in July we discussed adult social care and I raised concerns about the lack of respite care available to unpaid carers, and the lack of adapted accommodation suitable for the elderly. At Full Council on 19 July my group proposed two motions: one about fair taxation, and one calling upon the council to write to the government to oppose the deportation of asylum seekers to Rwanda. We believe we should be offering support to asylum seekers and treat them with dignity. We have given a warm welcome to people fleeing conflict in Ukraine. West Berkshire is in the top five local authorities in the country for the number of people who have volunteered to host Ukrainians.

Don't forget that you can report problems including fly tipping, unemptied bins, and pot holes by searching for 'West Berkshire Report a Problem' on the internet or visiting [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) Alternatively, email [customerservices@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@westberks.gov.uk) or call 01635 551111. If you don't get a satisfactory response let me know.

For information about road works (eg utility companies digging up roads) please look at One Network <https://uk.one.network> which contains a map where you can search for details of what is happening in the area.

We all know from the news and personal experience that the price of food, fuel and household bills is rising and will continue to do so. I am discussing with local residents, who volunteered to support the community during the lockdowns, how we can work together again to make sure people know what help is available during these challenging times.

West Berkshire Food Bank provides emergency food to local people. Please see <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/> for more details about how to be referred to the service and collection locations. You can also donate to the food bank. Their phone number is 01635 813390 and their email is [info@westberks.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@westberks.foodbank.org.uk)

West Berkshire Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme supports children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition. The scheme provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. For more details see <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/HAF> To find out if your child is eligible and how to book a place, please contact your child's school.

Information about benefits can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/low-income>

The Citizens' Advice Bureau can also advise you. Their number in Newbury is 01635 516605.

West Berkshire Council has a government funded Household Support Fund, for individuals or families living in West Berkshire who are experiencing hardship. The fund supports those most in need with household costs such as energy bills, food, clothing and housing costs in exceptional circumstances. See [www.westberks.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

Best wishes

Councillor Carolyn Culver, Ridgeway ward  
Green Party group leader West Berkshire Council  
(m) 07976 374146

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

#### August Services at All Saints' Church

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Family Service at 11.00am  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at 8.30am  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Family Communion at 9.30am  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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-notice/this-week> for other services in the benefice

during August. Although Government restrictions have now been lifted, you are welcome to use face coverings and hand sanitiser in church, if you would like.

#### **Café in All Saints' Church**

Our monthly church cafe continues on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August between 10.00am and 11.00am. Donations go to a different charity each month. Do join us there for coffee, cake and a chat!

#### **Private Prayer**

All Saints' continues to open on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6pm. During the recent very hot weather, we opened the church during the day for anyone who wanted to spend time in the slightly cooler interior. If, as forecast, there is another very hot spell in August we will open the church again, so anybody can take advantage of the lower temperature inside.

#### **Ride+Stride**

The annual nationwide church-crawl takes place this year on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 6pm. You can walk, run, cycle, ride or drive to as many of our beautiful churches as you would like. Sponsor forms and other details can be found on the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust website at: <https://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/>

or you can donate via their justgiving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust>

Half the money you raise will go to the church you have chosen, so don't forget to nominate All Saints', West Ilsley when you donate.

#### **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.

#### **Date for your Diary**

**Harvest Festival** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11.00am

#### **Contacts:**

**Churchwardens:** Ian – 01635 281625; Alexandra – 01635 281306

**Rector:** Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 or 07748 822336 - [edownlandrector@gmail.com](mailto:edownlandrector@gmail.com)

**Associate Priest:** Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – [revjdales@gmail.com](mailto:revjdales@gmail.com)

**Associate Priest:** Revd William McDowell – [rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com](mailto:rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com)

**East Downland Benefice Office:** 07957 458107 - [eastdownland@btinternet.com](mailto:eastdownland@btinternet.com) – Usually manned on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm. Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith



## **ILSLEY EVERGREENS**

Our first trip in July was to Devizes in Wiltshire, a lovely market town with excellent outdoor and indoor markets and a good variety of small independent stores. Although our time there was shortened, because of a very quickly arranged change of coach, everyone was happy with the day. The second trip was to Poole and Compton Acres. 17 of the group went to Compton Acres, which is a private 10 acre garden and well worth a visit. The rest spent the day in Poole and enjoyed a wonderful day by the sea.

Although these trips are arranged by our group, everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a really good day out at a very reasonable cost. The remaining trips for 2022 are, all on a Wednesday unless otherwise stated.

AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> SWANAGE

SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> STRATFORD ON AVON

SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> (Thursday) New Theatre Oxford  
DREAMGIRLS" 60's Classic Musical. Tickets £25 + Transport

OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> SALISBURY (Tuesday)

NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> New Theatre Oxford ~ Agatha Christie's World Famous "THE MOUSETRAP" 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour. Tickets £29 + Transport.

TBA ~ BRISTOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS ON OUR POSTERS.

Everyone is welcome at these events and on any of the Trips

Contact Julia on 01635 281597 or Tony 07780 994297 to book your seat.

Thank You Tony Elliott ~ Secretary



**Autumn Group**  
incorporating the  
**Hobbies Club**



It is amazing how our committee continues to rise to the challenge of maintaining a full diary with some wonderful and stimulating talks, practical sessions and demonstrations:

The Ikebana (Japanese Flower Arranging) session was thoroughly enjoyed by all and unearthed some amazing talent. We followed that session with Decoupage which involved cutting out pictures, glueing them to an object and then coating the pictures and the object with layers of varnish. We have posted photographs of the resultant work on our Facebook page. I hope you can see them.

Luckily we were blessed with perfect weather for our old favourite of a Pony and Trap trip around Compton village which attracted a good turnout of excited members.

Following on from our presentation to the East Ilsley Parish Meeting on the group and its history we were

offered the opportunity to do the same at the Compton Parish Meeting. Hopefully those present found it interesting.

This year we held the annual "Chairmans" Tea Party at a new venue so called it the Vice-Chairmans Tea Party. I think everyone really enjoyed it. Sorry, Joan – your place next year. Our most recent speaker was from a local organisation called the Sebastian Trust. Quite frankly unknown to many of us, but what fantastic work they do with the aim of supporting critically ill children and their families from diagnosis, throughout illness and beyond; to be there for them ALWAYS.

So, what do we have coming up in the next month or so? We have another one of those wild "arty" afternoons, this time Paint-Pouring which will give us an opportunity to learn a new abstract painting technique. This will be followed by the long-promised visit by the Dogs Trust complete with some of their charges. Then Sovereign Alarms will come to give us an introduction to their alarm systems and the benefits they bring to us.

As mentioned previously that for the benefit of all our members and anyone else who cares to pop in we are running a "jigsaw library" where we have a growing stock that they can borrow a puzzle. This library will be open during normal club hours on a Tuesday.

We are open to all of any age, not just residents of Compton and currently have members from many of the surrounding villages and would be pleased to see many more.

Don't forget please feel free to bring a friend along.

Patricia, Chairman

07786 856 440

[chairman@autumngroup.org](mailto:chairman@autumngroup.org)

### **SAFARI SUPPER**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Safari Supper on 15<sup>th</sup> July – with over 50 people attending it was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with everyone and meet some new faces too!

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all of our hosts for their generosity and help in making the event a success.

We are still collecting donations so if anyone didn't get a chance on the night (or has an outstanding drinks tab) please pass to either Rachel at 5 West Ilsley House or Harriett at 16 Main Street.

Thanks again, Rachel and Harriett

### **GREENFEST 2022**

Greenfest 2022 is just around the corner and we are so excited to tell you about the amazing vendors, workshops and speakers we have organized for this year.

Our speaker line up is huge with 3 different programs across 3 different venues.

"Climate Change and the UK" at the Litten will host experts from across many disciplines and steer the conversation on climate change and ecological breakdown to UK impacts. The day will close with a panel discussion.

"Me & My Community at the Church" will address the environmental issues here in West Berkshire and how we as individuals, groups and communities can get involved in positive change.

"Join the Dots at the Good Life Hub" will explore the connection between people, economy and the planet. This panel of experts will discuss the environmental and ethical challenges businesses and consumers must contend with.

If you'd like to view our full speaker list – please head over to the website [www.ourgreenfest.co.uk](http://www.ourgreenfest.co.uk)

There will also be a sustainable lifestyle market with over 35+ stalls, a children's forest school, and various zones dedicated to topics like low impact transport, renewable energy, nature and community action. In addition to this, there will also be entertainment throughout the day, nature inspired children's activities, thought provoking art exhibitions and local food and beverage vendors.

We aim to keep this event as low waste as possible so we recommend BYO cups, cutlery and Tupperware.

Our goal at GreenFest is to showcase the many sustainable solutions available to us and make it accessible for everyone. We hope it will be an educating, inspiring and fun filled day for families and people of all ages looking to make impactful changes in their lives - and have FUN while they do it!

Details:

Time: 10am – 5.30pm

Date: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Location: Spanning across the village from the Village Hall to the Manor Farm Courtyard, The Hampstead Norreys Community Shop and Orchard, St Mary's Church, The Good Life Hub and the Litten.

Free Parking Available (follow the signs)

Entry fee: Free

<http://www.ourgreenfest.co.uk>

FB: GreenFest

Instagram: @ourgreenfest

Email: [ourgreenfest@gmail.com](mailto:ourgreenfest@gmail.com)

**FREE FUN DAY – FOR ALL AGES**

**SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - HAMPSTEAD NORREYS**

**10AM - 5.30PM**

**RG18 0TD**



## Afternoon Teas

St. Mary's Church, Aldworth

every Wednesday in August & September

2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Delicious homemade cakes in the company of

The Aldworth Giants

For further details and to book groups contact:

Gill Wilding 01635 578624 or

[gillwilding@hotmail.com](mailto:gillwilding@hotmail.com)

## WHO TO CONTACT

**DEFIBRILLATOR** is outside the village hall - code: C159

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** – Carolyn Culver 07976 374146

### PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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**Sarah Marshman – Clerk** [clerk@westilsley.org](mailto:clerk@westilsley.org)

**PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP** rep is Fred Carter on 281621 or [fred\\_kathcarter@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

**TENNIS COURT** membership and enquiries email - [tennis.bookings@westilsley.org](mailto:tennis.bookings@westilsley.org)  
Book and play without joining via [westilsleytennis.jezzam.com](http://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](mailto:rosduckworth@btinternet.com). Rates: £10.00/hour for villagers and £12/hour non villagers.

**WEST ILSLEY (SOCIAL) RUNNING CLUB** meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Harrow. If you fancy joining, come along on Wednesday, or text Matt (Hebron cottage) on 07929 569 050. We've got a WhatsApp group, so we can add you to that even if you're not quite up for joining in just yet.

**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>