

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Monday 25th February

DIARY

FEBRUARY

10th Community lunch
15th Non-romantic Valentines at The Harrow
26th Coffee and cake morning – The Harrow

MARCH

22nd Easter Bingo

MAY

11th Barn Dance at Folly Farm for Mencap

JUNE

JULY

5th Pre-fete dance
7th Fete

DOWNLAND SURGERY - PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP Fred Carter

I am the West Ilsley representative on the above group. Meetings are held quarterly. If you have any queries for the above group please contact me by e-mail at the following address. fred_kathcarter@btinternet.com or telephone 01635 281621. The practice Web Site www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk has been completely re-designed and you are now able to carry out the following functions on line:

- Register with Surgery
- Book or Cancel an appointment
- Order a repeat prescription
- Update your contact details
- Update your clinical records
- Join patient group
- Complete feedback questionnaire.

At the January meeting plans to extend the car park were discussed, three companies had been approached for quotes and planning permission had been applied for.

Results from the recent patient survey show that information about how the practice runs, how to book appointments and what appointments are on offer is not widely understood.

Louis Gilboy (Practice Manager) is in the process of producing a new patient brochure and appointments guide. A version of the brochure is attached to the email which sent this WIN round – if you didn't receive one, copies of the booklet will be available from the surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Robert and Lindsey Storton are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their first grandchild Oliver James Storton. Born in Hartford CT USA on the 31st December 2012 he weighed 8lb 13 oz. His parents, Andrew, formerly of West Ilsley, & Hannah are delighted and we look forward to visiting them as soon as possible !

ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

It has been a very busy Christmas and New Year for the Ilsley Under 5's group. We finished off the year with a Christmas Party where all the children involved made Christmas decorations to take home and hang on their trees, afterwards we all enjoyed a Christmas lunch and all the children pulled their crackers. Santa Claus managed to sneak by and leave all the children a little Christmas present each so we all went home with excited and happy children.

Now we are in the New Year we are meeting in the hall each Wednesday as normal.

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

POLICE UPDATE

Car Parking in West Ilsley PC Matt Allen

I have recently received complaints from residents about the parking of vehicles in West Ilsley, and in particular on Church Way and Bury Lane. I would like to remind road users that in accordance with the highway code you should not park within or opposite 10 metres of a junction or so that your vehicle is parked in a dangerous position or causing an unnecessary obstruction of the highway; otherwise you could end up with a fine or other punishment. I understand that most households have more than one car and that the roads, particularly in small villages such as West Ilsley aren't designed for so many vehicles but a little bit of consideration for other road users, most likely your neighbours, goes a long way.

Bucklebury/Downlands neighbourhood update for January

The Bucklebury and Downlands Neighbourhood Team covers the areas of Brimpton, Cold Ash, Hermitage Bucklebury and Downlands.

Here is the latest update for the Bucklebury & Downlands neighbourhood from Neighbourhood Officer PC Matthew Allen.

The latest crime statistics can be found by visiting www.police.uk. This website provides you with helpful information about crime and policing in your area. Enter your postcode, town, village or street into the search box, and get instant access to street-level crime maps and data, as well as details of the neighbourhood police team and 'Have Your Say Events'. The level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area remains below average compared with the rest of England and Wales. Crime in your neighbourhood for the months of April to November 2012 as opposed to the same period in 2011 is up nearly 2.5% in total; however burglaries to houses and theft of vehicles are down over 50%.

The neighbourhood has three priorities; please look at the Thames Valley Police website for details. If you do have some concerns about crime or disorder in the Bucklebury & Downlands neighbourhood please email me at the address below or call me on the non emergency number for Thames Valley Police, 101.

Thames Valley Police have charged two men following Operation Festive in rural Berkshire overnight on 16th and 17th December. The

operation involved 50 Thames Valley Police officers and over 20 volunteers from all areas of the local rural communities. A male aged 54, from Tadley, was charged with burglary non-dwelling. He was released on bail to Newbury Magistrates' court and will appear on 09/01/2013. A male, aged 25, from Reading was charged with driving a motor vehicle other than in accordance with a licence and without insurance. He was released on bail to appear at Newbury Magistrates' Court on 09/01/2013. During the operation two men from the Bristol area were arrested by Thames Valley Police and subsequently charged by Wiltshire Police for offences committed under the Game Licensing Act and reported for having no Vehicle Excise License. They have been released on bail and will appear at Salisbury Magistrates' Court on 15/01/2013.

A man has been charged with possession of an air rifle. A male aged 27, from Mortimer, who was already prohibited from possessing any firearm, was charged on 15 December and remanded in custody. He was bailed by Reading Magistrates Court on Tuesday 18 December and will appear at Newbury Magistrates' Court on 19 January 2013.

Four men were arrested following a pursuit in Ambury Road, Aldworth, West Berkshire in the early hours of 13th December. A member of public alerted the police after they saw three 4x4 vehicles speeding past their house at around midnight. A police helicopter was deployed and a long pursuit followed. The offenders ran from their vehicles into a field where they shone bright white lights at the helicopter and released their dogs that attacked livestock, killing a sheep and goat.

The four offenders, aged 17, 22 and 23, have been arrested on suspicion of the theft of a motor vehicle, endangering the safety of an aircraft and criminal damage and bailed for further enquiries.

The mobile police station is coming to a street near you and gives you the chance to meet your local police team and discuss any issues you may have. It will be out and about on the weekend of the 26th & 27th January. Check the Thames Valley Police website for times and locations.

Please make sure you report all crimes and any instances of anti social behaviour to Thames Valley Police so we can deal accordingly. Too often we are receiving calls from your parish councilors of incidents that should be reported to the police and too much time has passed by to be able to deal effectively.

You can keep up to date with news from the Bucklebury & Downlands Neighbourhood Police Team and find out about forthcoming meetings, crime statistics and how to contact your neighbourhood officers by visiting the Thames Valley Police website at

www.thamesvalley.police.uk and following the links for Neighbourhood Policing.

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: BuckleburyandDownlandsNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

This e-mail address should not be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk

For updates and news in your area follow us on Twitter @TVP_WestBerks.

Thames Valley Alerts

Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by signing up to Thames Valley Alert (opens in new window) **today**.

TENNIS!

Whilst we have a marvellous court in West Ilsley, perhaps you would like to play at a larger local club as well. Chieveley Tennis Club is just 10 minutes away and is trying to raise awareness of its

- Great and well-maintained **facilities (3 courts)**, including floodlights
- A range of **coaching** available for all ages and levels throughout the year
- The many **teams** we have – ladies', men's and mixed
- Friendly people who like to have **fun!**

We would like to spread the word far and wide – lots of villages close by have no club and **we want to attract existing or new players**, so please bring your friends!

As such, we are presenting:

Chieveley Tennis Ball on Friday 19th April 2013!

7.30pm-1am, Chieveley Village Hall

All are welcome at The Ball (but we will not be able to serve the **sparkling welcome drink** to any U18s). The dress code - **Bond** - is designed to be very flexible.

A **4 course dinner** is followed by live music. The **fantastic band is The Party Faithful** and will have you **dancing** as long as you can, or if you prefer, you can retreat and play roulette (with tokens not cash!). **Award-winning Guy Portlock** (well known to lots of Chieveley Mums!) will be intriguing us all with his **skilful magic** during **dinner**.

50% of profits made will be given to a sport's charity, which makes sport more accessible.

Tickets are selling now – so book in and have a great night out.

Please see attached advert. Any questions regarding tennis at Chieveley Tennis Club or The Ball please contact Alison Banks on 281705 or Alison@poplars.org.uk



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Tables of 10, but tickets available individually

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

February Church Services

3rd	Family Communion	9.30am
10th	Holy Communion	8.30am
17th	*No service in West Ilsley	
24th	Family Service	11.00am

*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at <http://tinyurl.com/east-downland>

WIN Christmas greetings - Thank you to all who sent their greetings and contributions to WIN. All Saints' Church greatly appreciated receiving the £400 you donated.

Questionnaire – Thank you to all who completed one. We are still in the process of analysing them, but at some point in the future we hope to formulate an action plan based on the results.

The Questionnaire prize draw will take place at the Village Community Lunch.

Village Community Lunch

This takes place on Sunday 10th February in the village hall, from 12-2pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and we hope to see you there. There will be no charge, but donations will be most welcome. Please bring your own beer or wine, but some soft drinks will be provided. If you wish to save a place please contact Rosanne on 280553 or email her at rosanne@pilditch.com so we know how many to cater for.

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 in 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 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 or kay.fewtrell-smith@keme.co.uk and you can be added to the list.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 8th June 2013 – Concert in church - further details over the next few months.

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

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Non-Romantic Valentine Evening

Friday 15th February

7pm till late

Never mind booking a table for 2, get some friends together and book a table for 10, it's much more fun !! Special food and wine offers available on the night, DON'T miss out !!



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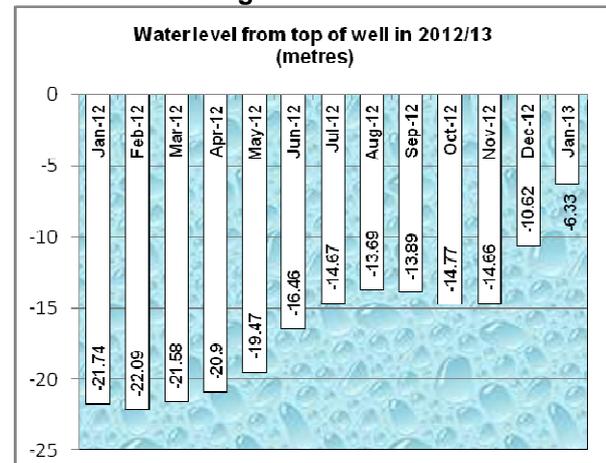
RAINFALL IN WEST ILSLEY

Liz and Adrian Dray

At the beginning of January 2012 the reading was 22.03 and at the beginning of January 2013 was 6.33. The reading today (24 Jan) is 4.38m.

The readings are in meters and cms, so at today's reading the level of water was 4 meters and 38 cm from the top of the well.

Latest well reading:



THE CCB OIL CLUB OFFERS GRANTS FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

The CCB Oil Club was launched in 2012 to help people to get the best price on heating oil for their homes, through bulk buying fuel oil. This can lead to households making significant savings on their fuel bills each year - a huge benefit for people who are reliant on fuel oil for their central heating.

This year, the Department of Health funded project 'Warmer in West Berkshire' is able to offer grants for people who meet certain criteria, to cover the £20 annual membership fee. Grants are available until 31st March 2013, and will support people in the following groups:

- Older people (those over 65 years old), especially the frail and those living alone.
- Families with young children, especially younger parents.
- People living in deprived circumstances and the fuel poor (this equates to people who need to spend over 10% or more of their household income on heating their home)

If you heat your home with oil and are eligible for the grant for 2013 membership of the CCB Oil Club, please contact Gemma Pearce, CCB Oil Club Co-ordinator on 0118 9612000 or e-mailing: oilclub@ccbberks.org.uk. Further information regarding the club, including the prices that we have secured over the last few months, can be found at: www.ccb-oil-club.org.uk. Even if you are not eligible for the grant you may still wish to consider joining the oil club as over the course of the year you will recuperate the £20 fee plus more in savings.

PARISH COUNCIL

Read the latest Parish Council Minutes and hear how village matters are being addressed. Visit our village website at www.westsilsley.org - all the latest minutes from our meetings are available under the "Parish Council" tab.

PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting dates for 2013:

March 11 th	Sept 9 th
May 13 th	Nov 11 th
July 8 th	

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Sean Ryan - Chairman

SPEEDING

The worst speeding in West Ilsley happens next to the recreation ground, according to the latest monitoring by West Berkshire Council. Data collected last September and presented at January's parish council meeting show that 13% of all vehicles - more than one in 10 - are doing over 40mph along that stretch of road. A further 38% - nearly four in 10 - are doing between 35mph and 39mph. Please remember the children who may be crossing from the rec and slow down as you enter the village from Farnborough or drive out that way. Other figures collected during the survey show that 5% - one vehicle in 20 - are doing 35-39mph outside the Old Post Office, where the turnings to Hodcott and the Cart Track present a hazard and there are often horses and cyclists to watch out for. The most encouraging finding was that the average speed outside the telephone kiosk in the middle of the village is a suitably cautious 22mph. Andrew Garrett, West Berkshire's principal traffic and road safety engineer, has promised a series of safety improvements. The 30mph and 'Slow' signs on approaches to the village will be made clearer. The junction of Bury Lane and Main Street, where the paint has faded, will be remarked. There will also be new markings to highlight the bend at Morland Close and Manor Cottage, where there have been two smashes into a wall in recent years. Mr Garrett has also agreed to look again at the problems of the A34 exit for East and West Ilsley, where we feel strongly that there are too many near misses.

VILLAGE HALL

The village hall's finances will receive a boost from this year's pre-fete dance, organised by Ros Duckworth. It was agreed at the parish council meeting that all the profits from the dance - an estimated £1,500 - will go to the hall, which is facing growing financial problems.

COUNCIL TAX

The parish council decided to freeze the 'parish precept' - the bit of the council tax that it spends in the village - for a seventh consecutive year rather than add to residents' financial burdens in these difficult times. It was felt that an increase in line with inflation would bring in only an insignificant sum, and that fund-raising for specific projects remains the best way to tackle problems such as the village hall's.

Sunday 10th February

Come in out of the cold and join
us for a hearty

**West Ilsley Village
Community Lunch**

Hosted by All Saints Church PCC

12-2 Village Hall
 Cost: Free (Donations welcome)
 Bar: Please bring your own wine/beer
 Soft drinks will be provided
 RSVP: Rosanne Pilditch 280553/rosanne@pilditch.com
 by 6th February

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VILLAGE HALL	
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Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers	
PRESCRIPTIONS	
Prescriptions can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close, between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday 281997. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone to ask if it's convenient. Prescription requests can be put through the door any time. The surgery bus makes deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.	
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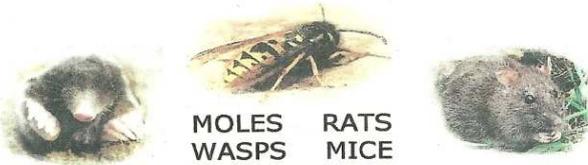
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