

# West Ilsley News

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5pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

## DIARY MAY

1 <sup>st</sup>	Harrow bbq
8 <sup>th</sup>	Village Hall village walk
8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council annual assembly
9 <sup>th</sup>	Morris dancers at the Harrow
19 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow coffee morning

## JUNE

12 <sup>th</sup>	Church Queen's birthday picnic
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## JULY

1 <sup>st</sup>	Pre-fete party
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Village fete 12-4.30pm

## APRIL'S FARMING NEWS

The ewes and lambs are happily grazing the pasture at the moment although it is still cold for the time of year. The lambs have just been drenched orally with Endoworm and this controls Roundworm, Lungworm and Tapeworm. They have also been treated with Vecoxan for coccidial (parasitic disease) worm infection which spreads from one animal to another through contact with infected faeces. As you may have spotted, we also have a few additional mini Welsh Black ewes and lambs that have happily joined the rest of the flock of Greyface Mule, Suffolk and Texel ewes.

The ewe lambs (one year old ewes) that were put in lamb last December are due to give birth in early May and are now very close to lambing. They will soon be moved to Folly Meadow in order that they can be brought inside at night to lamb.

The ongoing spray programme on the cereal and oilseed rape crops is progressing. The last spray on Winter Wheat has just been completed which was predominantly for growth regulation and disease control i.e. Septoria, Brown Rust and Mildew prevention. Septoria is a relatively big issue this year

as a result of the wet weather. Within this spray application trace elements are included e.g. copper, zinc and magnesium.

The Oilseed Rape is starting to come in to flower and will be sprayed when in full flower to protect the crop from the diseases of Sclerotinia, Alternaria and Botritis. With this application there will be folia nitrogen with the trace elements Boron and Magnesium.

We are looking forward to some warmer, sunnier weather at the start of May which the ewe lambs will appreciate having recently been shorn.

Peter Carlisle

## DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

If there is anything you would like to know about the village farms or farming in general, Peter has kindly agreed to answer questions from villagers, so send them to WIN at any time and we will forward them to him and he will include some answers in his article when time allows.

## PRESCRIPTION SERVICE.

From May the collection times will change to;  
TUESDAY and THURSDAY  
Thank you Tony Elliott

## OBITUARY

Cecilia Ellen Joyce Hayes, known as Joyce, died at Notrees Care home on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 aged 97.

Joyce was born on Armistice Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918, at Lilley, Catmore. Unfortunately her father was killed in action on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1918 before she was born. Joyce was educated at Brightwalton School and joined the ATS in the war time. She married Lew on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1939 and was mother of Brian, David, Carol, Susan, Colin and Linda, she was also a grandmother, great grandmother & great, great grandmother. Joyce lived in the Newbury and Hungerford area all her life, with over 42 years in West Ilsley.

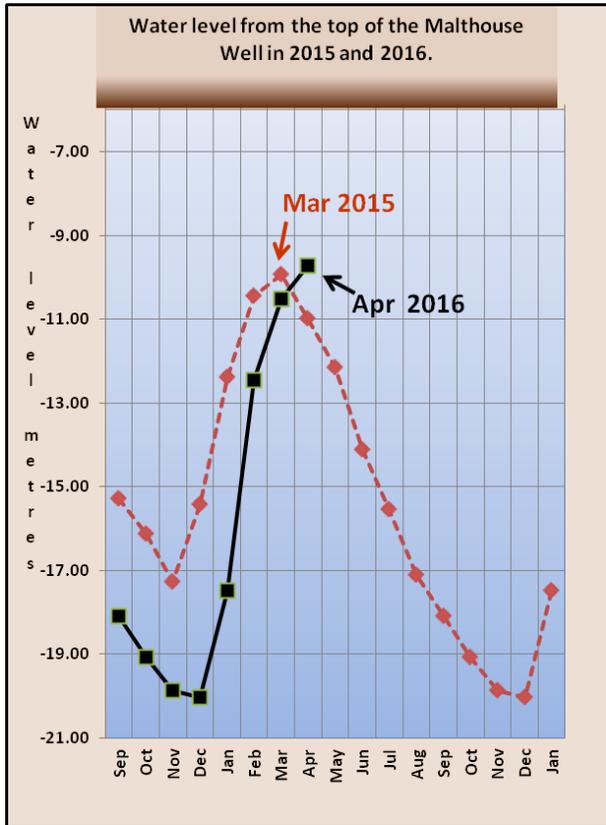
She loved her Bingo & crosswords and very much enjoyed the West Ilsley evergreens.

The funeral will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, at West Ilsley church, time to be advised.

## MALTHOUSE WELL

At the end of April the groundwater level has risen to 9.71 metres (31.9 feet) below ground level, and this will be the peak level for this winter season. This is

just above the 9.9 metres (32.6 feet) reached in March last year. The Ridgeway Down borehole (<http://www.gaugemap.co.uk/#!Detail/11039>) at the top of our valley reached its peak on 16 April and so the Malthouse well reading should follow suit and start its summer fall in the next few days.



### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

#### May Services

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rogation Walk	9.30am
8 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Communion	8.30am
15 <sup>th</sup>	*No service in West Ilsley See Café Church below	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Family Service	11.00am
29 <sup>th</sup>	*No service in West Ilsley See 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday below	

\*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at [www.eastdownland.org.uk](http://www.eastdownland.org.uk)

#### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This took place recently in All Saints' Church when Ian and Alexandra were again elected as Church Wardens. The Revd John Toogood welcomed a new member to the PCC and expressed his pleasure at the addition of our new curate, Revd William McDowell, who has joined the clergy team this year.

#### Rogation Walk

Meet in the churchyard on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9.30am for a gentle ramble round the village. Light refreshments will be served on our return to church at 10.30am. Further details from Alexandra (281306).

**The Downland Ascension Day Service** on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May will this year be held in Beedon Church, at 7.30pm and will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is invited.

#### Café Church

This delightful and very popular service continues on 15<sup>th</sup> May, at St Mary's, Chieveley. The service starts at 11am, after the United Benefice Communion Service which starts at 9.30am. For Café Church do come at 10.45am for refreshments beforehand. Everyone is welcome at both services.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> May - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday United Benefice Communion

This will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at St Barnabas' Church, Peasmore at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome.

#### Date for your Diary

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – We will be celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a special service in church. This will be followed by a picnic in the churchyard, details of which will follow.

#### 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 [eastdownland@btinternet.com](mailto:eastdownland@btinternet.com). 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, email Revd John Toogood at [edownlandrector@gmail.com](mailto:edownlandrector@gmail.com) or leave a message on 01635 247566. Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

### WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

#### MORRIS MEN / LADIES

The Garston Gallopers and The Ridgeway Step Clog will be dancing on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 8pm



#### COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
10:30am

Pop in for a slice of home-made cake & a coffee  
Raising money for The Air Ambulance



#### QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
8pm

£3 each to enter  
Raising money for local charities



### FETE NEWS

#### Sunday 3rd July 12 - 4:30pm

It's that time of year again when we ask you all to collect up clothes, toys, books, homeware items and bric-a-brac for the clothes stall and the bric-a-brac stall. Also any bottles for the very popular bottle stall, we will be round to collect them some time in June. As always we rely on the help and support of the villagers to make the fete a success, if you can help out with running a stall, donating a raffle prize or helping out with sponsorship please contact one of the committee. We hope the produce show will be well supported and you will all enter your home grown/drawn/made products for the judges to sample. There will be lots to do for all the family with some new and exciting attractions. The bar will be well stocked and the BBQ will be up and running where Richard and his team will be serving up delicious burgers and hotdogs. All the usual stalls and more, including the Helicopter, a Punch & Judy stall & Balloon Modelling.

The Fête Committee would like to ask if anyone could spare a little time to help run the day run smoothly - it would be greatly appreciated. A rota will be drawn up so that everyone knows what time they will be needed where for a short stint. If you can spare a little time, please get in touch with one of the 2016 Fête Committee Members - Tony Elliott, Dan Hudson, Hayley Morricks, Justin Pilditch or Ed Ryder

It's also time to fire up your competitive spirit - if it helps, drink some of it first! The produce show categories are as follows:

#### FLORAL

- 1 Single Bloom (any variety)
- 2 \* Floral Arrangement (at least 3 varieties)
- 3 \* 'Royal' Posy (Adult)
- 4 'Royal' Posy (Child)
- 5 Best Hanging Basket
- 6 Best Front Garden

#### VEGETABLES

- 7 Best Single Vegetable (any variety)
- 8 Best 3 Vegetables (same variety)
- 9 Best 3 Culinary Herbs (tied and in water)
- 10 Most Pots in a pot (judged on weight and number)

#### HOME COOKING

- 11 \* Jar of any Preserve
- 12 \* Jar of any Chutney or Sauce
- 13 \* Homemade Drink
- 14 \* A Loaf of Yeast Bread
- 15 \* Ladies Bake - 'Royal Velvet' Cheesecake
- 16 \* Gentlemen's Bake - 'Royal Velvet' cake
- 17 Children's Bake - Any cake fit for a Queen

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

- 18 Adult Photograph - Berkshire Landscape
- 19 Child Photograph - Pets (Under 7s and Under 12s)

#### CREATIVITY (Drawing, Painting, Made Item or Model)

- 20 Adult
- 21 Child (Under 7s and Under 12s)

Winning items in the categories marked with an asterisk will be auctioned off at the end of the fête.

We're sure it will be a fun day out for the whole family - looking forward to seeing you there!

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### THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The Evergreens first outing of the year takes place on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, when we visit the city of Bristol. This date conflicts with the copy date for the April issue of WIN, so more about this trip in the May edition.

Our next few outings are as follows:-

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May Exbury Gardens-9am – 4pm

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June (amended date) Cheltenham-9am – 4pm

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July-Southsea/Portsmouth-9am – 4pm

Any non-member, wishing to join us on one or more of the trips, would be very welcome. Please check with Julia Rockall on 281597 if spare seats are available.

Tony Elliott's next "Prize Bingo Evening", termed "Spring Bingo" takes place at Compton Village Hall on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April. Doors open at 7.00pm with "Eyes Down" at 7.30pm. Donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be available. Again this date conflicts with the copy date for the April issue of WIN, so more news about this event in the May edition.

Tony is again looking to arrange further trips to the New Theatre, Oxford with performances in September very much in mind. More details to follow. Thanks again to Tony for all his efforts.

Many Evergreen members attended the funeral of Terry Collier, which took place at the West Berkshire Crematorium on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. Terry had contributed so much to the success of the Ilsley Evergreens over many years. Together with his wife Jill, he had organised numerous outings that had given so much pleasure to so many of our members and friends.

Jim Hughes, Secretary Tel. 01235 834487

Please join the Village Hall Committee for the:

## West Ilsley Village Walk

Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2016



10am start from the Village Hall

(route – turn right from hall, up Cart Track, left onto Ridgeway, over road to summer gallops, finish at The Harrow Pub – approx. 5 miles)

All welcome-for all or part of the walk

£5 per person or donation (U5s free) to include a bacon roll and hot drink at the start.

Please support the Village Hall and funds raised will go to its continual improvement.



Contact the Village Hall Committee or E mail [Alison@poplars.org.uk](mailto:Alison@poplars.org.uk) or [rosduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:rosduckworth@btinternet.com) if you think you may come (281705/281471).

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