

# West Ilsley News

## MAY 2022

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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

May	16 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish and Council meetings
June	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jubilee beacon
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jubilee party
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee
		- Pimms in the churchyard
		- tea party

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

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 7pm	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 8.15 pm	Annual Parish Meeting

### NEWS FROM OUR PARISH CLERK ....

#### SURVEY - DIGITAL COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC SIGNPOSTING IN WEST BERKSHIRE

West Berkshire Council has published a survey on their Consultation and Engagement Hub to review the needs and use of digital community and strategic signposting in West Berkshire.

The survey is open until midnight on 11<sup>th</sup> May and only takes a few minutes to complete.

The consultation can be accessed

at: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/CSDSWestBerkshire>

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

West Ilsley Parish Council is seeking volunteers who are interested in cataloguing a number of historical documents held within the village and perhaps forming a historical society who would act as custodians to these documents. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at [clerk@westilsley.org](mailto:clerk@westilsley.org)

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

*Sarah*

Dr. Sarah Marshman PSLCC

Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

West Ilsley Parish Council

JUBILEE TEA PARTY  
SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
ON THE RECREATION GROUND  
STARTS AT 1PM  
TEA AT 3PM  
BAKING COMPETITIONS  
CHILDRENS FANCY DRESS  
FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL  
WELLY WANGING  
CROCKERY SMASHING  
COCONUT SHY ~ TIN CAN ALLEY  
EVERY RESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE  
IS INVITED TO THIS EVENT  
FUTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON

### RAFFLE PRIZE PLEA

We are organising a raffle for the Jubilee celebrations to be held on Sunday 5th June. If anyone has a prize they would like to donate or if anyone works for a company who could donate something, please could you contact me? Thank you. Best Wishes Hayley Morrisk 07947 188069

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

### May Services at All Saints' Church

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Family Service at 11.00am  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at 8.30am  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Family Communion at 9.30am  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> *No service in West Ilsley*  
Sunday 29<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-notices/this-week> for other services in the benefice during May.

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 next monthly church cafe will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May between 10.00am and 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there for coffee, cake and a chat!

### All Saints' Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May in church at 7.45pm. The meeting is open to everyone, but especially those on the church's Electoral Roll

### Private Prayer

All Saints' will continue to open on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6pm.

### Date for your Diary

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am** – we will be holding a special Platinum Jubilee Family Service, followed by Pimms in the churchyard. Put the date in your diary now!!

### 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](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

This year's first trip on April 20<sup>th</sup> was to Windsor, when we enjoyed really nice weather, saw the "Changing of the Guard" and had an excellent 2 Hour river cruise along the Thames. The staff aboard our boat were extremely efficient, provided a very informative commentary about Windsor Racecourse, Bray Film Studios and the many various and interesting places along the way, and served us a wonderful cream tea during our return journey.

Although the monthly 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 following trips for 2022 are, all on Wednesdays unless otherwise stated;

May 18<sup>th</sup> - Cardiff with/without St. Fagans Living Museum

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bucklers Hard Medieval Village with Museum Tour and 30minute boat trip followed by a cream tea in Lyndhurst

July 20<sup>th</sup> - Poole & Compton Acres

August 24<sup>th</sup> - Swanage

September 21<sup>st</sup> - Stratford On Avon

October 11<sup>th</sup> - Salisbury (Tuesday)

We are holding a **Coffee Morning at West Ilsley Village Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** between 10am and noon, Coffee/Tea and Cake only £1. There is another **Big Family Bingo Evening on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>** at Compton Village Hall doors open at 7pm. Come and enjoy the best of Bingo!!

Tony Elliott - Secretary

### OLD BOUQUETS AND FLOWER/DEADHEAD COLLECTION

I'd like to thank the village for their support in the flower and loo roll collection. Really happy to continue. Tis fascinating how lots of little can make a



large (and beautiful) resource. Will send an update on my trialling project later in the year. Yeah, I know I have barely said a word about it, but I will!

Best wishes, many thanks, Marnie (1 Catmore Road, next to cricket pavilion)

Flowers received - drying in the basket.



## Autumn Group incorporating the Hobbies Club



As usual April has been a month of self-entertainment mainly based on board games. We should have been visited by Dogs Trust who were bringing some of their charges, unfortunately, the wretched virus got in the way and the speaker had to pull out at the last minute. We are trying to fit this talk back in later in the year. This Tuesday (the 28<sup>th</sup>) we have what sounds to be a very interesting session by Mencap (The Yume Project - who will talk and show us how they offer life skills for those with complex physical needs, learning disabilities, autism, dementia etc.).

Of course, the highlight (not) of the month was our AGM. All the Committee was voted back on block, the accounts were presented, and the group was shown to be in a healthy financial state. The most interesting part was the Chairman's talk, where Patricia gave us all a potted history of the group from when she started it with a couple of friends in 2010. My how it has grown since then.

The May programme is very full and varied and as Easter is just around the corner, we have planned to run more craft sessions with an Easter theme.

So, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May Sharon will demonstrate Ikebana (Japanese Flower Arranging) then everyone has a go at some arrangements. Sounds fun.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May Carolyne Culver is coming to tell us about what is going on in the area? A good chance for us to listen & talk with our District Councillor in an informal setting.

The 17<sup>th</sup> of May from 13:30 – 16:00 is Dementia Week. So, we are running a Fund-Raising Café. EVERYONE is welcome, not only members, to this event. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, we will explore the art of Decoupage. This is a new skill which involves cutting out pictures, gluing them to an object and then coating the pictures and the object with layers of varnish.

We still make time to relax and enjoy a cup of tea and cake interspersed with some good gossip. Some always find the quiet corner for those that want to make their own entertainment. The lads are still going hard at their jigsaw.

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 stock that they can borrow a puzzle from. This library will be open during normal club hours on a Tuesday.

Again, I would like to say thank you to all those members both on the committee and not who have put in so much help to keep the Group so vibrant.

Finally, just to remind everyone that we are open to all, not just residents of Compton. We currently have members from many of the surrounding villages and would be pleased to see many more.

The pandemic still shows no sign of abating, however, we have been lucky to secure several free Lateral Flow Test kits for use by our members which will help us carry on safely.

Don't forget please feel free to bring a friend along. Patricia, Chairman 07786 856 440

chairman@autumngroup.org

**Brightwalton Village Fete**  
**Sunday May 1st 2022**  
**1PM to 4PM**

Brightwalton School Stalls  
 Dog Show  
 Barbecue & Bar  
 Farrier Demonstration  
 Jam Stall  
 Bluebell Wood Tractor Rides  
 Bottle Stall  
 Home Made Cakes  
 Wantage Brass Band

**Parking and entry free**  
 In Aid of the Brightwalton Village Hall

**SATURDAY**  
**10TH SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**10AM - 5.30PM**

**COMMUNITY GREENFEST**

HAMPSTEAD NORREYS  
 WEST BERKSHIRE  
 RG18 0TD  
 UK

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GreenFest is a community-driven sustainability event packed with expert speakers, thought-provoking exhibitions, a market showcasing sustainable products, live entertainment, and local food. Additionally, there will be a wide range of professional

sustainability advice on offer, activities, workshops and games for the children. And best of all, in GreenFest tradition - it will all be free! Our goal at GreenFest is to dismantle the misconceptions and barriers around sustainability and make it accessible for all.

GreenFest is a purely nonprofit event organised entirely by volunteers from various local parishes across West Berkshire. It is a community-driven festival run by the people for the people because we believe it's important to make sustainability accessible to all and we hope it will be key to inspiring people to continue (or begin) their journey towards a sustainable future.

We hope GreenFest 2022 will creatively showcase the choices available to us and highlight local sustainable heroes in business, education, art, agriculture and the community. 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 as they do it!



## WHO TO CONTACT

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

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** – Carolyn Culver 07976 374146

### PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

**Alan Beaumont** chair@westilsley.org 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

**Liz Dray** - liz.dray@westilsley.org

**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.

**WEST ILSLEY (SOCIAL) RUNNING CLUB** If you're a runner, or even better, if you're not a runner but fancy getting going, the West Ilsley (social) running club meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Harrow. The route usually covers around 4-6 miles, varies depending on the weather and who's leading that week, and there's a mix of speeds and usually an alternative route with a shorter distance. We then meet back at the pub for some liquid refreshment. 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.