

# West Ilsley News

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## NEW VILLAGERS

There are quite a few moves going on in the village at the moment. We're not currently putting notes through doors due to the virus, so if you have a new neighbour please either let us know their email address or give them WIN's and ask them to sign up for the email list.

### Christmas Trees for Sale Non-drop Norwegian Blue Spruce Trees

4-5ft £35

5-6ft £42

6-7ft £45

7ft+ £50 (very big!)



This year we will be donating a portion of profits to the charity Peek who have been providing free meals for children during lockdown.

For queries or to order a tree please email  
storm.ryan001@gmail.com

Collection from West Ilsley

Many thanks and Merry Christmas from Storm Ryan

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND DONATIONS

Don't forget your Christmas greetings are due in by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We especially need some happy and uplifting messages this year so don't delay, Rosanne is waiting to receive them at [rosanne@pilditch.com](mailto:rosanne@pilditch.com) Donations – cash or cheque - with a note of your name can be delivered to either Kay (PCC treasurer) at Windrush Cottage, Churchway or Alexandra (churchwarden) at Bakery Cottage, Main Street, with any cheques written to 'All Saints' Church, West Ilsley'. Thank you, All Saints' PCC.

## DOWNLAND VOLUNTEERS GROUP COMPTON SURGERY OFFICE GREAT NEWS

### RESTARTING THE CAR SERVICE FOR HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU.

After a long closure we are opening in a very small way to help our Clients. Starting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 the Downland Volunteer Office will be open **two** mornings a week **Tuesday and Friday** for receiving telephone calls, to take bookings for car transporting Clients to a hospital appointment.

Our opening hours for the office are 09.30 till 11.30 but you will be able to leave a message on our answer phone. At the present time we do not have many Drivers who are able to help us because of age restrictions and we would appreciate if new people under 70 could get in touch with us to be a volunteer Driver. **We desperately need new Drivers. PLEASE HELP US.**

**Booking a trip must be by telephone only.**

☎ 01635 578394

[www.downlandvolgroup.org](http://www.downlandvolgroup.org)

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## ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Hello Everyone.

As we are about to come out of another lockdown and emerge into a Tier 2 situation, hopefully this time people will adhere to the advice so that families can have a far better Christmas than previously looked likely and we can say goodbye to this terrible year that has brought so much misery, cost too many lives and left us with memories we would rather not have.

The news of positive results to the various drug trials has given us hope of a vaccination against this awful virus and the beginning of a period of quiet optimism for a year of recovery and revitalising of the economy and support for the many families and businesses that have suffered so much this year.

The Evergreens hope to have a committee meeting in the New Year, if we are allowed, when we aim to put together a plan for 2021.

May I on behalf of the Ilsley Evergreens wish you all a safe and pleasant Christmas, and the hope of a positive and healthy New Year.

With all good wishes and kindest regards.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

### December at All Saints' Church

All Saints' will continue to open on Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6.00pm. We do ask that you stick to the regulations of hand sanitising and keeping a distance from others.

### Advent

With the start of Advent (29<sup>th</sup> November), if you are looking for an alternative to the usual Advent Calendar, why not help others with a Reverse Advent Calendar? Alexandra Axtell is collecting mini shower and hair products, as well as coffee and cleaning and dishwasher products on behalf of the Mother's Union. This will support their project of providing items for families staying in the Ronald McDonald House at the JR Hospital, Oxford. You will probably have seen the collection box inside the lychgate. Also, the Food Bank is always very grateful for food items and a look on its website would tell you what is needed in particular. <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/advent-calendar/>

The charity Changing Lives also has a Reverse Advent Calendar wishlist on their website for their Christmas campaign <https://www.changing-lives.org.uk/how-you-can-help/christmas2020/>

### Christmas

At the time of writing, we are still waiting for firm direction from the Church of England regarding services after this second lockdown, but we are hoping that we will be able to hold a Carol Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm in the churchyard. Put the date in your diaries and we will send out confirmation details as soon as possible, together with any other services.

### East Downland Benefice

Whether or not there are to be live services in our churches, there are still recorded services from around the benefice in which you can participate and which can be found on [www.eastdownland.org.uk](http://www.eastdownland.org.uk) Services are available to watch from 8.30am on Sundays. The website also contains our regular Weekly Sheet, as well as the Benefice Magazine that comes out monthly and lots more. You can also follow our church and benefice Facebook pages.

### Other Websites

There are links to services and prayers on the Oxford Diocese website at: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/> as well as other resources and information. The Oxford Diocese continues to offer services by telephone, for those without the internet. These can be found on 01865 920930 and once connected, dial 0 for the full version of the service, or dial 1 for a short version. However - PLEASE NOTE - this line is not free, standard call rates apply.

**Free Daily Hope telephone line on 0800 804 8044.**

There is also plenty of information on the Church of England website at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/>

### 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

## THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a wonderful return to school at The Ilsleys and we have been delighted to have all our pupils back after what has been a very difficult time for everyone. The children have been amazing at keeping their hands clean, the teachers have been doing lots of cleaning but most importantly, we have been able to get back to lots of good learning and good fun together!

In Atlantic Class, pupils spent the first half of the term learning about the Shang Dynasty, an Ancient Chinese civilisation. They have particularly enjoyed learning about how people at this time worshipped their gods and the religious ceremonies that took place. We have looked at a range of different artefacts that were found in the Xiaotun dig and examined what these tell us about life in China over three thousand years ago. The children made their own oracle bones from clay and wrote messages on them using Chinese writing.

More recently, the pupils have started a new topic on discrimination. We have thought carefully about how different groups of people have been treated in the past and how this has changed over time as well as the issues that still surround equality now. The children have written the most amazing diary entries from the perspective of a West African slave and these really show how mature our pupils are.

In Pacific Class, pupils have been learning all about our oceans. They have particularly enjoyed learning about different sea creatures and writing non-chronological reports about them as well as creating their own sea creatures, making them from clay and writing descriptions of them! They have all been working really hard and have helped Miss Page settle into life at The Ilsleys.

In Arctic Class, the pupils have been busy learning about different houses and homes! They had a brilliant village walk recently where they visited some of their own homes and looked at how these were similar and different. It has been lovely to welcome

the new Reception pupils as well who have settled in really well to school life.

We are now well and truly on the downhill slope to Christmas but there is lots more to do! We are planning to video our very own Christmas Nativity (Hollywood, watch out!) as well as all our usual festivities – Christmas lunch in our bubbles, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Carousel Day and Christmas parties! With all that hard work going on, we will very much deserve our Christmas break this year!

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Assistant Headteacher  
The Ilsleys Primary School  
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#### PARISH COUNCIL

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 minutes from our meetings are available under the "Parish Council" tab.

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#### WHO TO CONTACT

##### VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth–Bookings–281471  
[rosduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:rosduckworth@btinternet.com)  
Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers

##### PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions are delivered from Compton on Tuesdays mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on Tuesday or Thursday evening between 2.30 and 6.30 pm  
Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box anytime before Monday evening for the following week's delivery.

##### PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP

**Fred Carter**  
[fred\\_kathcarter@btinternet.com](mailto:fred_kathcarter@btinternet.com) 281621

##### CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306  
Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

##### TENNIS COURT

Membership: Please email [tennis.bookings@westilsley.org](mailto:tennis.bookings@westilsley.org)  
Play without joining - book and pay via [westilsleytennis.jezzam.com](http://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com) or the link on [westilsley.org](http://westilsley.org)

##### PARISH COUNCIL

**Chairman:** Rollo Duckworth – [rolloduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:rolloduckworth@btinternet.com)  
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Roger Stowell

#### Window cleaning

gutter clearance and general odd jobs

**Telephone 07910634186**

[roger.stowell@ntlworld.com](mailto:roger.stowell@ntlworld.com)

### Remedial body Therapy

**Rachel** uses a combination of Remedial sports massage and McTimoney chiropractic to address problem areas. Treatment aims are to encourage **symmetry**, identify muscle **imbalances**, **improve posture** and **alleviate discomfort**.

**Not In pain?** It is also a good idea to get yourself assessed even when you are not in pain as a preventative way of fine tuning your posture and spotting minor issues before they build into bigger problems.

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