

West Ilsley News

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5pm on Tuesday 27th August

DIARY

AUGUST

7th Morris men at the Harrow
22nd Harrow coffee morning
28th Harrow quiz night

SEPTEMBER

9th Parish council meeting
28th Macmillan coffee morning

OCTOBER

6th Church Harvest festival and lunch

DECEMBER

7th Tennis court Christmas fundraiser

VILLAGE FUNDING

After discussions with various village fund raisers I've pulled together some figures to get the overall picture of the funds needed by the following village organisations/facilities – the church, tennis court, evergreens, under 5s, play area and village hall.

Broadly, the total annual running costs of our village organisations/facilities exceed their income by about £7,500 per annum. Unless they are going to dig into any reserves they may have to fund future running costs until those reserves are exhausted, the deficit needs to be made up somehow.

Historically, fundraising events are the way in which this has been done, organised by the individual groups to fundraise for their facility. However, several people have commented that the responsibility falls on very few shoulders which are beginning to droop and they also find themselves in competition with each other for dates and types of events which will draw the

most money. Also, fundraising isn't that efficient – I suggest that to raise £100 of funds for a cause the event attendees probably have to spend £200. Raising £7,500 per annum would actually cost about £15,000 per annum. I estimate that there's a core of about sixty people in the village who attend most fundraisers, so that means they'd have to spend about £250 per annum each on events to raise the money. That seems a lot to me, and would also mean rather a lot of fundraising events to attend which means it probably isn't achievable.

Similarly, some rough figures on necessary future capital projects indicate that in the next few years we'll have to find over £70,000 which if raised only by fundraising would mean expenditure by each of those core 60 of at least another £250 per annum. So is there an easier and more reliable way to fund the village? I think so. One suggestion is that adding the money onto the rates precept would spread the cost amongst a greater number of people (I'm guessing about 200) and by giving the money directly to the facilities rather than having to spend out for the "entertainment" part of a fundraising event, the average sum paid by each person would be far less – under £40 per annum per adult for ongoing costs, plus about £40 per annum to meet future capital expenditure.

So what do you think? The parish council have agreed to have this topic on the agenda of the September meeting and I hope that everyone with any interest in the future of our village facilities will attend to join in the discussion so that we can try to find a way forward.

If you'd like to see the detail behind this note, I have produced a document which I'm happy to share if you contact me via the WIN email or ring me on 281224. I would like to thank those people who gave me the figures which enabled me to pull this work together. Andrea Cook

WEST ILSLEY FETE & DOG SHOW 2013

Thanks to everyone who helped, gave donations and sponsorship and to all who attended the Fete. This year's event was blessed with fantastic weather and Andy Murray reaching and winning the Wimbledon final.

The produce show with particular reference to the potatoes, roses and flower classes, the cooking

classes and the children's classes gave the judges plenty to think about. Well done to all who entered. Thanks to the two judges Ann Paynter and Ann Beake and to Donna for registering all the entries. Thanks also to Isobel Pigott who judged the gardens.

The dog show was well supported despite the heat although I have to admit I got little chance to see many of the classes. Thanks to Teri Mugeridge and her band of helpers.

This year we had the five-aside family football competition which I did manage to watch and it seems we have some budding footballers in the village. Well done to all the teams. Thanks to Juliet for her organisation and to Dan Hudson for refereeing. Team Sam (Beaumonts/Banks/Coakley/Evans) won a hard fought final.

It was great to see so many different stalls from crockery smashing to wellie wanging, aunt sally to bowling and stocks to sumo suits all providing entertainment for all and generating money. Thanks to all who helped man them

The tea ladies from the tennis club did a superb job in providing refreshments on such a hot day as did the barbecue run by Richard and his willing crew. The bar was extremely busy.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the bottle stall and to Tony and his helpers for running it very successfully.

Thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes and to Hayley for running the raffle and to Wes for his enthusiastic commentary during the show even though he is no longer wellie wanging champion.

The nearly new clothes stall did a very good trade and the bric-a-brac stall was particularly busy with books.

The final figures as to what has been raised at the Fete are not complete as there are still some outstanding invoices but it is estimated that a figure approaching £2,400 will not be far off the mark. Suffice to say there will be funds available to be distributed to the various village groups.

The main trophy winners in the produce and dog sections were

- The Russell Brown trophy (lemon drizzle cake): Philip Knight
- Ladies trophy (millionaires shortbread) Ellen Brown
- Best Garden: Lady Allendale
- Best Hanging Basket: Avice Morris
- Potato Cup: Lucy Morris
- Best In Show (dog class): A Labrador known as Buddy owned by Kashif who retains the title from last year and received great praise from the judge as to what an absolute star the dog is and a credit to Kashif.

Suffice to say that Michael Channon Jnr's late entry of lemon drizzle cake was highly commended - by whom though I am not sure perhaps the ducks, as it floated past them!!

If I have forgotten anyone please accept my apologies-they tell me it's an age thing.

Alan Bloor Retiring Chairman

THE WIG GIG

Ros Duckworth

Very many thanks to all who came to support the Wig Gig, and hope you had a good time. There were some fantastic wigs!

We made very nearly £2000 profit which is amazing, due to your generosity and enthusiasm, and these funds will go towards the Village Hall.

I would like to thank those who brought food along, and especially Lindsay Storton and Sara Holloway for their amazingly delicious contributions behind the scenes. All served up beautifully by my special team of helpers: Susannah Beaumont, Juliet Banks, Lizzie Carrington, Storm Ryan and Katie Scriven. They also did a brilliant job of selling raffle tickets, twice as many as last year!

TENNIS NEWS

For pay and play in August (£5/hour) please contact Louise Beaumont on 281762 if you cannot reach either Liz or Amanda. Please put Saturday 7 December in your diaries for our Christmas themed Tennis club fundraiser (further details to follow). Finally, if anyone would like to play but needs an opponent! please contact Liz by email - lizdray@btinternet.com. We have a lady looking for a game and Liz will be happy to put you in touch. Its great to see the court being so well used in this lovely weather, long may it last!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

August Church Services

4 th	Family Communion	9.30am
11 th	BCP Communion	8.30am
18 th	*No service in West Ilsley	
25 th	Family Service	11.00am

*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at www.eastdownland.org.uk

Church Questionnaire

There is a preliminary report on the survey results elsewhere in this edition of the WIN.

Date for your Diary

Sunday 6th October – Harvest Festival followed by the Harvest Lunch– Put a note in your diaries. Everyone is invited – we'd love to see the entire village at one or other, but preferably both!!

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 edownlandrector@gmail.com (**N.B.** new email address) Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Wednesday 7th August
Icknield Way Morris Men & Aldbrickham
Clog will be dancing at 8pm

Thursday 22nd August
Coffee & Cake Morning
10:30am till 12pm
Come and sample some
home made cakes over a coffee with friends



Bank Holiday Monday 26th we will be open
all day



Wednesday 28th August
Toddler Group are hosting
the Quiz Night 8pm
All funds raised going towards
the toddler group. Come and
support this worthy cause !!

Aldworth Saturday Market **HOLIDAY!**

Aldworth's weekly, community-run Saturday Market volunteers take a mini break for the last two weeks in August.

The Market will ONLY be OPEN from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for PRE-ORDERD Bread and Papers ONLY on 24th and 31st August.

We look forward to you visiting our friendly, weekly market on some of the other 50 weeks of the year! For further details, or if YOU would like to have an occasional stall at Aldworth, please contact Kathy on 01635 578090.

Aldworth Market's 11th BIRTHDAY **Celebrations!!!**

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Please come to our FAIR!

Join with us in celebrating eleven years of running our weekly Saturday Market, which offers friendship and sociable shopping to villagers, friends and neighbouring communities.

The FAIR will be on our beautiful recreation ground and in our village hall. (RG8 9SB)

FUN for ALL the FAMILY!

If YOU would like a stall for yourself or a charity please email Julie: jljongjwl@aol.com

**Check our website for FAIR details in September:
www.aldworthvillage.org**

TEAS at St Mary's Aldworth

WEDNESDAY Afternoon Teas, from 2.30 to 4.30, continue every week till the end of August.

Please visit with friends for a sociable cuppa and cake and explore our historic church and churchyard too.

Groups are most welcome, but please let us know if a large group arriving.

Thank you. Lily: 01635 578936

INITIAL FEEDBACK ON THE CHURCH QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to thank the 33 people who took the time to respond to the church questionnaire that was sent out at the end of last year. As you can imagine, replies were varied and often conflicting but we thought you would like to know the highlights, so please read on.

More people than not (over 60%) believe there should be a church in West Ilsley, whether as an active and integral part of the community or just as a beautiful old building which should be looked after for generations to come. Over 69% feel All Saints is a spiritual place, while over 78% would happily take a friend there.

There were numerous reasons given as to why some don't attend church regularly: these include other commitments, a desire for more 'relevant' and child-friendly services, as well as a need for better publicity for services. It is felt by some that 'the church' should help with social needs in the community by home visiting and care for the elderly, although the latter is seen as something everyone in West Ilsley should help with. It was good to hear that you believe the church and churchyard are well maintained and that our social events help to support the community. However, some feel there is too much emphasis on fundraising and where an event was organised, it should be priced to include the whole community. Others want more of a focus on spiritual needs and outreach, while groups and services for children and young people are also seen as important. The question about using the church building for other purposes if it had better facilities received conflicting replies, with 41% saying a definite 'no', 17% concerned about the detrimental effect on the village hall, but around 42% saying 'yes' or 'yes for some purposes'.

Obviously, with so many conflicting replies, it would be very difficult for the church community to easily or quickly come up with answers to satisfy everyone. However, we are beginning the process of making small, but hopefully, not too

insignificant changes, which will prove that as a church, we would like to be inclusive and empathetic to community needs.

- All Saints does have two child-friendly services a month, on the first and fourth Sundays at 9.30am and 11am respectively, which we hope you will bring your family to whenever possible. Children are also particularly encouraged to attend special services, such as Pet Services and Mothering Sunday services, as well as services at Harvest, Christmas and Easter.
- We are planning to put more obvious notices about services outside the church, as well as in the pub to advertise all our services. There is also a list of services on the board in the lych-gate and in the WIN every month, as well as on the website at www.eastdownland.org.uk
- If anyone would like a weekly email, to include times of services as well as a sheet with other news and notices for the benefice on, please ring (01635) 281625 or email eastdownland@btinternet.com
- As some of you may already know, our new associate priest, Douglas Dales, has taken on the mission of visiting people within the benefice. We also now have a trained benefice visiting team which is able to undertake regular visiting in addition to the clergy. If you know anyone in particular who would like a visit, please contact either Douglas direct on (01635) 247404 or one of the church wardens (Ian 281625 & Alexandra 281306).
- Whilst our regular Children's Church was suspended last year through lack of children attending, it could be reinstated if there is a demand for it.
- Our social events continue to attract a core of people within the community. In response to the request in the questionnaire for event pricing to be inclusive for the whole community we held our free Community Lunch in February, thus intended to be accessible to everyone in the village but the numbers attending suggested that such an event was not particularly sought-after.
- Much as we would like not to have to 'fundraise', unfortunately it is an important way of obtaining the money we need to maintain and run All Saints. We are indebted to those who kindly donate, especially on a regular basis, to our funds. The planned giving in 2012 was, however, barely 37% of what was needed to pay for the running of our church (annual costs, excluding unexpected repairs, in 2013 will be approximately £11,000). The remainder of our receipts, from collections and one-off donations, as well as

from social events, are always an unknown quantity, so it is difficult to plan ahead. As we receive no money from the government we are reliant on the generous gifts of others.

Further discussion and feedback relating to the questionnaire will continue to take place and we hope that this will enable you to be more engaged with the life of the church.

All Saints' Church PCC
August 2013

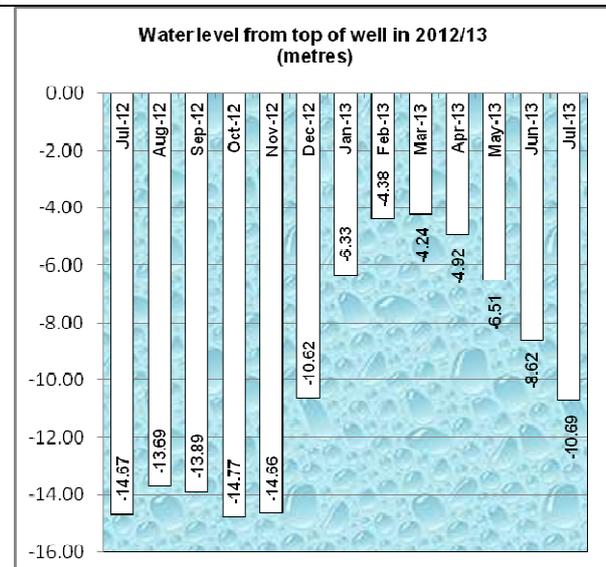


PARISH PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

7th September

West Ilsley – Main Street - 1400/1430

LATEST WELL READING



Neighbourhood Policing
newsletter

Bucklebury &
Downlands
Neighbourhood

From Neighbourhood Officer PC Matthew Allen. The latest crime statistics can be found by visiting www.police.uk ([opens new window](#)). 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. The crime rate in your neighbourhood for the period April to May 2013 inclusive as opposed to the same period in 2012

has reduced by 13%, with burglaries down by over 35%.

The neighbourhood has three priorities; rural crime, speeding, and anti social behaviour & criminal damage in Upper Bucklebury. 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.

I have started carrying out speed enforcement across the neighbourhood in the last few weeks, which will now be a regular part of my duties. In the villages that I have undertaken enforcement, a lot of the drivers that I have issued tickets to have lived in neighbouring ones so it is important that we remember to keep an eye on our speed and what we wouldn't want in our own village we don't inflict on others.

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 7th September.

All farmers and land owners are advised to remain vigilant to the possibility of unlicensed music events (Raves) being organised on their land.

Please be alert to any of the following rave related activity:

- Removal of locks from secured access points.
- Vehicles particularly panel vans or larger driving off road.
- Groups of vehicles congregating in rural areas.
- Convoys of vehicles.
- Loud music from remote areas.

By receiving early warnings Thames Valley Police has a much better chance of disrupting the rave and dispersing those responsible for its organisation.

As the summer holidays are fast approaching, many of us are thinking of going away. It is important to ensure preventative measures are taken to deter opportunist burglars.

Break-ins are likely to take place in the summer months, by opportunist burglars looking for insecure windows and doors, so leaving your doors unlocked, even while you're in the garden or upstairs, is taking a risk. The most important thing is that you lock your doors and don't become complacent. It only takes a second for someone to get into your home and take things without you noticing.

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](https://twitter.com/TVP_WestBerks)

Have you signed up to Thames Valley Alerts?

Thames Valley Alerts is the new system for receiving crime and policing updates for your area. The state-of-the-art system allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it. A new option includes receiving information via text and more traditional landline and email messages will still be available. You can also filter the updates you receive by specifying the priority level of the messages you receive.

To sign up to receive alerts visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/

PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Meeting dates for 2013:

Sept 9th
Nov 11th

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I plan to hold training sessions for people on Tuesdays, starting at 5.30pm lasting for an approximately 90 minutes at Compton village hall. Sessions will be £4 for children and students, £5 for salaried adults, payable on the day to begin with. If you are interested, please contact me on 07503 719136 or mail me at Compton.dojo@gmail.com.
Vicky Green, Nidan EGKA/IOGKF



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