

# West Ilsley News

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## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Alan Beaumont, Chairman

It has been a tough time for all of us but things are improving and hopefully we can all look forward to better times ahead. It was also sad with the passing of HRH Prince Philip and nice to see a number of Union Flags at half-mast. We do have some positive news with the Community Nets Project receiving some additional funding from West Berkshire and we should be seeing some progress in the coming months and no doubt the Cricket Club will be providing regular updates. The village also received funding from West Berks for some flood alleviation works, which should help to provide some safeguard to the village going forward – we are uncertain of the timescales but we will advise in due course. Also everyone would have noticed the temporary speed signage installed on the eastern approach into the village, which is providing West Berks with information so that a permanent solution to reduce the speeding at this key location can be installed.

Due to the restrictions we have had to hold recent PC meetings on Zoom and tried to function as best we can and believe this has resulted in an increase in the number of attendees. Although we look forward to getting back to face-to-face meetings, the next full PC meeting (17 May) will be via Zoom and we encourage as many of you to attend as possible. However, if you can't attend or don't own a suitable device then please let me or the Clerk know of any concerns that you have and I will make sure these are raised.

At the recent extra meeting (held on Tuesday 27 April) concerns were raised over the spending of village funds. This is a critical role of the PC and one that we all take very seriously. Although we provide annual accounts (which are published on the Website for all to see) and allocate funds for ongoing maintenance of village assets plus some emergency funds, it was agreed that we should review the procedure for any funding but also find out from yourselves of key priorities. We will be reviewing the findings from the previous questionnaire but we will be running another one via WIN to provide an update. We will then have a better understanding of the wishes of the villagers and where to target any funding. I hope to 'see' as many as possible at the next PC meeting and/or at The Harrow,

## UPDATE FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR RIDGEWAY WARD

Carolyn Culver

Hello everyone

I hope all is well and you are able to enjoy the easing of lockdown restrictions.

The annual Members' Community Bids scheme is open for applications. Each member of the council can apply for up to £5,000 per year in match funding for community projects. They have to be capital projects – examples below – not day to day revenue costs. These can be applications directly from parish councils, or from community groups with their parish council's backing. For example, one of the projects I secured funds for was paid 25 per cent by a community fund, 25 per cent by the parish council, and then match funded 50 per cent by West Berkshire Council. Since being elected in May 2019 I have secured £9,000 towards the following projects:

- East Ilsley community orchard
- Compton sports pavilion
- Vehicle activated sign in West Ilsley to encourage drivers to respect the speed limit
- Emergency kit for East Ilsley to cope with the after effects of flooding and electricity black-outs
- Playground surfacing in Hampstead Norreys
- Children's swings in East Ilsley

The deadline is 23rd June. If you are interested in applying on behalf of a local community group or project please speak to your parish councillors and myself.

If you need to report a problem to West Berkshire Council – eg pot holes, fly tipping, unemptied bins – the quickest way is to search for 'West Berkshire Council Report a Problem' and complete the short online form. If you feel the answer you receive is unsatisfactory, or you have a completely different concern that isn't covered by the form, please contact me using the details below.

Take care and best wishes  
Green Party group leader  
West Berkshire Council

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## CRICKET CLUB

### West Ilsley Community Nets Project Update

As many of you are aware, there has been a cricket net's project running in order to replace the existing, rather worn-out net that sits in the far corner of the recreation ground.

I am delighted to announce that after 2 years of hard work and fundraising, we have now placed the order for our new cricket net facility to be built. The nets will be located alongside the existing tennis court on the righthand side and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. All going well, the nets should be ready for action by the end of June. During this period, there is likely to be some inconvenience whilst the work is carried out but we don't envisage any impact to the tennis club or children's play area. The work will be carried out by Total-Play Ltd who are a recognised ECB and Sports England specialist sporting contractor.

Although the nets will be managed and maintained by the cricket club, they are in fact a community asset and, as such, open to the wider community as a whole and not just the cricket club. We see these facilities as providing and encouraging generations of youngsters to enjoy, train or simply try cricket in a safe, quality environment (oldies are welcome too).

It would be remiss of me not to say thank you to all the people involved. Unfortunately, there are simply too many contributors to mention them all individually, however, there are a few people who I would like to thank specifically. Alexandra Axtell and Patrick MacKenzie-Charrington who were very much instrumental in kicking off the project. Pete Carlisle and his family for donating the strip of land next to the tennis courts, amongst other things. Neil Fowler for his constant support. The Parish Council and in particular Alan Beaumont and Rollo Duckworth and finally to James Gardener and Ian Wilson for their generous support.

I totally believe this is something that we can all take great pride in and I hope that in some small way it gives us something to look forward to after what has been a very difficult and challenging 12 months.

Ralph Taylor



### Pilates Classes

Physiotherapist led

Thursday evenings 6-7pm & 7.10-8.10pm

in West Ilsley Village Hall

starting from 20th May (Boris dependent)

£12 per class or £10 per class if booked for the month

(block bookings start from the first Thursday of each month).

All classes must be booked in advanced due to limited capacity. Unfortunately, cancellations or missed sessions cannot be carried over

Please bring your own mat due to COVID protocol.

Please let me know if you are unable to source a mat.

Please contact Lois on thephysiopig@yahoo.com to book your class or if you have any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you! Lois

## MAY AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

**Onsite services** The PCC is looking into organising a couple of services a month initially and will publish details as soon as they have been confirmed.

Services are being held in other churches in the benefice, to which you are warmly invited. Details of these can be found on the East Downland website at <https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-notice/this-week>

**Online services** Each Sunday there continues to be a recorded Holy Communion service which can be found at <https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/faith-and-worship/online-worship> The video will be live from 8.30am on Sunday mornings, streaming from that time and then available at any time later. The videos for all benefice services can be found on the benefice website, YouTube, and Facebook.

**Private Prayer** 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 government guidelines whilst in church.

### Other Websites of Interest

Links to services and prayers on the Oxford Diocese website at: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/> as well as other resources and information are still very much alive. 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

**Associate Priest:** Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – revdjdales@gmail.com

**Associate Priest:** Revd William McDowell – rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com

**East Downland Benefice Office:** - 07957 458107 - eastdownland@btinternet.com – Usually manned on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith



### Tennis Coaching: 1st - 3rd June 2021

Now that restrictions are easing, The Tennis Committee are delighted to announce that they are organizing tennis coaching again in the village during the June half term and we have been very fortunate to secure coach Jeremy Wood again.

We are offering this to members/past players and the village on a first come/first serve basis.

Groups will be for up to a maximum of four people. Sessions will be for 1 hour each day starting at 10am.

There will be four groups:

Group 1 for year 4/5

Group 2 for year 6/7/8

Group 3 for year 9/10

Group 4 for year 11 and above (inc. adults)

The price will be £10.00 per session.

To secure a place, please email annasugden@btconnect.com as soon as possible with your child's date of birth, school year and preferred sessions.

Anna Sugden 07825884304

### Tennis and Netball

The West Ilsley Tennis committee are very happy for **casual netball/shooting practice** to be played on the tennis court. However, there are a few requirements!

Shortly, on the tennis court, there will be 1 post put up and up to 6 are allowed to play/shoot together on half a court. We do not want the net removed as this is only for the netball club to do on their club nights.

Due to Covid we need to have a record of court usage and booking is required (as is the case for everything

nowadays) - hence anyone wanting to go onto the court will need to book.

If you are a tennis club member already then it is free and you can book online and select 'netball practice' for half an hour or one hour etc.

If not a tennis member, you could join - family membership £45 or we have our new u18 membership for £15/year.

Or pay and play at £10/hr - the same as tennis or £5/half hour.

For booking use <https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com/>

The West Ilsley Netball Club plan to restart later in the summer when weekly practices are usually arranged

– please contact Harriett Andrews on

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The Tennis Committee

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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.

## DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159

### WHO TO CONTACT

#### VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth–Bookings–281471

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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

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#### CHURCHWARDENS

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Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

#### TENNIS COURT

Membership: Please email

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Play without joining - book and pay via [westilsleytennis.jezzam.com](https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com/) or the link on [westilsley.org](http://westilsley.org)