

West Ilsley News

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DIARY DECEMBER

15th Church Carol service

FEBRUARY

8th Church Winter Warmer

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO WEST ILSLEY

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS - IN LIEU OF
CHRISTMAS CARDS WE HAVE RAISED £570
THIS YEAR FOR CHURCH FUNDS -
MANY THANKS TO ALL

*We wish all our friends and neighbours
in West Ilsley a very Happy Christmas
and a happy and healthy 2020
Carol and Joe Clerkin*

*Best wishes and a lot of festive fun for
everyone in West Ilsley
Kath and Fred Carter*

*Very best wishes for a Happy Christmas
and New Year to all our friends and
fellow villagers in West Ilsley
Wendy and Alec*

*Happy Christmas to everyone in the
village. Wishing you all a wonderful
2020. We have loved living in West Ilsley
and look forward to still joining in with
village life.*

Ed, Juliet, Fiona, Holly and James xx

*A very merry Christmas to all in West
Ilsley and best wishes for 2020 from
Philip, Amanda, Ellen, Alice and Will
Knight*

*Wishing you all the best over the coming
holiday
Bill de Grey
(retired postman)*

*Christmas greetings to everyone and a
Happy New year"!
Adrian, Liz, Hannah, Matthew and Ben
Dray*

*Wishing everyone a very healthy and
happy 2020
Andrea and Mel*

*Very best wishes to everyone for a Happy
Christmas and New Year.
Jo Tony Ellen Tom and Katie Scriven xxx*

*Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and
New Year from Will & Kristie & Mitzi.*

*Wishing everyone in West Ilsley a Happy
Christmas and all the very best for 2020,
with love Sue, Andy, Zoe and Lizzie
Carrington xx*

*Alison, Steve, Mark and Juliet wish you
all a lovely Christmas and much success
and happiness for 2020!
From The Banks family x*

*Wishing everyone in the village a very
Happy Christmas and a lovely New Year.
With lots of love Ed, Anna, Caspar, JJ,
Jonty and Banter xxx*

*Festive greetings to friends & villagers for
a joyful Christmas & good health &
happiness throughout 2020
June & Stuart*

Wishing all our friends in West Ilsley a wonderful Christmas & a happy, healthy 2020, all the way from South Africa, lots of love Wes, Hayley & Noah xx

Merry Christmas to all our lovely customers, friends & family, near & far, a toast to a prosperous & healthy 2020, cheers, love Pete, Jacqui, Hayley, Wes, Noah, Chris & Grace xx

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and Happy and Healthy 2019.

With love from Justin, Rosanne, Georgia & Honor Pilditch xxx

A very happy and healthy New Year to all my lovely West Ilsley friends.
Best wishes Janice Sheppard. X

Seasons greetings from Roger (the window cleaner) & Family

Wishing all our friends and fellow Villagers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Avice & Alan

Wishing all our friends and neighbours in West Ilsley a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for 2020. Ralph, Louise and Mark Taylor, Bakery Mews.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2020
From Mandy, Neil and Briony Slater

Wishing everyone in and around West Ilsley

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Best wishes

Denis, Barbara & Charlie

A merry Christmas to you all and a very happy New Year.

With love, Ian and Kay xx

Dear all our friends and neighbours in West Ilsley, wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, love from Alison, Nigel, Sophie, Adam & Rosie

Wishing all our friends old and new a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
We are very much looking forward to 2020
With love, Giles, Harriett and Matilda

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year

Love from Rollo and Ros Duckworth

Tony Elliott would like to thank his friends in the village for their kindness and support during this trying year and wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year

Wishing everyone in West Ilsley a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
With love from Rachel, Dan, Annabelle and Henry Hudson

Happy Christmas to all West Ilsley from the Lucas Tribe at Lane End Cottage.
Good luck for 2020!

Wishing all our friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas
With love from Dries, Amanda, Mae & Hugo Hagen

Wishing everyone health and happiness
With love the Briggs Family

To all our friends in West Ilsley Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Love, the Woods family xxxx

Seasons Greetings and best wishes to all for health and happiness in the coming year

Alan, Louise, Will and Suzanna

Happy Christmas to you all Best Wishes
Sue and Graeme and all at Keepers Barn!

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a cracking New Year. Patrick and Tor, Bramble Cottage

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

December Services at All Saints' Church

1 st	Family Communion	9.30am
8 th	Holy Communion	8.30am
15 th	Carol Service	6.00pm
22 nd	<i>No service in All Saints</i>	
25 th	Christmas Family Communion	9.30am
29 th	<i>No service in All Saints</i>	

Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice, go online at www.eastdownland.org.uk or see the Benefice Christmas card which should be coming through your door anytime now.

Working Party Tidy Up for Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who gave up their Saturday morning to give the church an extra clean and to clear the churchyard of leaves before our Remembrance Day service.

Remembrance Service

There was a good turnout at our service again this year, which was taken by the Revd John Toogood. Thank you to all those who took part in the service. We raised £282.50 which has been sent to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Downland Advent Carol Service – Sunday 1st December

This delightful candlelit service, which this year takes place at 6.00pm at St Barnabas' Church Peasmore, marks the beginning of our preparations for Christmas. Everyone is welcome.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next café will be on Sunday 8th December from 10am to 11am, when donations will be sent to Emmaus, a charity that works with the homeless in Oxford. All welcome.

Christmas Services

There will be numerous services around Christmas in all nine churches in our benefice, including All Saints', and you are warmly invited to any of these. The Benefice Christmas card will have dropped through your letterbox with details of all the services on it. Whatever type of service you prefer, whether Crib service, Christingle, Carols or Communion, you will find one in the benefice somewhere at some time during December. All Saints' will be holding a Family Communion Service on Christmas Day at 9.30am.

Christmas Carol Service

This joyful service will be held in All Saints' Church, West Ilsley on Sunday 15th December at 6pm and you are all invited to stay on afterwards for mince pies and mulled wine. This year the collection will go to Friends of Young Carers West Berkshire see elsewhere in the WIN for more details.

Café Church at St Mary's Church, Chieveley

There will be no Café Church in December. The next Café Church at St Mary's will be a Christingle Service on Sunday 19th January at 5.00pm. You are invited to come at 4.45pm for refreshments before the service.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 8th February 2020 – Winter Warmer. Put the date in your diaries now!

Contacts:

Churchwardens: Ian – 01635 281625; Alexandra – 01635 281306

Rector: Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 - edownlandrector@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

CAROL SERVICE - 6PM SUNDAY

15 DECEMBER AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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COLLECTION

The collection from the carol service this year will be going to the local charity "FRIENDS OF YOUNG CARERS WEST BERKSHIRE". They support children aged 5-18 who have caring responsibilities at home and also fund activities and respite for them. You can find out more about their work at www.foyc-webs.org.uk

DONATIONS

Please can you bring any of the following (new) items to the carol service for West Berkshire Homeless:

Bike locks (combination)
Rucksacks
Mens Jogging Bottoms
Pot noodles

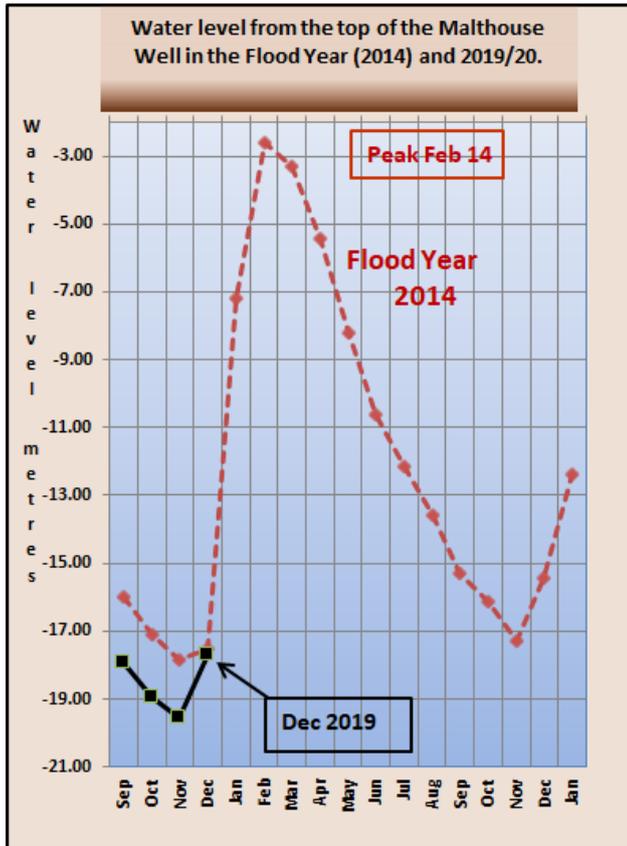


Thank you for your support.
Alexandra Axtell - church warden

MALTHOUSE WELL UPDATE

As usual the Malthouse well reading has been dropping steadily since May this year and reached its lowest point (approx. 19.5m / 64ft) in the first week of November. Since then it has risen to 17.70 metres (approx. 58ft) below ground level. Typically the well reaches its lowest point towards the end of December, but this year it happened a few weeks earlier than usual. This is due to the very damp Autumn we have had. From the beginning of September, according to the two on-line village rain gauges at Knollend Down and Tanglewood, we have had about 280mm rain. This is more rain than average for this time of year, but not exceptionally so.

If any car washers and dog owners amongst us want to find out if we are due any rain before they go out, there is an accurate on-line live rain radar map <https://www.meteoradar.co.uk/expected-rainfall> which shows the actual rain we are due in the next 3 hours.



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER ~ 2019

The Evergreens have just one more coach trip this year and that is to Salisbury Christmas Market on the 3rd of December. This trip is fully booked.

We will once again have our members Christmas lunch at the Swan Hotel, East Ilsley on Saturday the 7th December at 1pm.

We would like to thank all the members who came along to our special pre-Christmas Afternoon Tea and for their support through the year and hope you enjoyed the trips and fundraising events.

The Evergreens would like to wish you all a very festive Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Theatre Trips

Seats have been reserved for the following shows in 2020.

Wednesday ~ 4th March at 2:30pm.

We Will Rock You. Featuring 24 of Queens biggest hits and Ben Elton's hilarious comedy writing combined, comes a smash hit musical spectacle that marked the bands legendary live performances.

Tickets at £30 plus £10 transport.

Wednesday ~ 8th April at 2:30pm.

Priscilla Queen of the Desert. This iconic musical stars Strictly Come Dancing Winner Joe McFadden in the hilarious adventure of three friends who hop on a battered bus for a heart-warming journey of self-discovery, featuring glittering costumes, fabulous feathers and a non-stop parade of dance floor classics.

Tickets at £30 plus £10 transport.

Please come along and see these shows. Book your tickets with me on 281997 or 07780 994297

Thank you for supporting the Ilsley Evergreens.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

Christmas Trees for Sale

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Thanks from Storm!

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PRIZE BINGO

AT

WEST ILSLEY

VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN 7:00

EYES DOWN 7:30

TERRIFIC PRIZES

&

GRAND RAFFLE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

COME & ENJOY YOURSELF

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMPTON, ILSLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH - AN UPDATE

Poppy Appeal Lunch 2019 – Saturday 2nd November 2019

We were delighted to welcome **The Right Honourable Sir Mark Waller**, a former Lord Justice of Appeal and Intelligence Services Commissioner as our guest speaker at our fund raising Poppy Appeal lunch held on Saturday 2nd November. Sir Mark gave an fascinating address entitled **“Oversight of MI5 MI6 and GCHQ – the role of the judiciary”**. 69 members, partners and generous supporters sat down in the Foinavon where we were treated to an excellent lunch provided by landlord Geoff and his staff. With a raffle organised

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



by the local Poppy Appeal Organiser Keith Rathband and a small auction led by Tony Cribb we are proud to say that a total of £1,350 was raised for the Poppy Appeal. The Officers of the branch would like to express their thanks to all those who donated, supported and attended.

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service 10th November 2019 Aldworth

Our parade and Service this year was held in Aldworth in fine weather. Those parading, RBL members, Youth Groups, local dignitaries and supporters, assembled outside the Bell Inn under the direction of the Parade Marshal and Branch Chairman Steve Allison, a WO2 reservist in the RLC, and then marched to St Mary's Church. This was led by piper Ian Knight and Drummer Mike Conner from the Oxford Caledonian Pipe Band. The RBL branch standard was carried by Mick Crockford. Scouts and Guides provided a Union Flag and individual section standards.

The marchers filed into the grounds of the ancient St Mary's Church where the War Memorial is situated on the outside wall and the Act of Remembrance was led there by branch chaplain Rev Clive Jones. The names of the fallen were read out by Malcolm Greenaway, who had two relatives named on the memorial, one killed in each of the world wars. The Exhortation was read by Branch Secretary David Norbury and Kohima Epitaph by Explorer Scout Robert Davies. The Last Post and Reveille were beautifully played by Aimee Jones. A two minute silence was observed at 11 o'clock and wreaths were then laid on behalf of the RBL branch by Kerry Mason, Church Warden Maurice Allen and by parish councillors from Aldworth, Compton and the Ilsleys. Further wreaths were laid by Scouts and Guides.

The service, attended by a congregation of 250, continued inside the church, during which the Ward Councillor, Carolyne Culver, read the lesson. After

the service the parade re-formed to march back to the Bell

Membership

Our small RBL branch is growing and would welcome you as a member. You do not have to be ex services (or a senior citizen!) to join the RBL but only supportive of the charity's objectives of looking after the serving and ex-serving community. The membership annual subscription is small at £17. To join, please contact one of the undersigned. Steve Allison tel 07812 991013 email steveallison1888@aol.com or David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com – thank you.

UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR CAROLYNE CULVER

The footpath is now open again and I want to thank the neighbouring resident for his incredible patience and the West Berkshire Council officer who led efforts to resolve the matter.

West Berkshire Council's draft environment strategy (including measures to make the district carbon neutral) will be published in the new year and there will be a six week period of public consultation.

In January (date tbc) there will be a public consultation event about the future of the Pirbright/Animal Institute site in Compton, and the owners of the site intend to submit a planning application at the end of February. The application could be for 250 homes – a significant increase in the size of Compton, and potentially a significant impact on the schools, doctors' surgery, road network etc.

Remember you can report problems including fly tipping, unemptied bins, and pot holes by searching for 'West Berkshire Report a Problem' on the internet or visiting www.fixmystreet.com If it's urgent please

email customerservices@westberks.gov.uk or call 01635 551111.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Councillor Carolyne Culver

Ridgeway ward

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

2020 Parish council meetings:

13 Jan 9 March 11 May 13 July 14 Sept 9 Nov

DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159

WHO TO CONTACT	
VILLAGE HALL Ros Duckworth–Bookings–281471 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 2 Morland Close on Tuesday or Thursday evening between 6.00 and 7.30. Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box anytime before Monday evening for the following week's delivery. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping to the times listed. Tony Elliott	
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DVG HANDYBUS SHOPPING - £3 RETURN

(approx 1 hour shopping time)

Didcot - Tesco Tuesdays (monthly)		Wantage – Sainsbury's Wednesdays (fortnightly)	
Outward Journey		Outward Journey	
Time	Place	Time	Place
9.45 am	Chieveley	9.45 am	Chieveley
10.15 am	Compton	10.15 am	Compton
10.30 am	East Ilsley	10.30 am	East Ilsley
10.40 am	West Ilsley	10.40 am	West Ilsley

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Isley Under Fives

We are a small and friendly toddlers group run completely by parents in East and West Isley and surrounding villages

Wednesday during term time from

9:45am to 11:45 at West Isley village Hall

We run different activities each week from crafts and games to exciting trips out and would love to welcome some new parents/learners and little ones to join us.

Please email Jillian.hobbs@outlook.com for more information or find us on Facebook at "Isley Under fives"

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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