

West Ilsley News

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5pm on Thursday 27th April

DIARY

APRIL

8 th	Harrow – Grand National
13 th	Harrow – coffee and cake
16 th	Harrow – Easter egg hunt
26 th	Harrow – quiz night
28 th	Harrow – kids club

JULY

2nd	Village fete
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APRIL'S FARMING NEWS

Lambing has mainly finished, leaving approximately 50 to lamb. We have had a very pleasing lambing with many twins, triplets and very few lambing problems. Whilst the weather is not helpful for the arable section of the farm we are busy tidying and cleaning the lambing pen barn ready for when they are required for worming the lambs for the first time at approximately six weeks of age.

We have made a start with the Spring Barley planting and over half of the crop has been planted but,



obviously, we have had to stop whilst the rain falls. The forecast is, however, more favourable after the next few days.

The cattle will soon be turned out onto the Folly and Harcourt grass fields that are growing well and they will enjoy a good sprint around the fields before getting involved in viewing all of the pre-season activity on the recreation field/cricket pitch.

PARKINSON'S^{UK} CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

Walk for Parkinson's – Welford Park

Join Parkinson's UK on Sunday 9 April 2017 when we will be returning to Welford Park for our sponsored Walk for Parkinson's. There will be two different circular walks available, a 2.5 mile walk and a more challenging 6.5 mile walk around the beautiful Welford Park estate, home of the Great British Bake Off. During the walk you will cross the River Lambourn, climb the hill to see the impressive cricket pitch whilst overlooking the historic Welford Park, explore the wonderful woodland before crossing the fields and taking in the lovely views of the surrounding countryside.

Entry fee is £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s and all walkers will receive a Parkinson's UK t-shirt, plus a medal on completing the walk.

The funds raised from the Walk for Parkinson's – Welford Park will go to Parkinson's UK to support the vital research work taking place to find a cure for Parkinson's and improve the lives of the 127,000 people in the UK who are affected by the condition. We support those living with Parkinson's and their families and friends, so that no one has to face Parkinson's alone.

You can find out more and register at www.parkinsons.org.uk/walkwelfordpark or contact the Regional Fundraising Team on 020 7963 3912 or email fundraising@parkinsons.org.uk

CAFE IN THE CHURCH

It has been such fun starting a monthly cafe to make more use of our village church. We have all enjoyed a variety of delicious cakes (thank you star bakers), hot drinks and lots of chat! The children have created and iced a gingerbread house and people, glued valentine heart decorations and coloured fun Mother's Day activities. Each month the cafe donations have gone to a chosen charity. So far we have supported the Children's Society, the Marriage Foundation and Mothers' Union. Our March donation was so plentiful that we were able to fund 2 Learn a livelihood packages, 1 literacy and numeracy package and 1 Parenting skills course. I want to thank all of you for your support for our cafe with a mission! The cafe is open every second

Sunday from 10-11am. We hope you can join us at the next one on Sunday 9 April.
Alexandra Axtell Churchwarden

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

April Services

2 nd	Family Communion	9.30am
9 th	BCP Communion	8.30am
10 th	Compline with Reflection for Holy Week	8.00pm
13 th	Maundy Thursday	*
	*No service in West Ilsley <i>See Easter Card</i>	
14 th	Good Friday	9.00am
	Good Friday Walk starts at West Ilsley Church	
14 th	*No service in West Ilsley	*
	<i>See Easter Card</i>	
16 th	Easter Family Communion	9.30am
23 rd	Family Service	11.00am
30 th	*No Service in West Ilsley	
	<i>See Café Church below</i>	

*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the Benefice or go online at www.eastdownland.org.uk. An Easter card will also be dropping through your letter box with details of all services in the benefice over Easter.

Café in All Saints' Church

The next café in church will be on Sunday April 9th, from 10am to 11am, after the usual 8.30am service. There are crafts for the children to do, so just drop in during that time for a cup of tea or coffee, cake and a chat. We would love to see you there. There is no charge, but any donations on the day will go to charity.

Clay Pigeon Shoot

On a chilly and very windy morning in March, over 100 people came to shoot clays off Bury Lane below the Ridgeway. Warmed by bacon butties and hot drinks, teams of around 6, tested their skills against the challenging conditions. Set up in a horse box, the village barbecue went on at lunchtime to serve up welcome bowls of hot chilli. Although our local teams did very well, they were just beaten by the Tadley Rabbit Killers who won a very fine case of claret. The £60 prize for the top score in the Bonus Flush went to Tom Preston from Wallingford. Our thanks must go especially to Richard Gore and Giles Wilson-North for organising such an enjoyable day and to Steven Turner for instructing the novices. Little would have happened without the energetic trappers, so grateful thanks to Dave and Jonathan Rockall, Tom Wilson-North, Louie Smorffit, Craig Tizzard, and Jack Channon for giving up their time, when a lie in would surely have been preferable! Thanks also to the members of the PCC who cooked and dispensed the hot food and drinks while battling a howling wind. However, no shoot would be complete without the competitors, so thank you for

turning out on such a cold and blustery day. Proceeds are yet to be finalised but a substantial sum will go towards the cost of the new boiler recently installed in All Saints' Church.

Holy Week – 10th to 13th April

There will be short reflective services twice a day at 12 noon and at 8pm, during Holy Week at different churches in the benefice – a time to sit quietly and bring a period of calmness to our usually hectic lives. Details will be on the Easter card, but West Ilsley will be holding a service on Monday 10th at 8pm. (See services above).

Good Friday Walk



This year the Service of Prayer at the Cross will take place at Beedon Church

at 2pm after the Walk. This year the Walk will start at West Ilsley Church at 9.00am to arrive at Farnborough at 10.00am. After a brief stop, the walk will continue to Peasemore Church arriving around 12.10pm for our packed lunches. The final stretch will start at 12.50pm to arrive at Beedon Church around 1.45pm in time for the service. All times, except starting time, are approximate. Join or leave the walk at any time, but do come.

Easter Services

All Saints' is holding a Family Communion on Easter Sunday at 9.30am – we hope to see you there! There are other services in the benefice during Holy Week, and on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and on Easter Day, so do look on the church notice board, on the benefice website or in the Benefice Easter card to find a service to suit you.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This takes place on Tuesday 25th April in All Saints' Church from 7.45pm. Everyone is invited to attend, especially those members of the church on our Electoral Roll.

*Café Church

This delightful and very popular service continues on Sunday 30th April, this time at St Johns' Church, Stockcross. The service, which follows a United Benefice Communion Service at 9.30am., starts at 11am, but do come at 10.45am for refreshments beforehand (the cakes are legendary).

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). To receive by email a copy of the weekly pew sheet, which contains readings, prayers and notices about church events in the benefice, please contact the East Downland

Benefice Office on eastdownland@btinternet.com or phone 07957 458107 and leave a message. The office is usually open on Thursday and Friday mornings and can be contacted in the first instance for information about baptisms or weddings. For any other reasons, you can contact Revd John Toogood on 01635 247566 or email him at edownlandrector@gmail.com
Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

WHATS ON AT THE HARROW

GRAND NATIONAL SWEEP STAKE

Saturday 8th April

5:15pm

Pop in and join in the sweep stake for the big race

COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Thursday 13th April

10:30am

Louise Beaumont & Cathy Patterson are doing a Pink Ribbon walk at Blenheim Palace and raising money for Breast Cancer Care.

Pop in for a slice of homemade cake, a coffee and a catch up.

We raised a fantastic £75 for The Air Ambulance at March's coffee and cake morning, thank you to Pippa for donating 10% of her takings from the sale of her lovely Phoenix Cards and thank you to everyone who came along and those of you who couldn't but donated some money anyway. Thank you!!

Pippa will be with us again in June, September and November.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday 16th April

11am

Bring the kids down and hunt for the Easter eggs, donations to The Air Ambulance

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 16th April

Book your tables now for Sunday lunch

QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 26th April

8pm

Raising money for The Oxfordshire Air Ambulance

Book your teams in NOW!!

KIDS CLUB

Friday 28th April

4pm - 5:30pm

Bring the kids along for an early dinner and a play.

£5 each, includes chicken nuggets, chips and peas and a glass of squash.

Please let Hayley know if you're coming along.

EASTER BINGO

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 7th April

DOORS OPEN 7:00

EYES DOWN 7:30

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AND

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FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

To donate a raffle or bingo prize, please would you bring them to 2 Morland Close from 2nd April

West Ilsley Ridgeway Run

Sunday 7th May 2017

There will be a 10k & 6k trail run. All finishers will receive a medal and snack from the BBQ.

There will also be a fun run for all ages held on the playing field.

To enter or for more information please visit:

www.mysticpixel.wixsite.com/ridgewayrun

Or search for West Ilsley Ridgeway Run on Facebook where there will be all the information and updates.

10k £18 entry minimum age 16

6k £12 entry minimum age 14



FETE NEWS

SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2 - 4pm

If you would like a potato for the most amount of potatoes in a pot then please pop into The Harrow and select a potato.

As always we are desperate for volunteers to run stalls and help out on the day, if you would like to help us out please let one of the committee know.

Start collecting up all your good quality clothes, shoes, handbags and home ware items, books and toys for the vintage clothing stall and bric-a-brac stalls this year.

If you would like to make a donation towards the fete in some way we would be delighted to hear from you.

Fete committee 2017

Ed Ryder

Dan Hudson

Tony Elliott

Justin Pilditch

Hayley Morrick 07947 188069

The Watermill Theatre performs 'Nesting'
Aldworth Village Hall
22 June 2017

Have you, like me, been meaning to see a show at the Watermill for years? Or have you seen a show there and been impressed at how good it is - as I have heard so many times?

We are very excited to share that the Watermill is now coming to Aldworth Village Hall to present the opening night of their touring show 'Nesting'.

Nesting
by Ellen Robertson



Linda is a self-confessed 'collector'. She has all the necessities: broken umbrellas to match any outfit, unopened Amazon parcels delivered in 2012, shoes that don't fit but were a bargain at 75 percent off and trainers because, one day, she will definitely take up running. To add to her collection there is Toby, an affectionately named rat who has taken up residence in her home.

With the arrival of Jonathan, a man who can't sleep if the sponge is in the wrong place by the kitchen sink, comes a more life-changing situation than Linda could ever have imagined. The journey that follows is one of love, loss and an infatuation with Stevie Wonder memorabilia.

Show starts: 7.30pm
(Doors open 7pm)

Aldworth Village Hall
RG8 9SE

Tickets £20 to include light supper (Pierrepont bites) during the interval
Drinks available to buy from the bar

Box office: aldworthnesting@googlegroups.com
Ali - 07796 855 315

UPDATE ON DOWNLAND VOLUNTEER GROUP HANDYBUS

Due to West Berkshire Council's withdrawal of funding for the leased handybus, the DVG have, subject to final confirmation, decided to accept the gifted handybus from them and continue running it themselves. This is a new venture for the DVG and it will rely a lot on funding to pay for all maintenance, insurance, safety checks etc., etc. in the future. At present this has been estimated at £5000 a year and it is important to make full use of this service.

We only charge £3 per person for the complete trip and we collect door to door and carry shopping if required. How does this compare with bus routes if you have to pay for it yourself!!! Passengers enjoy the chat on the routes with renewed acquaintances from other villages. We can take up to 12 villagers at a time. We cover all the villages of the old Downs School catchment area. Please pass this on to anyone you think may be interested, either in your

area or someone else you know on the routes mentioned below.

These are the various days and routes we take as a rough guideline but there are, or can be, some small diversions to out of the way places.

Mondays:

B4009 and villages in the area to Newbury (weekly)

First pick up at approximately 9.50am at Hermitage, Curridge, Hampstead Norreys, Yattendon, Ashampstead, then on to Newbury shopping.

Tuesdays:

Friendship Club at Hampstead Norreys village hall. (fortnightly)

Collect at 1200hrs at Chieveley, Beedon. Return usually 2.45pm

East and West Ilsley, Compton areas (4th Tuesday of the month)

Starts at 10.15 then via B4009 to London Road Tesco's in Newbury.

Wednesdays:

East and West Ilsley, Compton areas (fortnightly)

Starts at 10.15 then on to Sainsbury's at Wantage

Yattendon area (fortnightly)

Starts at 9.30 at Hampstead Norreys, then on to Newbury and Sainsbury's shopping.

Thursdays:

Beedon and Chieveley areas (weekly)

Starts at 10am at Orchard Park, Beedon, then to Newbury and Sainsbury's shopping.

Fridays:

Chaddleworth and villages on route from Chieveley (fortnightly)

Starts at 2pm then on to shop at Sainsbury's, Wantage.

Kate Bailey has just retired after years of hard work doing this job and I am the new handybus coordinator. There are three ways you can contact me if you want to enquire or arrange transport. I have a mobile phone number 07437 543 098, my landline, 01635 578149, or an email: handybusrotas@gmail.com. If in doubt please contact me for further information, Dave Morris

ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The new committee of the Evergreens held their first meeting on March the 8th and agreed to change the day of the outings from Thursday to Wednesday to allow more members the opportunity to join us on the trips. The cost will remain at £10 for members, £12.50 for non-members. The list of proposed outings is as follows;

April 26th Gloucester, May 24th Wells, June 21st RHS Wisley Gardens, July 26th Portsmouth, August 23rd Poole/Compton Acres, September 13th Ringwood and Lyndhurst, October 25th Worcester, November 29th Winchester Christmas Market.

The date and venue for the Christmas lunch has still to be decided.

A Prize Bingo evening will be held at Compton Village Hall on Friday 19th May.

The theatre trips have proved to be successful and future reservations have been made for the following 2:30 Matinee shows;

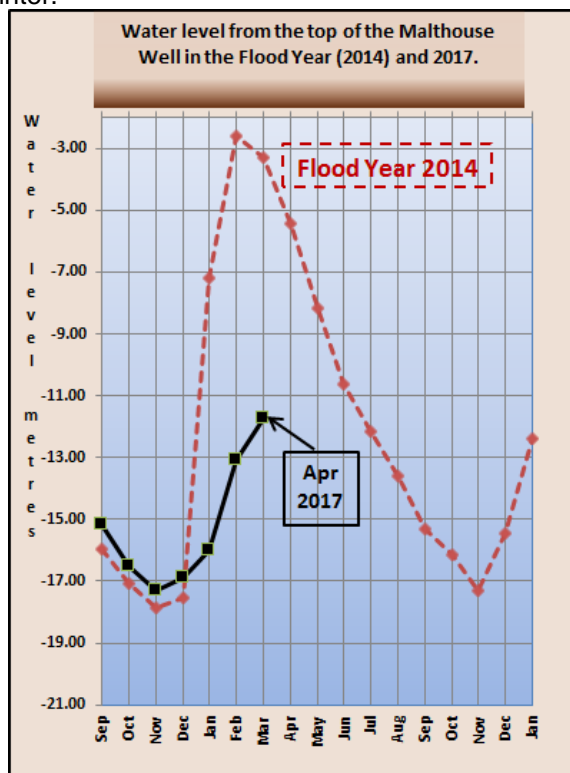
Wednesday 28th June, Out of Order (Olivier winning comedy) 15 Tickets available @ £20+ £10 transport,
Wednesday 20th September, Flashdance (musical) 15 Tickets available @ £25+ £10 transport.
Wednesday 22nd November, Mamma Mia! (musical) 15 Tickets available @ £22+ £10 transport.

If you would like to come along to any of these shows please contact Tony Elliott on 07780 994297.

To join the Evergreens please contact Julia Rockall on 01635 281597

MALTHOUSE WELL

The Malthouse well level rose by about 1.3 metres (~4.3ft) during March and is now about 11.7 metres (~38.4ft) below ground level. The daily rise is now less than 25mm a day and the groundwater will peak around early to mid-April and start to fall thereafter. This is the lowest winter peak level we've had since 2012 and reflects the very low rainfall we've had this winter.



Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Stall at Aldworth

Aldworth Saturday Market has been helping to raise funds for this NEW children's hospice.

On Saturday 8th April (9.30 a.m. to 12 noon) a stall will be selling beautifully hand-knitted/sewn babies and children's clothes and toys. Other handmade items and gifts for adults will also be on sale.

PLEASE SUPPORT the new Berkshire CHILDREN'S HOSPICE stall on 8th April and ask friends to come along too!

The market will also have LOTS of fresh produce, foods, flowers and cards etc. plus refreshments. Families are especially welcome and our playground is next to the hall, which is up on our lovely recreation ground.

For market details please contact Kathy: 01635 578090

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2017 MEETING DATES

15 May, 10 July, 11 Sept, 13 Nov

DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159

WHO TO CONTACT

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Ros Duckworth—Bookings—281471

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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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