

# West Ilsley News

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## EDITORIAL POLICY

We are editors (though we don't edit unless we have to) – we are not reporters, so we only write something if we want to. We rely on villagers to contribute news and information and welcome updates from groups, committees and businesses to let the village know what is going on in their area of interest. We are always happy to receive feedback about WIN so please get in touch if you have anything to say.

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## What's on in West Ilsley

JULY

5<sup>th</sup> West Ilsley Fete

## FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 19th May 2026 7:00 pm

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 19th May 2026 8:15 pm

Annual Parish Meeting

## ROADS AND PAVEMENTS DEFECTS

A reminder of the link to the WBDC report a problem page for issues with roads and the countryside.

Please do use it to report potholes or road and pavements defects.

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

I have been liaising with WBDC for some time to have the village road markings repaired and the pavements re-surfaced. It would be incredibly helpful if more people could use the above link to report these problems. The Council will likely prioritise this work if more people report it. Thank you for your help, Tim

## UPDATE FROM CLLR CAROLYNE CULVER

Dear residents

A campaign against the sell-off of rural social housing will begin later this month. If you are concerned about this issue, please get in touch with me.

The WBC members' community bid scheme is open. I have been allocated £4,000 to bid for. If you have any community projects that need capital funding (not revenue funding) please get in touch with the local parish council asap, because they will need to submit paperwork to me. The deadline for me to submit the bids to WBC is 25 May. In the past we have secured funds (across this ward) for the renovation of a village hall, a sports pavilion, and playground; tree planting; speed indicator devices; a defibrillator; and emergency kit, among others.

West Berkshire Council made the following announcement about recycling. West Berkshire Council, in partnership with Veolia, is pleased to announce a new addition to its kerbside recycling service: plastic tubes can now be recycled from home as part of your regular collection. This includes all toothpaste tubes both hard and flexible, cosmetic tubes and food tubes. Some other examples include herb pastes, cake/biscuit icing tubes, hand cream, and moisturisers. If it is hard or soft plastic and tube shaped it can be recycled.

How to recycle your tubes correctly: 1.) empty the tube completely - squeeze out any remaining product; 2.) leave the cap on - it can be recycled too; 3.) keep tubes flat, not rolled. Place your plastic tubes in the same container as plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, aerosols and tins/cans.

WBC have published the following on their website. On 16 March 2026, the government confirmed that West Berkshire Council has been allocated additional funding through the Crisis and Resilience Fund to provide targeted support for households that rely on oil heating. Oil has seen a significant spike in cost recently due to global events, households that heat their homes with oil are not protected by the national energy price cap, meaning they can be more quickly affected by rising energy prices. The UK government initiated additional support for those affected by this specific issue. We (WBC) are currently working through the arrangements for delivering this additional support to eligible households. Further details, including how residents will be able to access the funding, will be confirmed as soon as the process is finalised. If you would like to speak to someone further, please contact [CRF@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:CRF@westberks.gov.uk) or 01635 503 944.

Residents can report problems (unemptied bins, broken streetlights, potholes, abandoned vehicles on public highways etc) by visiting:

[www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem)

For information about road works (eg utility companies digging up roads) please look at One Network <https://uk.one.network> which contains a map where you can search for details of what is happening in your area. Information about black bin collections is here [www.westberks.gov.uk/3-weekly-collections](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/3-weekly-collections) Residents can now take used mobile phones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers at dedicated collection points at either recycling centre. Best wishes Carolyne  
 Cllr Carolyne Culver  
 Ridgeway Ward (Ilsleys, Compton, Hampstead Norreys, Yattendon and Frilsham)  
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## THE ILSLEYS NEWSLETTER

Hello again from The Ilsleys!

On the last Thursday of the spring term, the school hosted an 'Easter Eggstravaganza' after school. The first thing that happened was a chocolate egg hunt which the whole school could take part in. There were also some stalls which included a few challenges. One of them was guessing how many sweets were in the basket and another was guess the name of the toy rabbit. Everyone had a great time and it was a lovely thing to do at the end of term.

Every year, at the end of the spring term, we hold an Easter Assembly where we sing songs and share the story of Easter, as well as getting our awards. Each class shares something that they have learnt about Easter. The songs that we sang this year were 'Easter Jubilation' and 'Spring Chicken!'.

This term we all have new topics. Atlantic's topic is 'Governments and Leaders'. Pacific's topic is 'We Have Lift Off!' and Arctic's is 'Kenya'. We should have some more fantastic trips lined up for the summer term!

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, Pacific Class went on a school trip to Winchester Science Museum. First, they went to the planetarium and learned about the stars and planets. After that, they were able to explore the upstairs of the museum where they saw displays to do with space and other science displays such as test tubes filled with different liquids. After lunch, they did

a workshop and made rockets out of bottles. They covered these in velcro and stuck shapes to the velcro. After testing them, they had to think about how to make them more aerodynamic, for example by adding a cone. It was a fantastic day!

We are looking forward to some nice weather this term (hopefully!) and lots of fun activities during the summer!

Written by a Year 6 and a Year 4

### FETE NEWS

Could you all save your good quality clothes for our clothing stall? Also any bric-a-brac. Both of which can be brought to the pavilion on the morning of Saturday 4th July.

We will be round at some point to collect bottles for the popular bottle stall. Details to follow.



## MAY AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Service at 11.00am  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Communion at 8.30am  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Communion at 9.30am  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> *No service at All Saints'*  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> United Benefice Communion at 9.30am

Please look on the notice board in the lychgate or on the East Downland website:

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-notices/this-week> for other services in the benefice during May

### Easter Church and Churchyard Tidy-up

Thank you to those who kindly gave up a couple of hours on the Saturday before Easter to help with the spring clean, it was very much appreciated. Thank you also to those who decorated the church so beautifully for Easter.

### Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly cafe will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10am. There is no charge for refreshments, but each month donations are sent to a different charity. Last month your donations of £130 were sent to the Greatwood charity that rehomes former racehorses. The charity also educates and supports disadvantaged children and young people with special education needs and disabilities through Animal Assisted Intervention using former racehorses. Everyone is invited for coffee, cake and a chat, so do come along!

### United Benefice Communion

This will be on 31st May at 9.30am here in All Saints'. Do come and meet up with others from the benefice over a coffee afterwards.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The meeting, to which all are welcome, will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm in church. We hope you will come and hear the review of your church over the last year. Those on the electoral roll are particularly invited.

### Private Prayer

All Saints' will continue to open on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6pm.

### 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, do contact the wardens or clergy who will do their best to help.

To subscribe to the weekly pew sheet, which contains readings, prayers and notices about church events in the benefice, please go to the East Downland website (see above).

### Contacts:

**Churchwardens:** Ian – 01635 281625; Alexandra – 07769 645470

**Rector:** Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 or 07748 822336 - [edownlandrector@gmail.com](mailto:edownlandrector@gmail.com)

**Associate Priest:** Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – [revdjdales@gmail.com](mailto:revdjdales@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

Summer is nearly here...

Afternoon Teas at St. Mary's Church,  
Aldworth

Will start on 1st July and then every Wednesday  
in July, August & September  
2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Delicious homemade cakes in the company of  
The Aldworth Giants

For further details and to book groups contact:  
Gill Wilding 01635 578624 or  
[gillwilding@hotmail.com](mailto:gillwilding@hotmail.com)

## WHO TO CONTACT

**DEFIBRILLATOR** is outside the village hall. In an emergency call 999 who will alert the emergency services that are needed and they will also give you the code for the defib. The danger of people knowing the code up front is that they don't call 999 so an ambulance doesn't turn up.

### MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

 Olivia Bailey MP

If you want to get in touch with me or book a surgery appointment you can email me at [olivia.bailey.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:olivia.bailey.mp@parliament.uk) or write to me at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. If you want to keep up to date with what I am doing in Parliament and in the constituency, I send out a weekly email newsletter to constituents. If you would like to receive it, you can sign up at <https://shorturl.at/qgoHw>.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** – Carolyne Culver 07976 374146  
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### PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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**Georgie Carlisle-Smith** [georgie.carlisesmith@westilsley.org](mailto:georgie.carlisesmith@westilsley.org)

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**Sarah Marshman – Clerk** [clerk@westilsley.org](mailto:clerk@westilsley.org)

**PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP** rep is Joe Clerkin  
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**PRESCRIPTIONS** are delivered from Compton on Tuesday mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on **Tuesdays only between 2 pm and 4.30 pm**. Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box at

any time before Monday evening for the following week's delivery.



**TENNIS COURT** "Pay & Play" is available to non-members for £10 per hour. Non-members can book up to 24 hours in advance. To book the court please use <https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com> or scan the QR code!

For all enquiries, please contact the Tennis Committee via <https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com/contact>

#### **VILLAGE HALL**

##### **Bookings & enquiries:**

Any new bookings should now be done via the village

**Website:** <https://www.westilsley.org/>

Any booking enquiries please contact Jo by email: [village.hall@westilsley.org](mailto:village.hall@westilsley.org)

Anyone without access to the internet can leave a message on: 07958 239891

Rates: £12/hour for villagers and £15/hour non villagers.

##### **WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT A PROBLEM:**

<https://westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

##### **WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT SPEEDING:**

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/speedingtraffic>

##### **WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT DOG FOULING:**

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/36781/Report-Dog-Fouling>

##### **HOW TO CONTACT WEST BERKS COUNCIL REGARDING EMERGENCIES 01635 551111**

<https://westberks.gov.uk/emergency-contact#reporting%20outside%20office%20hours>