

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY JULY

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Westival pre fete do
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fete
18 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow music night
29 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow quiz night

## EVERGREENS

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July there will be a coach trip to Bournemouth. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley Church at 9 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall on 281597.

The Evergreens enjoyed a lovely day out on 21<sup>st</sup> May, when they made the short trip to the historic market town of Devizes. The weather was kind and members had the opportunity to explore the many interesting shops and restaurants as well as take a walk along the Kennet and Avon Canal. A short stop was made at Marlborough on the way home.

A Mystery Tour takes place on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, the date of which coincides with the copy date for the next issue of WIN, so more about that trip in the July issue.

The August coach outing is on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August to Bognor 9am – 4pm.

Any non-member, wishing to join us on one or more of the trips, is very welcome. Please check with Mrs. Julia Rockall on 281597 if spare seats are available.

Julia's Bric-a-Brac and Tombola Stall at the East Ilsley Sheep Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> June, once more proved to be another successful source of fund raising for the Evergreens. Fine weather and a good crowd gave us all a really pleasant afternoon. Julia was supported by Mary Studart, Margaret Gilmore, Avis Dockrill, Jane Ball, Sonia Wilkie and Jim Hughes.

## July 2015

Contributions are required for the Bottle Stall to be provided by the Evergreens at the West Ilsley Show and Fete on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. Bottles of any description can be donated (from Shampoo, etc., to Wines and Spirits or Brown Sauce to Brown Ale, or Perfume to Pernod). Please contact Tony Elliott re same. Bottles can be delivered to Tony any time after 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Many Evergreen members attended the funeral of Jean Wells, which took place at St.Mary's Church, East Ilsley on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May. Jean had been Secretary for the Evergreens for many years and had served our group with great diligence and thoughtful care. A lovely lady who was a pleasure to know. We shall all miss her.

Jim Hughes, Secretary Tel. 01235 834487

## WEST ILSLEY SUMMER FETE

Sunday 5th July 2015

12 - 4pm

West Ilsley Recreation Ground

Welly Wangin'  
Vintge Clothes  
Martial Arts Demo  
Tug o' War  
Classic Cars  
Helicopter  
Dog Show  
Boxing Ring

BBQ  
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Tea & Cakes  
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Live Music  
Bouncy Castle  
Raffle  
Auction

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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

### July Services at All Saints' Church

5 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	9.30am
12 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Communion	8.30am
19 <sup>th</sup>	*No service in West Ilsley <i>See Café Church below</i>	
26 <sup>th</sup>	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](http://www.eastdownland.org.uk)

### Pet Service

As always this service was approached with some trepidation, not least by Revd Douglas Dales, who was taking his first ever Pet Service but who however, by the end of it, was firmly converted to this somewhat different kind of service. Numerous dogs of all shapes and sizes, together with 2 ponies, one of which added its aroma to the overwhelming fragrance from the gorgeous flowers left after the wedding on the previous day, brought their humans, of all ages to this very popular service. The sunshine and glasses of Pimms after the service meant most of us left church in a very mellow frame of mind.

### Café Church

The next service at St Mary's Church, Chieveley is at 11.00am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. It is an informal service for everyone, with live music and an emphasis on families with young children. It has proved to be very popular with all ages, so come along at 10.45am when coffee and cake is served.

### Church Questionnaire

You may remember receiving/completing a questionnaire concerning the church in West Ilsley, back in 2012. Since then, we as a church, together with people from the other churches in the East Downland Benefice, have met together regularly in an attempt to find ways of addressing the issues that arose. To that end, four groups were formed within the benefice to discuss a number of important topics and ideas: a Young People's group, a Communications group, a Building group and a Community group.

- One of the observations that emerged from the questionnaire was our need to encourage young people to attend church by making it more relevant to children of all ages. With that aim, the Young People's group regularly spend time planning Café Church services, when youngsters are encouraged to take an active part in the service. These services run both in Chieveley on a monthly basis and occasionally here in West Ilsley, as well as in other churches in the benefice. They are very informal, appropriate for all ages and have become more and more popular, so do take time out to experience one of these services – you may be pleasantly surprised.

- In addition, a new group specifically for teenagers meets each month in Peasmore, at Douglas Dales' home and is a growing initiative for young people in the benefice. If you know any teenagers who might be interested, do get in touch.
- Some felt we should be doing more for the community by focusing more on people and our Community group has been discussing ways in which we can do this. We have been exploring the possibility of driving young mums and their children in the area who are without transport, to the Children's Centre in Chieveley and one of our group now does this on a regular basis. This is not covered by the Downland Volunteer Group, who tend to mainly drive older people to medical appointments, so there is potential there to help. This is not restricted to members of our group, so if anyone has a few hours to spare and would like to help, do contact Denise Brown (01635 281825), in the first instance.
- Also, the Community group is looking into ways it could help with the local Food Bank. This discussion is on-going, but is hopefully something we will be involved with in the future.
- There was also a desire to see the church hold more socially inclusive events within the church as well as elsewhere and events that were not fund raising. Over the past few years, amongst other things, the church has held two concerts in All Saints' and a Christmas one in Chieveley Church, a free Community Lunch for all, as well as a Mid-Summer Lunch in the churchyard and our annual Harvest Lunch.
- Some people expressed a wish for pastoral visiting within the village, especially for the sick and elderly. Since he joined the clergy team towards the end of 2012, the Revd Douglas Dales has made it a great part of his mission to visit people within the benefice. So if you would like a visit from him or one of the other members of the clergy team, or know someone who would appreciate a visit, please either contact one of the PCC members or email one of the two addresses shown below.
- There was a suggestion that for some people the Bible and church sermons were difficult to understand. We are all in need of teaching and guidance when it comes to the Bible and for anyone who would like to learn more about it, there is now a regular Bible Study held once a month at the Peasmore home of Douglas Dales. The next gathering will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 8.15pm until 9.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend, so please contact one of the phone numbers or

email addresses below if you would like more information or a lift.

The questionnaire has confirmed that the church is an integral part of West Ilsley and although not required by some for worship, is seen as vitally important to the community. If any of you would like to become more involved with any of the plans we have outlined above, please contact one of the PCC members below.

Ian Fewtrell-Smith (Church Warden) – 281625

Alexandra Axtell (Church Warden) – 281306

Rosanne Pilditch (Secretary) – 280553

Kay Fewtrell-Smith (Treasurer) – 281625

Will Axtell – 281306

June Cook – 281565

Sara Gilbert – 281617

Revd John Toogood – 247566

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 [eastdownland@btinternet.com](mailto:eastdownland@btinternet.com)

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, email Revd John Toogood at [edownlandrector@gmail.com](mailto:edownlandrector@gmail.com) or ring him on 01635 247566.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

## COUNTRY NOTES

21st June The summer solstice. The longest day, the shortest night, the first day of summer. A warm sunny evening, elderflowers heavy with perfume, the perfect time to pick these flowers for making cordial, vinegar and "champagne".

The elder is a tree that is steeped in folklore. It was important to pre-Christians as a protection against evil and they planted it close to their back doors to prevent evil spirits from entering the house. To counter these pagan beliefs Christians lent negative connotations to the elder: they called it the Judas tree, the tree on which Judas supposedly hanged himself, unlikely as the branches are so weak that they will hardly bear the weight of a child. A fungus that grows on dead elder is also called the Jews Ear or Judas ear.

It's not clear from where the tree gets its name. The Danes call the female spirit who supposedly lives in the tree, Hyldemoer (Elder mother) and her permission had to be sought before taking wood from the tree. Or it could be from Aeld, the Saxon word for fire, the dry pith in the stems provided tinder and the resulting hollow stem, a tube which was blown down to encourage the flames.

In spite of the negativity bestowed upon it, the products of the elder continued to be put to a variety of uses. The leaves contain a poison and a leafy twig placed under a horse's brow band keeps away flies from the animal's eyes. The cheese cloths used in dairies were washed and then hung out to dry on elder bushes and perhaps picked up traces of this poison contributing to dairy hygiene? Before the invention of modern aniline dyes various parts of the tree were used as natural dyes; the berries were used to produce a purple, the leaves a yellow and the bark was combined with iron to produce a black. The berries are also well known for producing a country wine reputed to be a cure for coughs and colds. The berries have a vitamin C content comparable to blackcurrants, so maybe there is some truth in this? Before picking the products of the elder it may be wise to ask permission from Hyldmoer.

**Perdix**

**WEST ILSLEY**  
**Westival**  
**Friday 3rd July 2015**  
**7:30 TIL LATE!**  
**LIVE MUSIC**  
including the brilliant  
barn dance band 'Kick Shins'  
**LICENSED BAR**  
with great ales and elder  
**Tickets £20**  
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Dress: hippy chick/sixties For more details  
please call 281555

## WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

### POST FETE BBQ

We will be cooking up a storm on the braai  
Sunday 5th July  
7pm - 8:30pm

### MUSIC NIGHT

#### MAE IN JULY

Saturday 18th July

Mae & Ian join together for  
a wonderful night of music  
& singing  
8pm till late



### QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 29th July 8pm

Food served from 7pm

Teams of up to 6

£3 each to enter



## FETE NEWS

The Fete Committee:-Hayley Morricks

Dries Hagen

Ed Ryder

Donna Cobrin

Roger Lucas

Tony Elliott

Dan Hudson

Justin Pilditch

Don't forget that the village event of the year (apart from Giles & Harriett's wedding) is next weekend, Sunday 5th July. We look forward to seeing you all there!! Anyone who has any clothes or bric-a-brac for the vintage clothing stall and bric-a-brac stall please bring them along on Saturday 4th July to the cricket pavilion. We hope you have all been busy practising your baking, horticultural & photography skills for the classes in the produce show. The produce show registration opens at 11:30am and closes at 12 noon prompt, Tony will be there waiting to take your entries. Classes are £1 for adults and 50p for children. The judges are looking forward to sampling a few of your homemade alcoholic tipples, not too many mind!!

Louise Beaumont & Graeme Callegari will be the judges for this year's dog show, I have been informed that bribes will be accepted. Classes are £1 each to enter. Also along side the dog show there will be a clear round agility course, with rosettes for all clear rounds.

If you are keen on running a stall please let one of the committee know.

Wes will be your compere for the day so listen out for his South African tones across the airwaves.

We have some fabulous prizes in our raffle this year as well as a silent auction for a scenic champagne helicopter trip. So get ready to splash some cash!!

So now all we need to do is pray for sunshine !!

See you next Sunday !!

# WEST ILSLEY

## 2015 Produce Show

Registration for Classes Between 11:30 and 12 noon Only

All Winning Entries marked \* will be auctioned off before the raffle is drawn

**FLORAL**

- 1 Single Flower (any variety)
- 2 \* Floral Arrangement (at least 3 varieties)
- 3 \* Table Decoration (Adult)
- 4 Table Decoration (Child)
- 5 Best Pair of Hanging Baskets
- 6 Best Kept Front Garden

**VEGETABLES**

- 7 Single Vegetable (Any Variety)
- 8 3 Vegetables (Same Variety)
- 9 Large or Funny Vegetable (Any Variety)
- 10 Bunch of 3 Culinary Herbs (Tied and in water)

**HOME COOKING**

- 11 \* Jar of any Preserve
- 12 \* Jar of any Chutney or Sauce
- 13 \* Homemade Alcoholic Drink
- 14 \* A Loaf of Yeast Bread
- 15 \* Ladies Bake (Coffee & Walnut Cake)
- 16 \* Gentlemen's Bake ( Naturally Flavoured {fruit or veg} Cake)
- 17 Children's Bake ( 6 Butterfly Buns )

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

- 18 Adult Photograph (Nature Theme)
- 19 Child Photograph (Nature Theme) Under 7s and Under 12s

**CREATIVITY**

- 20 \* Adult ( Drawing, Painting, Made Item or Model)
- 21 Child ( Drawing, Painting, Made Item or Model)

A silhouette of a person jumping or dancing, positioned behind the text of the produce show poster.

## MOBILE & AT HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

The library will call at Fir Tree Paddock between 2.15 pm and 2.35 pm on the following Tuesdays:

June 16<sup>th</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

August 18<sup>th</sup>

September 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

## ALDWORTH NEWS

### Wednesday Afternoon Teas at St Mary's.

Delicious teas will be served between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. every Wednesday at St Mary's church Aldworth till end of August.

Everyone is welcome, especially families (we have toys for children). New facilities include toilet with disabled access. Large groups please contact Lily (01635 578936) to arrange a convenient date.

**St Mary's hosts Aldworth Saturday Market.**

While our NEW village hall is being built, our weekly Saturday Market will be at St Mary's church from 9.30 to 12 noon. Please come along to meet friends over a cuppa and to shop too. Details: 01635 578090.



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October 17th

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**Special  
Anniversary  
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**Sunday 2nd August  
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For more information please contact:  
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Festival**

**Saturday 1st and  
Sunday 2nd August**

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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.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015**

May 11th AGM and Assembly, July 13th, Sept 14th and Nov 9th.

**DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159**

**WHO TO CONTACT**

**VILLAGE HALL**

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 [rosduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:rosduckworth@btinternet.com)  
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Prescriptions are now being delivered on Tuesday mornings only and can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close Mon~Thurs 10 till 6. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone 281997 to ask if it's convenient.

**PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP**

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Alexandra Axtell 281306 Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

**TENNIS COURT**

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Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

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