

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Friday 26th June

DIARY

JUNE

20 th	Village Camp Out
24 th	Harrow Quiz
26 th	Village Hall bingo
27 th	Harrow film night

JULY

3 rd	Westival pre fete do
5 th	Fete

NEW PARISH CLERK

I have taken over from Alison and will do the books as well. Cheques to be paid in now come to me not Jo Scriven. My name is Inna Fowler, I live in 3 The Maltings RG20 7AX 01635 280501 westilsleypc@gmail.com 07778093931

TENNIS COURT

With the summer upon us we are still offering family membership at the very favourable rate of £45 per family for the year. This will allow you access to our online booking system for your family and occasional household guests. You can also book ad hoc on a "pay and play" basis at £5/hour. For further information please contact Liz Dray at lizdray@btinternet.com or 281688.

PRIZE BINGO

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 26th JUNE

DOORS OPEN 7:PM for 7:30 START

TERRIFIC PRIZES ~ SUPER RAFFLE

REFRESHMENTS

EVERYONE WELCOME

proceeds to ILSLEY EVERGREENS

If anyone would like to donate a prize for the Bingo on the 26th June, please call at 2 Morland Close, from Wed the 17th June.

The West Ilsley Campout is back!



Sat 20th June 6pm – Sun 21st June 10am

At Park Wood, West Ilsley by kind permission of the Carlisle Family

Following many years of success the village campout is back! This is an event for all villagers and ex-villagers. For the children an adult and tent are required. You will need to bring all your overnight camping kit and your own food for the BBQ and your breakfast the next morning plus refreshments!

We would love to see as many villagers as possible. It is a great event for the kids but we do ask that you only bring village children as the idea is for them to spend an evening together regardless of age. Adults are welcome to come up for the evening if they like.... It's fun for everyone! A night game is organised at dusk for those who are up for it – bring your torch! The kids are also asked to gather wood for the fires.

The campout is located one mile outside the village. Take the Catmore Road out of the village and Park Wood will be signposted. Cars are kept down the lane so that we are closer to nature than our car! We light a BBQ at 7ish so you might like to bring snacks for younger kids. The fire pit is lit and you may like to bring a chair to sit by the fire. Tents

are pitched around 6ish. First come, first served. A portaloos will be put on site for your comfort! Please DO NOT bring dogs. We do ask for a £10 donation per family to pay for the site preparation and portaloos.

We will go ahead whatever the weather.

If you would like to come please book in with either Angela and Alison and drop your £10 cash through Angela's door with your name on it. Any questions please ask. Please do come and encourage others to join in. Our record is 22 tents!

Please remember all children, regardless of age, must be accompanied overnight by a responsible adult.

Finally, one thing for sure you will return tired, dirty but with happy memories!

Angela Ryan Forge Cottage 01635-281500

Alison Banks The Poplars 01635-281705

COUNTRY NOTES

13th May

Thirteen, a number considered by some to be unlucky, it certainly was in the past for young rooks as traditionally the 13th of May was the day of the annual rook shoot. The young birds known as branchers standing beside their nests, fully-grown but hardly able to fly, made easy targets. The succulent breasts of these birds were destined to provide the main ingredient in a rook pie; a century's old dish that provided a welcome nutritional supplement for country people. The following quotation from Charles Dickens' Pickwick Papers alludes to a rook shoot;

"Stand aside then, now for it". The boy shouted, and shook a branch with a nest on it. Half a dozen young rooks in violent conversation, flew out to ask what the matter was. The old gentleman fired by way of reply. Down fell one bird, and off flew the others. 'Take him up, Joe,' said the old gentleman. There was a smile upon the youth's face as he advanced. Indistinct visions of rook-pie floated through his imagination. He laughed as he retired with the bird--it was a plump one.

Some believe that the nursery rhyme "Four & twenty blackbirds baked in a pie" refers to rooks rather than the common blackbird?

It must have been some pie if it contained forty-eight rook breasts!

Returning to the theme of luck, in the past, estate owners encouraged rooks to nest near their houses as they would bring good luck, and it was considered that to kill them, or to attempt to drive them away, would be to invite ill luck on the family. Discussing this subject over a pint in The Harrow recently, Mick Channon added a little

Hampshire lore into the Berkshire musings, "rooks live near the money and when the rooks leave so does the money". **Perdix**

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

June Services at All Saints' Church

7 th	Family Communion	9.30am
14 th	Pet Service	11.00am
21 st	*No service in West Ilsley	See Café Church below
28 th	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

31st May - Fifth Sunday Communion Service and Café Church

West Ilsley is hosting the United Benefice Holy Communion Service at 9.30am on 31st May, followed by Café Church Service at 11am. There are refreshments between the two services so if you are coming to the Café Church, come around 10.45am for coffee and cake. Do try and join us at one of the services (or both), as friends from other parishes in the benefice will be worshipping with us at this service.

A Pet Service - Sunday 14th June at 11.00am.

Bring your pets, however unusual and make this a service to remember (for all the right reasons!)

Café Church

The June service at St Mary's Church, Chieveley is at 11.00am on Sunday 21st June. 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 for coffee and cake beforehand.

Our Mission to support the Downland Children's Centres

The Downland Children's Centres, located in Chieveley and Pangbourne, serve all the villages of the Downland including Brightwalton and West Ilsley, Compton, Hermitage and Yattendon. Many of their services are 'universal' offering support to all pregnant mothers and families with babies and children aged under 5. Some support is particularly offered to families facing challenging situations.

As part of our mission to the communities we serve, our churches are developing some support for the work of the Children's centres. This falls into three main areas:

- **Volunteer driving** to enable families in the outlying villages to travel to their nearest centre. We all know how difficult life can be living in a small village with very little public transport when we cannot drive or do not have access to a car. Proper processes are in place to safeguard drivers and families. The

Downland Volunteer drivers, whilst providing a most valued service to our communities, are unable to transport families with pre-school children and using taxis is so very expensive: to take a family from Brightwalton to Chieveley and back costs £60! Some of our churches are donating small amounts of money to provide a mileage allowance for volunteer driving.

- **Volunteer support** at the Stay Play and Learn sessions, providing extra pairs of hands to help families during the sessions. If you enjoy playing with your grandchildren, you'll enjoy this.
- **Volunteer administrator:** assisting with the smooth running of the centres, using skills you may have gained in previous employment, making people welcome.

If you have a little time to offer either at one of the centres or by driving, please contact the Centre Manager Paula Craven on 01635 248866 or 01189 645105 pcraven@westberks.gov.uk for more details and an application form or Revd Denise Brown denisefbrown@gmail.com

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 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 or ring him on 01635 247566.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

EVERGREENS

On Thursday 25th June there will be a mystery coach trip with cream tea. The coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church at 9.00 am. Members £10, non-members £12.50. Names to Julia Rockall on 281597.

RUNNING FOR LYMPHOMA

We did it ! Our Lymphoma Association team ran their socks off on Monday in the London 10k, we all ran under the hour with some personal bests included.

It was a wonderful day, not easy, but the atmosphere was amazing and carried us all through to the finish. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored us, we have raised over £2300 for The Lymphoma Association, which is totally amazing. The Just Giving page remains open, so you can still donate if you wish. Thank you to The

Harrow also for supporting this cause with their pub quiz this month.

<https://www.justgiving.com/lymphoma-association-team-WestBerkshire>



WEST ILSLEY SUMMER FETE

Sunday 5th July 2015

12 - 4pm

West Ilsley Recreation Ground

Welly Wangin'	BBQ
Vintage Clothes	Licensed Bar
Martial Arts Demo	Tea & Cakes
Tug o' War	Produce Show
Classic Cars	Live Music
Helicopter	Bouncy Castle
Dog Show	Raffle
Boxing Ring	Auction

And much, much more...

A fun day out for the whole family!

PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP

The Downland Practice are shortly to be inspected by the (CQC) Quality and Care Commission and have requested the help of the PRG groups. If you have any suggestions of ways that you feel the Practice could be improved then please contact me by the next meeting which is on 10th June. The Practice value your comments. Thank You. Fred Carter fredspostbox@me.com

A copy of the Patient's Charter follows:

The Downland Practice Patient Charter

Everyone at the Downland Practice tries to work together with our patients to provide the best possible care. We want our service to be safe, effective, caring, responsive and well led.

We are committed to:

- Treating patients and carers with courtesy and respect
- Involving patients in all decisions about their treatment and ensuring informed consent is given prior to any procedure.
- Ensuring absolute confidentiality of medical records within the limits of the law
- Abiding by legal and regulatory obligations including Data Protection and Health and Safety regulations.

We aim to:

- Offer our patients an appointment with a doctor within 3 working days
- See patients who consider their condition to be medically urgent on the same day
- Answer the telephone promptly
- Keep our patients informed if their appointment time is more than 30 minutes behind schedule
- Print repeat prescriptions within 48 hours of request.
- Provide patients with access to their medical records as the law permits subject to the recommended fee.

We welcome comments and suggestions about our service and encourage patient involvement through our Patient Representation Group.

We ask patients to:

- Treat all staff with respect
- Keep appointments or provide as much notice as possible if there is a need to cancel or rebook
- Only request a home visit if their medical condition prevents them from attending surgery
- Only contact the out of-hours service if their medical condition prevents them from waiting until the next surgery
- Inform the surgery of any changes of name address or telephone number
- Request repeat prescriptions by returning the repeat prescription form, online (when patients register for this service) or by fax but not by telephone

- Take responsibility for ordering their repeat prescription, respecting the processing period takes a minimum of two working days. This helps to ensure that our patients receive their medication in a timely manner
- Make any requests for access to medical records in writing.

We want to work with our patients to provide the best possible service.

MAY'S FARMING NEWS

The ewe lambs have just finished lambing in the Folly Farm barn and are now running around Folly Meadow with their mothers. The young ewes can sometimes be a little tricky with first time lambing and have to be watched carefully to ensure there is an uncomplicated birth.

At long last the rain has arrived and this has been very beneficial to all crops, especially the Spring ones which have the smaller root systems. The wheat and oilseed rape crops are looking well at the moment.

Park Wood's display of bluebells were quite a picture this year and were a treat for anyone who managed to get there to take a look.

Wouldn't we all benefit from some warm sunshine from now on?! Peter Carlisle

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

WHATS ON AT THE HARROW

?????QUIZ NIGHT?????

Wednesday 24th June

8pm

Food served from 7pm

Teams of up to 6

£3 each to enter, proceeds to Family of Hope



Introducing the first of many.....

MOVIE NIGHT

THE ITALIAN JOB

(1969)

Saturday 27th June

7pm

£10 each - includes bowl of chilli & rice and movie

£5 each - movie

Popcorn and other snacks will be available

We look forward to seeing you at this new and exciting event

Please book your seats NOW as we are limited on space



FETE NEWS

Sunday 5th July 12-4pm

Plans are starting to come together, all we need now is the weather to be on our side! We have lots to do this year, including bouncy castles, inflatable go-karting, boxing ring, crockery smashing, owl and birds of prey display, dog agility clear round course, dog show, classic cars, helicopter, pizzas, ice cream van, bbq and much, much more.

It's time to start practising your baking skills and tend to your vegetable patches ready for our produce show.

Fete Committee;

Dries Hagen, Hayley Morricks, Dan Hudson, Justin Pilditch, Roger Lucas, Tony Elliot, Donna Cobrin, Ed Ryder

VINTAGE CLOTHING STALL & BRIC-A-BRAC

Please have a clear out of wardrobes and cupboards, we need all your good quality clothes, accessories, toys, books, home-ware and anything else you can think of for our Vintage Clothing & Bric-A-Brac Stalls. You can bring them to the cricket pavilion on Saturday 4th July.

If you would like to run a stall we would be very grateful of your help. Please let one of us know.

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 16th

July 7th and 28th

August 18th

September 8th and 29th

Aldworth Saturday Market

is moving to:

St Mary's Church Aldworth

for next few months, while our new hall is built.

Please come along to "shop and chat" as usual between 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Further details:

01635 578090

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WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE
AT 7.30PM
FIPS QUIZ NIGHT
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EAST ILSLEY

Please contact Angelique on angeliquecraven@btinternet.com if you would like to take part.

Afternoon Teas

St Mary's Church

Aldworth

WEDNESDAYS

(EVERY week 3rd June to 26th August)

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www.aldworthvillage.org



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 October 11th
 October 17th

7 events
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Max Fane & Musicians from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

Additional artists: The MacLeod String Quartet, recent winners of the Mabel Glover String Quartet Competition at the Conservatoire

Friday 19th June
7.30pm • Tickets: £10

Ticket price includes refreshments



Max Fane Emma Mockett Lauren Jean McQuistin

To order tickets or for more information please contact:
 01635 578233 or 01491 671714
stmarysaldworth@gmail.com

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)

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015
 May 11th AGM and Assembly, July 13th, Sept 14th and Nov 9th.

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL
 Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com
 Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers

PRESCRIPTIONS
 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.

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