

West Ilsley News

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Many thanks to everyone who responded to our questions in February's edition – it seems that the village does still want a newsletter and that the content is about right. Now that we are emerging from lockdown you will notice a slight change of look to the monthly WIN – mainly due to editorial boredom with the format which has been unchanged for 21 years! (Included in this edition a lovely note from Rollo, which Liz has insisted we include - much to the embarrassment of Andrea).

Please see below a few WIN updates:-

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.

DISTRIBUTION

Our aim is to reach every dwelling in the village. Most homes have signed up to receive WIN by email, but for those who haven't, the Parish Council produces paper copies which are delivered by volunteers. If you have received a paper copy of this newsletter but have access to email, please join the email distribution list by contacting westilsleynews@westilsley.org – help to save paper and shoe leather!

ADVERTISEMENTS

We no longer take paid advertising in WIN, but as a service to villagers we are happy to mention goods and services offered by local businesses. We are still working out a process for this. Please also feel free to email WIN to ask the village for recommendations for trades and services. Please note, you will need to make your own checks on any referrals.

DEAR READERS

While editors by definition decide what appears in their publications, and this includes "letters to the editors", I am hoping this might be published.

June 2021 marks the 21st anniversary of Andrea Cook's co-editorship of the WIN originally with Steve Price. Please go and look at her editorial for the June 2000 edition. It's on our website, which anyway should be your go-to place for this sort of information. www.westilsley.org Please bookmark the website if you want to know what this village is doing.

Her thoughts, in 2000, when she took on the job, stand the test of time, but more importantly her contribution since then has seen this village through mundane ups and downs, major crises, and supplied an impartial opinion when needed, based on properly surveyed village responses. Then there is adapting to the digital age, while not losing sight of our villagers who do not or cannot embrace it. She has created a hybrid communication channel where hopefully all villagers can receive the WIN, both the immediate circulars as well as the monthly editions.

Not every village has the luxury of balanced published voice, who is not a member of the Parish Council, but just a good friend to the village and its heart-beat.

For us she is called Andrea Cook, ably assisted by Liz Dray, for whom I ask you to raise a cheer.

Rollo

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

We had a full agenda at the last PC meeting which took place over zoom and was well attended by a number of villagers. Although some items were deferred we managed to get through the agenda so that our annual meeting could follow. This is the time when all of the various clubs and societies of the village present a report along with a brief summary of finances and although with the previous years' inactivity it was pleasing to hear that many had managed to cope and looking forward to a more inclusive year ahead. The village hall is in need of some works and they have carried out some immediate repairs to the roof from their reserve funds and we will need to assist the Village Hall committee in whatever way we can going forward. I would like to thank all of the clubs and societies for their attendance and input, which include the West Ilsley News, Tennis Club, Cricket Club, Evergreens, Table Tennis, Church Committee and Village Hall. Copies of the various reports will be available on the website attached to the minutes for those that are interested in reading more about each, and please remember all of the groups would welcome volunteers if anyone would like to get more involved. Most of you would have noticed that the temporary speeding signs have been removed, we have been advised by West Berks that these should

return and that a report on speeding and potential solutions is imminent. We will of course keep everyone informed of progress.

Alan Beaumont

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The scheduled meetings of West Ilsley Parish Council through to May 2022 is as below. The agenda will be available on the village website 3 clear days before the meeting. You can also 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 information from our meetings is available under the "Parish Council" tab.

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
12 th July 2021	Full Council
13 th September 2021	Full Council
8 th November 2021	Full Council
17 th January 2022	Full Council
15 th March 2022	Full Council
16 th May 2022	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
16 th May 2022	Annual Parish Meeting

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

June at All Saints' Church

Sunday 6th June - Outdoor Family Service at 11am

Sunday 20th June - Eucharist in church at 9.30am

Services are also being held in other churches in the benefice, to which you are warmly invited. Details of these can be found on All Saints' notice board in the lychgate or on the East Downland website at: <https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-notice/this-week>

Online services

Each Sunday there continues to be a recorded Holy Communion service which can be found at: <https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/faith-and-worship/online-worship> The video will be live from 8.30am on Sunday mornings, streaming from that time and then available at any time later. The videos for all benefice services can be found on the benefice website, YouTube, and Facebook.

Private Prayer

All Saints' will continue to open on Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6.00pm. We do ask that you stick to the government guidelines whilst in church.

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 or would just like to chat, do contact the wardens or clergy who will do their best to help.

Contacts:

Rector: Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 or 07748 822336 - edownlandrector@gmail.com

Associate Priest: Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – revdjdals@gmail.com

Associate Priest: Revd William McDowell – rev.w.mcdowell@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

DOWNLAND VOLUNTEER GROUP

The DVG has been active in the villages north of Newbury since 1986. We drive patients requiring transport to their appointments at the surgeries and hospitals in the area. Before lockdown around 900 trips were made each year. Because of the pandemic we have been unable to operate for over a year. With the easing of lockdown we plan to restart our car service from 21 June (subject to Government advice at the time)

Anyone requiring transport to the surgeries or hospitals in Newbury, Reading or Oxford should contact our office in the Compton surgery when it reopens on Monday 14th June. The office will be open Monday to Friday between 9.30am – 11.30am to take appointments for the following week onwards. Our phone number is:

01635 578394

We also need more volunteer drivers and anyone willing to work in our Compton office a few hours a week to arrange these trips. Are you able to support the Downland community by giving a few hours of your time? If so, please email Jean (michaeljeanpocock@gmail.com) for more details.

Help us help our Community



Thanks to the NHS Covid Vaccination programme and the good behaviour of most of us it looks good for the lifting of lockdown in June, when all of the over 60's should have received their second jabs along with most of the adult population.

The proposed committee meeting in July will plan our activities for the rest of 2021.

A coach trip has been booked for the 22nd of September and another on the 20th of October. Destinations to follow. Hopefully the Afternoon Teas and Bingos will also resume again. In the mean-time keep safe and well.

Tony Elliott – Secretary

WHO TO CONTACT

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PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP rep is Fred Carter on 281621 or fred_kathcarter@btinternet.com

PRESCRIPTIONS are delivered from Compton on Tuesdays mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on Tuesday or Thursday between 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm. Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box at any time before Monday evening for the following week's delivery. **Please note the revised summer collection times above.**

TENNIS COURT membership and enquiries email - tennis.bookings@westilsley.org
Book and play without joining via westilsleytennis.jezzam.com

VILLAGE HALL bookings and enquiries, go to the village hall page on the website, or contact Ros Duckworth on 281471 or rosduckworth@btinternet.com. Rates: £10.00/hour for villagers and £12/hour non villagers.