

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Thursday **27th August**

DIARY AUGUST

13 th	Harrow coffee morning
26 th	Harrow quiz night
30 th	Harrow BBQ

SEPTEMBER

25 th	Macmillan coffee morning
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SAVE THE DATE for the Macmillan coffee morning, at High Trees, Sept 25th 10-12.

THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS

A "Mystery Tour" on Thursday, 25th June saw members again have the benefit of warm weather as the well-kept secret location soon became clear. The Hampshire market town of Ringwood was our first stop. Members had lunch there and then had a wonderful tour through the New Forest, then around Lymington before reaching Eastleigh, where Julia had arranged a cream tea. The next few coach outings are as follows:-
Thursday, 30th July – Bournemouth 9am – 4pm
Thursday, 27th August – 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 to see if spare seats are available.

Our Christmas Lunch has been arranged for Saturday, 12th December, when we shall again visit the Windmill Carvery at Burford.

Plans are being made to hold a Christmas Fair/Bazaar on Saturday, 28th November in West Ilsley Village Hall. More details to follow.

Tony Elliott's Prize Bingo Evening in aid of Evergreen Funds on Friday, 26th June at West Ilsley Village Hall, attracted a good attendance. Thanks to Tony's efforts, our funds benefited from a very successful evening.

Tony's expertise was also evident at the West Ilsley Show and Fete on Sunday, 5th July when he organised a well provided Bottle Stall. Evergreen members Mary Studart, Jane Ball, Margaret Gilmore and Jim Hughes together with Julia Rockall were kept extremely busy throughout the afternoon as so many people came to try their luck.

Our thoughts have been with Tony and his family since we heard of the sudden passing of his dear Elizabeth. We clearly understand and respect Tony's wishes that we give him and his family that special time they need to come to terms with their awful loss. We extend to them our deepest sympathy and our sincerest concern at this most difficult time.

Jim Hughes

Secretary Tel. 01235 834487

JULY'S FARMING NEWS

Harvest started on July 16th and we have completed the Winter Barley and are nearly half way through the Winter Oilseed Rape. Yields so far seem a little above average but perhaps the seed bushel weight (seed size) seems slightly lower than usual. We have now been on hold for four or five days due to the recent inclement weather with the rainfall measuring 82 mm in the rain gauge.

On the 18th July we all welcomed a new arrival to the farm. This is a lovely white Charolais cross heifer that can now be viewed above the cricket pitch with the remainder of the beef cattle.

We have noticed a dramatic increase recently in the number of Red Kites in the area and there were in fact 15 following the Topdown cultivator last week!

Let us hope summer returns very soon.

Peter Carlisle

TENNIS COURT

We are delighted to have launched our new online booking system for the tennis court. The system is already in use by members and we have now opened up "pay and play" online booking for non-members!

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Happy Playing! West Ilsley Tennis Committee

COUNTRY NOTES

18th July

The bridleway above Starveall farm leading up to Old Down has steep banks, in places five feet high, cutting off views across the fields to the sides. The passage of countless human feet, horse and sheep hooves, cart wheels, and the erosive effects of water have cut through the soft chalk to create a holloway, an ancient sunken track. The steepness of the banks make it impossible to cultivate resulting in a profusion of wild flowers, a riot of colour! The purples of knapweed, the blues of meadow cranesbill, scabious and tufted vetch, the yellows of common toadflax, ladies bedstraw, birds foot trefoil and agrimony. Only red flowers are missing from this palette, although the older cranesbill leaves are turning crimson and make up for this shortfall. All these plants have created a "butterfly alley" frequented by small heaths, marbled whites, gatekeepers, ringlets and the rare sighting of a fritillary, exact species unknown but possibly a dark green fritillary. More time spent watching no doubt would have increased the list. The flowers and foliage of these plants are a source of nectar for the adults and a source of food for their caterpillars.

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WESTIVAL PRE FETE DANCE

A big thank you to all who attended and supported this event. Yet again it was an evening to remember with dancing, drinking, eating, and of course who could forget the Vodka (and Pimms?!) jelly shots.....no doubt resulting in a few sore heads the morning after!!

This year the evening was organised by a group of friends rather than a specific committee and therefore the surplus that we made will be distributed amongst village causes rather than going to a specific committee. All the money will remain within the village.

Many thanks once again for your support.

Rachel Hudson, Harriett Wilson-North,

Sam Carter and Juliet Ryder

WHATS ON AT THE HARROW COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 13th August 10:30am - 12 noon

Come along for a slice of homemade cake, coffee & a chat with friends

QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 26th August 8pm

£3 each to enter

Up to 6 in a team

Raising money for local charities



BBQ

Bank Holiday Sunday

30th August 6pm - 8pm

We will be tanning some meat



Ideas needed for next movie night in October, possibly Halloween?!?! Please contact Hayley - hayleybird22@hotmail.co.uk

WEST ILSLEY FETE 2015

Another successful fete done and dusted. The weather wasn't great but I think everyone enjoyed themselves none the less.

Everyone involved worked very hard and the committee are very grateful to all who helped and would like to thank everyone who attended the fete and supported us on the day. A massive thank you to those of you who gave generous donations and sponsorship, without your help we would be lost and also a huge thank you to those of you who ran stalls all day.

The dog show was very well supported and a big thank you to Louise Beaumont, Graeme Callegari and Sue Huntingdon (Crufts judge) for doing a brilliant job organising and judging, it can't have been an easy job.

Thank you to the tennis club for organising and running the teas, coffees & cake stall in the pavilion - the cakes went down a storm, and to Richard, Dewi, Pete and Alan for slaving over a hot BBQ all day.

Paulina and Sharda did a fantastic job taking people up and down the village in the cart and raised £65, thank you Paulina.

Ed Ryder did a superb job with the go-karts, thank you for bringing them along, they proved a hit and will hopefully be returning next year.

Well done to everyone who entered their fabulous produce into the produce show and thank you to Tony for registering all the entries and organising the judges.

Again Sue Carrington did well in several classes, as did Ros Duckworth and Phil Knight just to mention a few.

The main trophy winners in the produce show & dog show were:-

- * The Russell Brown Trophy (bread) - Phil Knight
- * Gentlemen's Bake Trophy (naturally flavoured cake) - Phil Knight
- * Ladies Bake Trophy - Louise Beaumont
- * Best Garden - Denis & Margaret Gilmore
- * Best Pair of Hanging Baskets - Louise Taylor
- * Single Flower - Colin Sinclair
- * Best In Show - Lucy & Izzy Duckworth

Welly Wanging Results

Men - Tom Buckleberry 23.40m

Women - Helen 17.10m

Under 6 - Rory 6.70m

Boys 6-10 - Mark Taylor 14.10m

Girls 6-10 - Mia 10.36m

Boys 11-15 - Freddie Hanbury 13.52m

Girls 11-15 - Katie Scrivener 15.30m

Well done everyone, there were some long throws amongst those results!

At the end of the day we auctioned off the winning produce and raised £24.50. Thank you to all of you who bid. Wes walked away with Sue Carrington's doggie draft excluder for the bargain price of £10 and also Sue's lovely flower arrangement ended up in The Harrow.

We had a silent auction running throughout the day for 3 seats on a half an hour helicopter trip back to Highclere with pilot Mark Fairchild. Our very own Dries Hagen won the auction!!!! Well done Dries. A big thank you to Mark for his generous donation.

Wes did an amazing job (as ever) of commentating and entertaining everyone throughout the day and we are very grateful, without him one of us would have to do it !! Thank you to Martin Briggs-Watson for lending us the sound equipment and speakers and for keeping Wes in tune all day.

We raised an AMAZING amount and have donated to various charities and organisations within the village as well as The Air Ambulance, Family of Hope (Mandy Slater) and The Lymphoma Association (June Cook).

Gross profit - £4649.84

Outgoings - £2066.93

Donations made - £1600.00

Retained profit for next year - £982.91

The amount we donated has gone up from last year which is great. Also the amount retained for next year will go towards making 2016's fete one to be remembered.

We hope and pray that next year will be just as successful but without the soggy ending !

If anyone would like a stall at next year's fete, help out or has any ideas then please contact one of the committee.

If anyone is interested in hosting 2016's pre-fete party then please let us know.

Next year's fete date is Sunday 3rd July, so save the date. The committee have already set the wheels in motion and had their first meeting. Thank you !!!!

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



Update from the Royal British Legion – Compton, Ilsleys and Norreys Branch

Firstly, on a sad note, the Branch lost its Treasurer in April. Many readers will have attended a wonderfully colourful service of thanksgiving for the life of Mel Sitch in Compton Church on 1st May. We will miss a charming, affable & inspiring man who we are all proud to have known. Mel was the RBL's Poppy Appeal Organiser (PAO) for Aldworth and the Branch is presently searching for someone to take over the role and would be delighted to hear from any volunteers.

The Branch is small but continues to be in a healthy situation having recruited four new members since our last briefing. We are also delighted that Gareth Jones of East Ilsley has agreed to become the new Treasurer, thus continuing with our policy of appointing younger officers when the opportunity arises.

We would like to thank all those who visited our stand at the West Ilsley Fete on Sunday 5th July. We had a successful day in spite of the near tropical storm that hit just before the close! It has been some time since the RBL was represented at this event and we hope that we will be able to repeat the performance at some time in the future. Until now, the Branch has attended the Compton Fete and the East Ilsley Sheep Fair on alternate years, and we now want to widen such involvement to embrace our other catchment villages. In line with this objective, the RBL has become an Associate Charity to the Hampstead Norreys Partnership which we hope will enable us to raise our profile in the village in the future.

Our annual charity lunch, to launch this year's Poppy Appeal, will take place on Friday 23rd October. We are very pleased to announce that Richard Benyon MP has accepted an invitation to attend as guest speaker. The event will take place at the White Hart in Hampstead Norreys and more details will be provided nearer the time. We expect seating to be subject to high demand and

anyone wanting to reserve a place should contact one of the undersigned as soon as possible.

As an early reminder, the Branch will hold its Remembrance Sunday parade and service this year in West Ilsley on 8th November. All those wishing to parade should be ready to set off from outside the Harrow at 1030hrs. Again, more detail will be given nearer the event.

Finally, our small branch is always looking for new members. Please consider joining. You do not have to be ex services (or a senior citizen!) but only supportive of the charity's objective - that being to support the serving and ex-serving communities. The membership annual subscription is small at £16, but your joining will help keep our Branch healthy. To join, please contact one of the undersigned. Steve Allison tel 07812 991013 email steveallison1888@aol.com or David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com.

PUMP HUNT FOR SEWAGE STATION OWNERS

- **Thames Water to take on the responsibility of 4,000 sewage pumping stations from property owners and managers**
- **Utility will take over electricity and maintenance costs under new legislation, potentially saving customers thousands of pounds**
- **Firm appeals for help tracking 1,800 'missing' stations**

Thames Water is appealing to customers to help identify privately owned sewage pumping stations. The utility, which serves 15 million customers across London and the Thames Valley, will take responsibility for around 4,000 pumping in October 2016, but needs to track down 1,800 currently off its radar.

New legislation means sewage pumping stations, which power wastewater away from properties and out into the public sewer pipe network, currently owned and maintained by customers will become legally owned and operated by the local water company.

The pumping stations are found in all shapes and sizes, and can be in places where there are a number of properties needing to connect to the public sewer network. Customers will know they have one as they'll be paying to maintain and power them.

Jerry White, of Thames Water, said: "This is really good news for customers. We'd urge anyone who thinks they may have one to get in touch so we can check they are eligible for the transfer of ownership. In some cases, as well as

electricity savings, maintaining and replacing pumps can cost thousands of pounds so it's an excellent deal for them.

"We believe we know where approximately half of the stations we need to take over are, but really need help to find the other 1,800. Please get in touch if you think this applies to you and we can take on the responsibility forever."

Anyone with a private pumping station can make Thames Water aware at thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt

A sewer pumping station is likely to be 'adopted' by Thames Water if it:

- was in use before July 2011 (and)
- serves a single property, and is outside the property boundary (or)
- serves two or more properties

More information: www.thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt

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