

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY

### JANUARY

25<sup>th</sup> Harrow Burns night

30<sup>th</sup> Harrow Quiz night

### FEBRUARY

10<sup>th</sup> Pre-lent church lunch

### MARCH

22nd Easter Bingo

## NEW RESIDENT

Ed and Juliet Ryder would like to announce the arrival of Holly on 18th December 2012. Just in time for the Christmas celebrations!

## MY HEARTFELT THANKS

I would just like to say how humbled and not a little emotional I was when I was presented with my retirement gift. It was totally unexpected and all I can say is thank you to everyone in the village, especially Liz who organised the process with military precision.

It has been an absolute delight to be a part of a village which, quite uniquely, has such a strong sense of collective spirit of which you should be justifiably proud.

I have no great plan for the future other than to attend the needs of those family members who require my attention, and to get to work on that long promised book that the village of West Ilsley has inspired. Don't worry names will be changed. Once again thank you and I shall pop in to see you from time to time. Bill.

## CHRISTMAS BINGO.

I would like to thank everyone who came along to the Christmas bingo, all the contributors of prizes and my merry? band of helpers.

You all helped raise the marvellous amount of £208 for the Village Hall. You will be delighted to know the Easter Bingo is on Friday March the 22nd at 7:30. Please come. Tony Elliott.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thanks to everyone who attended on 1st December - from the many kind comments it seems to have been a great success and much appreciated. It was never intended as a fund raiser, but in addition to the hall rental we have donated our surplus funds of £118 to the village hall. We (Sandra, Angela, Marnie, Anne, June and Andrea) feel that after three events we've done our time and would like to make way for another team - we are very happy to share our learning with anyone who would like to step in.

## THE HARROW

### QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 30th January

8pm

£2 each to enter

Winning teams takes half, losing team receives a round of drinks

Guest Quiz Master



### BURNS NIGHT

Friday 25th January

7pm till late

Haggis, Nips & Tatties and plenty of Whisky to wash it all down !!

Get your kilts out !!

## WHITE GOODS COLLECTION

The council are collecting some White goods from me and they suggest asking my neighbours if they have any too- saves trips and money. Please could any interested village parties call me on 281786 and I'll make plans for the collection. Many thanks, Marnie

## TANTALISING THE TASTE BUDS!

Juliet Ryder

After winning the bidding war for the prize of a 3 course dinner for 8 people at the Bling Fling - it took another 4 months to co-ordinate diaries for a date (due to the guests and not the chefs!). I have to report back that the food and 'service with a smile' (you would expect nothing less from Angela and Ros) were excellent. It would have to be a five star review from even the trickiest of food critics. Not only did they provide a 3 course menu (which we were able to choose before the dinner), there were canapés and the chefs also performed waitressing and washing up duties. I'd better finish the review here as I don't want to cause too much excitement over this prize - as I am planning on bidding for it again next year! Although I will leave you with the menu to tantalise the tastebuds.

Parma ham, mozzarella and rocket roulades with basil vinaigrette

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Slow cooked pork belly with seasonal vegetables

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Sticky toffee pudding with icecream



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS Philip Knight

### Cleaning

We have employed a new cleaner for the Hall. Unfortunately we can only justify the cost of an hour a week and therefore I would please ask that all users leave the Hall in a condition that they would wish to find it themselves. At risk of sounding like a nag this includes:

- Sweeping and, where appropriate, washing the floor.
- Emptying the inside bins into the outside bins and replacing the liner.

### Thanks

Many thanks to the West Ilsley Christmas Party committee for their donation to Hall funds of £118 and also for the excellent post party clean up job! Oh, and a Great Party as well!!!

### Thanks 2

Tony Elliot has unfortunately had to resign from the committee and his role as Hall caretaker due to his work commitments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work. Whether it be fund raising or repairing he has made, and continues to make, an invaluable contribution to village life. Fortunately he has agreed to carry out the odd repair when needed so we haven't completely said goodbye to him, for which I am personally very grateful.

### Thanks 3

And following up on the previous thanks, Tony ran an extremely successful Christmas Bingo a few weeks ago, raising £208 for the Hall funds. Many, many thanks to him for organising it and to all those who attended.

### Finances

The ever rising costs of electricity, insurance and cleaning mean that we are operating the Hall on a very tight budget. Whilst we aren't, for example asking you to bring your own electricity (yet), we would greatly appreciate it if you could be aware of these costs when using the Hall.

### Work in Progress

Our small, but perfectly formed committee are currently working on a 5 year plan and budget for the Hall. If I pull my finger out we should be in a position to present something to the village by way of the Parish Council, in the New Year. How very exciting!

### Repairs and Maintenance book

Rather than have a book which we won't have time to look at please could I ask that you send me an email of any issue with the Hall that you would like to bring to the Committee's attention; in particular issues relating to repairs or breakages. Please put the words "West Ilsley Village Hall" in the email subject box in order to avoid your email getting lost amidst a sea of highly important correspondence from Amazon, Maplin, eBay and Nectar Points.

### Committee

Chairman – Philip Knight

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Treasurer – Mel Cook

Bookings Manager – Ros Duckworth 281471

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Best wishes for 2013, Philip

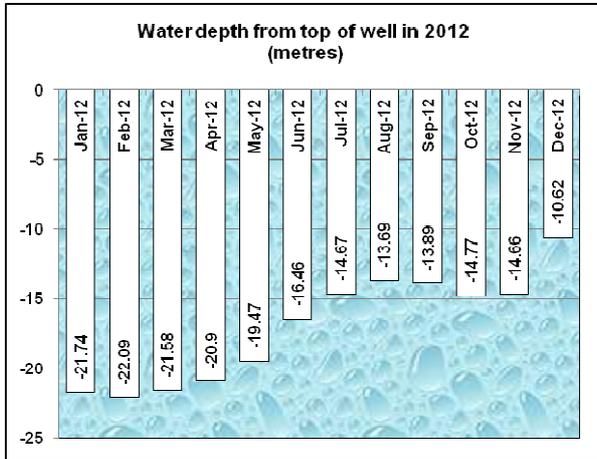
## RAINFALL IN WEST ILSLEY

Liz and Adrian Dray

### Latest well reading:

At the beginning of Dec 2011 the reading was 21.03 and at the beginning of December 2012 was 10.62. However the reading today (29 December) was 6.76. The Environment Agency checked the meter just before Christmas and told us that they now have a website for alerts of

flooding from ground water (which would affect basements etc) as well as from surface water; at the moment it is only Lambourn that is on alert. The readings are in meters and cms, so at the beginning of December the level of water was 10 meters and 62 cm from the top of the well.



## ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

### January Church Services

6th	Family Communion	9.30am
13th	Holy Communion	8.30am
20th	*No service in West Ilsley	
27th	Family Service	11.00am

\*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at <http://tinyurl.com/east-downland>

### West Ilsley Carol Service with Christingle

It was fantastic to see the church so full for the Carol with Christingle service on 23rd December. Well over one hundred of all ages were in fine voice and the roof stayed up (just as well!!...). The collection of just over £300 has been sent to the Children's Society, which as Denise Brown mentioned in her address, helps children of all faiths (and none), including children at risk on the streets, disabled children, young refugees, young carers or those within the youth justice system. Our thanks to Lucy and James Hanbury for kindly hosting the after-service mulled wine and mince pie fest again.

### Loose Ends

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for Loose Ends and gave them in during the service. These are collected and distributed to the homeless in our area.

### Thanks

Looking back over the past twelve months, we see another year in which the presence of the church within the village is affirmed, whether by regular service attendance or the quiet provision of flower arranging, cleaning, mowing and general tidying that goes on behind the scenes. Everyone will have received a questionnaire to help us

understand what you want from the church and the responses are currently being analysed, with the results being made available in the new year. To you all, our thanks.

### Dates for your Diary

Sunday 10th February 2013 – join us for a Pre-Lent Lunch in the Village Hall.

Saturday 8th June 2013 – Concert in church - further details over the next few months.

Please write these dates in your new diaries.

### 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). 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, ring Revd John Toogood (our Rector) on 01635 247566 or email him at [cwando@btinternet.com](mailto:cwando@btinternet.com)

**We wish everyone a very Happy New Year.**

*Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith*

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### PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close, between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday 281997. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone to ask if it's convenient.

Prescription requests can be put through the door any time. The surgery bus makes deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

### CHURCHWARDENS

Alexandra Axtell 281306 Ian Fewtrell-Smith 281625

### TENNIS COURT

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Roger Stowell

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