

West Ilsley News

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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. We are always happy to receive feedback about WIN so please get in touch if you have anything to say.

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What's on in West Ilsley

SEPTEMBER

10 th	Parish Council meeting
28 th	Macmillan coffee morning

FULL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

7.30 in the VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 10th September 2024 Time 7:30 pm

Tuesday 12th November 2024 7:30 pm

Tuesday 4th February 2025 7:30 pm

Tuesday 20th May 2025

7:00 pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

8:15 pm Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes

Draft minutes of the PC meeting 14th May are on the website – [click here](#)

WEST ILSLEY IS SEEKING A VOLUNTEER FLOOD WARDEN TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

This is an interesting role where you will learn more about water, flooding, and sewage than you ever imagined! There are flood wardens for every village along the Pang Valley, and they are all members of the Pang Valley Flood Forum which meets several times per year.

During the flooding and sewage discharges this winter/spring the flood forum has been an invaluable source of support to the villages.

The long-standing flood wardens are very knowledgeable and support people who are new to the role. This includes advice about the responsibilities of the local council, Thames Water and the Environment Agency so you can work out who does what, when and why, plus practical hands-on help in the event of flooding. For example, in East Ilsley this spring there was a power cut and the water pumps wouldn't work, but flood wardens from other wards turned up with generators. The flood forum website www.floodalleviation.org is packed with useful information for residents. The flood forum organised an exhibition earlier this year in Hampstead Norreys which was extremely popular. There was information about how to protect your house, projects to mitigate flooding, and information about Thames Water plans to improve the sewage network.

If you would like to know more about the role, please contact our parish chairman Graham Woods via graham.woods@westilsley.org and our local councillor Carolyne Culver who is also flood warden for East Ilsley. She will be very happy to tell you more about the role carolyne.culver1@westberks.gov.uk

Macmillan Fundraiser

Is on

Saturday 28th September

In the

Village Hall

From 9.30 am until 12 noon

Come early for hot bacon/sausage baps

Filter coffee, tea and children's drinks

Home made cakes and treats

Cake sale

Donations of cakes gratefully received

Queries, please email WIN or ring Andrea: 281224

Cash and contactless donations

COUNTRY NOTES

The burdock is in flower along Old Street, pale purple florets with white forked styles, tiny snakes' tongues that reach up to lick pollen from the air. The red & green berries of white bryony hang like traffic lights from the hedge. Unlike traffic lights they turn from green to red with no amber warning. The red a warning that they are poisonous.

Sit at the top of Old Down to sketch the sinuous tracks that snake upwards from the Copperage valley through Wether Down, West Ginge Down, Sheep Down, Cow Down and Bury Down on their journey to the Ridgeway. Tracks that take one up the downs. These ancient routes once trodden by Britons, Romans, Saxons, Norsemen, and Normans, whose countless feet have cut through the downland turf to the white chalk beneath. They do not follow the straight field edges, and they do not angle around field corners, they were here before the fields. The poet Edward Thomas describes a chalk path's motion through the land as "a white snake on a green hillside". I attempt to record their serpentine journeys with white pastel squiggles on a wash of green water colour.

Over Big Heath a raven mobs a kestrel, over Sheep Down a lesser black backed gull mobs a kite, it's a day for mobsters.

Geoff Wond

SEPTEMBER AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Sunday 1st Family Service at 11.00am
Sunday 8th Holy Communion at 8.30am
Sunday 15th Communion at 9.30am
Sunday 22nd *No service in All Saints'*
Sunday 29th *No service in All Saints'*

Please look on the notice board in the lychgate or on the East Downland website:

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-noticeboards/this-week> for other services in the benefice during September.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly café will be on Sunday 8th September between 10.00am and 11.00am. Donations go to a different charity each month. We look forward to seeing you there for coffee, cake and a chat!

Ride+Stride – 14th September

The annual nationwide church-crawl takes place this year on Saturday 14th September between 10am and 6pm. You can walk, run, cycle, ride or even drive to as many of our beautiful churches as you would like. Sponsor forms and other details can be found on the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust website at: <https://www.berkshirechurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/> or you can donate via their justgiving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust>

Half the money you raise will go to the church you have chosen, so don't forget to nominate All Saints', West Ilsley when you donate.

Harvest Festival and Lunch

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 6th October at 11am and it will be followed by Harvest Lunch in the village hall. Further details will be sent out shortly so put the date in your diary now.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6th October – Harvest Festival and Lunch

Sunday 10th November - 10.55am Remembrance Service.

Private Prayer

All Saints' will continue to open on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6pm.

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.

To subscribe to the weekly pew sheet, which contains readings, prayers and notices about church events in the benefice, please go to the East Downland website (see above)

Contacts:

Churchwardens: Ian – 01635 281625; Alexandra – 01635 281306

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

Associate Priest: Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – revdjdales@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

Afternoon Teas

at St. Mary's Church, Aldworth

Will start on 3rd July and then every Wednesday in July, August & September

2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Delicious homemade cakes in the company of The Aldworth Giants

For further details and to book groups contact:

Gill Wilding 01635 578624 or

gillwilding@hotmail.com

Saturday 14 September

**Aldworth village hall (RG8 9SE)
10.30 to 12.00**

**Aldworth Saturday Market's
22nd BIRTHDAY!!**

**Alexander Devine Children's Hospice
Hand knitted baby & young children's clothes,
soft toys & many other gifts.**

Handbags & Silk Scarves

Flowers & Plants

Handcrafted Cards

Fresh Fruit & Veg & much more!

Refreshments + FREE CAKE!

EVERY Saturday: Community-run market

Details: 01635 578090

WHO TO CONTACT

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Carolyn Culver 07976 374146
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PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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PRESCRIPTIONS are delivered from Compton on Tuesday mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on **Tuesdays only between 2 pm and 4.30 pm**. Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box at any time before Monday evening for the following week's delivery.



TENNIS COURT "Pay & Play" is available to non-members for £10 per hour. Non-members can book up to 24 hours in advance. To book the court please use <https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com> or scan the QR code!
For all enquiries, please contact the

Tennis Committee via

<https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com/contact>

VILLAGE HALL

Bookings & enquiries:

Any new bookings should now be done via the village

Website: <https://www.westilsley.org/>

Any booking enquiries please contact Louise by email:

village.hall@westilsley.org

Anyone without access to the internet can leave a message on: 01635 281762

Rates: £12/hour for villagers and £15/hour non villagers.

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT A PROBLEM:

<https://westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT SPEEDING:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/speedingtraffic>

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT DOG FOULING:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/36781/Report-Dog-Fouling>