

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Friday 26th May

DIARY MAY

18th Harrow coffee morning
26th Harrow kids' club

JUNE

1st Harrow quiz night

JULY

2nd Village fete

WIN EMAIL ADDRESS

The old email address will stop working soon, but unfortunately lots of phones and pcs are too clever for their users and are insisting on using the old address. This could mean that an urgent email is missed by us and not circulated – so please, when sending us an email, double check that it's the right address or you may be disappointed when we don't send it round in time.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

May Services at All Saints' Church

7th Family Communion 9.30am
14th BCP Communion 8.30am

21st *No Service in West Ilsley
See Café Church below

28th 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

Café in All Saints' Church

The next café in church will be on Sunday May 14th, from 10am to 11am, after the usual 8.30am service. There are crafts for the children to do (grown up children have been spotted too!), so just drop in during that time for a cup of tea or coffee, cake and a chat. It has become very popular even with the occasional visitor from outside the village and we would love to see you there. There is no charge, but any donations on the day will go to charity.

Easter Weekend

The Bank Holiday weather was kind to those who took part in the Good Friday Walk from West Ilsley to Beedon, via Farnborough and Peasemore. Many

thanks to those who attended the Spring Clean before Easter and to all who decorated All Saints' Church so beautifully for our communion on Easter Day.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This was held recently in church and Ian and Alexandra were once again elected as Church wardens, while a new member was welcomed to the Parochial Church Council. Thanks was extended to all those who contribute to church life here in West Ilsley, whether by donating their time, money or skills. In his report, Revd John Toogood also gave his own thanks to everyone for their help and support in 2016, especially during his sabbatical.

*Café Church

This delightful and very popular service continues on Sunday 21st May, at St Mary's Church, Chieveley. The service, which follows a United Benefice Communion Service at 9.30am., starts at 11am, but do come at 10.45am for refreshments beforehand (the cakes are legendary).

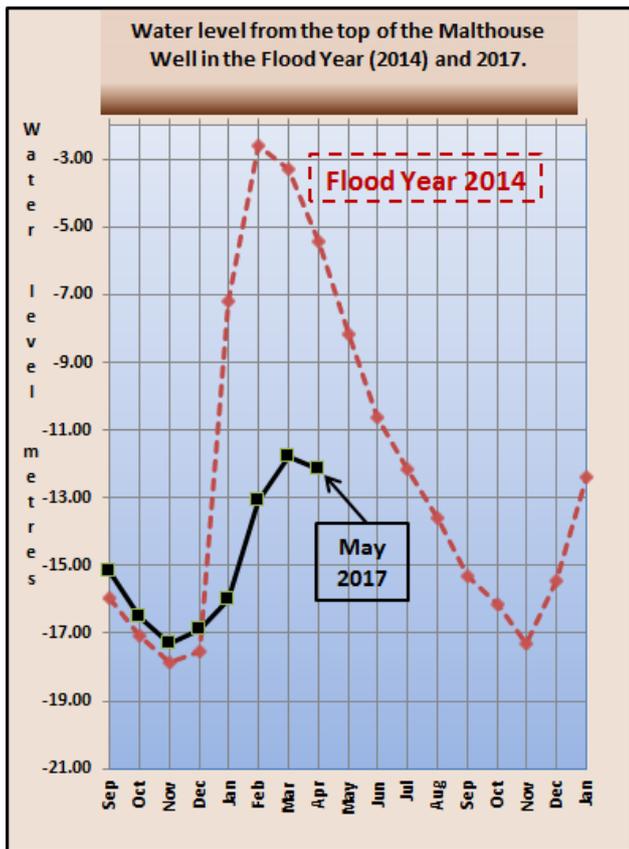
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If you have anyone or anything specific you would like mentioned in church prayers at services throughout the year, do speak to either Ian (281625) or Alexandra (281306). To receive by email a copy of the weekly pew sheet, which contains readings, prayers and notices about church events in the benefice, please contact the East Downland Benefice Office on eastdownland@btinternet.com or phone 07957 458107 and leave a message. The office is usually open on Thursday and Friday mornings and can be contacted in the first instance for information about baptisms or weddings. For any other reasons, you can contact Revd John Toogood on 01635 247566 or email him at edownlandrector@gmail.com

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

MALTHOUSE WELL

As predicted in last month's WIN the Malthouse Well level peaked in mid-April at 11.77 metres (approx. 38.6ft) below ground level and it is now on its way down during the summer months. Unless we have a very wet summer it should not start to rise again until the late Autumn. Interestingly this April has been one of our driest months ever on record with less than 10mm rain compared to a typical months rainfall of 50-80mm.



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The Evergreens started their coach trips with a visit to Gloucester on the 26th April. In May we visit Wells and in June we are going to the RHS Wisley Gardens. If you would like to join us please contact Julia Rockall on 01635 281597 We have a few places left for our next trip to the New Theatre Oxford on the 28th June to see the Olivier Award winning comedy " OUT OF ORDER" featuring a star cast. Tickets are just £20 + £10 transport. Please contact Tony Elliott 07780 994297 for more information. The EVERGREENS are holding a "PRIZE BINGO" on Friday the 19th of MAY at Compton village hall. 7:30 start. Please come and join us. Tony Elliott Secretary

WHATS ON AT THE HARROW

COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Thursday 18th May
10:30am
Pop in for a slice of homemade cake, a coffee & a catch up with friends.



A selection of cakes will be available including Carrot & pistachio cake as well as some gluten free goodies. Raising money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

We raised a fantastic £135 at last month's coffee morning for Breast Cancer Care.

KIDS' CLUB

Friday 26th May
4pm till 5:30pm
Chicken nuggets, chips and peas, vanilla ice cream and a glass of squash £5 each.
Games and colouring.
Book the kids in NOW!



QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 1st June
8pm



Louise Beaumont and Cathy Paterson are taking part in a Pink Ribbon Walk at Blenheim Palace for Breast Cancer Care and raising money for this amazing charity. Book your teams in and support Louise & Cathy. Thank you to Andrew and Gemma Chandler for being quiz masters last month, we raised £66.40 for the Oxfordshire Air Ambulance.

WEST ILSLEY MATCH FIXERS

The Wednesday night cricket league is back this year. The match fixers will be playing at home on the following Wednesdays:
24th MAY
31st MAY
14th JUNE
28th JUNE
12th JULY
Come down and support the boys!

West Ilsley Ridgeway Run

Sunday 7th May 2017

There will be a 10k & 6k trail run. All finishers will receive a medal and snack from the BBQ.

There will also be a fun run for all ages held on the playing field.

To enter or for more information please visit:
www.mysticpixel.wixsite.com/ridgewayrun
Or search for West Ilsley Ridgeway Run on Facebook where there will be all the information and updates.

10k £18 entry minimum age 16
6k £12 entry minimum age 14

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FETE NEWS

Sunday 2nd July 12 - 4pm

Please keep collecting up any good quality clothes, shoes, hand bags and bric-a-brac, books and home ware for this year's fete.

We will come round collecting bottles for the bottle stall a couple of weeks before the fete so please give generously. Bottles of wine, sauce, spirits, beers, shampoo, soft drinks, anything in a bottle we will be grateful of. Thank you in advance.

Potatoes are still available for planting from The Harrow for the most amount of potatoes in a pot class. If you would like to help run a stall please let one of us know.

Justin Pilditch

Ed Ryder

Dan Hudson

Tony Elliott

Hayley Morrisk 07947 188069

Compton Charity Cycle Saturday 10 June 2017

All rides start from
Compton Recreational Ground, RG20 6NP

25 mile mountain bike challenge

Mostly off road ride. Starts 10:00am, registration from 9:00am.
Advance entry £15, on the day £20

5 mile family ride

Mostly off road ride. Starts 1:30pm,
registration from 11:30am.
Entry on the day. £5 per adult

Mini wheels

Race around the park,
11:00 - 11:30am.
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BBQ & Entertainment

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Music on a Summer's Eve

IN AID OF St Mary's Church Aldworth

Featuring the second half of Schubert's *Die Schöne Müllerin* following the concert earlier this year. Guest soloist Ross Montgomery to return with more fabulous music for the clarinet. As ever 'golden oldies', songs from the musicals, will bring the concert to a close.

Max Fane - Tenor

Richard Ingrams - Piano

Ross Montgomery - Clarinet

A Summer Serenade

With some refreshment

Sunday June 25th 7.30pm
As part of the Flower Festival

St Marys Church Aldworth

Tickets (£15.00) available from

Maurice Allen, 01635578239, allenmaurice5@gmail.com

or Lily, 01635 578936

and

Aldworth Saturday market

Cheques payable to Aldworth PCC or via BACS (details will be sent)

COUNTRY NOTES

18th April

Four swallows and three house martins circle the village pond; the swallows swoop low, sipping water from the surface; the martins hawk for flying insects. The water in the pond is the colour of milky coffee, not the most welcoming drink for these new arrivals but it doesn't seem to bother them. It is this colour because it hasn't rained for a month, the water level is low; on the positive side the falling level has exposed areas of soft mud, the perfect building material for their adobe nests.

The house martin is a lucky bird, it is said that any house on which it builds its nest is forever blessed with happiness. Conversely it is also considered unlucky to knock down a martins nest.

The following quotation is taken from "A glossary of Berkshire Words and Phrases" written in 1888 by one Major B Lowsley

"Where martins build their nests poverty never reigns. No one will take the eggs of a martin or kill these birds and good luck and prosperity are believed to come under the roof around which they build. Their nests are only destroyed when feathers protruding from the side aperture show that sparrows have taken possession and turned out the rightful owners; then a long pole I brought and the mud structure poked to pieces to the destruction of the eggs or young family of the pirates. It is considered a sign of bad luck to those living in a house if martins having once built around the roof discontinue to do so."

Perdix

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7th June to 30th August

Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.30pm

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- Refuel after a cycle or ramble on the Ridgeway
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Tickets and information at
www.raucousrossini.com

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.

2017 MEETING DATES

15 May, 10 July, 11 Sept, 13 Nov

DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471

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PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions are delivered from Compton on Tuesdays mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from 2 Morland Close on Tuesday or Thursday evening between 6.00 and 7.30. Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box anytime before Monday evening for the following week's delivery.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping to the times listed.

Tony Elliott

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