

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.

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.

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
13 th September 2021	Full Council
8 th November 2021	Full Council
17 th January 2022	Full Council

15th March 2022

Full Council

16th May 2022

Annual Meeting of
the Parish Council

16th May 2022

Annual Parish
Meeting

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Many thanks for everyone's input over the last couple of weeks on dog waste not only on the Recreation Ground but in the village and surrounding area in general. The Clerk contacted West Berkshire's Dog Warden and a meeting was arranged, which was attended by a few PCs to discuss next steps. We are also collating data provided by yourselves so that we have a better understanding of the problem. We intend to implement the following; install additional signage; add stickers on bins and other street furniture and provide additional bin(s) at key locations. We will continue to monitor the situation and if this initial approach fails then we will have to escalate matters and implement stricter controls. I trust everyone will work together to avoid this as the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after them.

On a more upbeat note the Queen's Platinum Jubilee takes place in 2022, with an extended bank holiday weekend running from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. Therefore we are looking for a team of volunteers to plan a village celebration. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sarah at clerk@westilsley.org so that we can start planning this.

Please support our Parish Council – your view counts

Our Parish Council (PC) comprises 6 residents who have stepped up to run our parish for us. They take actions and make decisions which they believe to be in the best interests of the village and spend our precept where they feel it necessary.

Also working for the village are the various committees and groups which run village amenities and clubs on our behalf – these committees and groups look after: the church, village hall, tennis court, cricket club, fete and netball. The village also benefits from the Evergreens, Table Tennis Club and Under 5s which are not solely run and used by villagers, but from which our residents benefit.

The PC along with support from WIN have decided to carry out a village survey to determine the villagers' priorities so that the PC can better understand what in the village means most. This information will be collected **per household**, is confidential and once collated will be published in the WIN.

Please help us by completing the questionnaire on the surveymonkey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WSPDPQX> to let us know your priorities of the various village amenities listed.

Those households not on the email list will receive a paper copy of the questionnaire – please complete and return to Clock Cottage, or ring 281224 to arrange collection. Please complete the survey by 15th August. Remember if you have any queries or concerns please raise them with any member of the PC, contact details are in WIN and on the website.

Many thanks, Alan Beaumont - Chairman

PARISH PLANS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

West Ilsley Parish Council recently discussed the possible benefits to the community of Parish Plans and Neighbourhood Plans.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area – the planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications.

A Parish Plan or Community Plan is a 5-year vision or blueprint of what residents want to see delivered in their area; this could be anything from a better recreation ground, a new village hall or just more social activities.

WIPC agreed that West Ilsley does not need a Neighbourhood Plan at this time, as West Berkshire Council's (WBC) Local Plan does not identify any sites within the village for possible development and runs until 2037. WIPC has agreed to review this decision every 5 years.

WIPC felt that there may be some benefit in the village producing a Parish Plan. However, in order to produce a plan, there would need to be sufficient volunteers in the community - usually approximately 6-8 people - prepared to drive the project forwards, seek views from the residents of the parish and create the plan. If completed, this plan may be used to secure funding towards the projects identified in the plan.

Further information can be found here:

<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=35493&p=0>

If you would be interested in getting involved in producing a Parish Plan, please contact the Clerk at clerk@westilsley.org to log your interest and assist WIPC in identifying whether to proceed with creating a Parish Plan.

Dr. Sarah Marshman CiLCA

Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

West Ilsley Parish Council

Correspondence address: Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road, Compton, Newbury, RG20 6NP

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Sunday 1st August - Outdoor Family Service at 11am

Sunday 15th August - Eucharist in church at 9.30am

Although Government restrictions have been relaxed, for the time being we are continuing to encourage the use of face masks and hand sanitiser in church.

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 will continue to be a recorded Holy Communion service from a different church in the benefice 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.

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 – revdjdales@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

CAPTAIN'S LOG – MID SEASON REPORT

WEST ILSLEY CC

Obviously, I'm biased and obviously I'm over-optimistic but please stick with me.

If you've got nothing on of a Saturday and we're playing at home, I'd urge you to come down to WICC to soak in what is a brilliant atmosphere in the company of a great bunch of people. We're a sort of middle-of-the-road side - Sometimes brilliant,

sometimes dreadful but a collection of cricketers who seldom fail to entertain.

There's also a bar that serves alcohol.

I'm the village team's captain, a position that I was honoured to have been offered at the turn of the year but, as I'm fairly sure many of you wouldn't be aware (because I certainly wasn't until my appointment), there's so much that goes into a village club but also plenty to be garnered from coming down and getting to know us.

From the committee members to the slightly insane Head Groundsman and the varied age range of players that make up our anarchic rabble of protagonists – you'll have plenty of fun. As long as you're willing to dive into the underbelly of psychotic village sporting pursuits.

Our Director of Cricket (DOC) Nigel Chubb runs the show – without him we'd be knackered and although he's inspirational, optimistic and full of positivity, I'd hate any of you to think that the dimly critical spirit of John Verney has left us. His name is literally on the building. Indeed, we still pride ourselves on being "Bloody Rubbish!" not only on a week-to-week basis but sometimes on a ball-by-ball one.

At times we've done him proud in that sense but at others we might just have a very bright future ahead of us.

The old gits steer the ship: Our star bowler is Chairman Andy Brown who currently tops the bowling charts in our division whilst the tireless Ralph Taylor spends countless hours campaigning for ground improvements although sadly less time scoring runs in the middle (not without the want of trying I should stress).

Myself, the mesmeric bowling and durable batting of David Brooks, the all-round dependable absurdity of Adie Dray both behind and in front of the stumps provide a 'spine' of support that is in desperate need of a chiropractor - but it's the youngsters that truly inspire the village's cricketing future.

I remember when Alex Dibble, Nicole Beasley and Will Barnes were kids, but no more. They are now the conduit between those of us who rely on cod liver oil on a weekly basis as our raft of talented teenagers remind us how time is as fickle as the game itself.

Colin Sinclair could be anything he wants to be with more focus in his approach to left arm pace bowling. Adam Ryan shifts from looking like a wicket taking first change seamer before reinventing himself as an opening batsman the following week.

Noah Deacon should become a serious swing bowler when he adds consistency to his game.

The Fowler brothers Matt & Tim have so much talent, primarily as batsmen but also as bowlers and with luck, their fortnight in Greece will see them return

with even more desire than they showed us in the first half of this season.

All of the above will be proper players in the coming seasons (if we can keep them out of the pub). That's always a hurdle the size of Becher's at this stage of their development.

There are also so many people who keep us going; Chrissy Walker, Patrick Charrington and James Briggs personify the mortar that stick the club together and at present, although we are mid-table fodder, we've scared the life out of the teams at the top and, as ever with such a fluctuating nature of our players' availability, we've struggled for consistency.

That said, last week's win against Didcot saw both George Gardiner & Peter Healy score their maiden centuries and we want more of that. This season will see their names go up on our new honours boards that will celebrate the achievements of not only today's success stories but also the village heroes who made such a contribution to our history too.

We might be a small village club, but to get your name 'On the Board' should be something all of us – young and old – should aspire to.

This is our cricket club and it will always be my club.

I hope you feel the same.

I write this with a sense of privilege and honour.

Yours, Michael Channon (Capt. WICC)



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Hello Everyone.

The management committee held a meeting on the 15th July, the first since January 2020. After much discussion the committee made the decision to go ahead with the following programme of events.

- A Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea (see poster) on the 18th of September at the Wilkins Centre, Compton.
- Our first coach trip, a South Coast Mystery, will be on Wednesday the 22nd of September. Pick up points as usual.
- Then a Bingo night on Friday the 24th of September at Compton Village Hall starting at 7:30pm.

- The second coach trip is on Wednesday the 20th of October to Cheltenham with a Steam Train Journey.

Posters for these events will be displayed in Compton Shop and the Village Hall Notice Board, East and West Ilsley Village Notice Boards.

Hopefully we will not be in another lockdown and welcome you to come along and support the Evergreens.

We are truly saddened at the passing of our friend and valued member Mary McClafferty. Our kind thoughts and sincere condolences go to her family and her many friends.

Tony Elliott - Secretary



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMPTON, ILSLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH _ AN UPDATE

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service

14th November 2021 Compton – this year the branch event will be in Compton. The parade will form up outside in the Foinavon car park at 1030am and, led by Pipe Major Ian Knight and drummer Mike Connor from the Oxford Caledonian Pipe Band, march to Compton Church where the service will commence around the War Memorial, which is situated in the church yard at 1055am. The Last Post and Reveille will be played by Trumpeter Aimee Jones. The service with Chaplain Rev Clive Jones officiating will then continue inside the Church. We are fortunate; and indeed proud, that this event has gained a reputation of being very well attended by RBL members, uniformed youth groups, parents, parishioners and supporters. The Church has a limited capacity but we will do our best to give everyone attending the best experience that we can – with priority being given to the Youth Groups, but there may be a requirement for some standing.

Membership - we are a growing organisation and would welcome you as a member. You do not have to be ex services (or a senior citizen!) to join the RBL but only supportive of the charity's objectives of looking after the serving and ex-serving community. The membership annual subscription is small at £17. 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 – thank you.

WHO TO CONTACT

CHURCHWARDENS are Alexandra Axtell on 281306 and Ian Fewtrell-Smith on 281625

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

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PARISH COUNCIL

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Sarah Marshman – Clerk clerk@westilsley.org

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.