

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
8 th November 2021	Full Council
17 th January 2022	Full Council
15 th March 2022	Full Council

16th May 2022

Annual Meeting of
the Parish Council

16th May 2022

Annual Parish
Meeting

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Village survey

Andrea has kindly collated the data from the village survey and a full copy can be found on the village website or downloaded here:

<https://www.westilsley.org/shared/attachments.asp?f=eed3c641%2D2138%2D48b5%2D87f3%2D9950b322524f%2Epdf&o=Survey%2Dresults%2D%2D%2DAugust%2D2021%2Epdf> (if you don't have online access

and would like a printed version please ring a WIN editor and a copy will be printed for you.) A few headline results; 73 households replied (which is around 57%). All of the facilities/amenities within the village were ranked highly with the Pub receiving the highest score followed by the Church/churchyard and then the Cricket Club in order of priority. There was an error in the questionnaire and the village Netball should have been included (instead the Cricket Club had 3 questions), which we apologise for the oversight. The results do provide us with some useful information to base decisions on, so thank you for those that took the time to complete.

Dog waste update

Dog waste bins have been ordered and will be installed around the recreation ground once delivered and new signage has been erected. We will continue to monitor the situation and see whether these initial actions have the desired effect.

Speeding

Speeding is still under review and it is really down to the positioning of a permanent VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) - additional meetings are being held to try and resolve this.

Pond and flooding

Funding for the dredging of the village pond and flood works has been secured and we will keep you updated on the timing of these works.

Hedges and trees

If you have hedges and trees near the boundary of your property, please could you have a look at the attached leaflet -

<https://www.westilsley.org/shared/attachments.asp?f=3efdc3b0%2De0c9%2D443c%2Db306%2D378ecdc60057%2Epdf&o=Hedge%2Dleaflet%2D%2D%2DLeaflet%2D21%2Epdf> and take any action you think

necessary. If you aren't on email and would like a printed copy of the leaflet, please ring a WIN editor and a copy will be delivered to you.

Thank yous

I would like to say a big thank you to the girls (SWIWI) for organising the 'Picnic on the Pitch' on Saturday and

for Angela's 'olympics', which was very competitive, and for the Cricket Club (and Nigel) for opening the bar – a good time was had by all. Also a thank you to the ladies for the Macmillan Coffee morning, which I am told was well supported. Hope to see you all at the Harvest Festival on Sunday.

Alan Beaumont - Chairman

Arts and Crafts Sale

by

local arts and craft people

Paintings, ceramics, Christmas decorations
in

West Ilsley Village Hall

Sunday 21st November

2pm until 8pm

VILLAGE PICNIC ON THE PITCH

We took a gamble with the weather and it paid off. There was a large turn out for the village picnic on the pitch in September. It was lovely to see lots of new faces and welcome them in true West Ilsley style with hay bales, bunting, music and fun. Huge thanks to Angela who had the adults, children and dogs racing over horse jumps and winning medals.

Thanks to Georgie for the bales and Chubby for opening the bar. We hope this will become an annual event and hope to see you all same time same place next year.



OUR WEST ILSLEY VERY SUCCESSFUL MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to the generosity of so many Villagers we raised over £500 for Macmillan Cancer Support and more donations are still coming in, so IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO DONATE. It is something we should feel proud about and celebrate.

My most sincere thanks go to Robyn, Kelly and Megan without whom we would never have achieved what we did. My thanks also to all the Bakers, Bringers of

Cakes, Martin BW for loaning us a laptop and setting up the video which I hope you saw a bit of, Steve & David who helped with the posters and Steve of Berkshire Print Store who laminated all the posters and everyone else who helped. It really was the community effort that created the success.

Brew Team felt privileged to be asked to organise the event in our historic little Village Hall which I can see from the pictures that Megan took looked sparkling. We'll get these pictures up on Facebook asap and hopefully we will get a mention in the Newbury Weekly News on Thursday who plan to run a Macmillan Coffee Morning feature. The flowers, donated by Waitrose, the posters and bunting all helped to create a very special, happy environment for the event and our hope is that it leads the way for regular use by others, both from within and outside the Village

The West Ilsley Macmillan Brew Team:

Penny Waghorn, Robyn Harrison, and Kelly and Megan McNatt



Pilates Classes

Physiotherapist led

Thursday evenings 6-7pm & 7.10-8.10pm

in West Ilsley Village Hall

£12 per class or £10 per class if booked for the month

(block bookings start from the first Thursday of each month)

All classes must be booked in advance due to limited capacity.

Unfortunately, cancellations or missed sessions cannot be carried over.

Please bring your own mat due to COVID protocol.

Please let me know if you are unable to source a mat.

Please contact thephysiopig@yahoo.com to book your class or if you have any questions.

WEST ILSLEY **VILLAGE**

WELCOME YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
BONFIRE & FIREWORK'S

AT THE
RECREATION GROUND

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER THE 5TH

BBQ AT 6:00PM

BONFIRE AT 6:30PM

FIREWORK DISPLAY AT 7:00PM

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The Evergreens would like to say a large Thank You to all the people who came along to Compton Village Hall on Friday the 17th of September to join in the first of our Family Bingo nights. It was pleasing to see you having a great time. The Coffee Morning on the 18th was also well attended. We will be having more this year. Look out for the posters!!!!

Our first trip of the year on September the 22nd was a Mystery Trip. We called in at Longstock Park Farm Shop and Café for a refreshment break on our way to Highcliffe where we stopped at the picnic site overlooking the beach and a view of the Needles on the Isle of Wight. We enjoyed great weather and stopped off at Peggy May's Café in Lyndhurst for a very nice cream tea on the way home.

All of the seats on the next trip to Broadway with a steam train ride to Cheltenham are sold and we are looking forward to planning next year's outings at our AGM in February. We may arrange a Christmas Market Trip if a suitable destination is agreed by the committee.

A sincere thank you to all of you who support the Evergreens and we would welcome anyone 60 or over to join us as a member of this long established group. Keep safe and be kind to each other.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

October at All Saints' Church

Sunday 3rd October Harvest Festival at 11am

Sunday 10th October Holy Communion at 8.30am

Sunday 17th October Eucharist at 9.30am

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

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

Although Government restrictions have been relaxed, you are welcome to wear face masks and you are encouraged to use hand sanitiser in church.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday, 3rd October at 11.00am in All Saints' and following the service in church there will be a glass of wine and nibbles, or outside in the churchyard if the weather is kind enough. Any food donations you would like to bring will be distributed to the West Berkshire Foodbank. If you would like to donate please look on their website to see what is urgently needed or low in stock, as this can change from week to week. As this will be our first big celebration service in the church for 21 months, and our first Harvest celebration in church for 2 years, we would love to see you there.

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 – revjdcales@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

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE HARROW

WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER

STARTS 8PM

**IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE FIREWORK
DISPLAY**

£4 PER PLAYER

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

WEST ILSLEY
VILLAGE
BONFIRE BINGO at
the VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 22nd
OCTOBER
Starts at 7:30pm
EXCELLENT PRIZES
AND A GREAT RAFFLE
COME ALONG AND SUPPORT
THE VILLAGE BONFIRE
AND FIREWORK'S



**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 in the Foinavon car park at 1030am and, led by Pipe Major Ian Knight 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, and supporters. The Church has a limited capacity but we will do our best to give everyone attending the best experience that we can, Covid restrictions permitting. At time of going to press face masks for adults are required to be worn inside the Church.

Blessing of Compton's Book of Remembrance – during the Remembrance Sunday service a book of remembrance, containing biographical details and brief histories of those men and one woman whose names from WW2 are inscribed on the war memorial

, will be blessed and presented to the Church. This nicely presented book is the result of the hard work and dedication of one of our RBL members - Pat Warn. It will be kept near the entrance door to the church, where visitors with an interest in the memorial can refer to it at will.

The Poppy Appeal lunch Friday 29th October – we have chosen a Friday, as our guest speaker will be Newbury's Member of Parliament Laura Farris, in order to fit in with her busy schedule. The event will take place in the Foinavon but will necessarily have to reflect the present need to be mindful of social distancing and peoples' Covid19 sensitivities. Consequently, attendance will be restricted to about half the usual number of attendees. If the weather allows we are also looking at possibly using the pub's tentage. Timings will be noon for 1245hrs lunch and the cost covering two courses and table wine will be £25 per head. Proceeds will go to the Poppy Appeal. If you would like to attend please contact Steve Allison or David Norbury whose contact details are below.

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 £18. 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.

Aldworth Craft Group

We are a friendly group of people who like to have a go at different crafts, or revisit ones we have enjoyed so much we want to have another go!

We meet on **2nd & 4th Mondays from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon** during term time.

Each session costs £2.50.

Autumn term dates:

October: 11th and 25th

November: 8th and 22nd

December: 13th

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Gill Wilding on 01635 578624 (ansaphone) or email aacg20161@outlook.com

WHO TO CONTACT

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

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Carolyn Culver 07976 374146

PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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07905 558884

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.