

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Friday 27th March

DIARY MARCH

9 th	Parish Council meeting
13 th	Harrow - Coffee morning
15 th	Harrow - Mothering Sunday lunch
17 th	Harrow - St Patrick's Day Quiz night
25 th	Harrow - Quiz night

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

March Services at All Saints' Church

1 st	Family Communion	9.30am
8 th	BCP Communion	8.30am
15 th	Mothering Sunday	See below
	*No service in West Ilsley	
22 nd	Family Service	11.00am
29 th	Palm Sunday	See below
	*No service in West Ilsley	

*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at www.eastdownland.org.uk

Lent Groups

On Tuesdays during Lent, from Tuesday 24th February to Tuesday 24th March, the benefice will be holding Lent Groups at 11am and repeated at 8.15pm at The Glebe House, Peasmore, when we will be looking at the Communion service. The meetings last about 1 hour and everyone is very welcome to attend any or all of these gatherings.

Mothering Sunday 15th March

This year, Mothering Sunday falls on the 3rd Sunday of the month when we usually hold United Benefice services in Chieveley. It has been decided therefore, not to have a service in All Saints', but to invite you all to St Mary's, Chieveley for the services there. At 9.30am there will be a United Benefice Holy Communion service, followed by coffee and cake. Then at 11am there will be Café Church, which is an informal service for everyone, with live music and

an emphasis on families with young children. As usual on Mothering Sunday, posies will be available for children to give to their mothers. Everyone is invited to both services and if you would like a lift there for either one, do contact Alexandra (281306) or Ian (281625) and they will arrange one for you.

Clay Pigeon Shoot 22nd March

This is taking place on Sunday 22nd March from 10am onwards. You are invited to form teams of 6 people, at the cost of £120 per team for 10 clays per person and the best team will win a case of claret. A bacon butty is included in the price on arrival and a bbq is planned. There will also be the opportunity to take on a 50 gun flush in teams of 3 (ie half the team of six) - this will be an extra £15 per team (ie £5 each) with a £60 prize for the winning team. For further details, phone Will Axtell (281306) or Richard Gore (281241).

Spring Clean - 28th March

We will be meeting with polish, dusters, brooms and rakes etc to prepare the church and churchyard for Easter, so if you can spare an hour or so, come with your usual implements at around 10.30am. For those of you good with a needle, please bring your sewing kit to help sew eyelets back onto the altar frontals.

Palm Sunday - 29th March

There will be a United Benefice Communion Service at 9.30am followed by a United Benefice Café Church Service at 11.00am, both at St Andrew's Church, Boxford. Everyone is welcome to both these services.



Holy Week and Easter

Details of all services from Monday 30th March, up to and including Easter day, will be advertised in an Easter card shortly to pop through your door.

Good Friday Walk and Service - 3rd April

The walk this year will start at Peasmore, then on to Beedon, Farnborough and finishing at West Ilsley for a service at 2.00pm. Join or leave at any point. Bring a packed lunch. Details of timings from Ian (281625).

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). 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 eastdownland@btinternet.com

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, email Revd John Toogood at edownlandrector@gmail.com or leave a message on 01635 247566.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

COUNTRY NOTES

10th February

A blue tit investigating a nest box outside the kitchen window. Although it will be late April or early May before eggs will be laid the search for suitable nest sites begins this month.

Modern, tidy gardens have few if any natural nest sites for the species of birds that like to nest in holes in dead trees. Providing a nest box will resolve that problem and is a great way to encourage birds into your garden. Now is the best time of the year to put one in place.

It's not just blue tits that can be attracted by nest boxes. House sparrows, nuthatches and great tits will also take up residence preferring those boxes with small entrance holes. Designs with open fronts are suitable for robins, pied wagtails and if you are very fortunate spotted flycatchers.

The British Trust for Ornithology has a very informative website which explains in detail which types are suitable for which species, how to make them or where to buy them. Please see link below: <http://www.bto.org/about-birds/nbw/faqs>

Perdix

West Ilsley Village Hall

Easter Bingo



Friday 27th March

Doors open 7pm

Eyes down 7:30

Terrific Prizes

Grand Raffle

**Please come along and
enjoy yourselves!!!**

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

RED NOSE DAY

Comic Relief Coffee Morning

Friday 13th March

10:30am - 12 noon

Come & help us raise some money for Comic Relief

All the money raised from cake sales we will donate !!

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 15th March

With all booked tables all you lovely mummy's will receive a complimentary glass of

Prosecco with your lunch

Book your tables now to avoid disappointment

ST.PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday 17th March

Guinness will be £3.00 a pint ALL DAY

Beef & Guinness Pie with seasonal vegetables and mash potato £10



QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 25th March

8pm

Food served from 7pm

£3 each to enter



EASTER

We will be open all day Good Friday (3rd April) &

Easter Monday (6th April)

Open from 11am on Easter Monday for the point 2 point goers

Easter Sunday (5th April)

Easter Egg Hunt in the garden (weather dependant)

11am till 12 noon

FEBRUARY'S FARMING NEWS

Lambing has commenced at Folly Farm and approximately ten old ewes have given birth to a selection of singles, twins and triplets and we are expecting the main flock to start lambing at the end of February/early March. There will be approximately 700 ewes in total to lamb.

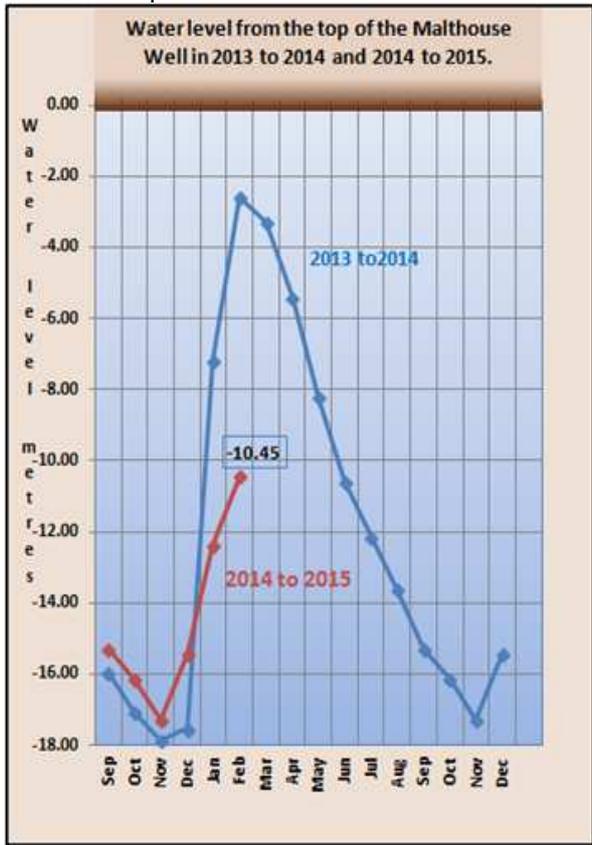
It is very sad news indeed that a nearby well-established dairy herd at Yattendon Estate has been sold and, therefore, the milk production has ceased and it is highly unlikely to ever recommence. Our dairy industry seems to be under such huge pressure at the moment and we can only draw comparisons to New Zealand dairy farmers who not only have a less labour-intensive system and a more cost effective method of milking since their cattle live out for 12 months of the year on grass and the farmers are paid a fair price for their produce.

We wonder how many more dairies will close over the coming months and what the long-term outlook will be for the British dairy industry?

Peter Carlisle

WELL READING

More good news from the Malthouse well this month. Lower rainfall than usual over the last three months means the rate of increase in the groundwater level has slowed considerably. It has only risen by just over 2 metres during February and it currently stands at about 10.30 metres (34ft) below ground level. Thankfully this is a nice and safe 8 metres (26ft) lower than this time last year when the level was around 2.60 metres. So no need for pumps and portaloos in the next couple of months...



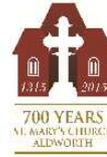
Aldworth Saturday Market Specials:

On **Saturday 7th March**, in celebration of FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT, Aldworth's family friendly Market, in the village hall, will offer **FREE** cups of FAIRTRADE coffee/tea and biscuits to all customers between 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Also on **7th March** our CHARITY STALL will be for the **Alexander Devine Children's Hospice**, now being built near Maidenhead. Beautifully knitted children's toys and clothing, plus other handmade gifts, will be on sale for the Hospice funds.

(Colleen and Jane have already raised £10,000 for ADCH, please help them raise even more!)

Further details: 01635 578177



7 events For 700 years!

Thursday 21st May - 7.30pm

Medieval Horizons. How 14th Century people saw the world when St Mary's was founded. One of the most inventive and outstanding historians of our time, Dr Ian Mortimer, will help us see Aldworth in a new way! Tickets £10

Friday 19th June - 7.30pm

Max Fane and singers from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. With Richard Ingrams. Music & more....! Tickets £10

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August

Our biannual **Flower Festival: Seven Centuries of Flowers.** Tea/coffee and home-made cakes available to buy.

Sunday 2nd August - 6pm

We round off the Flower Festival with a special **Anniversary Thanksgiving Service** with Rt Rev Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading. Celebration Refreshments afterwards

Thursday 24th September - 7.30 pm

The experience of worship in the late medieval parish church – how worship may have been in fourteenth-century Aldworth. Dr John Harper, Research Professor of Music and Liturgy at Bangor and Emeritus Director of The Royal School of Church Music. Tickets £10

Sunday 11th October - 6pm

Harvest Festival Thanksgiving. Join our local community for our Harvest Festival in the beautifully decorated church.

Saturday 17th October - 7.30 pm

Spiral Sax in Concert. Making a welcome return, one of London's most exciting and energetic ensembles will give us a night to remember! Tickets £10

All at St Mary's Church, Aldworth, Berkshire (RG8 9SB)

*To order tickets or for more information please call
01635 578936 or 01491 671714*

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015

March 9th, May 11th AGM and Assembly, July 13th, Sept 14th and Nov 9th.

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com
Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers

PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions are now being delivered on Tuesday mornings only and can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close Mon~Thurs 10 till 6. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone 281997 to ask if it's convenient.

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