

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

10th Parish Council meeting
28th 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

Minutes of the PC meetings of 18th April and 14th May are on the website – ed having trouble setting up a link at the moment so please look on the website for yourselves!

SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

As you may have noticed the Speed Indicator Device (SID) tends to move from one end of the village to another. There are strict rules regarding location, timescales, visibility etc via permissions from West Berks Council and this means that the device should only be in one location for a maximum of 3 weeks. Location has also been governed by availability of existing street furniture to fasten the SID to so historically it has only been located near The Old Chapel and the recreation ground. Some might ask the purpose of the SID and we recognise we have no power to enforce or punish but we do feel we see an improvement in driver behaviour in many cases and hopefully this helps to keep us all a little safer.

I'm aware of concerns in other parts of the village and will be working my way through submitting application forms to the council for different locations. However, there's only ME! The new locations will only be suitable for a 2 hour slot with the SID on a tripod and the equipment needs someone nearby during that time as its an expensive piece of kit. I'd be most grateful if anyone who has concerns and a bit of time would get in touch with me if they thought they could "babysit" the SID. There's so much more we could do but its tricky single handed and although I do my best you will sometimes notice that the battery has run out on the SID probably because life has got the better of me!

I look forward to hearing from you but in the meantime here are some recent figures for your perusal.

Thanks Liz Dray – 07766 413164

lizdray@btinternet.com

Month	Jun 24	May 24	Apr 24	Mar 24
No. of vehicles measured	14229	18584	16472	10654
No. below 30mph	13416	11737	12017	8805
No. 31mph to 40mph	768	5988	4047	1722
No. 41mph to 50mph	39	837	401	126
No. 51mph to 60mph	1	17	6	1
No. over 60mph	3	5	1	0
No. over 70mph	2	0	0	0
No. over 80mph	0	0	0	0

TONY ELLIOTT

We have been saddened this month to lose another villager. Tony moved to the village from Pembrokeshire in March 2010 with his wife Liz who sadly predeceased him in 2015. During his time here Tony provided his plumbing services to many households and was always obliging even if called in an emergency situation at all times of the day and night. We have a lot of groups and activities for such a small village, and voluntary help is often in short supply. Somehow, Tony found the time in between his plumbing jobs to contribute hugely to this community and it is only fit to recognise this. It would probably be easier to say what Tony *didn't* do in the village as over the years he was involved in pretty much most things!!! Please forgive me if I have missed anything but here is a picture of the extent of Tony's contribution to West Ilsley:

Prescriptions from the surgery are delivered to the village once a week to a location which has to be "manned" - this is an invaluable service for many villagers who cannot access the surgery easily – Tony's wife Liz was kind enough to take this role over when Audrey Tizzard left the village, and after losing Liz, Tony took this on and it was only in recent times that he had handed over to Ann. We are grateful to Liz and Tony for helping with this over several years.

As you will know from Hayley's article Tony was part of the **fete committee** for many years, particularly running the **Produce Show**. The **village hall** wouldn't look the way it does today or perhaps even still be here without his input and maintenance and latterly the **cricket club** have benefited from these skills. In addition to practical help, his **fundraisers for the village hall** were legendary including the **Easter and Christmas bingo nights** where the prizes seemed to go on forever. At one point he even took on the mantle of the **speeding issue** that sadly plagues us still and he could be seen cleverly hiding round the corner to catch as many as he could! He was also a huge part of the **Evergreens club**, helping to organise coffee mornings and bingo and particularly a marvellous array of monthly day and theatre trips as well as various committee roles. Lastly but probably most importantly was one of the big events of the year – **Bonfire Night**. Under Tony's leadership the fireworks went from strength to strength and were always very popular. Apart from the regular/annual events, there were others that Tony organised or facilitated such as the **Jubilee lunch** and **pub quizzes**.

I am sure I reflect all of our thoughts in saying "thank you Tony for your service and we will be thinking of your children Paul, Kay, Todd and Heather at this very sad time".

Tony's son Paul tells me he hopes to help out in the village as and where he can and if you would like to get

in touch please contact him via Tony's mobile – 07780 994297.

Liz Dray

!! 2024 PRE FETE PARTY !!

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this year's pre fete party. It was certainly a bit different!

The weather was not on our side, but it didn't dampen our spirits! Jo did the most amazing job of decorating the marquee and it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces enjoying their welcome cocktails and the amazing curries.

A huge thank you goes to Martin and The Harrow team for their generosity in running the bar and donating all the bar facilities and staff. 100% of bar profits went towards the fete weekend. It was also a real treat to have such delicious brownies for pudding, freshly baked by Tegan Woods.

Thank you also to the Carlises for all their help in lifting and shifting - we couldn't have done it without you! And last, but not least, to Justin P for sorting the electrics and ensuring we had power in the marquee.

The Friday night party is an important part of the fete weekend as it raises funds which help to pay for the marquee and other fete expenses. This year the pre fete party made a surplus of just over £2,000.

Thank you once again to everyone who came.

Rachel, Stephen, Tim, Jo, Pete and Martin



West Ilsley fete is done and dusted for another year, and what a fete it was!! The weather did not stop play! The sound of the Blewbury Brass Band, crockery smashing and the smell of burgers on the BBQ, it was all very traditional of West Ilsley with a few new twists along the way!!

Here goes.....The BBQ did a roaring trade and was busy all day feeding the masses with delicious burgers and hotdogs. Thank you Alan Bloor and his team, Dewi, Nigel Ryan, Alan Beaumont, Justin Gilbert and Roger. 100% of the BBQ profit goes back into the village and is the fete's main earner. Your hard work does not go unnoticed!! 🍔🍷

The cricket club bar was open all day and did a great job of keeping everyone well hydrated & happy. Thank you to everyone who pulled some pints. 🍷🍹

Louise Beaumont, Alison Banks, along with a team of ladies from the tennis club were busy selling teas & coffees, as well as delicious homemade cakes. You all did an amazing job, thank you! Also thank you to Andrea for the loan of the kit. 🏠 This year we had a Pimms and cocktail bar in the marquee. Connie, Martin & Liam were kept on their toes, thank you for everything! 🍹 The Blewbury Brass Band entertained us with their music, thank you. A very traditional sound at a village fete. 🎵 The clothes stall this year

was run by Avice, Barbara and Sue, thank you so much. Was this your last year?? I hope not! The left over clothes will be collected by Bag2School and the extra money will be added to the fete pot! 📦👕👗👖

The bric-a-brac was back this year, with lots of interesting items for sale. Thank you Katy and Kate for running it. This year the dog show was judged by Vera from East Ilsley and Kay, Tony's daughter. Thank you very much! Best In Show went to Sassy, the long haired dachshund, well done Linkie, you must be very proud!!



A very big thank you to all the families who sponsored the dog show, your donations helped cover the cost of the rosettes, prizes & treats. The Beaumont family had a wonderful trophy made for Best In Show, The 'Honey' Beaumont Memorial Cup, in memory of the lovely Honey. As well as Rubie (15) winning the Best Veteran class!! 🐕🐕🐕

The raffle was very popular, with some pretty impressive prizes up for grabs. Thank you to Olivia for helping me all day, we actually sold out of raffle tickets this year! It raised almost £500. Well done to everyone who won prizes. 🎟️

The crockery smashing and coconut shy are always popular, thank you to Rosanne & Honor, Ian & Kay and Will & Alexandra for running them on behalf of All Saints Church. I heard that Honor even managed to sell some of the crockery! Very entrepreneurial. The bottle stall was very busy and sold out pretty quickly, raising nearly £200!! Thank you to The Evergreens for organising all the bottles and a BIG thank you to Tony for collecting all the bottles from very generous villagers! 🍷🍷

A very big thank you to The Pearey Family for letting us hijack their paddock as a car park for the day!!



We did a great job as MC, thank you. It's not an easy job! Also another huge thank you to Martin & Liam at The Harrow for the Gigga truck and the inflatable pub. Also for organising Jukebox James, he was great!!



Georgia Pilditch and Annabelle Hudson painted faces all day, with the help of Bea. I saw several Harry Potters, tigers, butterflies and many more! The queue was never ending! You did a great job, thank you!



The table tennis was a great addition and was always busy, thank you Donna & Steve! 🏓

Sarah from Little Hooves was with us for the day, with her two Shetland ponies. I saw them several times having a walk around, meeting people, the children thought they were great! Well done Molly & Annabelle for guessing the weight of them!! 🐾

Our circus performer, Storm in a Teacup, was a new addition and she was a great hit. The children enjoyed

playing with her stilts, hoola hoops and plate jugglers. The bubbles were epic too! 🎈

🌟PRODUCE SHOW RESULTS🌟

HOME COOKING🍳👩🍳

Jar of Jam - Rachel Hudson

Loaf of yeast bread- Ian Wilson

Alcoholic drink - Ian Wilson

Victoria Sandwich - Ian Wilson

Sticky Toffee Pudding - Dan Hudson

Children's Bake - Henry Hudson

FLORAL🌸

Floral Arrangement - Fran Wilson

Single Flower - Louise Beaumont

PHOTOGRAPHY📷

Adult - Rachel Woods

Children - Harry Turner

CREATIVITY🧠

Children - Elin Morris

BEST HANGING BASKETS🌸

Jo Kirkpatrick

BEST DECORATED HOUSE🏠

Forge Cottage

Thank you to the judges of the produce show.

How many balloons in a tractor, was won by Dave Rockall, with his guess of 93, well done Dave. He took home a lovely toy tractor, Zach was not happy.

Thank you to Rowles Farm for the loan of the tractor!



Another huge thank you to Pete Carlisle and his team for ferrying fete kit backwards and forwards from various barns and garages around the village! 🚚

Amongst all the usual fete stalls we had some lovely produce stalls, including Jill Hobbs with her brilliant art work, Katy Morris with her lovely pottery, Thame Aromas with some candles, Emma Dweck with her lotions, potions & crystals, Family of Hope selling cards, Hedgerow Cheeses, Lauren with her children's craft, Hawkridge Gin, Katie Wells with her bracelets, Friends of Compton Primary School with a nerf shoot out stall, Dragonfly Upholstery, 50/50 coffee, The Bug Store, metal dreams blacksmith and sweet inspiration.



The welly wanging, normally run by FIPS (Friends of Ilsley Primary School), almost didn't happen due to illness but Steve & Sally (welcome to West Ilsley) stepped in and got the ball rolling before Rollo took over. Thank you very much for all of your help.

WELLY WANGING RESULTS👢

Mens - Big Will - 38m

Ladies - Helen Saxton & Polly - 26m

Teenager - Kester 30m

Child - Ben 26.5m

Some great distances thrown!

The fete wasn't the same without our Tony! He was unable to be with us on the day and now we will sadly miss his presence in the future too.

Here comes the figures part.

Income - £6,427.04


Outgoings - £4,128.10

Donations given out - £1,550.00

Profit retained for next year - £748.94

A HUGE thank you to everyone who was involved, I hope I haven't missed anyone! The fete wouldn't happen without the hard work of the committee and volunteers who help on the day! Thank you to each and every one of you! Also a BIG thank you if you came along and had a burger, bought some raffle tickets and threw a ball at a coconut!

From your 2024 fete committee

Georgie Carlisle-Smith, Hayley Morrick, Justin Pilditch, Katy Morris, Martin, Natasha Tombs, Nigel Ryan, Tim Pearey, Tony Elliott, Will Thomas-Ferrand. Next year's fete will be held on Sunday 6th July, save the date!!!! 

If you would like to join next year's committee, please let us know. Your fete needs YOU!

Best Wishes Hayley Morrick 07947 188069



FRESHLY BAKED CINNAMON BUNS TO ORDER!



I have been perfecting my recipe for cinnamon buns over the last few days and now that the school holidays are here, I will be making a fresh batch which are available for delivery on Saturday 3rd August for £1 each or 6 for £5.

To order please contact Rachel on 07825 668 617 before midday on Friday 2nd August. I will deliver approx. 9am on Saturday – just in time for morning coffee.

Henry Hudson

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

First of all, congratulations to winners of the table tennis at West Ilsley Fete!

Adults – Karl Sharman with 30 points

Juniors – Oscar Hayward with 32 points

It was great to see so many people have a go against the robot – it was certainly harder than it looked!

And a big thank you to Steve and Donna for helping with the running of the stall – your expertise was greatly appreciated!

We have also recently acquired new dining chairs in the village hall. Perfect if you want to hire the hall for a formal event or party. We are also fully stocked with a collection of mugs, plates, cutlery and newly collected glasses. If you would like to book the hall please contact Louise at

village.hall@westilsley.org and remember to join our Facebook page for updates about activities and events

https://www.facebook.com/groups/764401391720996/?ref=share_group_link&exp=9594

Also don't forget about our weekly exercise classes run by Callum!

Thanks

The Village Hall Management Committee

(Amanda, Jo, Louise, Matt, Pete and Tegan)

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Holding this on a Saturday meant that many more villagers were able to attend so we're doing the same this year. Saturday 28th September is the date – more details in the September WIN.

THE ILSLEYS NEWSLETTER

written by 2 Year 6 and a Year 5

Some children took part in a primary school swimming gala at Northcroft. Some of our children represented our school in many different kinds of races, for example: breast stroke, front crawl, backstroke, butterfly and relays at the end. Our school is proud of what they have achieved and it was a great opportunity to let them show their skills.

On June 21st, we had a Zumba workshop and had a period of time to do Zumba which is exercise through dancing. The children thought this was an amazing way to end a Friday afternoon and they enjoyed it thoroughly.

We had an assembly with a lady from the library who explained about the annual summer reading challenge. This happens in the summer break and the children who sign up have to read 6 books at least and when they finish they get a medal and a certificate.

Year 6 had the opportunity to go to PGL/ Parents Get Lost with the school from Monday 1st July to 5th July. Over this time, they were accommodated in Weymouth where they did many activities such as abseiling, paddle boarding, trapeze and lots more. They all enjoyed this and would love to go again!

On July 9th, we had a moving up day where children could experience what it would be like next year in their new year group. Children from pre-schools also came in for their first day of school in Arctic Class with Miss Parsons. All of the new children introduced themselves to the school and they have already made lots of good friends.

Year 4s had the opportunity to go to the Harwell Science Fair. They built catapults which was very tricky but they succeeded with flying colours. They learnt about stars and constellations as well as diamonds and then they had their lunch on the field.

On 9th and 10th June, some of the Year 6s went to The Downs to get used to their surroundings. When they arrived on the first day, they went to a hall and got told what houses they were in. Two Year 7s from each house showed the year 6s around and helped them

get around to their houses. They all did a few fun lessons to get a taste of what was to come and ate the lunch in the cafeteria or the year 7 area. They all thoroughly enjoyed it and are excited for next year.

As you may know, our federation school is Hampstead Norreys and, on Friday 12th July, we went over to their school to have a federation day. We had fun activities to do with our houses such as: Italian, art and crafts, archery, treasure hunt, boules, dance, bag decorating and rounders at the end of the day.

Each class did a curriculum assembly about their recent topics such as Pacific who did their assembly about 'Through the Palace Doors and 'What Lies Beneath'. Arctic did their assembly about the Olympics and 'Sea, Sun, and Sand'. Finally, Atlantic's assembly was about 'Governments and Leaders' because that was their topic.

On 22nd June, some of the school put together a school production called 'The Pirates of The Curry Bean'. Atlantic made all of the props and put weeks of practice into it so they were very happy with the result at the end.

Arctic Class went on a fantastic trip to the beach to go with their topic that was 'Sea, Sun and Sand'. They had a sand castle competition and then had their lunch on the beach. They had ice creams then had fun burying each other in the sand.

On 3rd July, we had an online assembly about the Olympics with thousands of other schools. There was a lady called Steph who is a Paralympian who does sprinting and the long jump. She told us the challenges she had to face when she lost her leg. We learnt about how to persevere with her.

We had a Picture News assembly on Friday 5th July about music and instruments. We did lots of fun activities such as making our own songs with rhythm and sounds. We thoroughly enjoyed it and hope to do it next year as well

We will have a Leavers' Assembly and prom on the last days of school and we hope to report more about these in September. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday!

AUGUST AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Sunday 4th Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 11th Holy Communion at 8.30am

Sunday 18th Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 25th *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-notice/this-week> for other services in the benefice during August.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly cafe will be on Sunday 11th August between 10.00am and 11.00am. Donations go to a

different charity each month and this month we will be supporting a charity helping those with pancreatic cancer. We look forward to seeing you there for coffee, cake and a chat!

Pet Service

This was well supported with around 30 people and 14 animals joining us in the churchyard for what is becoming a popular annual service, and which was followed by our usual monthly café. The collection of £85 has been sent to the National Animal Welfare Trust at Trindledown Farm which gives refuge to homeless and abandoned animals.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6th October – 11.00am Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch in the village hall.

Sunday 10th November – 10.55am Remembrance Service.

Put the dates in your diary now!

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

COUNTRY NOTES

A moorhen mother and her only child pick their way across the gravel of the Clemenger's carpark. The child has outsized feet, long toes which have a tendency to tread on each other, it stumbles, recovers and, casting an accusing look at its offending feet rushes after it's mother, long fast strides seemingly less hazardous than short slow ones.

Amongst the blackthorn in the hedge the green orbs of a feral apple tree, perhaps the progeny of a discarded apple core. Further along a tiny oak, three

feet high, also covered in apples but these are not fruit they are galls, oak apples, hard and woody, half an inch in diameter, the result of a wasp's egg being laid in the leaf bud, now the abandoned homes of wasp grubs.

Nine starlings wheel above the cricket pitch, roll around the sky, changing formation at every turn, morphing seamlessly from a diamond nine to an arrowhead. The Black Arrows, my own display team.

Beside the Catmore Road ominous spikes of orange red berries peep out of the hedgerow bottom, Bloody Man's Fingers, the fruiting bodies of wild arum.

Geoff Wond

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

FALCONRY DISPLAY

By Ray Prior

In aid of St. Mary's Church, Aldworth

11am

17th August 2024



Aldworth Recreation Ground

by the village hall

There will be a collection for St. Mary's Church on site during the morning.

'Guides is the most adventurous thing... It gives you the opportunity to meet people and see things you wouldn't normally see, and it's just an amazing experience'
Bryony



Guides
1st Compton Guides
Mondays 7-8.30

Girls laugh, learn and expand their horizons
for ages 10 to 14

At Guides, all girls are welcome to enjoy our fun-filled space, where she'll make good friends, learn to be herself, explore what she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Registered charity number: Exempted from registration

Join a local Guides group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

WHO TO CONTACT

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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>

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

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