

West Ilsley News

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DIARY

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

8th Church Winter Warmer

ALLSAINTS' CHURCH, WEST ILSLEY

January Services at All Saints' Church

5 th	Family Communion	9.30am
12 th	Holy Communion	8.30am
19 th	No service in All Saints'	*See Café Church below
26 th	Family Service	11.00am

Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice, go online at www.eastdownland.org.uk or follow our church and benefice Facebook pages.

Rock Your Sax Off

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all and of the money raised, £253 was sent to Newbury Rock Choir for their charity. Thank you to both Rock Choir and Newbury Saxophone Choir for making it such an unforgettable evening and for raising welcome funds for All Saints'.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next café will be on Sunday 12th January from 10am to 11am. Everyone is welcome - you don't have to be a church goer, just a lover of tea, coffee, home-made cakes and a good natter.

WIN Greetings

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the church for your Christmas greetings and thank you once again to Andrea for organising it.

Christmas Services

It was lovely to see the church so full over Christmas, with everyone enjoying the usual well-loved carols. Our Carol Service collection of £316 was sent to the charity Friends of Young Carers West Berkshire. This will go towards events and trips out in the New Year for young carers to enjoy. Thank you also for your generous donations of jogging bottoms, pot noodles etc. that were collected for the West Berkshire Homeless.

A Big Thank You

As ever, we are very grateful for those who made All Saints' look so stunning at Christmas, but also of course for your beautiful flower arrangements and for your hard work cleaning All Saints' and cutting the grass the whole year long. We must not forget those who faithfully ensure the smooth running of all the services in All Saints' throughout the year, including our organist, sidesmen, church wardens and of course, our dedicated clergy, who turn up week after week and provide regular services for all the villages in our benefice.

*Café Church at St Mary's Church, Chieveley

The next Café Church at St Mary's will be a **United Benefice Christingle Service** on Sunday 19th January at **5.00pm**. You are invited to come at 4.45pm for refreshments before the service.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 8th February 2020 – Winter Warmer. Put the date in your diaries now!

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VILLAGE HALL RACE NIGHT

This event was a great success and enjoyed by everybody. The committee are delighted to report that we made approximately £1200 towards Village Hall funds. A really great result and we value every bit of fundraising. It is used to fund any village hall improvements as well as ongoing maintenance, electricity, water and our insurance.

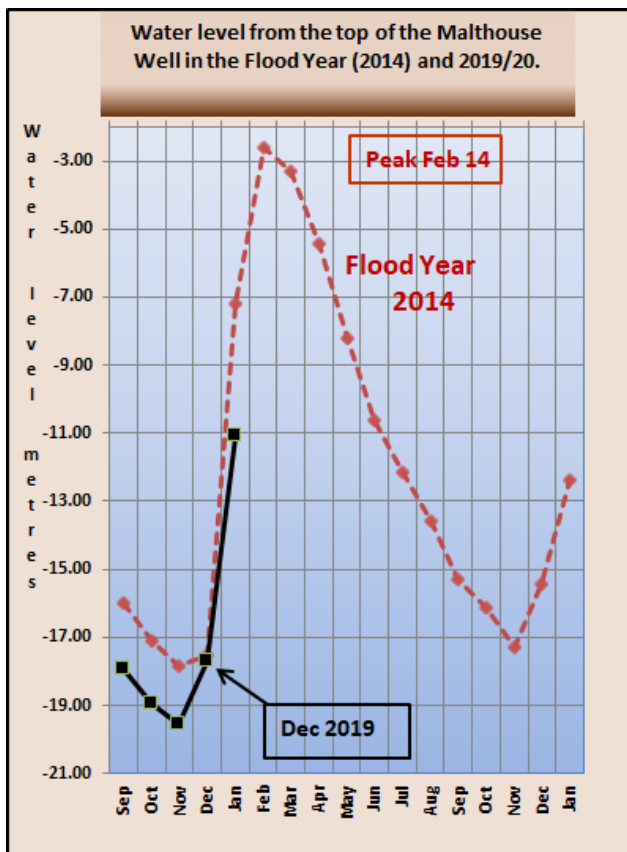
Our guests were treated to an evening of horse racing on the big screen and enthusiastically betted and then cheered their horses on. Many thanks to all those who supported the evening so generously and to all our helpers on the night.

The Village Hall Committee.

MALTHOUSE WELL

We've had around 70mm (3in) rain for December which is in its typical range and less than we received in October and November where we had around 100+mm (4in) each month. This means we've had the wettest Autumn since 2013 and as a result the ground water is rising rapidly. The Malthouse Well reading now stands at approximately 11.0 metres (36ft) below ground level. This is shown

in the graph below which also shows that the groundwater is now at a similar level to December 2013 which preceded the 2014 floods. We still have some way to go before any flooding occurs, but a lot of heavy rain in January could make things interesting. For those who want to track this more closely the PVFF website (<https://www.floodalleviation.uk/dashboard.php>) provides a daily update on groundwater levels for our area.



THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have continued to work hard this term at The Ilsleys and have very much enjoyed the run up to Christmas, including our nativity – well done to Arctic Class for a great performance - and a trip to the pantomime in Newbury.

The children have continued to enjoy their dance lessons this year with Mr Darvell and Atlantic Class have been having a particularly fun time taking on a bit of Strictly Come Dancing! The children learnt the Waltz, Charleston, Tango, Jive and Contemporary dances. We then held our own 'Strictly Come The Ilsleys' live final where the teachers became the judges! The final decision was down to each pupil at the school and the final was very close, with the winning pair receiving 35 votes in total. The very worthy winners were Laurel and Louis. Well done to them!

The children have continued to enjoy their sessions with an Arsenal WFC coach again this year to help them improve their technical and tactical ability in

football. The children really look forward to these sessions and it is great to watch them play. In addition to these sessions, we have continued to take part in different tournaments this year and have enjoyed playing tag rugby games against Bucklebury and Hampstead Norreys as well as a football tournament against Bucklebury. The children always work so hard to play as part of a team and encourage each other.

The whole school has also been to the Corn Exchange to watch this year's pantomime – we all had a fantastic time! It is lovely that members of the public always comment on how well behaved our pupils are. Miss Denham even got picked out by the dame – much to the other teachers' amusement!

We now just have our Christmas Carousel (a real tradition here!) and the end of term assembly to look forward to before finishing for the Christmas break. After such a busy term, I think we all need it!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Katie Edwards
Assistant Headteacher

EVERGREENS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER ~ 2019

The Evergreens had their last coach trip of the year to Salisbury Christmas Market on the 3rd of December. This trip was well supported despite the cold weather.

We once again held our members Christmas lunch at the Swan Hotel, East Ilsley on Saturday the 14th December at 1pm. Thank you for a great meal.

We would like to thank all the members who came along to our special pre-Christmas Afternoon Tea and for their support throughout the year and hope you enjoyed the trips and fundraising events.

The Evergreens will hold their AGM in February 2020 in the Wilkins Centre Compton. Further details to follow.

Theatre Trips

Seats have been reserved for the following shows in 2020.

Wednesday ~ 4th March at 2:30pm.

We Will Rock You. Featuring 24 of Queens biggest hits and Ben Elton's hilarious comedy writing combined, comes a smash hit musical spectacle that marked the bands legendary live performances.

Only 2 Seats Left

Tickets at £30 plus £10 transport.

Wednesday ~ 8th April at 2:30pm.

Priscilla Queen of the Desert. This iconic musical stars Strictly Come Dancing Winner Joe McFadden in the hilarious adventure of three friends who hop on a battered bus for a heart-warming journey of self-discovery, featuring glittering costumes, fabulous feathers and a non-stop parade of dance floor classics. Tickets at £30 plus £10 transport.

Please come along and see these shows. Book your tickets with me on 281997 or 07780 994297

Thank you for supporting the Ilsley Evergreens.
Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

A grand total of £1,522.77 was raised in East & West Ilsley for the Poppy Appeal this year.
Many thanks as always to everyone who donated, collected, or hosted a collecting box.
I still have some 2019 enamel poppy pins – nice keepsake for babies born in 2019. Ring me on 281274 if you would like one.
Kay Sanderson, Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Ilsleys

ALDWORTH'S BAZAAR THANKS

THANK YOU to all who supported Aldworth Saturday Market's Christmas Bazaar. Over £1,000 was taken for the four charities supported – an amazingly generous amount!
Aldworth's community-run Saturday Market opens weekly from 9.30 to 12.00 in Aldworth village hall. It may be a small market, but it has a big heart and welcomes you to have a shop, cuppa and chat and perhaps make some new friends too.
Details from Kathy on 01635 578090 or check out the Facebook page.

ALDWORTH ART GROUP (SPRING) 21ST JANUARY TO 21ST APRIL 2020

Aldworth Art Group meets in Aldworth village hall on **1st & 3rd Tuesday mornings** and welcomes "all-comers". You can "do your own thing" or "follow the leader".
£2.50 covers normal sessions, a little more for occasional visiting tutored workshops. On **18th February** professional artist Denny Webb will tutor a watercolour workshop "Snowdrop Woodlands" and Tanya Patey will lead a Mixed Media workshop on **17th March**. Art materials can be supplied if needed – refreshments are always available!
Please give Pauline Sheppard a call on **01635 578177** if you would like to go along and give this friendly and supportive group a try.

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.

2020 Parish council meetings:

13 Jan 9 March 11 May 13 July 14 Sept 9 Nov

DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

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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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TENNIS COURT

Membership: Please email tennis.bookings@westilsley.org
Play without joining - book and pay via westilsleytennis.jezzam.com or the link on westilsley.org

PARISH COUNCIL

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DVG HANDYBUS SHOPPING - £3 RETURN

(approx 1 hour shopping time)

Didcot - Tesco Tuesdays (monthly)		Wantage – Sainsbury's Wednesdays (fortnightly)	
Outward Journey		Outward Journey	
Time	Place	Time	Place
9.45 am	Chieveley	9.45 am	Chieveley
10.15 am	Compton	10.15 am	Compton
10.30 am	East Ilsley	10.30 am	East Ilsley
10.40 am	West Ilsley	10.40 am	West Ilsley

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Isley Under Fives
We are a small and friendly toddlers group run completely by parents in East and West Isley and surrounding villages
Wednesday during term time from 9:45am to 11:45 at West Isley village Hall
We run different activities each week from crafts and games to exciting trips out and would love to welcome some new parents/carers and little ones to join us.
Please email Jilian.hobbs@outlook.com for more information or find us on Facebook at "Isley Under fives"

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL

Available for hire by individuals and organisations.
Ideal for: business meetings, private family functions, birthdays, weddings, children's parties, anniversaries and events.
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| Regular visits | Seasonal Planning | One-off tidy jobs! | Plant & seed DIY advice |

Remedial body Therapy

Rachel uses a combination of Remedial sports massage and McTimoney chiropractic to address problem areas. Treatment aims are to encourage **symmetry**, identify muscle **imbalances**, **improve posture** and **alleviate discomfort**.

Not In pain? It is also a good idea to get yourself assessed even when you are not in pain as a preventative way of fine tuning your posture and spotting minor issues before they build into bigger problems.

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