

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY JANUARY

27<sup>th</sup> Harrow quiz night

29<sup>th</sup> Harrow Burns night

## FEBRUARY

6<sup>th</sup> Rock Choir concert

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS - update

Thanks to a kind donor who wanted to give, but not have their name in WIN, the total rose to £620! Magnificent – many thanks to all.

## 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY THANKS

Thanks to you all for coming to my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Harrow. I had a great time and I hope you did too. I've never seen so many flat caps and 'tashes! Thanks to Michael, Marnie, Wes, Hayley and Tony for starting everything off, and special thanks to Peter, Jacqui, Hayley and the girls for their hard work, also for all your cards and donations to the beer fund. I wish you all a very happy 2016. John Verney

## JANUARY FARMING NEWS

What an exceptionally warm, wet and windy December we have all had and, at the moment, the forecast is not due to change in the near future.

The winter sown crops of wheat, barley and oilseed rape have all had a decent start to the season with the only downside being that there have been pockets of slugs nibbling here and there.

As we all know, the grass has been growing at pace and later than usual, we have all heard lawn mowers in action throughout the village recently! The sheep are quite happy with this since they have not been at all short of food. The pregnant ewes have just been scanned coming up with an average of a 210 lambing percentage (2.1 lambs per ewe) which is pleasing. The cattle are still in the barns eating haylage and

crushed wheat and have had a touch of pneumonia due to the damp conditions and lack of frost.

Let's hope for drier, colder conditions in the New Year. Happy New Year to you all. Peter Carlisle

## WHATS ON AT THE HARROW

### QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday  
27th January 8pm  
£3 each to enter

Raising money for The Air Ambulance



A fantastic £127 was raised for All Saints Church at Decembers quiz night. A big thank you to Will & Hannah for a great quiz.

### BURNS NIGHT

Friday 29th January 7pm till late  
We will be serving a traditional Scottish menu of haggis & all the trimmings.

Book your tables NOW!

We raised £22 for The Air Ambulance from December's coffee & cake morning. Thank you!!

### WINE TASTING

Saturday 20th February 7:30pm

We will be holding an informal wine tasting with Neil from The Oxford Wine Company. Neil will be bringing along some hand selected wines but please bring a bottle along if you find it interesting and that you would like to talk about and share opinions. This is a small wine tasting with 10-12 places available at £10 per head. Please let Hayley know if you are interested in this special wine tasting.



Members of the famous national Rock Choir (including 3 of our own local ladies) will be performing at All Saints church on Saturday February 6th at 7:30pm.

All proceeds for this unique village event will be divided between the church and the charity Shooting Stars, a leading children's hospice caring for babies, children and the young.

Ticket prices to include a glass of wine or soft drink and some nibbles.

Adults £10, children (16 & under) £5

To reserve your tickets please contact  
June Cook on 01635 281565/ 07770 824799  
Or email : [runchia@btinternet.com](mailto:runchia@btinternet.com)

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### January Services

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Family Communion	9.30am
10 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Communion	8.30am
17 <sup>th</sup>	*No service in West Ilsley	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	9.30am
31 <sup>st</sup>	*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](http://www.eastdownland.org.uk)

### Christmas Services

It was so lovely to have a packed church for our Carol Service in early December with children of the village dressing up as angels, shepherds and sheep, and Mary entering church riding on a 'donkey'. A very contented baby Jesus was beautifully played by baby James. £260 was collected and divided equally between our local 'Two Saints Hostel' and 'Time to Talk', a counselling service run by West Berks Council for young people. A large number of unwrapped toys were also donated for children in need in West Berkshire and these were collected by the 'donkey', this time carrying large baskets. A thoroughly enjoyable service, followed by mulled wine, cider and mince pies. Thanks to everyone who took part and to everyone who decorated the church so beautifully this Christmas.

### \*Café Church

This delightful and very popular service resumes on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January at St Mary's, Chieveley with a **United Benefice Christingle**. The service starts at 11am, but do come at 10.45am for refreshments beforehand. There will also be a Café Church on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January, this time in St John's Church, Stockcross. This service also starts at 11am and, as on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, follows a United Benefice Communion Service at 9.30am.

### A Very Big 'Thank you'

Our thanks go to everyone who donated so generously to WIN with their Christmas Greetings and many thanks to Andrea and Liz who so kindly passed on £620 to All Saints. Many thanks to West Ilsley Parish Council for their very generous grant in January 2015, which went a long way towards replacing money spent on making safe the ceiling in All Saints' Church in 2014. Thanks also to Rachel, Juliet, Harriett and Sam for their generous and unexpected donation to All Saints' Church from the Pre-Fete Dance funds, as well as to those involved in the Harrow Quiz Night last week for their kind donation. In addition, many thanks to everyone who has supported All Saints in so many ways during the past year.

### Contacts

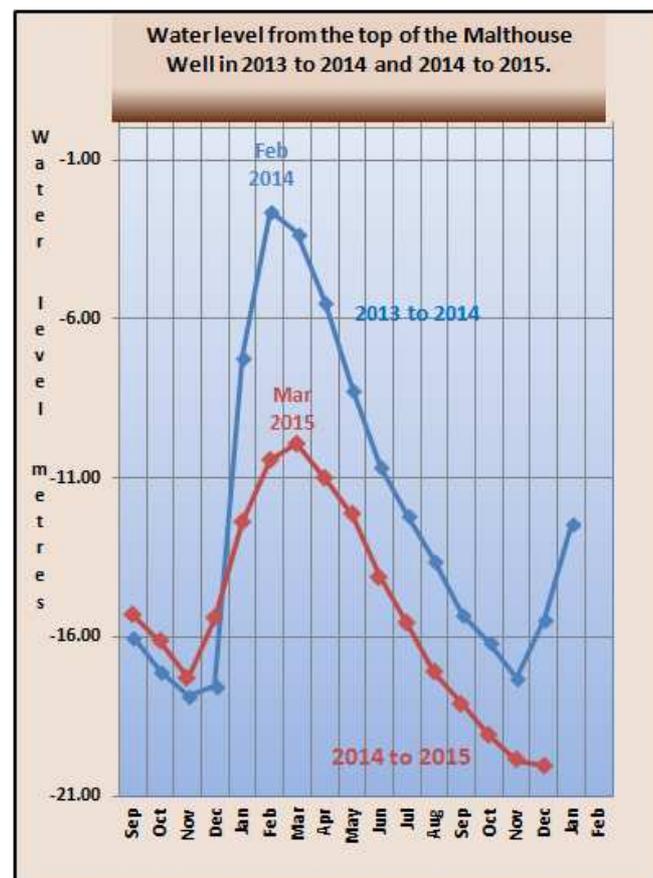
If you have anyone or anything specific you would like mentioned in church prayers at services throughout the year, do speak to either Ian (281625) or Alexandra (281306). To receive by email a copy of the weekly pew sheet, which contains readings, prayers and notices about church events in the benefice, please contact [eastdownland@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:edownlandrector@gmail.com) or leave a message on 01635 247566. **Wishing you a very Happy New Year!**  
Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

## MALTHOUSE WELL

The Malthouse well reading dropped only a further 0.12 metres during December and it is now flattening out at 20.04 metres below ground level. It will start to rise in January as the autumn rains finally percolate down to reach the groundwater level in the underlying chalk. As we've had an average amount of rain so far this autumn we should not expect the groundwater level to rise too high between January and March unless we get an astonishing amount of rain in the first two months of the new year.



## THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS

We have all been so saddened to learn of the passing of Shirley Gore. I had been away from home during November and had not been aware of the distressing news until I returned. Shirley had been a special part of the Ilsley Evergreens from its very beginning, which I believe dates back to 1993. She had been Chairman for most of that time, stepping down in 2011, when she became our Honorary President. Shirley played an immense part in the success the Evergreens enjoyed over so many years. We shall miss her kindness, her understanding and particularly that keen interest she showed in all our activities. Thank you Shirley. Our thoughts have naturally been with Richard and his whole family and we again wish to extend to them our deepest sympathy.

Tony Elliott's "Prize Bingo Evening" held at Compton Village Hall on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November proved to be another successful event with our funds benefiting

accordingly. Tony's efforts deserve a special mention. He was ably assisted by other Evergreen members as well as by his granddaughter, Amy.

The very next day, Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> November saw the Evergreens hold their Annual Christmas Bazaar at West Ilsley Village Hall. There was a disappointing attendance, but again our funds did benefit. Amy once more in evidence serving tea and biscuits.

Our busy few weeks continued with our Christmas Lunch on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Members again travelled to the Windmill Carvery at Burford. We have been going there for several years now and we again enjoyed another excellent meal. Our appreciation and thanks must go to Julia and Mary for all their hard work in organising this special day.

Several members enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the New Theatre, Oxford on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, when they attended a matinee performance of the very popular musical "Annie".

The outing had been arranged by Tony Elliott with transport being organised by Julia for those interested. On behalf of the Evergreens, I would like to wish all our members and friends a very Happy New Year.

Jim Hughes Secretary Tel. 01235 834487

### ALDWORTH NEWS:

Aldworth's NEW hall should be OPEN by mid January! Our weekly Saturday Market restarts on 9th January from 9.30 to 12 noon. The market may be in St Mary's Church on 9th, but should be in the NEW hall by 16th! Best wishes to everyone and HAPPY 2016! For Aldworth Market details please phone 01635 578090.

### MOBILE LIBRARY

Stops at fir Tree Paddock 2.15 – 2.35 on the following Tuesdays:  
January 12<sup>th</sup>  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March 15<sup>th</sup>

### PARISH COUNCIL

Read the latest Parish Council Minutes and hear how village matters are being addressed. Visit our village website at [www.westilsley.org](http://www.westilsley.org) - all the latest minutes from our meetings are available under the "Parish Council" tab.

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Wednesday 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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