

# West Ilsley News

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great quiz and thank you to everyone who came along and supported the quiz night!!

## FETE NEWS

### DATE FOR THE DIARY

This years fete will on held on Sunday 3rd July, 12 noon till 4:30pm. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!!

## DIARY MARCH

6 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow Mothering Sunday lunch
15 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow coffee morning
30 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow quiz night

## JULY

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Village fete	12-4.30pm
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## ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

### March Services at All Saints' Church

6 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday Service	9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Communion	8.30am
20 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	See Café
	*No service in West Ilsley	Church below
21 <sup>st</sup>	Compline with Reflection for Holy Week	8.00pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday	See Easter Card
	*No service in West Ilsley	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday Walk starts at Peasemore	9.15am
25 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday *No service in West Ilsley	See Easter Card
27 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Day	9.30am
	Family Communion	

\*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) An Easter card will also be dropping through your letter box with details of all services in the benefice over Easter.

### For those of you who didn't come – you missed a sensational evening!

It



may have been a miserable wet evening outside, but inside All Saints' recently, we were treated to an evening of warmth and high spirits. A huge variety of songs, performed in the past by musicians ranging from Smokey Robinson, Cyndi Lauper and Queen to Jess Glynne, Olly Murs and many more, were all treated with passion and vitality by this energetic choir, who were mostly from Rock Choir's Speen region. Their director, Kat, conducted, or perhaps more accurately *performed*, with as much if not more dynamism as the rest of the choir, who all moved enthusiastically to the music. The choir

## WHATS ON AT THE HARROW

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 6th March

12 - 3pm

Don't forget Mothers Day!!

Complimentary glass of prosecco for all the mummy's on booked tables!

### COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Tuesday 15th March

10:30am till 12 noon

Pop in for some homemade cake and a cup of coffee

Money raised from cake sales will be donated to Marie Curie cancer trust

Last month we raised £22 for the Air Ambulance, thank you to everyone who came along.



### EASTER WEEKEND

Remember to book your tables for lunch on Easter Sunday 27th March.

### QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 30th March 8pm

Raising money for The Ilsley's Primary School

Book your teams in now.

We raised a fantastic £40 for the ICU at The Royal Berks Hospital. A big thank you to Tot and Jane for a



presented their programme with confidence and beaming smiles, showing how much they all enjoy singing. Thank you to Kat and the choir for entertaining us so well and to all those who provided a feast of food for the interval. Thanks also to the Gores for providing car parking on the night. The total money raised was split 50/50 between All Saints' Church and the choir's chosen charity, providing a welcome £487.50 for the church, and including a small top-up donation from the choir, a magnificent £500 to Shooting Star Chase, which is a leading hospice for babies, children and young people with life limiting conditions. In addition, £130 was kindly donated by the audience for the Lymphoma Association.

**Lent Groups** are taking place on Mondays 29<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm and Tuesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at the Glebe House, Peasemore. Also, during Lent, there will be **Lent Lunches** held in Beedon, generally on a Wednesday between 12 and 2pm. Details of these soup lunches can be found on the notice board in the lych gate at All Saints', as well as on the pew sheet and website. Also, there is a Family Lent Lunch on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March in St Mary's, Chieveley, again between 12 and 2pm. For the Chieveley Lunch please contact Julia Hoan (juliahoan@gmail.com or tel. 248400) if you would like to attend. Proceeds of all the lunches go to Christian Aid. Everyone is very welcome to attend any of the lunches and the Lent Groups.

#### **Mothering Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am**

As always, children bring your Mum (and Dad) along to receive a little posy of flowers, provided in the service.

#### **Holy Week**

There will be short reflective services twice a day at 12 noon and at 8pm, during Holy Week at different churches in the benefice – a time to sit quietly and bring a period of calmness to our usually hectic lives. Details will be on the Easter card, but West Ilsley will be holding a service on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm. (See services above).

#### **Good Friday Walk**

This year the Service of Prayer at the Cross will take place at Farnborough at 2pm after the Walk. This year the Walk will start at Peasemore Church at 9.15am and proceed to Beedon, arriving just after 10. Then at 10.15am we continue to West Ilsley where we will eat our packed lunches in the Village Hall. At around 12.40pm we proceed to Farnborough in time for the



service at 2pm. All times, except starting time, are approximate. Join or leave the walk at any time, but do come.

#### **Easter Services**

All Saints' is holding a Family Communion on Easter Sunday at 9.30am – we hope to see you there! There are other services in the benefice during Holy Week, on Good Friday and on Easter Day, so do look on the church notice board, on the benefice website or in the benefice Easter card which you should be receiving any time now, to find a service to suit you.

#### **Café Church**

This delightful and very popular service continues on Palm Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, at St Mary's, Chieveley. The service starts at 11am, after the United Benefice

Communion Service which starts at 9.30am. For Café Church do come at 10.45am for refreshments beforehand. Everyone is welcome at both services.

#### **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. *Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith*

### **THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS**

The Evergreens held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 in West Ilsley Village Hall, where there was a disappointing attendance of less than 20 members.

Tributes were paid to Margaret Gilmore, who had decided to stand down as Treasurer after serving in that post for over five years. A presentation was made to Margaret in appreciation of her services to the Evergreens over such a long period. The Annual Treasurer's Report received unanimous approval.

The Election of Officers and Committee followed. Tony Elliott was elected as the new Treasurer. Julia Rockall and Mary Studart were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Jim Hughes re-elected as Secretary. Margaret Gilmore was elected to the Committee, to be joined by last year's members Avis Dockrill, Michael Pinfold and Sonia Wilkie. Julia would continue as Outings Organiser.

The meeting agreed that Members Annual Subscriptions would remain at £10.00 per person. Members present were given the opportunity of making their choices as to where they would like to go on the outings to be arranged for 2016. Their selections would then be considered at a Committee Meeting to be held in two weeks time. Final list would be prepared and quotations sought from a number of Coach Companies.

Jim Hughes Secretary Tel. 01235 834487

Anyone who would like to join the Evergreens or take advantage of our monthly coach outings, please contact; Julia Rockall on 281597.

The Evergreens coach trips for 2016 are;

April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Exbury Gardens
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cheltenham
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Southsea/Portsmouth
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Weymouth
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cardiff
November	Bath Christmas Market
December	Members Christmas Lunch

Theatre Trip to be announced.

## COUNTRY NOTES FEBRUARY 2016

Along the west side of The Furze the smooth grey branches of ash are tipped with fat, black buds awaiting the arrival of warmer weather. Roger Deakin in his book Wildwood describes these buds as "like the black snout of a badger", to me they resemble the black hooves of a roe deer, complete with flanking dewclaws. The winter gallops side of The Furze is bright with yellow gorse flowers and of course it is the gorse, or furze as it is also known, that has produced the vernacular name "The Fuzz" for this spinney. There is a saying "That when the gorse is out of bloom, kissing is out of season". Fortunately the gorse flowers in every month. Perdix

### WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL EASTER BINGO FRIDAY 18th MARCH Doors Open 7:00 PM Eyes Down 7:30 PM PLEASE Come and Support YOUR VILLAGE HALL

Donations for the Village Hall Easter Bingo will be most appreciated. Please bring them to; 2 Morland Close, evenings if possible.  
Thank you. Tony Elliott



## FEBRUARY'S FARMING NEWS

It would now appear that dry cold weather is approaching. This will mean that we will be able to start work in the fields spraying, fertilising and possibly cultivating before planting the Spring Barley crop and now is an ideal time for planting and preferably before the end of March to give the crops the best chance of producing a good yield.

The ewes at Folly Farm are very close to lambing and, unfortunately, a few ewes have aborted their lambs. This does often happen, but let us hope this will stop shortly and live lambs will soon be born.

We have recently had a TB test and were extremely fortunate to have no reactors and so, therefore, all the animals have passed.

Hopefully some nice warm spring sunshine will help everything along. Peter Carlisle

### CRICKET FOR ALL AT WEST ILSLEY COME ALONG AND JOIN IN AGES 5 TO 55+!!

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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
GIRLS (u15)	u9 u13	senior xi T20 league	u15 u17 senior NETS	GIRLS (u13) MINIS & u11 Social Raffle BBQ	1st XI OCA Div 4 seniors	friendly XI
<b>season starts</b> JUNIORS MEET & PRESENTATION <u>Fri 15th April</u> SENIORS ..... <u>Sun 17th April</u> ..... <u>League 30th April</u>						INDOOR NETS MARCH



## MALTHOUSE WELL

The ground water level has risen about 3.5 metres (11.5ft) during February and at the end of the month it is approximately 13 metres (42.6ft) below ground level. From this we can safely assume that the River Pang will stay safely below ground in West Ilsley this Winter.

For anyone interested in the West Ilsley weather, we have our own on-line weather station now available on-line. This has been set up by Graham Woods and can be found at <http://www.tanglewood.org.uk/weather/>.

## Wheatfield Barn, West Ilsley

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Pictures available upon request. Please email Sue Evans at [sl.evans@btinternet.com](mailto:sl.evans@btinternet.com) for more information or Amanda Hagen at [amandahagenuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amandahagenuk@yahoo.co.uk)

## NEWS FROM THE DOWNLAND PRACTICE

We are delighted that the Care Quality Commission (CQC) has rated the Downland Practice, a dispensing practice, as 'Outstanding' for its responsive services towards peoples' needs'.

The Downland Practice was inspected on 16 December 2015 and was rated 'Good' overall with the Care Quality Commission recognising several areas of

outstanding practice. These include the provision of an ultrasound scanning service and its exceptional care to young people and adults aged between 5-25 years with autism, learning difficulties and complex needs.

The Downland Practice is delighted with this recognition of the hard work and conscientious effort of all the staff to understand the differing needs of our patients. It also acknowledges the resolve of all teams to listen and to be responsive to our different patient groups and respond to their reviews of our services. "We have always been, and strive to continue to be a very forward-thinking practice, and we will aim to maintain these high standards into the future."

An area we have been focusing on over the last 12 months are the outcomes for patients with diabetes and COPD and we are now working very closely with a specialist diabetes nurse, who visits on a regular basis. The Downland Practice also recognises the huge amount of hard work going on among all the other General Practices across the Newbury District CCG in general; "We all work together, sharing ideas and information to ensure that the patients in our area receive the best care possible".

The Partners, 11 February 2016

	Safe	Effective	Caring	Responsive	Well-led	Overall population group
Older people	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good	Good
People with long term conditions	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Families, children and young people	Good	Outstanding	Good	Outstanding	Good	Outstanding
Working age people and the recently retired	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
People in vulnerable circumstances	Good	Good	Outstanding	Outstanding	Good	Outstanding
People experiencing poor mental health	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Overall Key Question	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good	
Overall location	Good					

# The Downland Practice

## Quality Report

East Lane  
Chieveley  
Newbury  
Berkshire  
RG20 8UY  
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Website: <http://www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk/>

Date of inspection visit: 16 December 2015  
Date of publication: This is auto-populated when the report is published

This report describes our judgement of the quality of care at this service. It is based on a combination of what we found when we inspected, information from our ongoing monitoring of data about services and information given to us from the provider, patients, the public and other organisations.

### Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Good
Are services safe?	Good
Are services effective?	Good
Are services caring?	Good
Are services responsive to people's needs?	Outstanding
Are services well-led?	Good

### VILLAGE SOS WORKSHOP: HELP AVAILABLE TO KICK START VILLAGE PROJECTS

#### Free Event

**Wednesday, 23rd March 2016**

**2.15pm - 4.30pm, Hermitage Village Hall, Pinewood Crescent, Hermitage, Berkshire, RG18 9WL**

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**2016 MEETING DATES**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> May 9<sup>th</sup> July 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

**DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159**

## WHO TO CONTACT

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Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 [rosduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:rosduckworth@btinternet.com)  
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Tony Elliott

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