

West Ilsley News

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DIARY FEBRUARY

8th Church Winter Warmer

WEST ILSLEY WEBSITE

The village website has been thoroughly revised and now can be a go-to place for much of what goes on in the village. It works on desktops, tablets, and smartphones, so you can bookmark it, make it a favourite, or put it on your homescreen to keep in touch with everything West Ilsley. Still at www.westilsley.org it publishes all the Parish Council information that you might need to know. It can list details about the church, the village hall, the Harrow, the Under-Fives and the Evergreens. It can cover cricket, tennis, netball, table tennis, and the great outdoors, and all those pages can be edited quickly and easily. If any representatives want to learn how to manage their own pages, let me know. Very importantly, it can also house the current WIN, so no more searching for the last email. There is also a WIN archive going back to 1987. Another excellent feature is a Planning Tracker which allows you to see what is going on in the village. It's automatically up-to-date and leads you to the West Berkshire Council planning site if you need more detail. I thoroughly commend the site. Please have a look and see how you get on with it. Any feedback would be very welcome, as we can all try and make it the website we want. Lastly my thanks to Martin BW the mastermind and wizard behind the site.
Rollo Duckworth

COUNCILLOR UPDATE

WBC's environment strategy has been published and there is now a period of public consultation <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/draftenvironmentstrategy>. This strategy follows WBC's announcement of a climate emergency in July 2019. The strategy 'details the different ways we, with the help of the local community, can contribute towards tackling the climate crisis and achieving carbon neutrality by 2030'. The consultation ends on 21 February. There was a debate at full council on 9 January about improving recycling. The council voted to

conduct a viability study into increasing the amount of food waste that is recycled. Food waste is by far the largest proportion of black bin content that could instead be recycled. Please note that you can recycle food waste for free by putting it in a garden waste bin. You don't have to pay £50 for a garden waste bin in order to recycle food waste.

Unfortunately, the council voted not to improve plastic recycling until the government's consultation is completed around 2022/23. It is anticipated that the government will introduce new rules for plastic recycling that all councils will be expected to abide by. What these rules will be remains to be seen.

We planted the East Ilsley community orchard on Sunday 19 January. We look forward to watching the 20 apple and pear trees grow over the coming year. They will improve an unsightly piece of waste ground and sequester carbon.

I have received lots of enquiries/complaints from residents since the new year including litter, fly tipping, blocked drains, bin collections and so on. I would encourage residents to report problems to the council in the first instance, by searching for 'West Berkshire Report a Problem' on the internet or visiting www.fixmystreet.com. If it's urgent please email customerservices@westberks.gov.uk or call 01635 551111. You will be given an enquiry reference number and your concern will be logged on the system. If you are not happy with the response you receive please contact me. The reason I am given for a lot of unresolved problems is the council's lack of money and not enough staff.

I am on the council's Western Area Planning Committee, under whose jurisdiction our Ridgeway ward falls. If you have any questions about planning applications please let me know. You can search for planning applications and submit letters of support or objection

at <https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Best wishes, Carolyne

Green Party district councillor for Ridgeway ward

Green Party group leader

West Berkshire Council

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

February Services at All Saints' Church

2 nd	Family Communion	9.30am
9 th	Holy Communion	8.30am
16 th	No service in All Saints'	*See Café Church below
23 rd	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.

Winter Warmer – 8th February

Come and join the fun on Saturday 8th February at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, so book your tickets (£12.50 or £10 for concessions) **now** from Rosanne Pilditch on 07781 780748 or email rosanne@pilditch.com Tickets include a 2 course Italian meal and there will be a cash bar and raffle.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next café will be on Sunday 9th February 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.

*Café Church at St Mary's Church, Chieveley

The next Café Church at St Mary's will be on Sunday 16th February at **5.00pm**. You are invited to come at 4.45pm for refreshments before the service.

Contacts:

Churchwardens: Ian – 01635 281625; Alexandra – 01635 281306

Rector: Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 - edownlandrector@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

THE ILSLEYS SCHOOL

Happy New Year from all of us at The Ilsleys! We have already had a busy start to the year and have been working very hard.

Children in Atlantic Class very much enjoyed their recent visit to Reading Museum where they experienced life through the eyes of a Victorian school child. They changed into appropriate clothing and had their own desks to sit at. As well as this, the children had the opportunity to write on slate and learn about farthings, pennies, shillings and pounds. As part of our Victorian topic, the children have also enjoyed learning about the Industrial Revolution, different Victorian inventors and inventions and are now working in teams to create their own new inventions. As the term progresses, children will learn more about life for Victorian children, including in workhouses.

Arctic Class have also been on a very enjoyable school trip this term to Milestones. They are learning about Toys and Games and finding out more about how toys have changed over time.

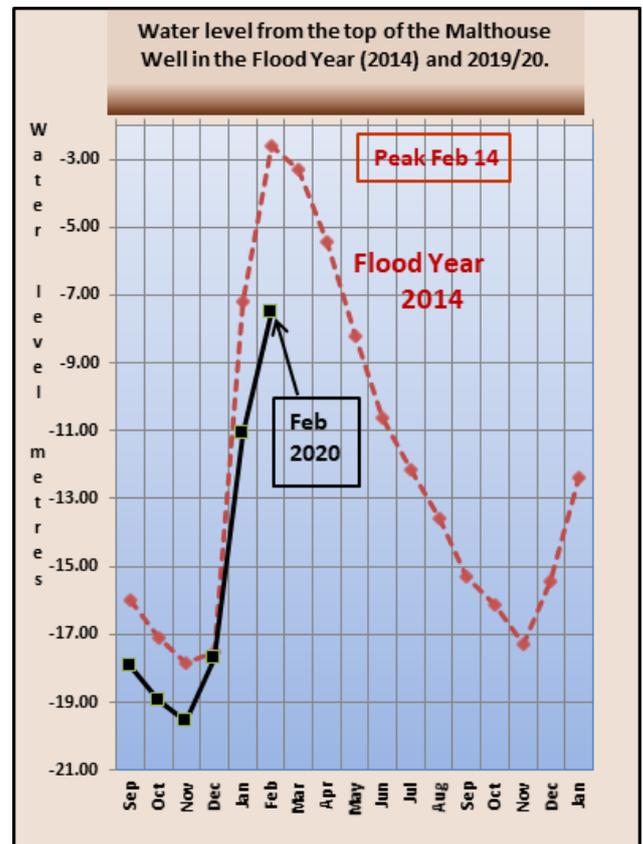
Children in Pacific Class are enjoying learning about Superheroes. They are writing descriptions of Gotham city and comparing it to New York, as well as creating their own cities. They are finding out about different super powers and considering whether all powers are a good thing or not. The children will create their own short comics using their own new cities and superheroes. Sounds like great fun!

In PE, the children have continued to enjoy their dance lessons with Nocturn Dance and their games sessions with our coach, Danny. We are hoping for less wet weather in the upcoming weeks so that we can get outside even more!

MALTHOUSE WELL

The weather has been kind to us in January and we had only about 50mm (2in) rain to add to an average December level. These two good months have ameliorated the effects of the very wet Autumn on the groundwater level and the rate of rise in the Malthouse well has, thankfully, started to slow. It currently stands about 7.25 metres (24ft approx) below ground level.

As a comparison to February 2014 the graph below shows the groundwater is currently about 5 metres (16ft approx) lower now than back then. Provided the rain in this month and March is in the normal range the ground water rise will continue to slow as the ground warms up and Spring arrives.



Eco-Nauts is back for the Spring Term!

www.wiggywams.co.uk



Afterschool club in a forest school site for unaccompanied primary school children. Eco-Nauts will be invited to undertake missions within the woodland environment. Missions will include mindfulness, crafts, sustainability, nature & identification, navigation and survival & bush skills.

Where? Langley Wood, nr Chieveley **When?** Monday 3.45-5.15pm
Dates this term: 3/10/24 February, 2/9/16/23/30 March (No session in half term)
Price: Total cost for this block - £64

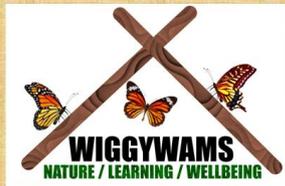
★ NEW for this term we will be taking inspiration from artists such as Hockney and Matisse to create artwork. We will also be using aspects of forest bathing to enhance the wellbeing of children in the session.

Please email Juliet at info@wiggywams.co.uk for more information.

Nature Tales

@ Snelsmore Common Country Park

Outdoor learning inspired by storybooks. Toddlers and pre-schoolers accompanied by an adult.



Friday 10.15-11.45am

Spring 2020 dates

28th February, 6th/13th / 20th March & 3rd April

Come and enjoy some outdoor early years focused fun. Activities including mindfulness for children, heuristic play inspired treasure basket, forest kitchen, messy play and appreciation of the natural world.



Activities will be themed around the chosen storybook and linked to the Early Years curriculum.

If you would like to get further details, please contact Juliet on info@wiggywams.co.uk or call 07815 041101. More details and session price on www.wiggywams.co.uk. This is a drop-in session but please contact Juliet to book your space. A discount on block booking is available.



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The Evergreens will hold their Annual General Meeting on the 26th of February 2020 at 2pm in the Wilkins Centre Compton. All members will be sent an Agenda, a copy of last year's minutes, a membership form and a list of suggested outings. Please bring all of them with you, along with your suggestions for outings and a raffle prize. Refreshments will be provided.

A new committee will be elected.

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. All seats sold! 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

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:

9 March 11 May 13 July 14 Sept 9 Nov

DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

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 Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers

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

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Monday to Friday

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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

To Book Telephone John Jeffery 07437 543098DVG
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Roger Stowell
Window cleaning
 gutter clearance and general odd jobs
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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.
 Tel: **07879475557**. E: rachelbchandler@hotmail.com
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| Beds & Borders | Composting | Pruning | Lawn Care |
| Hedge clipping | Weeding | Soil improvement | Plant Selection |
| Regular visits | Seasonal Planning | One-off tidy jobs! | Plant & seed DIY advice |

Ilsley Under Fives

We are a small and friendly toddlers group run completely by parents in East and West Ilsley and surrounding villages

Wednesday during term time from 9:45am to 11:45 at West Ilsley 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 'Ilsley 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.

Heated with serving kitchen, disabled access and toilets.

Contact for bookings - Ros Duckworth
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