

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Monday 24th February

DIARY

FEBRUARY

14th Harrow Valentine's meal
19th Harrow Quiz night
27th Harrow Coffee morning

MARCH

1st Winter Warmer
10th Parish Council meeting

MAY

12th Parish Council meeting and assembly

JUNE

14th The Wurzels

be Friday 7th February, with Post Office facilities moving into the McCoy shop. Small packets up to 2kg and books up to 5kg can still be posted, with all other facilities available except parcels over these weights.

Gurmet, the very pleasant and efficient Post Master is retiring; so the residents of Chilton Village are having a surprise presentation for him as a thank you for his good service of 22 years. This is at 4.30pm on Friday 7th February at the Post Office, and they want to extend an invitation to any West Ilsley residents to join them. For any more information contact Mrs Andrews at Chilton on 01235 834432.

£10,000 A YEAR FOR WEST ILSLEY

Sean Ryan

chairman of the parish council

West Ilsley parish council has voted to increase the precept — the part of the council tax that's spent in the village — to £10,000. The decision came at a meeting attended by 35 people, most of whom expressed support for the move. It means that the parish council will have four times as much money as it's had up to now to support village organisations at a time when some, not least the village hall, are facing serious financial problems. The council will begin discussions at its March meeting about how to distribute the money. However, it was clear from the debate on the precept that a lot of people like the idea that we should give matching funds to those who have organised social events and other initiatives for their club or committee. The vote followed an initiative by Andrea Cook, the editor of the WIN, to work out the costs facing various village organisations over the next 10 years. They came to more than £100,000. Andrea secured considerable support for her view that the fund-raising could not be left indefinitely to the relatively few people who take on that responsibility at the moment. A lively debate heard arguments about the impact of the rise, which will add nearly £1 a week to a Band D property's council tax. But the overwhelming view was that a significant increase was essential, and in the end the vote was unanimous. It was stressed again and again that this does not spell the end of the fund-raising

RONNIE COOK

Unusually for me (as Ronnie would say), I am lost for words other than a huge thank you to all friends, and villagers for the tremendous support given to me in bucket loads over the last 6 months. Most recently the attendance at Ronnie's funeral was simply breathtaking and helped to make a very sad day truly beautiful. Friends & family outside West Ilsley have regularly asked how I am managing to cope. I simply answer that with all the love, kindness, practical and emotional support around me, how can I fail to cope. So once again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I know Ronnie is smiling in total agreement. June Cook

POST OFFICE CLOSING AT A.E.R.E. HARWELL

West Ilsley residents who use the Post Office at Currie Avenue AERE Harwell will know of the impending closure this month. The last day will

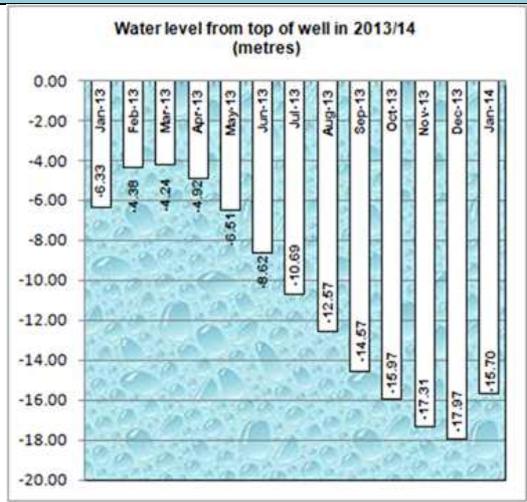
social events that many of us enjoy. But we will be able to provide more support where funds are short.

Pre warning

The Harrow will be closed on the evening of Thursday 27th March, Friday 28th March all day and Saturday 29th lunchtime.

Open as normal Saturday 29th evening.
Sorry for any inconvenience.

WELL READING



ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

February Services at All Saints' Church

- 2nd Family Communion 9.30am
- 9th BCP Communion 8.30am
- 16th *No service in West Ilsley
See Café Church below
- 23rd Family Service 11.00am

*Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at www.eastdownland.org.uk

Café Church

The next one will be at St Mary's church, Chieveley at 11.00am on Sunday 16th February. It is an informal service for everyone, with an emphasis on families with young children. Word has got round and it has proved to be very popular. Please come along – you are guaranteed to enjoy it!

Winter Warmer – Saturday 1st March

Come and celebrate St David's day with us at the Village Hall from 7.45pm. You don't have to be Welsh! Tickets only cost £10 (or £8 for concessions) for a delicious two course meal, and there will be a bar, raffle and quiz, so you may want to polish up your knowledge of Wales and things Welsh. There will be a vegetarian option – just let us know when you book. Contact Rosanne on 280553 or email rsoffe@heidrick.com as soon as possible to book your tickets.

Christingle Service

In spite of the heavy rain, a good number of children and adults enjoyed coffee and cake before making Christingles, which were lit during the service. The collection of £65 was sent to the Children's Society – a charity which helps children of all faiths and none, including children at risk on the streets, disabled children, young refugees, young carers or those within the youth justice system.

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). 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, ring Revd John Toogood on 01635



WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

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ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

Happy New Year!
 We are now back in West Ilsley village hall each week after a restful Christmas break and time to recover from the most amazing Christmas party session with Farms to Ewe, including a special visit from Father Christmas himself (a big thank you to Father Christmas for finding the time to attend our Christmas party session!).
 This term we continue with the baking club (for those of us not on New Year diets!) and will have a different themed craft activity each week for the children.
 During half term we will be running a session for under 7's and will be visiting Saddleback farm shop.
 Take a look at our Facebook page for more information and to see what other activities we have organised this term.
 We meet most weeks of the year, in West Ilsley village hall between 10am and 11.30am. The children have a snack and drink half way through the session, with hot drinks available for mums, dads and carers. New members are always very welcome, just come along to the session and join us. It's a fantastic way to meet other local families and get together for some valuable play time!

Ilsley under 5's is a well established parent and carer play group which provides a great place to play in a friendly safe atmosphere and fun environment.

Every week we offer a new activity table; painting, drawing, play dough etc., not forgetting the regular toys that are available and suit all ages of toddler or baby. We finish the session with a group sing along or dancing session!

If you are planning a party or event remember the small tables and chairs as well as our indoor and outdoor toys are available for hire throughout the year for a donation of £10.

Rachel Hudson Tel: 281350

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.

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2014 Parish Council Meetings:

March 10th, May 12th AGM and Assembly,
 July 14th, Sep 8th, Nov 10th

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL
 Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com
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