

West Ilsley News

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5 pm on Friday 25th November

EDITORIAL POLICY

We are editors (though we don't edit unless we have to) – we are not reporters, so we only write something if we want to. We rely on villagers to contribute news and information and welcome updates from groups, committees and businesses to let the village know what is going on in their area of interest.

DISTRIBUTION

Our aim is to reach every dwelling in the village. Most homes have signed up to receive WIN by email, but for those who haven't, the Parish Council produces paper copies which are delivered by volunteers. If you have received a paper copy of this newsletter but have access to email, please join the email distribution list by contacting westilsleynews@westilsley.org – help to save paper and shoe leather!

What's on in West Ilsley

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| 14 th | PC meeting |
| 25 th | Deadline for Xmas greetings in WIN |

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The scheduled meetings of West Ilsley Parish Council through to May 2023 are as below. The agenda will be available on the village website 3 clear days before the meeting. You can also 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 information from our meetings is available under the "Parish Council" tab. You can see the draft minutes of the June PC meeting by looking on the website or clicking: [here](#)

| Date of Meeting | Type of Meeting |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Monday 14th November | Full Council |
| 2023 | |
| Monday 16th January | Full Council |
| Monday 13th March | Full Council |

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| Monday 15th May | Annual Meeting of the Parish Council |
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INFORMATION PASSED ON FROM WIPC

1 Age UK Berkshire have some funding to be given to West Berkshire residents over the winter period. It is specifically for those age **65+, resident in West Berkshire** and to **support those most in need**. The criteria as set out from the local authority is:

Can support with essentials including **energy, water and food**.

Can be used for the provision of essentials linked to energy and water (such as **soaps/ toiletries, warm clothing, blankets, boiler service/ repair and purchases** of equipment including **fridges, freezers, ovens** etc.

Can also be used for support with wider essentials such as other **bills including broadband or phone bills, clothing and essential transport related costs** e.g. **repairing a car, buying a bicycle or paying for fuel**.

If you would like to discuss this further then please email or telephone Victoria Rowland Victoria.Rowland@AgeUKBerkshire.org.uk, 07760 995475

2 West Berkshire Council is seeking residents to join its Community Panel and has provided the following information:

It is vital that we receive information from a wider range of residents from every part of West Berkshire and by joining the panel residents can state if they have any particular area of concern/interest they would like to ensure they "have their say" on e.g. Environment or Cost of Living issues.

<https://westberks.gov.uk/community-panel-apply>
Dr. Sarah Marshman PSLCC

Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer
West Ilsley Parish Council

Correspondence address: Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road, Compton, Newbury, RG20 6NP

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT HUB

The Cost of Living support hub provides advice and practical support for local people in financial hardship, making it easier for residents to get the help they need.

Anyone who needs advice and support around cost of living issues will be able to contact staff who can provide advice and match their needs with the support available both nationally and locally, including from local charities and voluntary organisations.

The initiative has been set up by West Berkshire Council in partnership with the Greenham Trust and Volunteer Centre West Berkshire, and will work closely with the local community and voluntary sector.

The hub will be open from Monday-Thursday 8.30-5.00pm and Friday 8.30am-4.30pm. It can be contacted by e-mail at costofliving@westberks.gov.uk or by phone on 01635 503333. See www.westberks.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Councillor Carolyn Culver
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PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION

Please note a change to the arrangements as noted at the end of this WIN.

OVER 80s CHRISTMAS PARCELS

The Newbury Weekly News distributes parcels every year to over 80s who would like to receive one. Please ring Margaret on 281368 by 9th December if you would like to be included.

WEST ILSLEY
VILLAGE

INVITE YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

AT THE

RECREATION GROUND

SATURDAY

5TH NOVEMBER

BBQ AT 6:00PM
BONFIRE AT 6:30PM
FIREWORK DISPLAY AT 7:00PM

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

The bbq will be situated next to the cricket pavilion which will be open for the purchase of drinks. (card payments preferred). The bbq prefers cash but will also accept card payments when placing your order in the pavilion. Please!! please!! bring lots of cash with you for filling up the donation buckets. Although this event has free admission all donations are most gratefully appreciated.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN THE WIN

It's that time of year again! We are again happy to accept Christmas greetings to appear in the December WIN and to receive donations for the church - here are the arrangements:

Those not on email: if you would like to put a greeting in WIN, please write out your message and put it in an

envelope together with your donation, then post it through Andrea's door (Clock Cottage) or ring 281224 and she will collect.

If you're on email: please email your greeting to WIN, and either put your donation through Kay's door (Windrush Cottage, Church Way) or ask WIN for the church bank details when you send your message and you can pay it in online.

Deadline for everything - greetings and donation receipt is 25th November. Many thanks.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you so much to everyone who came, baked and drank coffee, and donated towards the magnificent final total of £747.70 raised! Surely an all time record for West Ilsley and Macmillan.

Thank you all - from Ros, Liz and Andrea

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

November Services

Sunday 6th Family Service at 11.00am
Sunday 13th Remembrance Service at 10.55am
Sunday 20th Family Communion at 9.30am
Sunday 27th *No service in West Ilsley*

Please look on the notice board in the lychgate or on the East Downland website:

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-noticeboards/this-week> for other services in the benefice during November.

Working Party Tidy Up for Remembrance Day

We will be holding our usual church and churchyard working party on Saturday 12th November. Hopefully, you will have a little spare time to join us from 10.00am to tidy up the churchyard before the Remembrance Day Service the following day. Help with the church cleaning would also be much appreciated. Please come armed with rakes, secateurs, dusters, polish, etc.

Remembrance Day Service – Sunday 13th November at 10.55am



We hope you will join us once more in remembering and giving thanks for those who have fought for this country, many of whom have died in action for us, over the years. As usual, we will have the Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial and

then move into the church for the rest of the service. Please try and arrive in the churchyard before 10.55am as the Act of Remembrance starts promptly. As always, we will be sending a donation to the Royal British Legion.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our monthly church cafe will not take place on Sunday 13th November due to the Remembrance Service.

Downland Advent Carols

This year the Advent Carol Service takes place on Sunday 27th November at St Barnabas' Church, Peasmore at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to this delightful candlelit service which marks the beginning of our preparations for Christmas.

Harvest Festival and Lunch

Although numbers were down slightly this year there was still wonderful food and drink and excellent

company to enjoy. Our thanks go to all those who decorated the church so beautifully and helped in anyway to make it such a lovely occasion.

Private Prayer

All Saints' continues to open on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6pm or dusk, whichever is the earlier.

Pastoral

If you would like prayer (or other support) for you or someone else, please get in touch. We are happy to be contacted by phone or email using the details of contacts shown below. If anyone needs help or would just like to chat, do contact the wardens or clergy who will do their best to help.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 11th December – All Saints' Carol Service at 6pm in church – followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas Day – Family Communion at 9.30am.

Contacts:

Churchwardens: Ian – 01635 281625; Alexandra – 01635 281306

Rector: Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 or 07748 822336 - edownlandrector@gmail.com

Associate Priest: Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – revdjdales@gmail.com

Associate Priest: Revd William McDowell – rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com

East Downland Benefice Office: 07957 458107 - eastdownland@btinternet.com – Usually open on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith



WICC 1ST XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT - 2022 SEASON

Cherwell League Division 6B

Played 18 - Won 6 - Drawn 1 -Lost 11

Final Position 6/10

I think it's fair to say that 2022 saw improved levels of performances in comparison to 2021, but I've been left with the overall feeling that our results were a distinct disappointment.

We raised our game to compete with every side vying for the championship and promotion but also

managed to capitulate against sides that were below us in the table.

Yes, it's a daft game with many nuances but I think we lacked any consistency in our team selection due to availability throughout the year. Whereas in 2021 we had to make two or possibly three changes week to week, all too often this season we faced having to find four, five and sometimes six replacements which meant that we had little to build on and little cohesion. Hard to come up with a solution to this, it's simply cricket at this level but that is the biggest reason I can come up with. Like I say, we played some good cricket and have plenty of talent, but there's no way we should have won so few as six matches nor lost as many as 11 - Especially considering the brilliant leadership.

The positives however are easy to pinpoint:

Our teenage bowlers Colin Sinclair & Noah Deacon, erratic and wayward last year, made great strides in 2022, finishing way out in front on the averages and wickets taken. Sinclair bowled 104 overs, taking 25 wickets at 16.68, whilst Deacon Bowled 115 for 24 wickets at 17.96.

These two will just get better and better (barring the potential pitfalls of the pub) and are developing at a rattling rate. They could well become bowlers capable of playing at a far higher level.

Just behind those two came Andy Brown (93-13-29.38), Tim Fowler (67-12-19.50) & newcomer Andy Barr (48-12-17.75). All three are invaluable - Brown's consistency and Barr's bustling urgency are key. Fowler though bowls some mesmerising leg spin and like Sinclair & Deacon will only improve. The fact that he also bats with consistency and real flair means that he's a huge loss to the team when unavailable.

Another teenager, Josh Willson joined us halfway through the season and his left arm spin caused opponents all sorts of problems, particularly against East & West Hendred where he took 5-26. In doing so, he joined Sinclair on the honours board after his 5-38 against Oxenford.

David Brooks continues to battle through the pain and again made some super contributions to turn or just disrupt a game with his nagging line. He makes batsmen think which is always handy at this level.

On the batting front when we scored runs, we scored **loads** of them.

Against Abingdon Vale at the start of the season Patrick Charrington and Tim Fowler set a club record. They opened the batting and shared an unbeaten partnership of 285, Charrington 153* and Fowler 111*. It was an incredible performance that became commonplace for Charrington who went on to record a second century against Abingdon Vale and 59 against Oxenford. His lack of regular availability would be a

blow to any team, finishing the season as he did with 356 runs from just five appearances. His average was 122.67.

Tim Fowler deserved his place on the Centurion honours board more than anyone. So often watching his older brother take the plaudits last season, his century was only a matter of time. He's a formidable opening bat and finished the season with an average of 36.5.

Matthew Fowler stepped up on last season's superb campaign, but a fractured finger cut his season short which was another blow. His top score was a gutsy one against Garsington and he averaged 34.6 in his five innings at No.3.

Ralph Taylor was a mainstay as an opener batting with either Charrington or Fowler and proved invaluable throughout the campaign. His unbeaten 68 against Sunningwell was one of the best team innings of the season against a title chasing side. He averaged 20.5 in eleven innings.

James Briggs also batted with real conviction throughout the year. His 74 against Oxford Downs should have been converted to three figures and his dismissive manner and high run rate unsettles the opposition. He averaged 38.2 in his six appearances at the crease.

The skipper managed three half centuries this season in between injuries, eventually averaging 31.44 batting in a variety of places up and down the order. Disappointingly, the days on which he did score, none of them contributed to a win which highlights the futility of a silly game played in daft clothing.

Ted Brown, Adrian Dray, Ben Dray, Josh Willson & David Brooks all contributed some invaluable knocks. Brooks' 49 against Oxford Downs at home was a particular high point of the season. With little on the board and too many down, he changed the game with a display of real guts alongside Andy Barr and turned a four o'clock finish into a game of incredible tension and huge excitement that went down to the last over. Like I say, when we scored runs, we scored **loads** of them – batting when the chips were down though saw us all too often bat like prats. Brooks & Barr ended the season with a lesson to all of us.

In the field and more pertinently behind the sticks, we were very fortunate to be able to call on no fewer than three above average wicketkeepers. Adrian Dray, James Briggs & George Gardiner are all genuine batsmen to boot and a huge asset. Our lack of a settled side may be a negative, but we are genuinely lucky to have cover in this department with genuine quality mitt-men.

The most important part of the season however was the team spirit and that's a hard element to nail down succinctly. All I know is that the WICC 1st XI's have spirit in abundance. From the wry mickey-taking of the very

much out of form Alex Dibble and Will Barnes to the collective delight taken in the physical ailments of Simon Crabtree and club stalwarts Alan Bloor & Chris Walker - there's always a sense of team unity on matchdays.

Along with the Director of Cricket, the likes of Brown, Walker and Taylor are invaluable sounding boards for a captain. Add to the more experienced players the willingness of the youngsters in the side and leading this group of players is the most stress-free role imaginable having witnessed the squabbling that many of our opponents display.

Of the youngsters, they all have their different personalities, but they are also firm friends which I hope points to a bright future for the 1st XI. The only disappointment was the loss of form of Adam Ryan who I would have predicted to be one of the emerging stars after the standards he set last season. I hope this year was just a blip because not only is he a terrific lad he's got real guts. This was all too obvious when he volunteered to take the gloves against Sunningwell where we sprayed it all over the place. He was superb that day. In summary then, we were ~~xxx~~*. (**Editor's amendment, "not as good as we might have been"*)

Some of the performances we put on should have seen us at least flirt with promotion but at no point were we of interest to either end of the table. We rattled all of the top sides but allowed several of the relegation battlers with opportunities to climb out of the mire. Cumnor, Garsington and East & West Hendred all beat us – and they were moderate to say the least.

It was well worth it though. Mainly because of the commitment of Nigel Chubb who holds the whole thing together. He, along with all the players are a joy – I just wish we'd win a bit more often.

I commend this statement to the house.

M.J Channon

Captain WICC



**ILSLEY
EVERGREENS**

The Evergreens October trip was to the City of Salisbury. The Cathedral has the tallest spire in Britain, the oldest time mechanism in the world and the best preserved original 1215 Magna Carta. The historic

Charter market is also situated in the large central market square and is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Our last trip this year will be to Bristol Christmas Market. The market is situated within the cities Broadmead Shopping Centre so you have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the Festive spirit and purchase all your favourite Christmas goodies. Although these trips are arranged by our group, everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a really good day out at a very reasonable cost. The remaining events for 2022 are on the following posters. Everyone is welcome to join us at these events and on any of the trips. Contact either: Julia - 01635 281597 or Tony - 07780 994297 to book your seat.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

COFFEE MORNING



**WILKINS CENTRE
COMPTON**

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER

From **10:00am** until **12:noon**

Come and enjoy a
Coffee/tea & cake for only **£1**
Raffle tickets **£1** a strip - good prizes!



COACH TRIP

TO

**BRISTOL
CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 30TH**

The coach will depart from:
West Ilsley bus stop at 9:00am
Compton bus stop at 9:10am
East Ilsley bus stop at 9:15am
Departing destination at 4:00pm
Call **JULIA** on **01635 281597** to book your
seat for only **£17**.

Arranged by

ILSLEY EVERGREENS

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PRIZE BINGO

AT

WEST ILSLEY
VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN 7:00

EYES DOWN 7:30

TERRIFIC PRIZES

&

GRAND RAFFLE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

COME & ENJOY YOURSELF



COME AND JOIN US
Girls age 10-14

You can be creative!
Do you want to learn new skills?

You can make friends and have adventures

You can be active

TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT
PEACE
LOVE

Your nearest Guide unit is
Compton Guides
Spaces available in September
We meet at Compton Guide and Scout Hut on Chesham Road.
Mondays 7.00 - 8.30, term-time.
Register your interest by visiting
www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
or you can ring
Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901

OPEN MORNING 2022

The Ilsleys Primary School Open Morning

Dear Parents,

Greetings from the Ilsleys! We are a fairly small school (but well educated) located in East Ilsley. You should definitely send your child here because it is such a small school that your child will know everyone and make loads of lovely friends. Also the teachers will have more time to help them as there are so little children. This way they will get a good education.

The Ilsleys love to keep active so we embark on a fantastic myriad of sports including football, swimming in years 3 and 2, PE and gymnastics. In our school we enjoy a plethora of clubs - such as art, PE and coding.

Everyone here is really helpful and we get many rewards and treats. For example, golden time (where you do no work for half an hour on Friday afternoon) and something called Pom-Poms where every day if we are good you get a pom-pom. When you get all of them you get to have a treat.

So, if you want your child to lead a happy, healthy and enjoyable childhood at school, send them to The Ilsleys Primary School where they can flourish in all their subjects and shape themselves a bright, successful future.

Yours faithfully,
Everyone at The Ilsleys Primary School
(written by a Year 6 pupil)

When:
Wed 16th November
Time:
9:30 am to
meet the Headteacher
and tour of the school
ALL WELCOME

Ofsted
Good
Provider

The Ilsleys Primary School, RG20 7LP
Website: theilsleysprimary.net

Please call 01635 281225 to book your place.
If you are unable to attend, please call to arrange an appointment.

WHO TO CONTACT

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Carolyn Culver 07976 374146

PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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Liz Dray - liz.dray@westilsley.org

Sarah Marshman – Clerk clerk@westilsley.org

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT – Laura Farris

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PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP rep is Fred Carter on 281621 or fred_kathcarter@btinternet.com

PRESCRIPTIONS are delivered from Compton on Tuesdays mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on **Tuesdays only between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm**. Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box at any time before Monday evening for the following week's delivery.

TENNIS COURT membership and enquiries email - tennis.bookings@westilsley.org
Book and play without joining via westilsleytennis.jezzam.com

VILLAGE HALL

Bookings & enquiries:

Any new bookings should now be done via the village

Website: <https://www.westilsley.org/>

Or by email to: village.hall@westilsley.org

Anyone without access to the internet can leave a message on: 01635 281762

Rates: £10.00/hour for villagers and £12/hour non villagers.

WEST ILSLEY (SOCIAL) RUNNING CLUB meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Harrow. If you fancy joining, come along on Wednesday, or text Matt (Hebron cottage) on 07929 569 050. We've got a WhatsApp group, so we can add you to that even if you're not quite up for joining in just yet.

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT A PROBLEM:

<https://westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT SPEEDING:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/speedingtraffic>

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT DOG FOULING:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/36781/Report-Dog-Fouling>