

# West Ilsley News

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## DIARY JULY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-fete party
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Village fete 12-4.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Harrow morris men
- 14<sup>th</sup> Harrow coffee and cake
- 27<sup>th</sup> Harrow quiz night

## AUGUST

- 6<sup>th</sup> Harrow music with the minstrels

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

### July Services at All Saints' Church

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Family Communion	9.30am
10 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Communion	8.30am
17 <sup>th</sup>	United Benefice Communion	9.30am
17 <sup>th</sup>	United Benefice Pet Service	11.00am
24 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	11.00am
31 <sup>st</sup>	*No service in West Ilsley	9.30am in Beedon

\*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)

### ER90 Service and Village Lunch



What a celebration!! All Saints' Church was crammed to the gunnels for West Ilsley's Village Lunch to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, with people sitting at patriotically decorated tables, matching the stunning flower arrangements around the church. At the church service prior to this, our curate the Revd William McDowell ably took a wonderful celebration service similar to many other services held throughout the land that day. Around 110 people came, many with salads and puddings to add to the already groaning food table. The bar was kept busy for most of the afternoon, with Prosecco being the chosen drink by many with which to toast the Queen. Our very own King and Queen for the day (well, an hour or two anyway!), were Alan and Tegan, while Alec and Wendy won the lucky ticket prize. We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any



way, whether by donating food or money, decorating the church so impressively, or just by coming along to make it all go with a swing. As we had previously stated, we kept charges to a minimum to just cover costs so everyone who wanted to could join in.

### United Benefice Pet Service

This year we are inviting pets and their humans from the whole benefice to join us at our annual Pet Service in All Saints' on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. This rather informal service will take place after the United Benefice Communion service which this month is being held in All Saints' at 9.30am. The Pet Service will be followed by Pimms and some nibbles (just for the humans, I'm afraid!). So do join us for a slightly different type of service – you don't need to bring a pet to come.

### Sabbatical

As many of you already know, our rector, Revd John Toogood, will be taking a well-earned sabbatical from 11<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> October this year. During this time, it will be business as usual with any changes only being a last resort. The new Benefice Office (telephone number to be confirmed) should be in operation for administration queries and Revd Lady (Denise) Brown (01635 281825), Revd Douglas Dales (01635 247404) and Revd William McDowell (mcdowell@ntlworld.com) will be able to deal with other matters.

### Date for your Diary

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Harvest Festival at 11am followed by Harvest Lunch in the church. Keep the date free!

### 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)  
Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

### JUNE'S FARMING NEWS

**HOT OFF THE PRESS!!** – Nine ducklings have arrived at the village pond from neighbouring Peasmore. So far they have settled in well and appear to be accepted (just!) by the residential Moor Hen. The two Magpie drakes are obviously delighted by the selection of new Mallard X companions. Bread and lettuce will be gratefully received but we must ensure too much food is not left lying around for the rodents to feed off.

June's weather has been relatively unexciting and has not permitted us to make any haylage or hay. We are hoping that towards the end of the month the weather may improve. It is an important time of year to gather the winter fodder for the cattle, sheep and horses.

The first bunch of fat lambs have been selected for the market and we are waiting for the next lambs to be finished later in the summer.

Over to harvest next which cannot be any sooner than the middle of July at this rate! Peter Carlisle

**WEST ILSLEY SUMMER FETE**  
**Sunday 3rd July 2016**  
**12 - 4:30pm**  
**West Ilsley Recreation Ground**

Wellie Wangin'	Bouncy castle	Ice cream van
Popcorn and sweets	Bottle Stall	Tea, Coffee & Cakes
BBQ & Bar	Crêpes	Bric-a-Brac
Raffle	Stocks	Pitch and putt
Aunt Sally	Brass Band	Punch & Judy
Balloon Modelling	Air Ambulance	Ilsley's Choir
Crockery Smashing	Nearly New Boutique	Morris Dancers
	Face Painting	Tug of War
	Cake Stall	Auction
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### EAST ILSLEY ALLOTMENTS

There is talk on the East Ilsley facebook page about allotments being available. If you're interested and not already a member of their group, email WIN and we will try to put you in touch with them.

### THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Our next coach outing takes place on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, when we visit Cheltenham, leaving West Ilsley at 9am and returning from Cheltenham at 4pm.

The remaining coach outings planned for this year are as follows:-

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July -Southsea/Portsmouth 9am – 4pm

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August - Weymouth 9am – 4pm

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September - Cardiff 9am – 4pm

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October – Devizes 9am – 4pm

Price for trips continue at:

Members - £10.00. per person

Non-Members - £12.50. per person

Anyone who would like to join the Evergreens to take advantage of our monthly coach outings, please contact Julia Rockall on 01635. 281597

Dates for the proposed Christmas Market Trip in November, and Members' Christmas Lunch in December, are yet to be confirmed. Enquiries are proceeding on the possibility of holding our Christmas Lunch at a local venue.

Julia is holding a "Lucky Bag Stall" at the Compton Village Fete on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, all in aid of Evergreen Funds. The following day, Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, will see several Evergreen members again operating the Bottle Stall at the West Ilsley Show and Fete.

Tony Elliott's "Prize Bingo Evening" held at Compton Village Hall on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, produced another welcome boost to our funds as well as giving those that attended a most enjoyable evening.

A further "Prize Bingo Evening" has again been arranged by Tony to take place on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at Compton Village Hall.

Much appreciation to Tony for organising these events which are so important to help sustain the viability of our coach outings.

It is with great sadness that we have recently heard of the passing of Reg and Alice Willis, who were Evergreen Members for many years. Reg and Alice were such loyal supporters of our group for such a long period of time and were held in deep affection by us all. Several members travelled to Shaw, near Newbury to attend Reg's funeral just over a week ago. Alice's funeral is being held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm and again at Shaw Cemetery, near Newbury.

Jim Hughes Secretary Tel. 01235 834487

### WHATS ON AT THE HARROW

ICKNEILD WAY MORRIS MEN

Wednesday 6th July, 8pm

COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Thursday 14th July, 10:30am – 12.

Pop in for a slice of homemade cake and a coffee. Raising money for

Marie Curie Cancer.

We raised a FANTASTIC £70 for The Lymphoma Association, thank you to everyone who came along and supported this very worthwhile charity, June was very grateful to everyone who came along and to those



of you who couldn't but still made a donation. Thank you!!

## QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 27th July 8pm  
£3 each to enter  
Teams of up to 6  
Raising money for Ferne  
Animal Sanctuary



**MUSIC WITH THE MINSTRELS**  
Saturday 6th August  
7pm - 8pm and 9pm - 10pm  
They're back by popular demand!!  
Come down and listen to Christian,  
Dewi & Chopsie playing their  
guitars and singing some old classics as well as some  
songs you may not know!

## FETE NEWS

Sunday 3rd July 12 - 4:30pm

It's full steam ahead with all the fete organisation, the team are all working very hard to make sure you all enjoy a great day!!

Saying that we do still need a few volunteers to help run stalls, entrances and serve tea & cake. Thank you to everyone who has come forward and donated their time and help. We are aiming to rotate people on and off stalls so no one will be on all day! Please let us know if you can help.

Clothes, bric-a-brac, toys, books and homeware can all be brought to the cricket pavilion on Saturday 2nd from 1pm. If you can donate a cake to the teas, coffees and cake stall that would be AMAZING!! We hope you are all practising your baking skills for the produce show!! We look forward to welcoming you all on Sunday!! Let's pray for a dry day!!



**Icknield Way  
Morris Men**



**and  
Rockhopper  
Morris**



will dance at

**The Harrow  
West Ilsley**

**at 8 pm on  
Wednesday 6th July**

## NATURE NOTES

10th June

Along the Catmore road a lapwing dive bombs a passing red kite and successfully drives it out of its breeding territory, I hope that they are as successful in deterring them when their chicks hatch? Even the RSPB admit that red kite predation is having a negative impact on lapwing populations. At their Otmoor



reserve near Oxford they are providing food for the kites during the period when the lapwing have chicks in the hope that this will divert their attention? I watched this aerial display whilst sitting on an old telegraph pole that has been laid across a gateway to deter hare coursers. My attention is drawn to a small, off white, lady bird with black spots which scuttles along the pole, this is a sixteen spot ladybird. It shares the pole with several black spiders, which are evenly spaced every eighteen inches, these are hunting spiders, each in their own little territory. The ladybird passes within an eighth of an inch of one of the spiders, but there is no reaction, perhaps the spider had tried one before and discovered the distasteful, bitter tasting blood, that is exuded when this tiny beetle is attacked? Perdix

## PCSO FOR BUCKLEBURY & DOWNLANDS

We have heard from PCSO Sally Joyce C9453 that she is our Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator. Sally's email address is:

Sally.Joyce@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Sally will e-mail us with any information which she thinks will benefit the community, and says that we should feel free to e-mail her if there is anything we would like to make her aware of.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley would like your views on policing and crime.

This Summer, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is seeking views from the residents of Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire on policing and crime. This feedback will help inform the Police and Crime Plan which sets the priorities for Thames Valley Police for the next 5 years.

What concerns you about policing in your area? What would you like Thames Valley Police to prioritise with regards to crime? Have you been a victim of crime and would like to feed back your experience?

To give your views, you can complete a short online survey at [www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/survey](http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/survey). It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will be open until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

If you would like a copy of the survey posted to you, please contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 01865 846780

**WEST ILSLEY PRODUCE SHOW**

Registration for Classes closes at 12:30  
 Adult entries: £1, Children: 50p

All Winning Entries marked \* will be auctioned off before the raffle is drawn

<b>FLORAL</b>	<b>HOME COOKING</b>
1 Single Bloom (any variety)	11 * Jar of any Preserve
2 * Floral Arrangement (Min 3 varieties)	12 * Jar of any Chutney or Sauce
3 * 'Royal' Posy (adult)	13 * Homemade Drink
4 'Royal' Posy (child)	14 * A Loaf of Yeast Bread
5 Best Hanging Basket	15 * Ladies' Bake - 'Royal Velvet' Cheesecake
6 Best Front Garden	16 * Gentlemen's Bake - 'Royal Velvet' cake
	17 Children's Bake - A cake fit for a Queen
<b>VEGETABLES</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>
7 Best Single Vegetable (any variety)	18 Adult Photograph - Berkshire Landscape
8 Best 3 Vegetables (same variety)	19 Child Photograph - Pets (under 7s and under 12s)
9 Best 3 Culinary Herbs (tied in water)	
10 Most Pots in a Pot (judged on weight and number)	<b>CREATIVITY (Drawing, Painting, Made Item or Model)</b>
	20 * Adult
	21 Child (Under 7s and Under 12s)

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 Tony Elliott

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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.

2016 MEETING DATES  
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