

West Ilsley News

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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. We are always happy to receive feedback about WIN so please get in touch if you have anything to say.

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What's on in West Ilsley

SEPTEMBER

8th PC Meeting
25th Show in the Village Hall

OCTOBER

4th Harvest Festival
23rd Village Hall - Steve's talk on Blood 7pm

NOVEMBER

5th Fireworks at the Rec 6pm

DECEMBER

5th Village Hall - Christmas Drinks 7pm

JANUARY

23rd Village Hall – Burns Night 7pm

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday 8 th September	7:30 pm	Full Council
Tuesday 17 th November	7:30 pm	Full Council
Tuesday 9 th February '27	7:30 pm	Full Council
Tuesday 18 th May 2027	7:00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday 18 th May 2027	7:45 pm	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

SEPTEMBER AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Sunday 6th Pet Service at 11am
Sunday 13th Communion at 8.30am
Sunday 20th Communion at 9.30am
Sunday 27th *No service at All Saints'*

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

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-notice/this-week> for other services in the benefice during September. There are other events taking place in the benefice so do have a look on the website for more details.

Pet Service

Bring your pets along to be blessed at our Pet Service on Sunday 6th September at 11am. All pets (and their owners) are very welcome – the more the merrier!

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly café will be on Sunday 13th September at 10am. Come for coffee, cake and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

Harvest Festival – 4th October – 11am

The collection from this service will go to the West Berks Foodbank in Newbury. You are also invited to bring donations of food for the Foodbank and an up to date shopping list of urgently needed food can be found at:

[BankTheFoodList | West Berks Foodbank](#)

Harvest Lunch

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this will not take place immediately after our Harvest Festival as in previous years. Date and time to be confirmed.

Private Prayer

All Saints' will continue to open on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6pm.

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, do contact the wardens or clergy who will do their best to help.

To subscribe to the weekly pew sheet, which contains readings, prayers and notices about church events in the benefice, please go to the East Downland website (see above).

Contacts:

Churchwardens:

Ian – 01635 281625;

Alexandra – 07769 645470

Rector: Revd John Toogood – He is on sabbatical until the beginning of November and will not be available until then. Please contact Revd Dales or the office during this time with any queries.

Associate Priest: Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – revdjdales@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



HOUSE FLY HAS WON TWO EDINBURGH FRINGE AWARDS - AND BOOKING IS NOW OPEN!

Fresh from the 2026 Edinburgh Fringe, Tess O'Shea's House Fly is coming to West Ilsley Village Hall on Friday 25 September.

The show won **The Buzz Award at The Besties 2026** and received a **Bronze Edinburgh Festival Fringe Theatre Award (EFFTA)**.

This is something delightfully different: a funny, surreal one-woman show combining physical comedy, clowning and a fly's unusual view of human life. It is playful, occasionally a little gross and unconventional - but beneath the silliness is a warm, gently thought-provoking story about insects and the natural world.

Age guidance: 14+, with some strong language and adult themes.

Doors and the licensed bar open at 7pm.

The show starts at 7.30pm and runs for approximately 50 minutes, followed by an exclusive Q&A with Tess. The bar will remain open until 11pm (cash and contactless payments accepted).

Tickets are £10.50 per person.

All profits from the evening will support climate restoration through Films for Change.

Booking is now open at

<https://housefly.filmsforchange.co.uk>

Book now

Please note that each individual ticket must be booked and paid for separately. If you are coming with someone else, simply repeat the booking process for each person.

If you are unable to book online, please contact Zu or Martin, who will be happy to help.

WHO TO CONTACT

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall. In an emergency call 999 who will alert the emergency services that are needed and they will also give you the code for the defib. The danger of people knowing the code up front is that they don't call 999 so an ambulance doesn't turn up.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT Olivia Bailey MP

If you want to get in touch with me or book a surgery appointment you can email me at

olivia.bailey.mp@parliament.uk or write to me at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. If you want to keep up to date with what I am doing in Parliament and in the constituency, I send out a weekly email newsletter to constituents. If you would like to receive it, you can sign up at <https://shorturl.at/qgoHw>.

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Book Tennis

TENNIS COURT "Pay & Play" is available to non-members for £10 per hour. Non-members can book up to 24 hours in advance. To book the court please use <https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com> or scan the QR code!

For all enquiries, please contact the Tennis Committee via
<https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com/contact>

VILLAGE HALL

Bookings & enquiries:

Any new bookings should now be done via the village

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

Any booking enquiries please contact Jo by email:

village.hall@westilsley.org

Anyone without access to the internet can leave a message

on: 07958 239891

Rates: £12/hour for villagers and £15/hour non villagers.

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>

HOW TO CONTACT WEST BERKS COUNCIL REGARDING

EMERGENCIES 01635 551111

<https://westberks.gov.uk/emergency->

[contact#reporting%20outside%20office%20hours](https://westberks.gov.uk/emergency-contact#reporting%20outside%20office%20hours)