# West Ilsley News

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#### **DIARY**

**JUNE** 

21st Harrow coffee morning

26th Harrow quiz night

JULY

8<sup>th</sup> Fete

11th Harrow race night

#### WHATS ON AT THE HARROW

QUIZ NIGHT TUESDAY 26th JUNE 8pm

Teams of up to 6 £3 each to enter

Raising money for The Oxford Heart Centre at The John Radcliffe Hospital.

We raised £45.30 for The Air Ambulance at May's quiz, thank you to the quiz masters, Gemma and Rachel Chandler and to everyone who came along and supported the evening.

COFFEE & CAKE MORNING THURSDAY 21st JUNE

Pop in for a slice of homemade cake, coffee and a chat with friends £5.50 for coffee & cake, raising



money for The Oxford Heart Centre at The John Radcliffe Hospital.

SAVE THE DATE RACE NIGHT for Breast Cancer Care WEDNESDAY 11th July 7:30pm Cash and prizes to be won.

#### **FETE NEWS**

#### Sunday 8th July 12-4:30pm

We hope you have all been practicing your baking and creative skills ready for the produce show this year and your potatoes are coming along nicely?!

Please bring your good quality clothes, books and bric-a-brac along to the pavilion on Saturday 7th July

from 12.

If anyone would like to donate a bottle or 2 for the ever popular bottle stall then please drop these off at Tony's, failing that some of the committee will be round collecting bottles at some point, you will be warned so don't worry. Also if anyone would like to donate a raffle prize please contact Hayley at The Harrow.

We need your help to run stalls on the day and to help set up, please let one of the committee know if you can help out in any way, shape or form.

If you would like to have your own stall please let one of us know.

Fete committee 2018

Ed Ryder, Dan Hudson, Hayley Morrick, Justin Pilditch, Tony Elliott and Dries Hagen



## WEST ILSLEY WALK THROUGH THE BLUEBELLS

#### BANK HOLIDAY MAY 7TH

The Village Hall committee would like to thank all the kind villagers and their friends who supported the walk through the bluebells or the family activities in the woods. Through your generosity we have raised 540 pounds for the ongoing upkeep of the Village Hall – most recently we have painted the outside.

In addition, we would like to thank the Carlisle and Gore families for allowing us to use Park Wood where the children had their treasure hunt and the walking route home via Manor Farm. The sun shone and the morning extended to a very enjoyable BBQ at The Harrow. Thank you to Wes, Hayley and Jackie.

Last but not least to all the Village Hall committee for their time and help on the day.

See you next year!

#### A LITTLE THANK YOU:

Dear West Ilsley

As I am sure most of you know, I have been in hospital since the beginning of March, seems like forever! I am happy to say that my heart surgery is now complete and has finally been successful.

I just wanted to say "Thank You" to you all, for the abundance of cards with your kind messages that I have received. A very special "Thank You" to Fiona, Holly & James Ryder for their quite unique and lovely handmade cards. Also a huge "Thank You" to all of you who visited me to keep me going.

I think the end is in sight, so be warned the Grumpy Old Pub Landlord may be back soon, although there is still a long recovery period to undergo.

My thanks to all of you for supporting the pub during this very difficult time.

Look forward to seeing you all in due course.

Peter

#### ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

#### June Services

$3^{rd}$	Family Communion	9.30am
10 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	8.30am
17 <sup>th</sup>	No Service in West IIsley	*
24 <sup>th</sup>	Pet Service	11.00am

See café church below\*

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

#### **Pet Service**

This will take place in All Saints' Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. We hope your pets will bring their humans to this welcoming but different service. Do come even if your pet prefers to stay at home or if you don't have one. It's always an interesting occasion.

#### Café in All Saints' Church

Our usual monthly café will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June between 10am and 11am. As usual, the children will be kept busy with crafts, so come and relax for a little while over a coffee, cake and chat. All donations go to a local charity.

## Home Insurance - Calling all church members, volunteers and members of All Saints' congregation! That means YOU!

Is your home insurance up for renewal between now and August this year? Here is a different company to consider that you may never have thought of before. 'Ecclesiastical' has been All Saints' insurers for many years and this year it is celebrating its 130 years anniversary of insuring Anglican churches. Now it is offering to donate £130 to All Saints' Church every time someone purchases a Home Insurance policy with them, when nominating All Saints', West Ilsley. This offer has been extended until the end of the year. Quotation requests must either be made on line at

www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or by telephone on 0800 783 0130 quoting TRUST130. So when your home policy runs out, please do think about contacting Ecclesiastical Insurance for a quote. This way, if you do decide to insure with them, you will be making a significant donation to your church and it won't cost you a penny extra. Thank you.

#### Café Church

This delightful and very popular service for all the family continues on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's, Chieveley after the Communion service at 9.30am. The service starts at 11am but come at 10.45am for refreshments.

N.B. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Safari Supper. This event has been postponed until sometime next year.

#### Dates for your Diary

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival and Lunch. Please put this date in your diary now!!

Contacts If you have anyone or anything specific you would like mentioned in church prayers at services throughout the year, do speak to either lan (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 the East Benefice Office eastdownland@btinternet.com or phone 07957 458107 and leave a message. The office is usually open on Thursday and Friday mornings and can be contacted in the first instance for information about baptisms or weddings. For any other reasons, you can contact Revd John Toogood on 01635 247566 or email him at edownlandrector@gmail.com

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

#### DOWNLAND HANDYBUS

Hopefully you are all aware of the Downland Volunteer Group, the DVG, which has been in existence since the early eighties. It was set up to help residents in the Downland villages who had problems attending appointments at the hospitals in our area, the surgeries and dentists. We have a team of some 40 volunteer drivers using their own cars to drive the patients to their appointments.

In recent years we have also managed the day to day running of the Handybus service by recruiting volunteer drivers for this vehicle and scheduling trips mainly to Newbury, Wantage and Didcot. The Handybus was owned and maintained by the West Berks Council. As part of their re-structuring and cost saving plans they have requested that the local charities, like the DVG, take over full control of the Handybus service. From the beginning of April the DVG has taken full responsibly for this vehicle and we are expected to fulfil our obligations to the Community Transport Services.

This twelve seater Mercedes bus makes scheduled trips on certain days from the main villages in the area. Whilst it is ideal for older residents, anyone can travel on the Handybus, although it is not equipped to carry children. It is particularly useful for anyone temporarily incapacitated and unable to drive or carry shopping. For just £3.00 return the passengers are driven to the shops, either Sainsbury's or Tesco's; the driver will load up their shopping and will even carry it to their front door. The difference between the Handybus and a normal bus service is that you would need to book yourself on to it in advance - a bit like a taxi service! Bus passes cannot be used on the Handybus.

We believe many more people could benefit from the Handybus service. We want to increase passenger numbers and we will not raise the £3.00 fare this year and hope that with grants and sponsorship the Handybus service will be a self-financing operation in the near future. To book a trip simply phone the Handybus coordinator on 07437 543 098. For West Ilsley residents, the Handybus travels to Sainsbury's in Wantage every other Wednesday. When you phone to book your seat you will be advised at what time and where in the village you will be collected and the approximate time you will return home.

#### DVG HANDYBUS SHOPPING - £3 RETURN

(approx 1 hour shopping time)

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Didcot - Tesco		Wantage – Sainsbury's			
Tuesdays		Wednesdays			
(monthly)		(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 IIsley	10.30 am	East IIsley		
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Next trips Tues 26th June Wed 6th & 20th June To Book Telephone John Jeffery 07437 543098 DVG Office Telephone 01635 578394

#### Children's Hospice News and Aldworth's Charity Market

The Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service (ADCHS) is recruiting nurses and carers to support even more children in the community.

The incredible new building and facilities will open, initially for Day Care Services, this summer! On Saturday 9th June Aldworth Saturday Market with have a stall selling beautifully handmade babies' and

children's clothing and toys as well as adult gifts. All monies to ADCHS.

Aldworth's weekly, community-run market opens from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Aldworth village hall (RG8 9SE). It has a variety of stalls including fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers and plants, homemade cakes, fudges, Fairtrade groceries, greetings cards, refreshments and LOTS more!!

Your help in supporting Berkshire's Children's Hospice would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Market details: 01635 578090

#### Afternoon Teas

St. Mary's Church, Aldworth Start 6th June and then every Wednesday in June, July & August

2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Delicious homemade cakes in the company of The Aldworth Giants

For further details and to book groups contact: Gill Wilding 01635 578624 or gillwilding@hotmail.com

Can you make cakes and/or spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday afternoon? If so, St. Mary's, Aldworth needs you! If you can help with the afternoon teas this summer please contact

Gill Wilding 01635 578624 or gillwilding@hotmail.com

#### ILSLEY UNDER 5s

Are you a parent, grandparent, carer of young children? Come along and join our friendly local stay and play group running Wednesday mornings 9.45-11.15 at West Ilsley Village Hall. There are plenty of toys and activities to keep young ones entertained and hot drinks for the grown ups. The session includes a snack and song/story time. The group always welcomes some hands on help so if you live locally and have a little spare time to come along and meet some local families and get involved, we'd love to hear from you!

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

If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering, hire of equipment of simply to find out more about the sessions please contact us at jillian.hobbs@outlook.com or 07857840727. You can also take a look at our Facebook page ehttps://www.facebook.com/llsleyunderfives and join our group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/ilsleyunderfives/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/ilsleyunderfives/</a> Jillian Hobbs

Secretary, Ilsley under fives

#### ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The Evergreens started their monthly day trips on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April with a day out in Chichester, where we all seemed to dodge the odd shower. The following trip on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May was to Hillier Gardens near Romsey on a very warm day indeed.

The dates of our next trips are:

27th June ~ Stratford on Avon with a boat trip

25<sup>th</sup> July ~ Southampton and West Quay

22<sup>nd</sup> August ~ Weston-Super-Mare

27<sup>th</sup> September ~ Devizes (This is a Thursday)

24th October ~ Coventry

? November ~ Birmingham Christmas Market If you would like to join us on any of these day trips then please contact Julia Rockall on 281597.

We enjoyed two theatre visits in May firstly to see "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and then the musical "9 to 5". Our next planned trip to the New Theatre Oxford will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December to see "Jersey Boys". If you wish to book a ticket please contact Tony Elliott on 281997 or 07780 994297.

There will be a Family Prize Bingo and Raffle on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> June at Compton Village Hall starting at 7:30pm and a Coffee Morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wilkins Centre Compton starting at 10am. Tea/coffee with a cake for only £1, so please come and join us.

The Evergreens will be running a stall at the Compton Fete and would like to ask for any gift bags that you would like to donate. Please ring Tony Elliott who will arrange to collect them.

Anyone who would like to join the Evergreens please contact Julia Rockall on 281597.

Thank you for supporting the Evergreens.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

#### NEWS FROM THE ILSLEYS

Hello again from The Ilsleys! We have really enjoyed this recent bout of good weather and are very much keeping our fingers crossed that it continues!

We have recently been holding shared lessons with the Year 6 children from Hampstead Norreys to help us prepare for our end of Key Stage Two tests. This has given the children lots of opportunities to work on areas of the Maths and English curriculum that they find trickier and encouraged them to learn together. The children will all be attending their Year 6 residential trip together so it has been a great opportunity to make some friendships before we go away.

The children in Atlantic Class have also been busy choreographing their own piece of dance in the hope of gaining their own Arts Award. The Arts Award is a national certificate which recognises their achievements in the performing arts. They themed their dance around the sinking of the Titanic and performed it in front of the whole school last week. Younger children in the school were really amazed by what their older peers had achieved.

In addition to all of this, on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Pacific class had a 'Healthy Eating' workshop. They learnt about the different food groups and what a portion of each would look like. They then planned their own healthy packed lunch and made substitutions to make them even healthier. Finally, they looked at what would make a healthy breakfast and investigated the sugar content of a variety of different cereals. The children really enjoyed finding out more about what goes on their plate and how to keep themselves healthy!



#### WANTED - MALE SINGERS

We are trying to form a male voice choir, who will predominately sing '60s music and songs from the shows.

Singing will be in 4 part harmony: top tenor, second tenor, baritone and bass. Ideally, we shall need at least four of each voice, to give the choir the necessary balance. Being able to read music is less essential than a sense of fun, enthusiasm, and a reasonable singing voice. You will not be expected to be Domingo or Pavarotti. Unless we come up with a hit record, we shall not get paid. In fact there will be an annual subscription to cover the cost of rehearsals, music etc. We shall also need a musical director and accompanist.

It would be nice to feel that, once established, we could perform publicly and raise money for various charities.

Please email me at <a href="revshep45@gmail.com">revshep45@gmail.com</a> or telephone 01635 578177, if you are interested and want more information.

Thank you. David Sheppard

#### **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.

#### 2018 Meetings

7.30 pm in the Village Hall 9 July, 10 Sept, 12 Nov

#### **DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159**

DOWNLAND VOLUNTEER GROUP 01635 578394 Office hours 9.30 to 11.30 Monday to Friday www.downlandvolgroup.org



#### **WHO TO CONTACT**

#### VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth–Bookings–281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com

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

### PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP Fred Carter

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#### **CHURCHWARDENS**

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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

#### PARISH COUNCIL

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Contact for bookings - Ros Duckworth 01635 281471/ rosduckworth@btinternet.com



### Remedial body Therapy

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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.

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