

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.

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What's on in West Ilsley

April	2nd	Evergreens coffee morning
	27th	Harrow quiz
June	2nd	Jubilee beacon
	3rd	Jubilee party
	5th	Jubilee
		- Pimms in the churchyard - tea party

ANDREW GORE

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Andrew's life at All Saints Church on Tuesday 5th April at 2pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The scheduled meetings of West Ilsley Parish Council through to May 2022 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.

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
16 th May 2022	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
16 th May 2022	Annual Parish Meeting

You can see the draft minutes of the March PC meeting by looking on the website or clicking: [here](#)

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Progress at last - we have now purchased our own Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). This is a mobile device that we can position within the village in order to alter driver behaviour. The device is similar to the one West Berkshire Council (WBC) installed temporarily at the eastern end of the village and it does record traffic and speed data, which can be analysed and passed on to WBC. The device has been match funded by WBC and we would like to thank Carlyne Culver and WBC for their help in this, as well as Justin Gilbert who was instrumental in the whole exercise. We will be taking delivery of the device soon and although Liz Dray will be the lead, we will be looking to recruit volunteers to help to deploy the device and monitor driver behaviour throughout the village.

Alan Beaumont

POLITE NOTICE

Please refrain from feeding the ducks – we already have a large number which will start breeding shortly (if not already) and, unfortunately, we have received reports of increased sightings of vermin. Many thanks for your co-operation.

WIPC has received information from West Berkshire Council as follows:

West Berkshire Council needs your opinion about the upcoming separate food waste collections service

We have launched a [survey](#) ahead of the roll out of our separate weekly food waste collection service and would like to encourage everyone who lives in West Berkshire to take part in the survey. The survey is now open and will close at midnight on 3 May 2022 and takes around 5 minutes to complete.

As part of the new service, starting in autumn 2022, food waste will be collected weekly, but on the same day as your usual recycling and rubbish collection. We currently collect food waste every fortnight in your green bin, with your garden waste if you are subscribed to that service. As with all our recycling and rubbish collections, the service will be operated by our waste contractor, Veolia UK, who will collect the food waste using eight new purpose-built vehicles.

We are asking for residents views to help us better understand your recycling habits, whether you think it's important to recycle food waste, and if you'd use the new service when it starts during autumn 2022. We'd also like to hear from people who don't currently recycle their food waste to find out what, if anything, is stopping you from doing so.

You can find further information regarding the service and survey [here](#).

Residents can request hard copies by contacting us at recycle@westberks.gov.uk or by calling 01635 519080. Please bear in mind that our phone lines are very busy at this time of year so please only call if absolutely necessary.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

April Services at All Saints' Church

Sunday 3rd Family Service at 11.00am
Sunday 10th Holy Communion at 8.30am
Monday 11th Compline with Reflection at 8.00pm
Sunday 17th Easter Family Communion at 9.30am
Sunday 24th *No service in West Ilsley*

There will be further services in the benefice around Easter, details of which will be shown in the Easter card that will be coming round soon. Please look on the notice board in the lychgate or on the East Downland website:

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

Although Government restrictions have now been lifted, you are welcome to use face coverings and hand sanitiser in church, if you would like.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly church cafe will be on Sunday 10th April between 10.00am and 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there for coffee, cake and a chat!

Holy Week 11th - 14th April

There will be short reflective services twice a day at 12 noon and at 8pm, during Holy Week at different churches in the benefice – a time to sit quietly and bring a period of calmness to our usually hectic lives. Details will be on the Easter card, but West Ilsley will be holding a service on Monday 11th at 8pm. (See services above).

Good Friday Walk



This year the Service of Prayer at the Cross will take place at Farnborough at 2pm after the walk, which will again be led by Lesley Chandler. We start at Peasemore Church at 9.00am and proceed to Beedon, arriving around 10. Then we will continue to West Ilsley where there will be a stop to eat packed lunches. At around 12.45pm we leave for Farnborough in time for

the service at 2pm. All times, except starting time, are approximate. Join or leave the walk at any time, but arrive a little earlier than the times indicated if you are not planning to walk the whole way.

Easter Services

All Saints' is holding a Family Communion on Easter Sunday at 9.30am – we hope to see you there! There are other services in the benefice during Holy Week, on Good Friday and on Easter Day, so do look on the church notice board or on the benefice website (see above) for times and places. An Easter card announcing all our Easter services will also be sent out soon.

Private Prayer

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

Date for your Diary

Sunday 5th June at 11am – we will be holding a special Platinum Jubilee Family Service, followed by Pimms in the churchyard. Put the date in your diary now!!

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.

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 manned on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

OLD BOUQUETS AND FLOWER/DEADHEAD COLLECTION

Dear all,

Am in need of a hoard of dried flowers for May. If you have flowers you are due to throw out, any flowers beyond your use for them I would like to have them. Please drop me a mail and I'll come and collect and dry out. All for a good cause.

And whilst here, I may as well add in the request for any end of loo rolls too! :o)

Stay well, Marnie 01635 281786

Next door to cricket pavilion.

marnie@greenoakfurniture.co.uk

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND

2ND-6TH JUNE 2022

Alex Paine

Making good progress on the "Royal Jubilee Party"

- When: Friday 3rd June @19.30 hours till late
- Where: West Ilsley Cricket Ground
- What: A great night out for the village with a two course dinner all under a marquee fit to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in Royal fashion. We have planned two sessions of traditional line dancing and a discotheque.
- We hope to see as many of you as possible. We think we can fit 100 into the Marquee.
- If you are interested please contact Kristie with how many tickets you might like to have at email: kristie.thomas-ferrand@outlook.com
- No commitment until later but tickets will be on a "first come first served" basis.

UPDATE FROM CAROLYNE CULVER

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR RIDGEWAY WARD

My latest newsletter is currently at the printer so I will keep this brief rather than repeat everything. It will reach you as soon as my legs can carry me around the ward.

One thing I would like to say because of its urgency, is that I have been contacted by residents who want to help the people of Ukraine. I would urge residents to donate to the Disasters Emergency Committee www.dec.org.uk or British Red Cross www.redcross.org.uk if they would like to help. WBC has set up a Ukraine Support Hub which can be contacted via ukraine@westberks.gov.uk or 01635 503579. I'm aware that residents have signed up to accommodate refugees and am concerned about the bureaucracy involved in this. We proposed an amendment to a motion at last week's council meeting urging the council to lobby the government to lift visa restrictions but the vote was lost.

Remember you can report problems including fly tipping, unemptied bins, and pot holes by searching for 'West Berkshire Report a Problem' on the internet or visiting www.fixmystreet.com If it's urgent please email customerservices@westberks.gov.uk or call 01635 551111. If you are not happy with the response you receive please contact me.

Best wishes

Councillor Carolyn Culver
Ridgeway ward (including East Ilsley)
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ILSLEY EVERGREENS

At the Ilsley Evergreens Annual General Meeting members voted from a list of 17 for their favoured destinations.

The arranged coach trips for 2022 will be as follows, all on WEDNESDAYS;

APRIL 20TH ~ WINDSOR

MAY 18TH ~ CARDIFF & ST. FAGANS LIVING MUSEUM

JUNE 22ND ~ BUCKLERS HARD MEDIEVAL VILLAGE WITH MUSEUM TOUR AND BOAT TRIP followed by a CREAM TEA in LYNDHURST

JULY 20TH ~ POOLE & COMPTON ACRES

AUGUST 17TH ~ SWANAGE

Unfortunately, the price of the coaches has risen considerably and we will have to increase the seat prices accordingly. This will be decided upon at the next committee meeting on the 30th March and members will receive a newsletter afterwards.

We will be having a Coffee Morning at the Wilkins Centre on Saturday 2nd April starting at 10am where you can book seats for the trips.

There is another Big Family Bingo Evening on Friday May 13th at Compton Village Hall doors open at 7pm. Come and enjoy the best of Bingo!!

The Committee hope that you will come along to these fundraising events and you are all welcome to join us on any of our trips. See posters for details.

Thank You. Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

COFFEE MORNING



At the

WILKINS CENTRE, COMPTON

SATURDAY 2nd APRIL

From **10:00am** til **NOON**

Come and enjoy home made cakes, scones and pastries.

Coffee/tea & cake – only **£1**

Raffle tickets **£1** a strip - good prizes!



Autumn Group
incorporating the
Hobbies Club



The pandemic shows no sign of abating, infact the number of cases is on the increase. We have been lucky to secure a number of free Lateral Flow Test kits for use by our members which will help us carry on safely.

During February we were visited by Mindset Massage. What a truly "mind blowing" experience that was and I believe several of our members are now attending their regular sessions.

The Downland Practice visited us to talk about their difficulties and more importantly successes. This was followed by an open discussion which I think everyone benefitted from.

Later in the month our friend Mike Hawthorne brought his family for a wonderful song and dance afternoon.

For the forthcoming months we, by popular request of our members, have arranged a visit of a local Hypnotist. Later on the Dogs Trust who will bring some of their charges and then what sounds to be a very interesting session by Mencap (The Yume Project - who will talk and show us how they offer life skills for those with complex physical needs, learning disabilities, autism, dementia etc).

On the 17th of May from 13:30 – 16:00 as part of Dementia Week we are planning to run a Fund Raising Café EVERYONE is welcome, not only members, to this event. As Easter is just around the corner we plan to run more craft sessions with an Easter theme.

As well as the organised talks and visits we still make time to relax and enjoy a cup of tea and cake interspersed by some good gossip. Some always find the quiet corner for those that want to make their own entertainment. Boy are we going to have a party when this jigsaw is finished.

For the benefit of all our members and anyone else you cares to pop in we are running a "jigsaw library" where we have a stock that they can borrow a puzzle from. This library will be open during normal club hours on a Tuesday.

Again I would like to say thank you to all those members both on the committee and not who have put in so much help to keep the Group so vibrant.

Finally just to remind everyone that we are open to all, not just residents of Compton. We currently have members from many of the surrounding villages and would be pleased to see many more.

Don't forget please feel free to bring a friend along.

Patricia, Chairman

07786 856 440

chairman@autumngroup.org

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE HARROW

WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL

STARTS AT 7:30

TEAMS OF 6 - £4 PER PLAYER

RAISING MONEY FOR THE

VILLAGE JUBILEE WEEKEND

GREAT PRIZES

BOOK A TABLE NOW!!

EASTER

FAMILY PRIZE

BINGO

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 8th APRIL

DOORS OPEN 7:00

EYES DOWN 7:30

GREAT PRIZES

AND A

SUPER RAFFLE

COME ALONG AND HELP RAISE MONEY
FOR THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



**WEST ILSLEY
TENNIS CLUB**

The new tennis year starts on April 1st 2022.

The Committee

are pleased to confirm that for a further year that the fees have been kept at the same level. In order to do this we will not be able to offer pro-rata prices for those who join later in the year.

Membership Details:-

Family Membership £45

Single Membership £25

Single Junior Membership £15

If you are interested in joining please contact

<https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com/contact>

TENNIS COACHING: 20TH & 21ST APRIL 2022

The Tennis Committee have organised tennis coaching again in the village during the Easter Holidays.

Groups will be for up to a maximum of six people.

Sessions will be for 1 hour each day starting at 10am.

Group 1 for ages 5-6yrs (red ball)

Group 2 for ages 7-8yrs (orange ball)

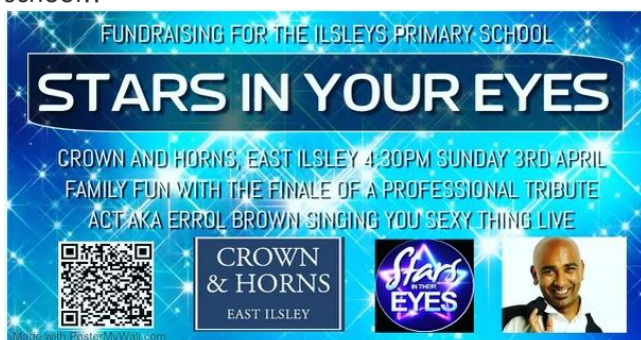
Group 3 for ages 9-10yrs (green ball)
Group 4 for ages 11-14yrs (yellow ball)
Group 5 for ages 15-17yrs (yellow ball)
Group 6 - Adults (yellow ball)

The price will be £10.00 per session.

To book, please email annasugden@btconnect.com with, if appropriate, your child's name, age and days preferred.

CROWN AND HORNS ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT STARS IN YOUR EYES

fundraising for the Ilsleys Primary School, Sunday 3rd April from 4:30pm. We have plenty of local faces performing for you all live, who will you recognise?? Special tribute guest performing after the show aka Errol Brown. Come down and support our local acts and let's raise as much money as we can for our local school!!



WHO TO CONTACT

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

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PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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Alan Muir alan.muir@westilsley.org

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07905 558884

Liz Dray - liz.dray@westilsley.org

Sarah Marshman – Clerk clerk@westilsley.org

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 Tuesday or Thursday between 2.30 pm 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. **Please note the revised winter collection times above.**

TENNIS COURT membership and enquiries email -

tennis.bookings@westilsley.org

Book and play without joining via westilsleytennis.jezzam.com

VILLAGE HALL bookings and enquiries, go to the village hall page on the website, or contact Ros Duckworth on 281471 or rosduckworth@btinternet.com. Rates: £10.00/hour for villagers and £12/hour non villagers.

WEST ILSLEY (SOCIAL) RUNNING CLUB If you're a runner, or even better, if you're not a runner but fancy getting going, the West Ilsley (social) running club meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Harrow. The route usually covers around 4-6 miles, varies depending on the weather and who's leading that week, and there's a mix of speeds and usually an alternative route with a shorter distance. We then meet back at the pub for some liquid refreshment. 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.