

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

June	2 nd	Jubilee beacon
	3 rd	Jubilee party
	5 th	Jubilee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pimms in the churchyard• Tea party
July	15 th	Safari Supper

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 March PC meeting by looking on the website or clicking: [here](#)

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
Monday 11th July	Full Council
Monday 12th September	Full Council
Monday 14th November	Full Council

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Monday 16th January	Full Council
Monday 13th March	Full Council
Monday 15th May	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 15th May	Annual Parish Meeting

UPDATE FROM THE PC

We had a busy AGM and many thanks for those who attended and for the Club representatives for preparing and delivering a summary report. A copy of the reports will be included within the meeting minutes, which will be uploaded onto the website in due course.

Parking – we have received a couple of complaints from residents about parked vehicles. Could we please remind everyone that vehicles should be parked on the road and not on the pavement and could we make sure that the bus stops are kept free to allow for users to stop the bus and to safely board it. Recreation Ground Poo Bins – the bins are being used, which is great news, but only a few individuals are emptying them. As previously mentioned these are NOT emptied by the council and therefore we would appreciate it if those using the bins could empty them once in a while. Anyone emptying these bins should put the bag into one of the main bins (the nearest one is next to the pond/gazebo area) and replace with a new bin bag (spare bin bags are provided in the bottom of the bin).

We are all aware of the recent accident that damaged the Old Post Office as well as one of the planters outside of the Old Chapel and the newly planted hedge and lucky that no one was seriously hurt. We are going to write to WBC to express our dismay that yet another accident has happened whilst no action is taken to try and address the situation. Liz Dray is leading this (see below) so if you have any specific concerns please contact Liz.

To end on a positive note, looking forward to the Jubilee Celebrations and thanks to all of those villagers that have been involved in the organisation of the various events. Alan Beaumont - Chair

SID DEVICE

You may have noticed the arrival of a new Speed device at the Eastern end of the village. This is called a mobile SID (Speed Indication Device) and we are grateful to Carolyn Culver for obtaining us matched funding to enable the Parish Council to purchase one

for the village. We've had a few teething problems with battery issues but we are working on this; however, even if the screen display misbehaves the device continues to collect data in the background which is going to be useful to collect over time.

West Berkshire Council have strict rules regarding these devices and we are required to submit an application before we can use it in a specific location. This comes with additional requirements regarding street furniture to site the device on, specific safety distance requirements etc. At the moment I have 2 approved locations and the SID will next be sited on the pole by the recreation ground opposite the Harrow. Whilst we sort out battery issues I would be most grateful if you could let me know if you see the device not giving the full display and I will replace the battery.

If you feel that "Speed" is an issue in a specific part of the village please let me know and I'm happy to put in another application to the council. We only do this once and then retain the site approval for any future use. We have also purchased a Tripod for the device where there is no street furniture to use; this requires someone remaining nearby but this could be done for 1-2 hours at a time. Please get in touch if you have an area for consideration or to find out more.

Liz Dray liz.dray@westilsley.org 07766 413174

UPDATE FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Following the incident when the van crashed at the eastern end of the village, I have visited the scene and spoken to residents. As of noon on 25 May I am still waiting for a response from WBC officers to my questions and concerns. The Newbury Weekly News and Penny Post have also visited to speak to residents. I am incredibly frustrated that this has happened again. As residents will know, the parish council bought a 'vehicle activated sign' with some of their own funds and match funding I secured from WBC, but this took a while to install. Parish councillor Liz Dray is doing a great job of collecting data from the sign. Speeding vehicles can be reported to <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/35984/Report-Speeding-Traffic> Rest assured I am pursuing this matter and looking at all our options.

I have applied to WBC for match funding for the ongoing renovations to the village hall. Thanks to parish councillor Alan Bloor for submitting this application. We will know by mid-June whether it is successful. Last year we secured funding for the village hall so fingers crossed we will be successful this time too.

Best wishes

Councillor Carolyn Culver

Ridgeway ward, Green Party group leader

West Berkshire Council (m) 07976 374146

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS BEACON

All villagers are invited to a Beacon to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday June 2nd. The Beacon will be sited next to the Ridgeway to the east of Bury Down car park.

Lighting of the Beacon will take place at 9.45 to synchronise with a chain of Beacons across the country. We will then have a firework display.

We will welcome you on site from 7.30, but of course you are free to arrive at any time. Children are welcome, and although there will probably not be any organised games unless somebody volunteers, we would suggest that you bring bikes etc and enjoy the open spaces.

We will welcome you with a drink, and there will be a pay BBQ. Or feel free to bring a picnic/drinks (or both!) There will be no charge for the evening, but we would appreciate expressions of interest for catering purposes.

Please book in at Richard.gore@farming.co.uk or 07710171828

JUBILEE PARTY

The Jubilee party still has about ten tickets left. Cut off for their sale is Monday as we have to order the food. Please contact Alex or Kristie.

alexander.paine@gmail.com

kristie.thomas-ferrand@outlook.com

JUBILEE TEA PARTY

RECREATION GROUND ~ SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

All villagers and families are most welcome to this 'bring your own picnic' event.

Activities start at 1pm

Children's fancy dress (dress as royalty), games & other activities: crockery smashing, welly wanging, coconut shy, tin can alley and more!

Competitions in the marquee

(competition entry registration at 12:30)

Single bloom (any variety)

3 blooms (same variety)

A cake fit for a queen

12 scones (any variety)

A decorated tray bake (children)

TEA AT THREE

Eat your own picnic - tea & coffee available

Distribution of baking competition entries

And then more fun and games

4:30 grand raffle draw

APPEAL

If any villagers have any old crockery, ceramics, earthenware or china (NOT GLASS) and any clean and un-labelled tin cans, will you please put them behind the village hall or call Tony on 07780 994297 and I will collect from you. THANK YOU

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

June Services at All Saints' Church

Sunday 5th June Jubilee Service at 11.00am

Sunday 12th June Holy Communion at 8.30am

Sunday 19th June Family Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 26th June *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-notice/this-week> for other services in the benefice during June. Although Government restrictions have now been lifted, you are welcome to use face coverings and hand sanitiser in church, if you would like.

Jubilee Service – Sunday 5th June

Come and join us at our Jubilee Service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The service will be followed by celebratory drinks in the churchyard.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly church cafe will be on Sunday 12th June between 10.00am and 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there for coffee, cake and a chat!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This was held recently, with Alexandra and Ian being re-elected as churchwardens. The events of last year were reported, with services now back to the pre-pandemic pattern. The church was reported to be in good order with a significant repair to a stained glass window and the upgrading and repairs to the electrics. Thanks were extended to everyone who has supported All Saints' in any capacity over the past year.

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 3rd July at 11am – Pet Service in All Saints'.
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



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The group's second trip of the year was to Cardiff & St Fagan's. Eleven of the travellers spent the day in Cardiff whilst the rest went on to St Fagan's Welsh National Living Museum. There is so much to see and appreciate about the buildings and their history, including a working corn mill, blacksmith and weaver, many of which have been transferred from various parts of Wales and rebuilt in the ground of St Fagan's Castle. Work is under way to rebuild the Vulcan Hotel from Cardiff and the Taff's Well Police station. We will organise another trip to St. Fagan's. Although the monthly 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 following trips for 2022 are, all on Wednesdays unless otherwise stated;

JUNE 22ND ~ BUCKLERS HARD Medieval Village.

Including Museum Tour and 30 Minute Boat ride & LYNTHURST for Cream Tea. Additional charge of £10

JUNE 29TH ~ THEATRE OXFORD "FOOTLOOSE" 80's Musical. £15 + Transport

JULY 7TH ~ DEVIZES MARKET (Thursday)

JULY 20TH ~ POOLE & COMPTON ACRES (group ticket price £7)

JULY 27TH ~ THEATRE OXFORD "Dreamboats & Petticoats" 50's & 60's Rock and Roll Musical. Tickets £ 30 + Transport

AUGUST 24TH ~ SWANAGE

SEPTEMBER 21ST ~ STRATFORD ON AVON

SEPTEMBER 29TH ~ (Thursday) THEATRE OXFORD "DREAMGIRLS" 60's Classic Musical. Tickets £25 + Transport

OCTOBER 11TH ~ SALISBURY (Tuesday)

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS ON OUR POSTERS

Everyone is welcome at these events and on any of the Trips.

Contact Julia on 01635 281597 or Tony 07780 994297 to book your seat.

Thank You Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

NEWS FROM THE ILSLEYS SCHOOL

We have had another few very busy weeks at The Ilsleys since the children have returned from their Easter break! From National Curriculum Test preparation, to starting yoga lessons, to inviting in people from the emergency services, we have been doing it all!

Here is a run-down of what some of the classes have been doing over the past few weeks. Enjoy!

ARCTIC CLASS

What a fantastic few weeks of learning we have had following our theme 'Emergency! Emergency!'

In Literacy recently, the children have been writing some instructions for how to put a bandage on. We started the week by learning how to put a bandage on someone else and we then practised this by using a partner and speaking out each step as we went along. This helped the children understand each step of the process. We learnt about the features of instructions, such as numbered steps, time sequencing words and verbs so we could use these in our own set of instructions.

In Numeracy, we have been learning how to share and divide between, 2, 5 and 10. We have learnt what 'equal' means and how we can ensure our groups are equal when sharing and dividing by a set amount. The children have been using concrete resources such as blocks as well as pictorial representations to help them. From this, the children have been able to write a division number sentence to show their answer.

In Curriculum, the children have been learning all about Grace Darling, whose heroism founded the RNLI. The children learnt about her life and what it was like to live back in the Victorian era. We discussed how our lives have changed and from this the children were able to make comparisons between living in the Victorian era and modern day.

PACIFIC CLASS

Pacific have had another exciting few weeks! The highlight has to be winning the football match on Wednesday with 5 goals - Ted scored 2, Jack scored 2 and Milo scored 1! Well done all of those who played. A close second will be the cricket coaching we had last Friday afternoon. Everyone had a great time playing the activities set us for us. Our favourite game was hitting the 7 balls as hard and as fast as we could and then getting as many runs as possible whilst the fielding team had to put them back where they started from.

We are also really enjoying Music! Mrs Barrett played us Mamma Mia by Abba and we thought about what type of music it was. We decided it was pop music, especially after we compared it to We Will Rock You by Queen. We have decided that we will learn the words to the song so we will be able to perform it in an assembly.

In Literacy, we have been writing our own stories. We have taken our inspiration from How to be a Viking by Cressida Cowell and we have written about someone or something which overcomes a fear. We have been thinking very hard about writing lots but also making sure our presentation and vocabulary choices are maintained.

In Maths, the Year 3s and 4s have been practising all their skills at subtracting increasingly larger numbers. Year 2 had a lot of fun learning how to measure accurately and how to choose the most appropriate units of measure. We all agreed that using kilometres to measure a table would be rather silly!

ATLANTIC CLASS

What a super busy few weeks we have had in Atlantic Class! I can't believe we have finally completed our NCTs, for the first time since 2019! week What an amazing amount of work they have put in – I am so, so proud of each and every one of them.

In other news, Atlantic have been learning about Governments and Leaders in the UK. As part of this, we have been busy finding out more about the Queen. The children have found out what 'Head of State' means and also lots of other interesting information about her reign. They have enjoyed using Queenie (a member of our Cognitive Crew) to generate their own questions and conducting their own research to find out more.

In RE, the children have continued to compare and contrast both the Christian and Sikh faiths. They have learnt some interesting new vocabulary, including:

- Monotheistic
- Benevolent
- Omnipotent
- Omniscient

They have also enjoyed thinking about their perceptions of themselves versus others' perceptions of them, and linking this to different views on God.

Katie Edwards, Assistant Headteacher

The Ilsleys Primary School 01635 281225



Autumn Group
incorporating the
Hobbies Club



The month of May has been exceptionally busy with a range of varied activities. Also for the first time in our history we have been privileged to give a presentation on the group and its history to some of the local Parish Meetings.

The session by Mencap (The Yume Project) - who introduced us to how they offer life skills for those with complex physical needs, (learning disabilities, autism, dementia etc.) was incredibly interesting and fully engaged all those present.

Later, Sharon demonstrated Ikebana (Japanese Flower Arranging) before we all were let loose with some

amazing results which I hope you have seen on our Facebook page. Well done all.

Carolyne Culver came to tell us about what is going on in the area. As always it proved a good chance for us to listen & talk with our District Council in an informal setting.

On the 17th of May we ran a Fund-Raising Café as part of Dementia Week which was well attended by our members but unfortunately, we had very few outside guests. Even so we managed to make a decent contribution to the cause. This week we explored the art of Decoupage. This is a new skill which involves cutting out pictures, gluing them to an object and then coating the pictures and the object with layers of varnish. Again, amazing response from all.

Now what have we to look forward to:

14th Pony & Trap Trip where we all have a chance to ride around Compton in style.

21st Dogs Trust - are returning by popular request.

28th Garden Party - all members are invited to the Chairman's House for her annual Garden Party.

Just to repeat that for the benefit of all our members and anyone else who 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.

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

SAVE THE DATE -FRIDAY 15TH JULY

Safari Supper is returning to West Ilsley!

Enjoy each course in a different location around the village, ending at the village hall for pudding and merriment! More details to follow shortly.

If you would be willing to host a starter or main course please contact:

Rachel Hudson (Rachel.Martin@hotmail.co.uk) or

Harriett Wilson-North (harriettandrews@yahoo.co.uk)

Afternoon Teas

St. Mary's Church, Aldworth

Will start on 6th July and then every Wednesday in July, August & September
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

DOWNLAND VOLUNTEER GROUP



Providing Community Transport Services To The Downland Villages Of West Berkshire

Volunteer drivers required! Are you a car driver and able to spare a couple of hours a week or even a month? Then we need you!!

The Downland Volunteer Group (DVG) is a registered charity providing transport to medical appointments for patients within the Downland Practice area. We need new volunteers to join our friendly team so if you have transport and a few hours to spare please do get in touch.

Tel: 01635 578394

Email: dvg_office@btinternet.com
<https://www.downlandvolgroup.org>

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Do you need help with transportation to a medical or dental appointment?

The Downland Volunteer Group (DVG) is a registered charity providing transport to medical appointments for patients within the Downland Practice area. If you have an appointment with the surgery, dentist or hospital and have problems arranging transport just call our office in the Compton Surgery between 09.30 and 11.30pm Monday – Friday and we can help. Give us 3 to 4 days' notice prior to your appointment. We cannot transport children who require a car seat or a booster seat.

Tel: 01635 578394

Email: dvg_office@btinternet.com
<https://www.downlandvolgroup.org>

Fish Man

Every Saturday morning outside the Village Hall

9am until 9.45am

Fresh fish, reasonable prices

PARKINSON'S
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

WALK FOR PARKINSON'S

Welford Park, Newbury

2.5 or 6.5 miles

Sunday 10 July

events.parkinsons.org.uk/

walkwelfordpark

0800 138 6533

#WalkforParkinsons



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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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.