

West Ilsley News

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Thursday 28th December

DIARY DECEMBER

13th Harrow quiz night
23rd Harrow Christmas jumper party
29th Harrow coffee morning

FEBRUARY

24th Winter Warmer

Christmas Trees for Sale

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A huge West Ilsley **thank you** to everyone who put their greetings in the WIN and contributed to a fantastic total of **£520** for the Church.
Thank you to everyone

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbours!
With love from
Neil, Cathy, Lucy and Thomas xx

Festive Joy and Fun
To all our friends
Richard and Sandy

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from JV

Very Happy Christmas & New Year to everyone
From Rollo and Ros Duckworth

*Wishing everyone in and around West Ilsley
A very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year
Best wishes
Denis, Barbara and Charlie*

To everyone in West Ilsley wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - love from
Nigel, Alison, Sophie & Adam xxxx

Steve, Alison, Mark and Juliet wish all in West Ilsley a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year

Merry Christmas to all our friends and lovely customers far and wide. Wishing you all a fabulous Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.
Lots of love & kisses, Peter, Jacqui, Hayley, Wes, Chris, Grace & Freckle xxxx

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2018 to all our good friends and neighbours in West Ilsley. Best wishes Ralph, Louise and Mark Taylor x

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and healthy, happy new year!
Love
The Carringtons Xx

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a wonderful 2018.
Love Ed, Juliet, Fiona, Holly and James

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Love and Best wishes
Tony,Jo,Ellen,Tom and Katie

A very merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year to all friends & neighbours of wonderful West Ilsley , Love June Stuart & Charlie (woof woof) xxx

With our best wishes to all, for a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2018
Ian and Kay

With our very best wishes
to all our friends and fellow villagers
in West Ilsley for Christmas and the New Year 🎄🍷
Avice & Alan

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas & a Happy
& Healthy 2018
Alan, Louise, Will and Suzie Beaumont

A very merry Christmas to all in West Ilsley and best
wishes for 2018 from Philip, Amanda, Ellen, Alice
and Will Knight

Fred & Kath wish everyone in West Ilsley festive fun
at Christmas and good health in 2018

Carole & Joe Clerkin wish all their friends and
neighbours a very happy Christmas and a happy,
healthy New Year

I wish all my friends in West Ilsley a very happy
Christmas and healthy New Year. I would also like
to take this opportunity to thank you all for the love
and emotional support shown to me over the last six
months. It has helped a great deal in the healing
process. Janice

With our very best wishes for a Happy Christmas &
New Year to everyone in West Ilsley
Wendy and Alec

Christmas greetings to friends old and new
Bill de Grey

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and
best wishes for 2018.

Liz, Adrian, Hannah, Matthew and Ben Dray

Wishing all our friends and neighbours a very
healthy and happy Christmas and 2018
Mel and Andrea

West Ilsley Cricket Club would like to wish
all players, members and residents of the
village a very Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year. Thank you all for your continued
support of the club.
West Ilsley CC

Wishing everyone in West Ilsley a very Happy
Christmas and all the best for 2018!
Mark, Angela, Storm and Flo Ryan

Happy Christmas to all of our friends in West Ilsley,
with love and best wishes for 2018 from John & Ally

Wishing all of our friends in West Ilsley a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year! Love the Woods
family

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2018 from
Mandy, Neil, Andrew and Briony Slater

The Pilditch family wishes everyone in
West Ilsley a very Happy Christmas and
New Year. Xx

Seasons greetings and best wishes for a Merry
Christmas and a happy and healthy 2018
Tony Elliott

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a great
2018. Best wishes. Patrick and Tor Bramble Cottage

Yuletide greetings to the merrie villagers of West
Ilsley with love from Will, Alexandra, Henry and
Charlie xxx

With very best wishes to everyone in the village for a
Happy Christmas and a lovely New Year.
With love Ed, Anna, Caspar, JJ and Jonty x

DECEMBER SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

3 rd	Family Communion	9.30am
10 th	Carol Service	6.00pm
17 th	*No service in West Ilsley	
24 th	Family Service	11.00am
24 th	Midnight Mass	11.30pm
31 st	United Benefice Communion	9.30am

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

Christmas Services

There will be numerous services around Christmas
in all nine churches in our benefice, including All
Saints', and you are warmly invited to attend any of
these. Very soon the Benefice Christmas card will be
dropping through your letterbox with details of all the
services on it. Whatever type of service you favour,
whether Crib service, Carols or Communion, you will
find one in the benefice somewhere at some time
during December. All Saints' will be holding a Family
Service on Christmas Eve at 11.00am, as well as a
Midnight Mass at 11.30pm. There will also be a
United Communion Service in West Ilsley for the
whole benefice at 9.30am on Sunday 31st
December.

**Sunday 3rd December - The Downland
Advent Carol Service** takes place this
year in St Barnabas' Church,
Peasmore at 6.00pm. Everyone is
welcome to this lovely candlelit Carol
Service which starts the run up to
Christmas.



All Saints' Carol Service

West Ilsley's own Carol Service will be on Sunday 10th December at 6pm in All Saints', to which everyone is invited to join in with our Christmas festivities. The collection will go to a charity yet to be confirmed and the service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine. As in previous years we will also be collecting items to give to a local charity. A note giving details will wing its way nearer the time via the WIN email and Facebook.

Café in All Saints' Church

This will take place on Sunday 10th December between 10am and 11am. The children will be making decorations for the Christmas tree, so if you feel like a coffee, cake and chat while they keep busy, do join us.

Churchyard Tidyup

Thank you to the dozen or so lovely people who turned out on a cool November day to clear the churchyard of leaves and to give the inside of the church an extra clean in time for the Remembrance service.

On Remembrance Sunday as always, we congregated in the churchyard beside the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance to commemorate those from West Ilsley who died in the two World Wars. A wreath was laid on the War Memorial to remember those fallen in all conflicts before everyone gathered in church for the remainder of the service.

Café Church There will be no Café Church on Sunday 17th December, although, as there is no service in West Ilsley that day, you are invited to join in the Communion Service at 9.30am in St Mary's, Chieveley.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 24th February 2018 – Winter Warmer. Put the 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 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 the East Downland Benefice Office on 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 and weddings. For any other reasons, you can contact Revd John Toogood on 01635 247566 or email him at edownlandrector@gmail.com

Happy Christmas!!

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

WHATS ON AT THE HARROW

🎄👤 HAPPY CHRISTMAS WEST ILSLEY 👤🎄

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 13th December

8pm

Pop in for a mulled wine and a mince pie.

£3 each to enter, teams of up to 6.

Raising money for The Air Ambulance.

Book your tables NOW!

We raised £40 for The Air Ambulance at last month's quiz night. It was a great quiz, thank you to Tot and Jane for quiz mastering and thank you to everyone who came along.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER PARTY & LIVE MUSIC WITH THE MINSTRELS

Saturday 23rd December

7pm

Sausage rolls, mince pies and nibbles.

Come down in your festive knit wear and join in the fun listening to Christian, Dewi and Chops play live for the first time this year!!



COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Friday 29th December

10:30am

Pop in for a slice of homemade cake, a coffee and a catch up after Christmas.

Raising money for Marie Curie Cancer.



Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Day 12 - 2:30pm

Boxing Day 12 - 4pm

New Year's Day 12 - 4pm

**CHRISTMAS
FAMILY PRIZE BINGO
AT
WEST ILSLEY
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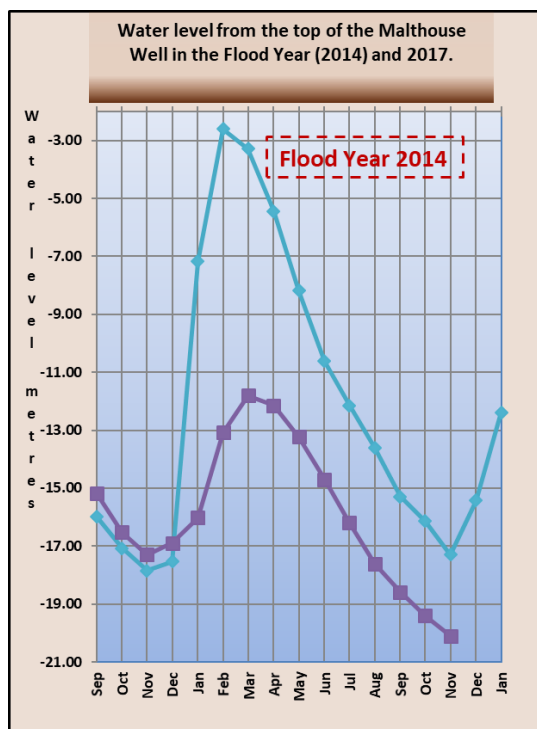
WEST ILSLEY FIREWORKS

Organised by The Village Hall Committee

On Sunday 5th November the village fireworks took place. Thanks to Tom and Will Carlisle who organised the bonfire and to Tony for setting off the fireworks and the rest of the Village Hall team and their helpers for the BBQ, a very successful evening took place. Thanks also to all who donated so generously into the bucket - we made about £900 for Village Hall Funds.

MALTHOUSE WELL

The Malthouse well reading has been dropping since March and should bottom out in December. It now stands at 20.03 metres (approx. 66ft) below ground level which is the lowest it's been since December 2012. If anyone is interested in our local weather there is a website showing in real-time a moving graphic that predicts with good accuracy the expected rain for the next 3 hours (<http://meteoradar.co.uk/expected-rainfall#>). It can be customised specifically for West Ilsley and it's a good check before deciding to walk the dogs or wash the car.



COUNTRY NOTES

4th November

A clear sky, the feel of frost. An enormous full moon, 14% larger and three times brighter than normal. The moon is at it's perigee, the point in it's orbit where it comes closest to the earth. It shines a silvery light reflected from the white frosted ground; at midnight I can see for a mile. This is a woodcock moon, so named as there was a belief that woodcock flew to the moon in spring and returned

with the first full moon of November. They are arriving now, not from the moon but from the freezing north; The Baltic States, Scandinavia and Russia. Results from a satellite tracking programme carried out by the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust has shown that three individual birds from Central Siberia have travelled 4,500 miles to get here.



A huddle of common puffballs along Old Street have now matured, when prodded by a finger or bombed by a rain drop they live up to their name and puff millions of tiny spores into the air to be dispersed far and wide by the lightest of breezes. Their scientific name is Lycoperdon, From the Greek lyco for wolf and perdon "to break wind" Appropriately the Spanish call them pedo de lobo; wolf farts. **Perdix**

ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The Evergreens had a very busy November. We enjoyed a Coffee Morning on the 11th, theatre trip to see "Mamma Mia" on the 22nd, a Prize Bingo evening on the 24th, our Christmas Bazaar on the 25th and a trip to Winchester Christmas Market on the 29th. Phew!!

December will seem very quiet, with just our members Christmas Lunch to look forward to. Then we start the New Year with a visit to the New Theatre Oxford in January to see the "Nutcracker Suite".

The Evergreens will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday February 21st 2018 at West Ilsley Village starting at 2pm. The committee would like to see as many members as possible attending this very important event.

We invite you all to a Prize Bingo Evening at Compton Village Hall on Friday February 23rd. Doors open at 7pm.

Seats have been reserved to see the following musicals next year;

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" on May 2nd and "Hairspray" on June 20th. Please contact Julia Rockall on 281597 or Tony Elliott on 07780 994297 to book your tickets.

The committee of the Ilsley Evergreens wish all their members and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2018.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

WOMENS & GIRLS CRICKET

I know the summer is a long way off, and perhaps cricket couldn't be further from your mind, but with the women's Ashes in full swing, and Berkshire cricket asking questions, a thought occurred..... Last year the



English Cricket Board launched the Women's Soft Ball Cricket Campaign. There were five festivals played in Berkshire, and there is a plan for eight to ten this season. It has proved to be very popular, and I wanted to see if there was enough interest in West Ilsley and the surrounding villages to form a team.

Soft Ball Cricket is a new, fun, fast, social game for all abilities and targeted at mothers, wives, girlfriends, daughters, sisters, grandmothers etc - from 14 – 105. No equipment is necessary – no pads, no helmets, and at the festivals there are activities for children, parking, changing rooms, music and food. There is no dress code, you can play in whatever you feel comfortable in. What's not to like - a little exercise and fresh air.

There is of course a hard ball version, but thought we might start with soft ball and see how it goes. At this stage I am really just trying to gauge interest, please drop me a line if interested, and if enough we can meet up and discuss the idea further.

Whilst I have your attention – if you have any questions regarding girls cricket at West Ilsley please get in touch.

We are keen to build up the numbers in all age groups (8 – 15 yrs) all abilities very welcome.

Julian Aird (West Ilsley Girls

Cricket Manager)

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N.B. ASM only open 9.30 to 10.30 on 30th December for PRE-ORDERED bread and papers

See ASM on FACEBOOK

Aldworth Art & Crafts PAINTING Group - 2018

DATES

Our friendly self-help painting group will have SIX sessions in the spring term. NEW members are very

welcome. We just cover our costs, so we ask you to pay **£2.50 a session** and take it in turn to bring refreshments.

We meet in Aldworth village hall on TUESDAYS term-time, normally for two hours from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

This spring we hope to have visiting tutors (VT) for three of the sessions, so TIMES and COST will vary accordingly.

Tuesday 16th January: (VT) 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Tuesday 30th January: 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday 6th February: (VT) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(WHOLE DAY)

Tuesday 20th February: (VT) 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Tuesday 6th March: 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday 20th March: 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

So far, we have been learning how to paint with WATERCOLOURS and having fun trying out all sorts of techniques. Some folk have used other mediums and we all love experimenting and sharing ideas and experiences!

If you would like to join us or just give us a try, please contact: Pauline Sheppard (01635 578177) paulineshep17@gmail.com

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.

DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159

WHO TO CONTACT

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Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471

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PRESCRIPTIONS

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Tony Elliott

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