West Ilsley News

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5pm on Tuesday 27th May

DIARY		
MAY		
4 th	Harrow BBQ	
19th	Parish Council meeting and assembly Please note change of date	
21 st	Harrow quiz night	
25 th	Harrow BBQ	
28 th	Harrow coffee morning	
JUNE		
14th	The Wurzels	
JULY		
11 th	Pre-fete dance	
13 th	Fete	

Please note the date: West IIsley Parish Council Annual Assembly and AGM

Monday 19th May, 2014 WI Village Hall (one week later than previously advertised)

7.30pm AGM followed by Parish Assembly at 8pm Parish Assembly

Come and hear all about the activities of the West IIsley clubs and committees. Short presentations from each committee.

Annual General Meeting

Come and listen to the activities of the Parish Council and we welcome comment and contribution.

NEWSPAPERS

At the last Parish council meeting I said that I would contact the Compton Shop asking if they could amend the newspaper delivery sheet to make it much less obvious when people were away. The good news is that Julie (Compton shop) is working with new software at the moment and she hopes very much that this will enable her to remove the 'No Deliveries' message off the sheet and therefore not advertise when people are away. Running in parallel at the moment with the 'old' system she hopes to go live in the next couple of weeks. Julie Savage



THAMES VALLEY POLICE ...

is encouraging residents and workers in rural areas to report incidents of rural crime and any information/intelligence they may have. There are a number of ways that this can be done:

Reporting Anonymously via Crimestoppers:-

Crimestoppers, the national crime-fighting charity has teamed up with local volunteer committees, law enforcement agencies and rural partners to launch an innovative, social media campaign to help fight crimes that affect the livelihood and stability of our rural communities.

The 'Scene it. Herd it. Speak up about it. Anonymously' Campaign urges the public to help protect rural communities. Webpage www.crimestoppers-uk.org/ruralcrime information about aspects of rural crime such as poaching, hare-coursing, theft of oil, metal and machinery and highlights what to look out for; whilst the charity is also hosting a blog at: www.blog.crimestoppers-uk.org that will see contributions from those affected by and tackling Anyone with information or rural crime. suspicions concerning criminal activity in the rural Crimestoppers' contact community can anonymously on their 24/7 telephone number on 0800 555 111 or contact the charity using the anonymous online form at www.crimestoppersuk.ora

Reporting directly to the Police:-Suspicious incidents can be reported to the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101 or in an emergency dial 999

Members of the public can also report information and intelligence directly to the Community and Rural Crime Information Manager in the Force Intelligence Bureau by e-mailing FIBruralcrime@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

JOHN MARSTON Michael Channon Jnr

Marsie was a top lad, a fine sportsman and a man who loved and excelled at banter.

There was something of an age gap between us, about 33 years to be precise, but that didn't seem to matter. Not surprising really, because as everyone will testify, he had a knack of rubbing along with everyone.

From 'J.V' in the pavilion at WICC to the junior player he coaxed along with kindness, advice and occasional criticism. He seemed to know how to get the best out of everyone.

We enjoyed a keen golf rivalry. For every time I called him the 'Coffin Dodger', he'd sink a ten foot putt for a half, stick two fingers up and say, "Tosser". Every time I hit a good one, he'd stand there, deadpan, and say something far less complimentary - always with that endearing grin of his

My biggest memory of Marsie will be laughing: With him, at him - it didn't matter. He was the most lively and brightest bloke you could meet.

He always had that diary of his to hand with a list of horses to follow and a busy and varied month ahead. Cricket, golf, horses & Kerrie dominated his plans.

He always had a word of advice that he backed up with experience. He didn't lecture, he gave his opinions on matters that he had first hand knowledge of. It's only now that he's gone that I realise how much they meant.

I still have his driver and the 20p I owe him from our last match when he won nearest the pin. How I ended up owing him money when I'd won the match outright, I'll never know.

I'll miss our Monday afternoons at Newbury & Crookham GC before I went evening racing at Windsor. I won our 2013 season 7-5 – the first and now last year I ever got the better of him.

For most of us though, his presence at West Ilsley CC for what seemed set to be forever is at an end. One that came so quickly and will be a source of great loss when we need runs, a spell of hand grenade spin bowling or a laugh and a fag. Marsie was a great friend to us all.

What a lad.





ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

May Services

4th Family Communion 9.30am 11th BCP Communion 8.30am

18th *No service in West IIsley See Café Church below

25th Family Service 11.00am

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

Good Friday Walk

Although the average age of walkers continues to rise, we had a lovely stroll from Farnborough to Peasemore, via West Ilsley and Beedon. Bluebells, cowslips and primroses were all out in bloom and the weather was perfect. So, book the date in your diary for the Good Friday Walk in 2015!

Easter Services

It was good to see so many in church on Easter Day for an uplifting service from Revd Douglas Dales, who managed to skilfully combine taking the Family Communion service with playing the organ. Coffee was served after the service and the children had great fun searching the churchyard for Easter eggs, all of which were found before the rain set in.

Thank you to everyone who prepared the church for the service and decorated All Saints so beautifully.

Café Church

The next Café Church, a very informal service for all the family, will be on Sunday 18th May in St Mary's Church, Chieveley at 11am, but come at 10.45am for coffee and cakes first. This service follows the United Benefice Holy Communion there at 9.30am and is proving very popular with families across the whole benefice. Everyone is welcome to both services.

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 eastdownland@btinternet.com

If you would like to organise a baptism, wedding or funeral or would like to talk to a member of the clergy for any other reason, email Revd John Toogood at edownlandrector@gmail.com or ring him on 01635 247566.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith



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Have you gone somewhere with a better view?
Are you at some awful festival site
With no Portaloo Angel to keep you shiny and
bright?

How we miss your fragrant scent Wafting through your open air vents How we miss your pump action flush Not to be attempted when in a rush

How we miss the trepidation
Of wondering whether our movements will be
exposed to the nation

Will it flush? Is it full? Will my clothes be splattered with blue?

Thank goodness for the milk cartons filled with water too

How we miss the daily routine
Of Anti-bacterial spraying and wiping clean
Oh, the satisfaction and pride in leaving your
Portaloo clean

For the next user, never seen

In the early mornings and late at night
Wondering if you were going to get a terrible fright
Would someone be lurking outside the door?
Friend or foe, never sure

Contemplating life sat in the cold and damp Reading the instructions on the door without a lamp

Hoping that nobody is listening outside the door Maybe I should whistle a little bit more?

Trying not to notice Mrs B from No. 3
That's the third time she's visited since having her tea
And Mr U, he's from No. 2

Well, he's got his paper again so we'll all have to queue

Armed with cleaning kit and rubber gloves Breakfast on hold until after the rush What horrors await us on lifting the lid Oh it's all ok, no skids (sorry!)

And when we're all stood down
The wedding guests come to town
Oh no, they're making use of the facilities
I shouldn't have taken the instructions down

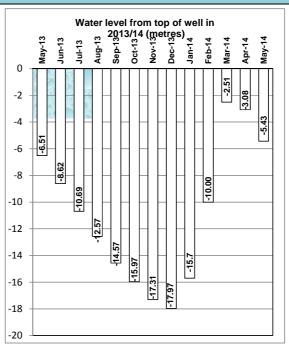
Our Portaloos have brought us closer together Friends made and friends reunited over the hand sanitiser

The judging has taken place and a prize will be awarded

For the best kept Portaloo - will our attempt at winning be thwarted?

Portaloo, Portaloo, where are you? We hope someone is looking after you as only the West Ilsley Portaloo Angels can do ☺

WELL READING



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Afternoon Teas
St Mary's Church
Aldworth
WEDNESDAYS
(in June, July and August)
2.30 to 4.30

Enjoy Afternoon Tea with friends. Details: Lily Rennie 01635 578936

EASTER BINGO

My appreciation goes to all the people who donated prizes. all the players and my loyal band of helpers. You raised a total of £215 towards the improvement of the Village Hall. Many Thanks, Tony Elliott.

PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP

I will be attending a PRG meeting on Thursday 15th May. Please contact me if you have any queries or comments.

Fred Carter 01635 281621 fredspostbox@icloud.com

East Ilsley Midsummer Madness







Saturday 21 June 2014 @ Penn Meadow Fair 12noon-4pm Raffle, craft and produce competition, dog show, stalls, Bar and BBQ, tea tent, races

DECORATE YOUR CAKE @ WILD WEST ILSLEY FETE

Exciting new competition for all you cooks!
Bring your own cake of no more than 10" or 250mm (any shape) and decorate it in a Bake Off style competition. All the decorating supplies will be provided, but you will be allowed one item from your own kitchen. Entry limited to 10 contestants. Names to Tony Elliott (281997) please by the end of May.

Entry fee payable. Prize for winner.



CHILTON D-DAY COMMEMORATION AND VILLAGE FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY 7 JUNE

The 70th anniversary of D-Day is fast approaching and preparations for the Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival on **Saturday 7 June** are well advanced, with a number of stallholders, displays, live musical acts, bouncy castle, kiddies go-karts and other activities planned.

The focus of the 2014 Chilton Festival is to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. The significance of D-Day to the local community is RAF Harwell (now the Harwell Oxford Campus adjacent to Chilton village) where aircraft of No 38 Group RAF took off on the night of 5 June 1944 with troops of the 6th Airborne Division who were among the first British soldiers to land in Normandy on the main assault for the liberation of Europe. To this end the event will incorporate a commemoration service at the Harwell Campus memorial stone led by The Royal British Legion (Harwell Branch).

The Festival is intended to welcome new members of the expanding Chilton Village; promote local military association/history, highlight the activities of local clubs, societies, businesses and individual/group performers and of course to Commemorate the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.

The Festival Site is adjacent to the Harwell Stone and close to Chilton Primary School - Parking is limited. Timings for the Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival are as follows:



- 1300hrs 1700hrs (1–5 pm)
- Afternoon of Music Fun and entertainment
- 1700hrs 1800hrs (5-6 pm)Harwell Stone Commemoration Service
- 1800hrs 2230hrs (6-10.30 pm) Live Music More details about the Chilton D-Day Commemoration and Village Festival on Saturday 7 June can be found at:

Blog: http://chiltond-dayvillagefair.blogspot.co.uk/
Web: http://www.chiltonvillage.co.uk/d-day-event/
If you require additional information or wish to be involved please contact Bob Girling

Tel: 01235 429904

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DOWNLAND FILLING STATION

In need of spiritual fuel? Come along and top up at a Filling Station near you...The Filling Station is not another church denomination, it is a new informal way of expressing the Christian faith, in mid-week monthly celebrations. Expect a warm welcome, coffee and cake, inspired talks, a worship band and prayer ministry. Downland Filling Station meetings take place on the 3rd Thursday of every month, (except August and December when there are no meetings) at Hampstead Norreys Village Hall. There is a different speaker each time. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 15th May at 7:30 pm in Hampstead Norreys Village Hall with speakers Hugh and Ginny Cryer.. We extend a warm welcome to all. Contact Shelley Bowdery 01635 578252 for more details. Also visit www.thefillingstation.org.uk

ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

The start of the new term has seen a few changes to our session, including a new start time of 9:45am. There are lots of exciting things planned over the coming months including special messy play mornings, music sessions and an under 5 gym session! Our first messy play morning will be on Wednesday 30th April and will run from 9:45am to 10:45am. Everyone is welcome to come along and the usual charge of £2 per family will apply,

just try and remember to bring an apron and don't wear your best frock!

We have lots of events coming up and the best place to find out what we are up to is on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/ilsleyunderfives

We meet every week, most weeks of the year, in West Ilsley village hall between 9:45am and 11.15am. The children have a snack and drink half way through the session, with hot drinks available for mums, dads and carers. New members are always very welcome, just come along to the session and join us. It's a fantastic way to meet other local families and get together for some valuable play time!

Ilsley under 5's is a well established parent and carer play group which provides a great place to play in a friendly safe atmosphere and fun environment. Every week we offer a new activity table; painting, drawing, play dough etc., not forgetting the regular toys that are available and suit all ages of toddler or baby. We finish the session with a group sing along or dancing session!

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

Rachel Hudson Tel: 281350

WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

May Day Bank Holiday BBQ Sunday 4th May 5pm till 8pm Come down and enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon, Wes will be cooking up a storm!!



Quiz Night
Wednesday 21st May
8pm
Food from 7pm
£3 each to enter, proceeds to All
Saints Church
Winning team takes half, losing
team gets a round of drinks on us !!



Bank Holiday BBQ Sunday 25th May 5pm till 8pm Come and enjoy the Bank Holiday and sample some of Wes' cooking



Coffee Morning Wednesday 28th May 10:30am till 12 noon Come and enjoy a coffee and a slice of homemade cake



FETE NEWS

Could you please all raid your cupboards, toy boxes and book shelves for this year's 'Vintage clothing Stall', bric-a-brac and book stall.

This years bottle stall will need to be something special to beat last years, please keep aside any bottles you would like to donate, we will be round to collect them.

Potatoes are ready for collection from The Harrow for this years highly competitive most amount of potatoes grown in a pot. All you have to do is plant the potato in a pot (which can be brought to the fete), look after it and love it, then bring it along for judging.

If you would like to help run a stall at this years fete please let one of the committee know.

This years committee: Hayley Morrick, Dan Hudson, Juliet Ryder, Tony Elliott, Justin Pilditch, Harriett Andrews, Roger Lucas and Donna Cobrin.

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.

2014 Parish Council Meetings:

May 19th AGM and Assembly, July 14th, Sep 8th, Nov 10th

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers

PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions are now being delivered on Tuesday mornings only and can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close Mon~Thurs 10 till 6. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone 281997to ask if it's convenient.

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