

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.

DISTRIBUTION

Our aim is to reach every dwelling in the village. Most homes have signed up to receive WIN by email, but for those who haven't, the Parish Council produces paper copies which are delivered by volunteers. If you have received a paper copy of this newsletter but have access to email, please join the email distribution list by contacting westilsleynews@westilsley.org – help to save paper and shoe leather!

What's on in West Ilsley

October 2nd Church Harvest Festival

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please note that the postponed September meeting will now take place on Monday 10 October at 7.30pm at the **cricket pavilion**.

The agenda will be emailed 3 days before the meeting and will also be on the village hall noticeboard.

Please come and hear about what is happening in the village. It would be good to see a few more faces other than our own!! Thank you, Liz Dray

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

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
Monday 14th November	Full Council

2023

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

INFORMATION PASSED ON FROM WIPC

Safe and Well Visit



We offer free Safe and Well visits to Berkshire residents

» What is a Safe and Well Visit?

A Safe and Well Visit is a free service that we provide. Safe and Well visits are tailored to individual needs. Visits check fire safety in the home, plus health and wellbeing. If needed we will fit free smoke alarms in your home. A Safe and Well visit will be arranged at a convenient time for you.

» How to apply for a Safe and Well Visit

To apply for a free Safe and well visit, please, contact us on:

☎ 0800 587 6679

✉ SafeandWell@rbfrs.co.uk

🌐 rbfrs.co.uk/SafeandWell

» Eligibility for a Safe and Well Visit

To check if you're eligible for a free Safe and Well visit, please visit our website or scan the QR code

rbfrs.co.uk/SafeandWell



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in Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service
rbfrs.co.uk

UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR CAROLYNE CULVER

Information about assistance with the cost of living crisis is attached to this newsletter.

To report a problem to WBC – fly tipping, uncut verges, bins that need emptying, potholes etc – visit www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem

If it's urgent call 01635 551111 or email customerservices@westberks.gov.uk If you are not happy with the response you receive please let me know.

Councillor Carolyn Culver, Ridgeway ward
Green Party group leader West Berkshire Council
(m) 07976 374146

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

A reminder that Sunday Mass is once more being said at St Patrick's Church, Old Stanmore Road, East Ilsley, RG20 7NJ at 11.15am. All are welcome. We suggest

parking in East Ilsley High Street to avoid congestion on Old Stanmore Road.

St Patrick's is served from East Hendred. See

www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

Mgr Andrew Burnham is the Parish Priest and can be contacted on 01235 835 038

Or aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Mass is livestreamed from St Mary's, East Hendred and you can access it here

<http://www.churchservices.tv/easthendred>

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

October Services at All Saints' Church

Sunday 2nd Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 9th Holy Communion at 8.30am

Sunday 16th Family Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 23rd *No service in West Ilsley*

Sunday 30th *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-notices/this-week> for other services in the benefice during October.

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 monthly church café continues on Sunday 9th October between 10.00am and 11.00am. Donations go to a different charity each month. Everyone is welcome to join us there for coffee, cake and a chat!

Harvest Festival and Lunch

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 2nd October at 11am. Hopefully, you will have booked your tickets for Harvest Lunch by now. Do come to the service even if you are unable to join us for lunch but we look forward to seeing you at either or both events.

Private Prayer

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

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 – revjdales@gmail.com

Associate Priest: Revd William McDowell – rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com

East Downland Benefice Office: 07957 458107 - eastdownland@btinternet.com – Usually open on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The Evergreens September trip was to the medieval market town of Stratford-upon-Avon, the 16th century birthplace of William Shakespeare. The majority of the group enjoyed a private and most excellent 1 hour river cruise, where we went both down river past the Royal Shakespeare and Swan Theatres and Holy Trinity Church (Shakespeare's burial place), and up river to see "millionaires row". Captain Fiona gave a very informative and humorous commentary during our cruise, showing photographs of the old theatre burning down and other local views. Some of us indulged in a wonderful cream tea.

Although these 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 remaining events for 2022 are.

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 7TH ~ FAMILY PRIZE BINGO,
COMPTON VILLAGE HALL DOORS OPEN 7PM ~ 7:30 START.

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 11TH ~ SALISBURY and MARKET

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 16TH ~ NEW THEATRE
OXFORD ~ AGATHA CHRISTIE'S ~ WORLD FAMOUS
MURDER MYSTERY ~ "THE MOUSETRAP" ~ 70th
ANNIVERSARY TOUR ~ TICKETS £29 + Transport.

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 30TH ~ BRISTOL
CHRISTMAS MARKET

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS ON OUR POSTERS

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

Contact either: Julia - 01635 281597 or

Tony - 07780 994297 to book your seat.

Thank You Tony Elliott ~ Secretary



COACH TRIP

TO

SALISBURY

& MARKET

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 11TH

The coach will depart from:

West Ilsley bus stop	at 9:00am
Compton bus stop	at 9:10am
East Ilsley bus stop	at 9:15am
Departing destination	at 4:00pm

Call **JULIA** on **01635 281597** to book your seat for only **£17**.

Arranged by

ILSLEY EVERGREENS

WEST ILSLEY **VILLAGE**

WELCOME YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

AT THE
RECREATION GROUND

SATURDAY
5TH NOVEMBER

BBQ AT 6:00PM
BONFIRE AT 6:30PM
FIREWORK DISPLAY AT 7:00PM
FREE ADMISSION
DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

FAMILY PRIZE BINGO



COMPTON VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

Doors open: **7:00PM** Starts at: **7:30PM**

GENEROUS PRIZES
SUPERB RAFFLE
COME AND ENJOY THE BEST OF BINGO!

Refreshments available



**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMPTON,
ILSLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH**

**Remembrance Sunday Parade and
Service 13th November 2022** – this year

the branch event will be held in **Hampstead Norreys**. The parade will form up in the White Hart car park and march off at 10.30am led by Pipe Major Ian Knight and drummer Mike Connor from the Oxford Caledonian Pipe Band. The march will proceed to Church and the service will commence around the War Memorial, which is situated inside at 10.55am. The service will be conducted by Chaplain Clive Jones and the Last Post and Reveille will be played by Trumpeter Aimee Jones. The collection will be in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

We are fortunate and indeed proud, that this event has gained a reputation of being very well attended by RBL members, uniformed youth groups, parents, parishioners and supporters. The Church has a limited capacity but we will do our best to give everyone attending the best experience that we can – with priority being given to the Youth Groups, but there may be a requirement for some standing.

Membership - we are a small but healthy branch and would welcome you as a member. You do not have to be ex services (or a senior citizen!) to join the RBL but only supportive of the charity's objectives of looking after the serving and ex-serving community. The membership annual subscription is small at £17. To join, please contact one of the undersigned.

Steve Allison tel 07812 991013

email steveallison1888@aol.com or

David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email

davidnorbury@btinternet.com

EDITORS' NOTE

The following newsletter is usually sent round by email, however, mindful that village non-emailers won't receive it, we are printing it here for this month. Please will those who receive a paper copy of WIN let us know if this is the only way you will receive this information by ringing 281224. If we don't hear from anyone we will assume that you don't want us to print it for you.

DOWNLAND PRACTICE

Patient Info Sheet Issue No: 021 (Sep 2022)

Welcome to the Downland Practice patient info sheet, we have the following updates:

1. Abuse of NHS staff
2. Autumn Flu and Covid-19 Clinics
3. Change GP Requests
4. Staff Changes
5. Pharmacy Services
6. Facebook Page
7. GP Appointments

Abuse of NHS staff

There have been several patients behaving in an inappropriate manner towards the staff whilst using the pharmacy, practice telephone and text messaging facilities. Behaving in an inappropriate manner towards our staff is not to be tolerated. We have now placed up NHS posters across both sites to remind patients to behave when using NHS services at the downland practice. This is still an issue at the practice, patients who misbehave towards any of our staff will be given a warning letter, where appropriate then the Police will be informed, this may end up with the patient receiving a Public Order Offence and being removed from the Downland Practice List.

Autumn Flu and Covid-19 Clinics

Invites have been sent out for Flu/Covid on the 1, 9 and 15 October 2022 – These are for the over 65-year-olds. On arrival patients will be booked in and sent to the next available clinician. Please do not turn up early as you will be asked to come back when your appointment is booked.

We also have a clinic on the 22 October 2022, this is for the at-risk patients under 65. We will be sending invites to the 50 – 64-year-old group in for Flu/Covid towards the end of September 2022. These clinics will take place at the beginning of November 2022.

Change GP Requests

We are getting several change GP requests; this is where the patient's named GP is requested to be changed for another GP. Please be aware that if the GP you request already has a full list of patients, then you will be allocated to a GP who has gaps in their patient list. Dr Curtis has had his patient list split up with the other GP partners until Dr Victoria Ashall joins the team in early November 2022, patients will then be transferred over to Dr Ashall.

Staff Changes

The Downland Practice has been successful in recruiting a new Pharmacist to run the Downland Pharmacy. Sherry Khan started in Mid July 2022. Sherry is making changes and offering Pharmacy services to patients who need them. Lauren Rudland, Rosie Mansfield, and Hanneke Neuenschwander join the Pharmacy team as well as dispensing staff. All the new dispensing team are experienced in the role.

Amy Brewer and Morgan Ireson have joined the Nursing Team. Amy is an experienced Practice Nurse and brings with her a wealth of knowledge, likewise Morgan who has also come to us from another GP surgery is bonding well with the team and is enjoying her role as a Healthcare Assistant.

Dr Victoria Ashall will be taking over from Dr Curtis, Dr Ashall is a GP partner at another GP practice and is an experienced GP. There may be some changes in allocations of patients until her arrival in early November 2022. The practice team will be transferring patients over to Dr Ashall during October 2022, this will allow patients to book in with Dr Ashall from the second week of November 2022.

Pharmacy Services

Sometimes when patient rings up the surgery for an appointment, they may be asked to see the Pharmacist first, this all depends on what the condition is and if the patient is eligible for some of these pharmacy services. This is not new but has been suspended whilst we have had temporary pharmacist covering the Downland Pharmacy. Sherry will be offering BP checks, new medicine reviews and some on the day needs for patients.

Facebook Page

Dr Stephanie White is in the process of setting up a Downland Practice Facebook page. This will be used to keep patients informed of developments at the surgery and of any coming changes to services. This will be used alongside the Practice Website for patient information. This is proving to be a well-used and looked at page across the practice population.

GP Appointments

As you are aware, the NHS currently has 6.8 million patients waiting for hospital appointments, this is hugely increasing demand across all GP surgeries in England. All GP's are seeing more patients and demand for appointments has increased as a result of patients not being seen at hospital. We have had Locum GP cover over the summer and this has helped to reduce the wait times for patients registered at the Downland Practice.

WHO TO CONTACT

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Carolyne Culver 07976 374146

PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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Alan Bloor alan.bloor@westilsley.org

Clive Hooker clive.hooker@westilsley.org

Alan Muir alan.muir@westilsley.org

Graham Woods graham.woods@westilsley.org

07905 558884

Liz Dray - liz.dray@westilsley.org

Sarah Marshman – Clerk clerk@westilsley.org

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT – Laura Farris

laura.farris.mp@parliament.uk 01635-551070

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.

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 meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Harrow. 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.

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT A PROBLEM:

<https://westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT SPEEDING:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/speedingtraffic>

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL – REPORT DOG FOULING:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/36781/Report-Dog-Fouling>