West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

Friday 26th January

DIARY

JANUARY

18th Harrow coffee morning

27th Ilsleys Primary school Burns Night

31st Harrow quiz night

FEBRUARY

24th Winter Warmer

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

January Services

7th Family Communion 9.30am 14th BCP Communion 8.30am

21st *No service in West IIsley

28th 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

Thank you!

To everyone who gave so generously for the WIN Christmas Greetings. All Saints' was incredibly grateful to receive a massive £520 donation towards funds.

Carol Service

The church was packed out again for All Saints' Carol Service held earlier in December, in spite of the cold and snowy weather. Just over £250 from the collection was donated to West Berkshire Cruse Bereavement Care, which supports families who have lost a loved one. Also, the congregation generously gave coffee, tea, sachets of hot chocolate and other items for the new homeless shelter in Newbury.

Thank you also to everyone who helped decorate the church so beautifully for the Carol Service and for Christmas.

Café in All Saints' Church

This will take place on Sunday 14th January between 10am and 11am, so if you feel like a coffee, cake and chat, do come along. Any donations will go to a charity. The donations from December's Café were used to buy a number of towels for the homleless shelter in Newbury.

Old West Ilsley Pictures

All Saints Church is selling lovely packs of pen and ink illustrations of four different scenes of the village, drawn by the late Alan Saunders, resident of West Ilsley, by kind permission of his family. Packs of 4 postcards - £1; Packs of 4 cards with envelopes - £2.50. Available in Church or at The Harrow. Perfect as gifts or for writing Christmas thank you notes.

Café Church

The next Café Church will be on Sunday 21st January at 11am in St Mary's, Chieveley. Come at 10.45am for coffee and cake before the service

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 24th February 2018 – 1980'sWinter Warmer – Back to the Future! 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 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 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

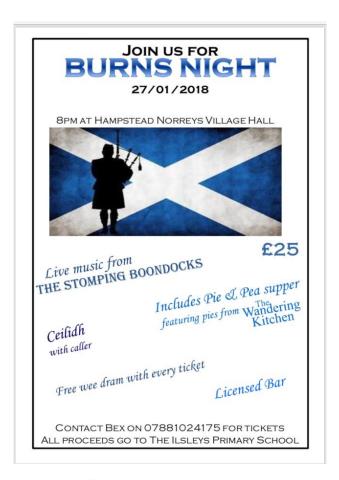
<u>Happy New Year!!</u>

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

WHATS ON AT THE HARROW

COFFEE & CAKE MORNING
Thursday 18th January
10:30am
Pop in for a chat, slice of
homemade cake and a coffee.
Raising money for The Air
Ambulance.

QUIZ NIGHT
Wednesday 31st January
8pm
£3 each to enter, raising money for
Marie Curie Cancer.
Book your tables NOW!!



Works by Schubert, some old favourites, and a selection of chamber music

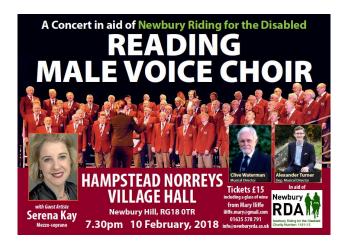
Max Fane - Tenor Richard Ingrams - Piano

Ross Montgomery – Clarinet
ALL TO WARM YOU ON A
FEBRUARY EVENING

With some refreshments Saturday 10th February 2018 at 7.00pm

at St Mary's Church Aldworth Tickets (£15.00) from 01635 578 936

or 01635 578 239 & <u>allenmaurice5@gmail.com</u> Cheques payable to Aldworth PCC or via BACS (details will be sent)



COUNTRY NOTES - DECEMBER

It is always satisfying to return from a walk with something edible in my bag, but it can be difficult at this time of the year, the forager's larder is low on



stock.
Commonly
known as Jew's
Ear, but also
Wood Ear or
Jelly ear, the
Jews Ear is one
of the few fungi
that can
withstand the

frost, and it can be found throughout the winter months. I spot several on an elder trunk, their favourite host tree. They are, as their name suggests, shaped just like ears. Cold and rubbery to the touch the winter sun shines through their suntanned cartilage rendering them translucent. They look like ears - but why Jews Ears? It was believed that Judas Iscariot, having betrayed Jesus, hung himself from an elder tree, and his spirit came back as this fungus. Its scientific name is *Auricularia auricula-judae*.

In a Van Gogh moment I cut the ears from the trunk and take them home for supper. They can be eaten raw but have a texture like overcooked squid. Whilst looking for more appetising recipes I discover a health food blog that lists this fungi's "nutrients":

Vitamin B1, Thiamine
Vitamin B2, Riboflavin
Vitamin B3, Niacin
Vitamin B5, Pantothenic Acid
Vitamin B6, Pyridoxine
Vitamin B9, Folate
Vitamin C
Protein
Ranguesium
Phosphorus
Potassium
Sodium
Zinc

Perhaps the Jews Ear should be categorised as a Superfood? **Perdix**

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.

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WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

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Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers

PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions are delivered from Compton on Tuesdays mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from 2 Morland Close on Tuesday or Thursday evening between 6.00 and 7.30. Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box anytime before Monday evening for the following week's delivery. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping to the times listed. Tony Elliott

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Rachel uses a combination of Remedial sports massage and McTimoney chiropractic to address problem areas. Treatment aims are to encourage symmetry, identify muscle imbalances, improve posture and alleviate discomfort.

Not In pain? It is also a good idea to get yourself assessed even when you are not in pain as a preventative way of fine tuning your posture and spotting minor issues before they build into bigger problems.

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