

West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Tuesday 26th November

DIARY

NOVEMBER

5 th	Bonfire night
11 th	Parish council meeting
16 th	Evergreens bazaar
23 rd	Last orders for Santa's Supper bookings
26 th	Christmas greetings deadline

DECEMBER

7 th	Tennis court Christmas fundraiser
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West Ilsley Village Hall Committee: *Bonfire Night Fireworks*

(kindly donated by WI Fete and others
and by kind permission of James
Hanbury and Richard Gore).

New location – please enter from
Catmore Road and walk through The
Hanbury's field behind the pond)

All villagers and their friends and families
welcome to join us for a fun evening on

Tuesday 5th November

BBQ from 6.15pm

Bonfire lit at 6.30pm

Fireworks at 7pm

BBQ (Hot Dogs and Burgers) and
Refreshments available for sale from
6.15pm

EVERGREENS

On Tuesday 19th November there will be a coach
outing to Moreton-in-Marsh and Evesham. The
Coach will leave from outside West Ilsley church

at 9.00 am. Member £10, non-members £12.50.
Names to Julia Rockall on 281597.

The evergreens will be holding their Christmas
Bazaar on Saturday 16th November in West Ilsley
Village Hall 2 pm to 4 pm so please come along
and bring your friends. Entrance £1 to include tea
and cake.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

If you would like to send Christmas greetings to
friends and neighbours in the village via
the WIN and donate a sum towards
Church Funds rather than sending cards,
let me have a note of what you want to
appear and your donation - any
time from now up until 26th
November and it will appear in the
December edition. Last year we raised £400 –
can we do better this year?

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ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

The start of the new school term has seen our
group return to West Ilsley village hall after a busy
summer touring the local village play areas.

We are now back into the swing of things with a
fully stocked craft supply and some new toys for
the children (as well as a fully stocked

tea/coffee/hot chocolate supply for the grown-ups!!).

This term also sees the return of the baking club for those of you who have the time to try out different recipes.....we always appreciate tasting them! Take a look at our Facebook page for more information and to see what activities we have organised in the run up to Christmas.

We meet every week, most weeks of the year, in West Ilsley village hall between 10am and 11.30am. 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!

Our next Link Group session will be on Tuesday 12th November 10.30-11.30am at the Ilsley's Primary School. These once termly sessions are for all those that have children aged 2 or over and are intending to send them to the Ilsleys Primary School.

Parents or carers come along to the Ilsleys Foundation classroom for an hour of play to get your children used to the idea of the School and familiarise themselves with the setting. Adults stay and have a coffee and chat to the staff or each other in a very casual setting. If you are interested in attending these sessions could you please let me know in advance if possible?

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



A quick addendum to last month's article on the Macmillan coffee morning. Due to donations received subsequently we were delighted to raise a

total this year of £402 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Very many thanks to all concerned!

Liz Dray and Alison Banks.

The Downland Lunch Club

The Downland Lunch club takes place on the last Friday of the month in Compton Village Hall at 12.30p.m.

We serve a two course, freshly cooked meal followed by tea or coffee and a raffle.

Cost £3.00

Please come and join us, new members are always welcome.

Transport can be arranged and special diets can be catered for.

To find out more, please call **01635 578394**

West Ilsley Tennis Management Committee is pleased to announce that there will be a

Santa's Supper

(a winter safari)

Saturday 7th December

Drinks and canapés

in the village hall at 7.30 pm from where you will be escorted to your mystery venue for

Supper
then

Pudding and drinks

back at the hall

Sleighs at midnight

Dress – festive headgear!



Tickets £15 each to include all food
Vegetarians catered for – tell us when booking

Cash bar for drinks and bottles

Booking open now – last orders

Saturday 23rd November

Contact: Alison Banks

Alison@poplars.org.uk

281705

Turkey & Tinsel Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 23rd November

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

in Aldworth Village Hall.

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Father Christmas at 11.30 a.m.

Raffle – Draw 12.30 p.m.

Details: 01635 578090

Call to Action Public Engagement Event
Future of your local NHS - Thursday 14 November
7pm to 9pm

Are you passionate about your local NHS and care about its future? Call to Action Public Engagement Events Meet GPs from your Clinical Commissioning Group, representatives of other NHS services and your local council to discuss plans for the next five years. Join us and have your say Newbury & District: Thursday 14 November 7pm to 9pm Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury, RG14 2DR Please also visit [EWB](http://www.empoweringwb.org.uk/) for other local events <http://www.empoweringwb.org.uk/>

Locally grown **Christmas trees for sale**
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Email: mark.balloon@btinternet.com

or call in to see me at Forge Cottage, Main Street, West Ilsley, Berks, RG20 7AJ

VILLAGE HALL
CHRISTMAS BINGO
FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Doors open 7 pm Eyes down 7.30 pm

**Please come along and support your village hall,
have fun and win terrific prizes**

ALL SAINTS WEST ILSLEY

November Church Services

3rd Family Service 9.30am

10th Remembrance Service 10.55am

17th *No service in West Ilsley

24th 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

Church Building

By now, you will undoubtedly know that the church building has been closed temporarily. This is due to the plaster on the underside of the roof breaking away without any warning. We will reopen the church as soon as possible, but in the meantime services will mainly be held in the village hall. We will inform you each week of the venue, but they will be held in the village hall until at least 10th November.

Autumn "Spring Clean"

As in previous years, we plan to have a tidy up of the churchyard, in readiness for Remembrance Sunday, on Saturday 9th November. If you would like to help, please bring your own gardening tools and equipment from 11am onwards.

Remembrance Sunday

Unfortunately, the temporary protection to the underside of the roof will not be in place for the service. However, please don't let that stop you from joining together at the war memorial for the Act of Remembrance at 10.55am, after which the service will continue in the village hall.

Café Church

This very informal family service with live music is on Sunday 17th November at 11.00am in Chieveley Church. There will be coffee from 10.45am after the United Benefice Communion service. All are very welcome, especially families, to this alternative form of worship.

Harvest

It seemed very appropriate to hold our Harvest Festival in Rowles Farm barn this year, beautifully decorated for the occasion – thank you to Peter and Sandra for their hospitality. The service was taken by our rector Revd John Toogood and everyone heartily joined in with the usual harvest hymns. After the service we picked up our chairs and carried them to the village hall where we continued the festivities with our equally enjoyable harvest lunch. Thank you to everyone who contributed so much to the day.

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). 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, ring Revd John Toogood on 01635

247566 or email him at
edownlandrector@gmail.com
 Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

www.thamesvalley.police.uk
www.thamesvalleycountrywatch.co.uk

or



Crime Reduction Advice

The hare coursing season is upon us once again, running from September until

March. The Hunting Act 2004 made all forms of hare coursing illegal.

Thames Valley Police is therefore urging farmers/gamekeepers and landowners to report any activity as soon as it is seen or suspected.

Signs to look out for are:-

- A group of vehicles parked in a rural area, perhaps by the gateway to farmland, on a grass verge, on a farm track or bridle path. They will usually be estate cars, four wheel drives or vans and may contain evidence of dogs inside
- People walking or driving across fields with lurcher type dogs
- Torches or lamplights shining in fields at dusk

If you see an event taking place we would advise you not to approach the participants but contact the police immediately by dialling 999. If you are suspicious of persons on your land and suspect hare coursing activity may take place call the police on the 24-hour non-emergency number, 101.

When reporting a wildlife crime it would help if you could provide any of the following information:

- Are the suspect/s alone or in a group?
- Are they trespassing?
- Do they have equipment with them?
- Do they have dogs or firearms with them?
- Where are they going?
- Where have they been?
- What do they look like?
- Have they any vehicles?
- What are the number plates and vehicle models?
- Can you safely get a photograph?

You may wish to consider these tips:

1. Regularly check the perimeter of your land, especially access points that lead to main roads. If these access points aren't required consider blocking them on a temporary basis, if feasible.
2. For crime reduction advice for farmers and landowners regarding access control and target hardening, contact your local Crime Reduction Advisor either by calling 101 or check the Thames Valley Police website



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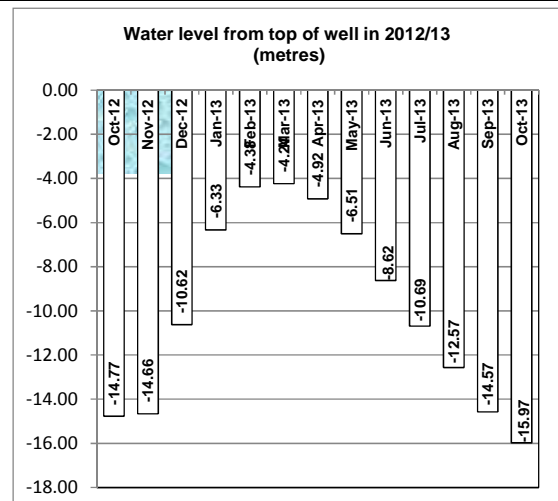
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WELL READING



VILLAGE HALL

At the last Parish Council meeting questions were raised as to the viability of the Village Hall. As a result the Village Hall Committee has been reformed and is committed to exploring all opportunities to improve the Hall to the benefit of villagers and the wider community. Steve Cobrin, Rachel Hudson, Ian Fewtrell-Smith, Tony Elliot, Mel Cook, Alison Banks, Rollo Duckworth and

James Hanbury will all be working hard over the coming months to come up with ideas that the Hall can be used for, as well as ways to improve the look and feel of the Hall to encourage greater usage.

The committee has met twice and is very optimistic about the future. Over the next few weeks there will be further communication with the entire village via the WIN, to involve everyone in the thinking and the planning. Our plea is that you give serious thought as to how you might be able to help in our efforts to reinvigorate what could and should be one of West Ilsley's social gathering points. Thank you. James Hanbury.

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

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Prescriptions can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close, between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday 281997.

Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone to ask if it's convenient.

Prescription requests can be put through the door any time. The surgery bus makes deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

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