

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

September	12 th	Parish council meeting <i>At the cricket pavilion</i>
October	2 nd	Church Harvest Festival

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Change of venue

Please note that for **Monday 12th September only** the meeting will be held at the **cricket pavilion at 7.30pm** and not at the village hall.

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 12th September	Full Council
Monday 14th November	Full Council

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Monday 16th January	Full Council
Monday 13th March	Full Council
Monday 15th May	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
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UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR CAROLYN CULVER

Dear Residents

I hope you found my latest newsletter interesting. I won't repeat what was in it.

There is a public petition asking West Berkshire Council to make 'hedgehog highways' a condition for major planning applications. According to the 'State of Britain's Hedgehog's report, hedgehog numbers are down in rural areas by between 30% and 75% since 2000. If the council accepts the petition, developers of big new housing estates would be required to leave small holes in the bottom of fences so that hedgehogs can travel across the site. My friend Jill Hoblin, a wildlife campaigner from Winterbourne, started the public petition. Visit this link for more information and to sign the petition

[tinyurl.com/yc2saa68](https://www.tinyurl.com/yc2saa68)

You will have seen the advert hanging from your bin about the new food waste collection scheme. The advert says that between 22 August and 31 October residents will receive a kitchen food waste caddy, an outside food waste caddy and a roll of compostable liners delivered to your door. For more information visit www.westberks.gov.uk/foodwaste

If anyone would like to help me water the orchard next to the allotments let me know! I am using watering cans and buckets because of the hosepipe ban.

There will be a public meeting about the cost of living crisis at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21 September at St John's Church in Newbury. The primary aim of the meeting will be to coordinate the community response to the crisis and develop a network of support hubs. These hubs would provide a warm and comfortable space for residents who are unable to heat their homes, and signpost people to where they can get more support. The meeting is being organised by my colleague Councillor Steve Masters and will be chaired by a member of the church community. All are welcome.

You will have seen lots of publicity for GreenFest by now. It is shaping up to be a very impressive event. The organisers are working extremely hard to make this a success. I will be there all day and speaking in the

afternoon, so hopefully see you there – Hampstead Norreys on Saturday 10 September.

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.

Best wishes

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

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

September Services at All Saints' Church

Sunday 4th Family Service at 11.00am
Sunday 11th Holy Communion at 8.30am
Sunday 18th Family Communion at 9.30am
Sunday 25th 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-noticeboards/this-week> for other services in the benefice during September. 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 11th September between 10.00am and 11.00am. Donations go to a different charity each month. Do join us there for coffee, cake and a chat!

Ride+Stride – 10th September

The annual nationwide church-crawl takes place this year on Saturday 10th September between 10am and 6pm. You can walk, run, cycle, ride or even drive to as many of our beautiful churches as you would like. Sponsor forms and other details can be found on the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust website at: <https://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/> or you can donate via their justgiving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust>
Half the money you raise will go to the church you have chosen, so don't forget to nominate All Saints', West Ilsley when you donate.

Harvest Festival and Lunch

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 2nd October at 11am and we are delighted that, after an absence of 2 years, it will be followed by Harvest Lunch in the village hall. Further details will be sent out shortly so put the date in your diary.

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 – revdjdales@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

Our latest trip was yesterday, August 24th, when we went to the lovely coastal town of Swanage in Dorset. When we arrived it was a little misty over the hill tops, but after a short while, out came the sun and we all enjoyed a wonderful day by the seaside. Some of the group actually went for a paddle!!

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 trips for 2022 are, on a Wednesday unless otherwise stated.

SEPTEMBER 3RD ~ SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING ~ Wilkins Centre, COMPTON 10am until noon. Coffee and Cake only £1.

SEPTEMBER 9TH ~ (Friday) FAMILY PRIZE BINGO ~ Compton Village Hall 7pm.

SEPTEMBER 21ST ~ STRATFORD ON AVON ~ with optional 1hr River Cruise

SEPTEMBER 29TH ~ (Thursday) NEW THEATRE OXFORD. 2:30 pm Matinee "DREAMGIRLS" ~ Classic 60's Musical ~ 2 Tickets available @ £25 + Transport.

SEPTEMBER 30TH ~ (Friday) CORN EXCHANGE NEWBURY 7:45 pm "CRIMES ON CENTRE COURT" ~ Comedy "Who done it" ~ 2 Tickets @ £19.50.

OCTOBER 11TH ~ (Tuesday) SALISBURY and MARKET

NOVEMBER 16TH ~ New Theatre Oxford ~ Agatha Christie's Famous Murder Mystery ~ "THE MOUSETRAP" ~ 70th Anniversary Tour. Tickets £29 + Transport.

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.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary



COACH TRIP
TO
**STRATFORD
ON AVON**

WITH OPTIONAL 1HR RIVER CRUISE
**ON WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 21st**

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



FREE FUN DAY – FOR ALL AGES
SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - HAMPSTEAD NORREYS
10AM - 5.30PM **RG18 0TD**

40+ LIFESTYLE STALLS
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INFORMATIVE TALKS
NATURE & CONSERVATION ZONE
CHARITIES & LOCAL PROJECT ZONE
HEALTH AND WELLBEING ZONE
CHILDREN'S GAMES & CRAFTS
FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY

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**FAMILY
PRIZE
BINGO**

COMPTON VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER
Doors open: **7:00PM** Starts at: **7:30PM**

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

Refreshments available

WHO TO CONTACT

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Carolyn Culver 07976 374146

PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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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>