

West Ilsley News

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5pm on **Wednesday 26th March**

DIARY

MARCH

10 th	Parish Council meeting
19 th	Harrow Quiz night
20 th	Harrow coffee morning
30 th	Harrow Mothers' day lunch

MAY

12 th	Parish Council meeting and assembly
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JUNE

14 th	The Wurzels
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JULY

11 th	Pre-fete dance
13 th	Fete

FLOODS

The situation over the last couple of weeks has changed so quickly there is little point in putting an update in WIN. The great majority of residents are now on the email distribution list and one written update has been delivered to those houses which don't have email or won't join, more will follow when possible.

COMMUNICATION

The email communication system has been of huge benefit to the village recently, providing both updates on the flood situation and circulating requests for help. If you have email but aren't yet on the list we strongly urge you to join by emailing: westilsleynews@msn.com.

If you think you should be on the list but aren't sure if you've received all the updates, please check your junk mail settings and contact us if you are still concerned.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to our friends in West Ilsley who have been so supportive following the tragic death of our granddaughter Emma. Robin and Madeleine

MANY THANKS FROM THE RYANS AT FORGE COTTAGE

We are very pleased to announce the safe arrival of baby Florence who was born on Friday 31st January. She weighed 7lb 12oz. Thank you to all villagers who have so kindly sent cards and gifts. We are sure she will enjoy her childhood here in West Ilsley. Her shortened name 'Flo' seems rather apt in the current situation!

Best wishes Angela, Mark and Storm

CRIME IN OUR VILLAGE

Yet another burglary in the village and I suspect that most villagers simply regard this as just another unavoidable event.

This is not the case. Here are some simple truths.

- The police are not responsible for preventing crime. We are.
- All of these burglaries are avoidable if the village works as a team

I am security minded. Not obsessively but 30 years in law enforcement leaves a mark. When I first came to the village I was challenged three times in the first 30 minutes by residents. I really liked that. This was a community that was bothered. They were not intrusive, merely helpful, but at the same time clear that these were people who were going to stand up.

I fear we may have lost this spirit in our more transient and perhaps isolated society.

I have tracked, followed, arrested, interviewed, and convicted burglars and robbers of all types.

- They stand out. In our community they will be obvious
- They will always have a vehicle at the scene or nearby. Often with a driver remaining in the vehicle
- They will be furtive and observant and do unusual things

- They may call at several addresses
- They will not be plausible
- They are rarely organised
- They look for quick escape routes but are reckless

I was always amazed observing them how obviously suspicious they were even in towns and cities. When debriefing prolific burglars they look for little things. Cars on driveways, letter boxes (fishing rod entry, long story), dogs, alarms, lights on, TV on show, etc

They rarely remember exactly where they have 'screwed' but remembered roads and houses by entry points.

What don't they like.

- BEING CHALLENGED AND RECOGNISED
- SEEING PEOPLE WRITE REG NUMBERS DOWN
- BEWARE SIGNS
- DOGS
- SIGNS OF LIFE (RADIO ON, LIGHTS)

What can you do?

If you are walking your dog **BE BOTHERED TO LOOK**

If you are driving through the village **BE BOTHERED TO STOP LOOK AND NOTE**

If you see something **TELL SOMEONE ELSE AT THE TIME NOT LATER**

At night always take car keys and computers upstairs with you.

IF WE CAN BE BOTHERED WE CAN BEAT THIS TOGETHER. START NOW.

Antony Scriven

DOG MESS

The dog mess has returned to Bury Lane/Rowles Paddock. Would the people responsible please clean up after their pet.

ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

February has been a very difficult month for the village and unfortunately we have had to cancel our sessions for 26th February and 5th March which would normally be held in the village hall. However, on **Wednesday 5th March** we will be holding a session at a soft play centre in Newbury instead (priced at the usual £2 charge per family).

If anyone would like to come but needs transport please contact me on the number below.

We will post more information on our Facebook page nearer the time so please remember to take a look and we look forward to seeing you there!!

On **Wednesday 19th March** we will be taking part in a sponsored Princess and Dragon toddle at Snelsmore Common, instead of our usual session in the village hall, to raise money for Sport Relief. Everyone is invited to dress up and join in (and don't forget to ask friends and family to sponsor us!!). Again, there will be more information and a

link to our fundraising page where people can sponsor us, on our Facebook page.

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!

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!

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BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

I would very much like to start babysitting in the village and I am available at weekends and during school holidays day and evening. I have experience helping with young children and now a baby sister! Please contact me on 07787369260. Best wishes Storm Ryan



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For more information - Juliet Ryder Tel: 281555

ILSLEY UNDER FIVES



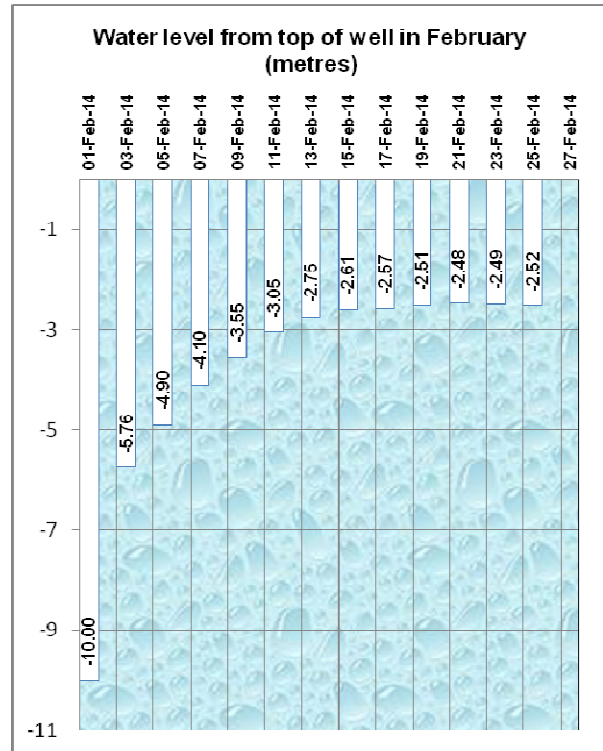
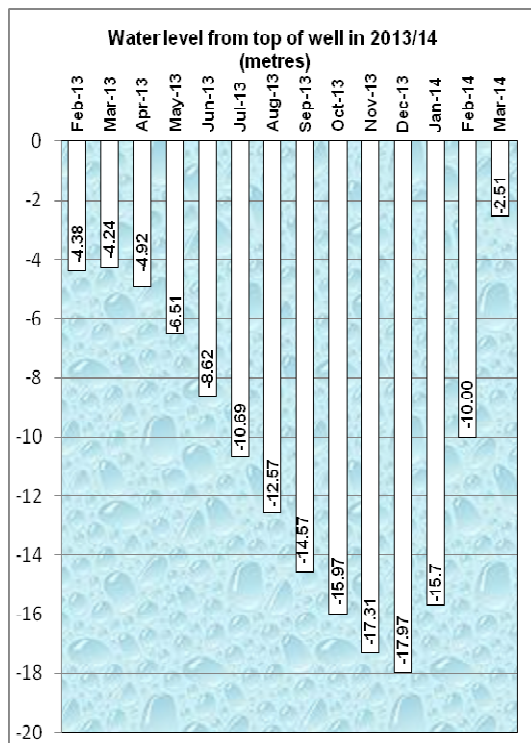
COLLECTION IN MEMORY OF RONNIE

I know many will want to know that through the generosity of so many the collection to support research into non Hodgkin's Lymphoma T cell has built to a fantastic figure of £ 1921.50. With gift aid the collection will have easily grown to £2000! I will be meeting with the consultant and handing over the collection for the Julian Starmer Smith charity as soon as I can get an appointment . A warm thank you to everyone who supported this very important research.

June Cook

WELL READING

Two graphs this month as the well has been monitored daily for the last couple of weeks. The first one shows the water levels over the last year, the second shows what its been doing in the last few days which shows how fast and high the water has risen, but if you look really hard you can see that it is now very slightly reducing.



Village Restaurant
 Friday 14th March - 7.30pm
 West Ilsley Village Hall

Join us for an evening of top quality, locally sourced food, cooked by highly qualified & passionate chefs. Add a majestic atmosphere, beautiful decor and local wine and you have the perfect evening.

Book a table online at:
www.thewanderingkitchen.co.uk/events/village-restaurant-west-ilsley
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WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 19th March 8pm
 Food served from 7pm
 Teams of up to 6
 £3 each to enter
 Proceeds to All Saints Church
 Winning team takes half
 Losing team gets a round on us



Welcoming Guest Quiz
 Masters Amanda Knight
 and Mandy Slater

COFFEE MORNING
 Thursday 20th March
 10:30am - 12 noon
 Come and have a cup of coffee and try a slice of homemade cake with friends

MOTHERS DAY

Sunday 30th March

Spoil your mums and bring them out for lunch at The Harrow.

Free glass of wine to all mums

Book your tables now!

The Harrow will be closed on the evening of Thursday 27th March, all day on Friday 28th March and Saturday 29th lunch time. Re open Saturday 29th evening as usual. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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FAIRTRADE FREEBIES

at Aldworth Market on 8th March

On Saturday March 8th please come along to Aldworth Village Hall to enjoy FREE Fairtrade refreshments between 9.30 and 12 noon. Our community run Saturday market always stocks Traidcraft groceries and much more. We are open every week and on 8th March we will also have locally grown spring flowers, Artisan breads, Homemade cakes, Phoenix cards and lots of fresh fruit and veg. We are a social enterprise offering friendship, local shopping and refreshments with proceeds supporting village initiatives and local charities. Aldworth Saturday Market is now on Facebook. For further information please contact Kathy on 01635 578090

THE FILLING STATION

The Filling Station is not another church denomination, it is a new informal way of expressing the Christian faith, in mid-week monthly celebrations. The next meeting of the Downland Filling Station will take place on Thursday 20th February at 7:30 pm in Hampstead Norreys Village Hall. Steward Keiller from Bath City Church will be our speaker. We extend a warm welcome to all. Contact Shelley Bowdery 01635 578252 for more details. Also visit www.thefillingstation.org.uk

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

March Services at All Saints' Church

2 nd	Family Communion	9.30am
9 th	BCP Communion	8.30am
16 th	*No service in West Ilsley	See Café Church below
23 rd	Family Service	11.00am
30 th	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	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 Roof

The scaffolders and builders have been and gone, leaving the rest of the church protected from falling plaster by strong mesh stapled to the rafters. The church services will now be able to get completely back to normal.

Mothering Sunday

Do join us at All Saints for coffee and cake at 10.30am on Sunday 30th March before the start of the service at 11am. Children, bring mum and dad along and make posies to give to them.

Winter Warmer

Sadly we decided to postpone the Winter Warmer due to the situation in the village. Keep a look out for a future date!

Quiz Night

An understandably reduced number of teams met at The Harrow to face the new quizmasters. One or two harsh judgements had to be made (note to self – never make up your own current affairs questions...) but there was a runaway winning team. All good fun and thanks again to Hayley for organising the event and to the winning team for donating their prize to the church.

Café Church

The next one will be at St Mary's Church, Chieveley at 11.00am on Sunday 16th March. It is an informal service for everyone, with an emphasis on families with young children. Word has got round and it has proved to be very popular. Please come along - coffee and cake from 10.45am - you are guaranteed to enjoy it!

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). 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, ring Revd John Toogood on 01635 247566 or email him at edownlandrector@gmail.com

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

ARTS AND CRAFTS COURSES

The old school building in Ardington is now a craft school - www.ardingtonschoolofcrafts.com with a wide choice of courses, many one-day and so nice and locally situated - well worth a look if you are that way inclined!

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:

March 10th, May 12th AGM and Assembly,
July 14th, Sep 8th, Nov 10th

WHO TO CONTACT

VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com
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PRESCRIPTIONS

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.

PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP

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CHURCHWARDENS

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TENNIS COURT

Membership: Liz Dray - lizdray@btinternet.com 281688

Play without joining - to book: Amanda Knight - 281609

PARISH COUNCIL

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