

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.

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What's on in West Ilsley

March	14th	PC meeting
June	2nd	Jubilee beacon
	3rd	Jubilee party
	5th	Jubilee
		- Pimms in the churchyard
		- tea party

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The scheduled meetings of West Ilsley Parish Council through to May 2022 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.

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
14 th March 2022	Full Council
16 th May 2022	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
16 th May 2022	Annual Parish Meeting

You can see the draft minutes of the January PC meeting by looking on the website or clicking: [here](#)

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

March Services at All Saints' Church

Sunday 6 th March	Family Service at 11.00am
Sunday 13 th March	Holy Communion at 8.30am
Sunday 20 th March	Family Communion at 9.30am
Sunday 27 th March	Family Service for Mothering Sunday at 9.30am

Please look on the notice board in the lychgate or on the East Downland website:

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-notice/this-week> for other services in the benefice during March. Although Government restrictions have now been lifted, we are continuing to encourage the use of face coverings and hand sanitiser in church.

Café in Church

Our monthly café on the second Sunday of the month is back!! We restarted last month and this month there will be coffee, cakes and lots of chat on Sunday 13th March between 10am and 11am. Everyone is very welcome and any donations received will be given to a different charity each month.

Mothering Sunday – Sunday 27th March

As you see we have an extra service this month with our Mothering Sunday Family Service at 9.30am. This service will be followed by refreshments, so do join us.

Private Prayer

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

Date for your Diary

Sunday 5th June at 11am – we will be holding a special Platinum Jubilee Family Service, followed by Pimms in the churchyard. Put the date in your diary now!!

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 manned on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm.
Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

Cafe in church on the second Sunday each month from 10-11am has returned.....



Do join us for coffee, cakes and lots of friendly chat

Dates for your diary:

13 March - 10am - cafe in church ☕ 🍰

27 March - 9.30am - Mothering Sunday family service followed by refreshments ☕ 🍰

5 June - 11am - special Platinum Jubilee family service followed by Pimms in the churchyard 🍷

We look forward to welcoming you and your family and friends to these events.

Alexandra - Churchwarden

OLD BOUQUETS AND FLOWER/DEADHEAD COLLECTION

Dear all,

Am in need of a hoard of dried flowers for May. If you have flowers you are due to throw out, any flowers beyond your use for them I would like to have them. Please drop me a mail and I'll come and collect and dry out. All for a good cause.

And whilst here, I may as well add in the request for any end of loo rolls too! :o)

Stay well,

Marnie

Next door to cricket pavilion.

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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND

2ND-6TH JUNE 2022

Alex Paine

The once in a lifetime "Royal Jubilee Party"

When: Friday 3rd June @19.30 hours till late

Where: West Ilsley Cricket Ground

What: A great night out for the village with a two course dinner all under a marquee fit to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in Royal fashion. We have planned two sessions of traditional line dancing and a discotheque.

We hope to see as many of you as possible. We think we can fit 100 into the Marquee.

If you are interested please contact Kristie with how many tickets you might like to have at email: kristie.thomas-ferrand@outlook.com

No commitment until later but tickets will be on a "first come first served" basis.

Jubilee Tea Party

The Fete Committee have been asked to organise the Queens Jubilee Tea Party to be held on the recreation ground on Sunday the 5th of June.

We are also looking to have some of the fete activities (as we won't be organising a fete this year). These will hopefully include; welly wanging, coconut shy, crockery smashing, skittles, tin can alley and maybe the stocks. We will be holding a baking competition and flower display (details to follow) plus children's fancy dress and other games and activities before a Grand Afternoon Tea Party

Every village resident will be invited so we will need lots of volunteers to help in providing a day to be remembered. Further details will follow.

Thank you. The Fete Committee.

The Preloved Boutique is back! West Ilsley Cricket Pavilion on 16th, 17th & 18th March 2022.



We are looking for any preloved donations - clothing, accessories, jewellery and bric-a-brac. Fundraising for the Ilsleys Primary School.

UPDATE FROM CAROLYNE CULVER

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR RIDGEWAY WARD

Dear residents

The council is voting on its budget on 3 March. An epic 4 hour plus meeting awaits us.

On 17 March we have organised a protest about the frequent discharge of raw sewage into our rivers. 6pm at the council offices on Market Street. That evening we hope all councillors will support my colleague Cllr Steve Masters' public petition (more than 1,700 signatures) to hold Thames Water to account for its actions and its lack of investment in infrastructure.

The Compton Institute planning application was approved on 23 February. I opposed it because in my view it didn't give sufficient attention to the Neighbourhood Development Plan (which was endorsed by a public referendum on 10 February):

including the number of houses (they now have permission for 160 instead of 140), the retention and renovation of the hostel to provide one and two bed accommodation (they now have permission to demolish it) and the fact that the Pickled Pig/Piglets Day nursery building will be offered to the community for sale in its current condition with no guarantee there will be any money to buy, renovate and maintain the building. I secured a condition that NO homes should be occupied until the fresh water and sewage infrastructure is updated to accommodate the additional flows. (Thames Water had proposed a phased approach where some of the site is occupied before upgrade.) The applicant now has permission to demolish the site. We don't know when it will begin but it is estimated to take 18 months. The demolition traffic is due to pass through East Ilsley and onto the A34. The planning meeting is available to view on the West Berkshire Council YouTube page.

Best wishes **Councillor Carolyne Culver**

Ridgeway ward

Green Party group leader

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ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Hello everyone.

The Ilsley Evergreens held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23rd of February at 2pm in the Wilkins Centre, Compton.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the 25 attending members. The minutes of the previous AGM were approved and the Chairman gave her report on the group's activities since our last AGM in February 2020. The treasurer gave his report and the accounts for 2020/2021 were approved and signed off.

Two members have left the management committee and a new committee was voted in, including three new members. The subscriptions will remain at £10.

We will continue to fundraise with our Coffee Mornings and Family Bingo nights. The next Family Bingo will be at Compton Village Hall on Friday 4th March at 7pm.

Theatre trips will commence as soon as it is agreed safe to do so and suitable shows are available. The Chairman will look into the possible venues for our Christmas lunch.

From the list of 17 suggested destinations the members voted for the following;

Windsor, Cardiff and St Fagans living museum, Bucklers Hard Medieval Village with boat trip, Poole and Compton Acres, Swanage, Salisbury, and Bristol. Also, a visit to a Christmas Market will be arranged. Dates to be finalised at the management committee meeting on the 16th March.

A proposal from Joan Hughes to make Avis Dockrill an Honorary Member was unanimously accepted and approved.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3:30 pm for refreshments and the raffle draw which raised £87.

Kind regards, Tony Elliott ~ Secretary



Autumn Group incorporating the Hobbies Club



What a busy and enjoyable few months it has been since the last time of writing, in spite of this apparently never-ending pandemic, although we all have just been given the green light.

This year we held our Christmas Day Lunch, it was a struggle and on a much smaller scale, but at least we managed one and I must pay thanks to my band of regular and loyal volunteers several of whom are not even members of the group. To them we must say a big THANK YOU. In the weeks leading up to the lunch we ran some seasonal sessions on Flower Arranging and creating Christmas Wreaths. It is really amazing to see what talent exists within the group.

After Christmas things really got moving with a very busy calendar. With the pandemic affecting our numbers we decided to merge the Hobbies Club into the main group for the time being. This has really helped with not only numbers starting to recover but a steady trickle of new members joining. We have had some really interesting talks, practical sessions and demonstrations about:

The Lloyd Insurance Market – Yes that was really interesting - Creating Mosaics, a presentation about the Compton NDP – what a lot of work that group had put into that project. Mind Set Massage - that was truly “mind blowing” and I believe several of our members are now attending their regular sessions.

So what have we in store for March and April?

Already booked we have a presentation by the Downland Practice followed by a discussion. Then we have arranged visits, by popular request, from a local Hypnotist, the Dogs Trust who will bring some of their charges and what sounds to be a very interesting session by Mencap (The Yume Project - who will talk and show us how they offer life skills for those with complex physical needs, learning disabilities, autism, dementia etc). We always have the quiet corner for those that want to make their own entertainment. Boy are we going to have a party when this jigsaw is finished. We also plan to run some more craft

sessions, this time with an Easter theme. Again I would like to say thank you to all those members both on the committee and not, who have put in so much help to keep the group so vibrant. Finally, just to remind everyone that we are open to all, not just residents of Compton. We currently have members from many of the surrounding villages and would be pleased to see many more. Don't forget please feel free to bring a friend along. Patricia, Chairman 07786 856 440



WHO TO CONTACT

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PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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Liz Dray - liz.dray@westilsley.org

Sarah Marshman – Clerk clerk@westilsley.org

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. **Please note the revised winter collection times above.**

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 If you're a runner, or even better, if you're not a runner but fancy getting going, the West Ilsley (social) running club meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Harrow. The route usually covers around 4-6 miles, varies depending on the weather and who's leading that week, and there's a mix of speeds and usually an alternative route with a shorter distance. We then meet back at the pub for some liquid refreshment. 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.