

# West Ilsley News

## MAY 2023

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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. We are always happy to receive feedback about WIN so please get in touch if you have anything to say.

### 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](mailto:westilsleynews@westilsley.org) – help to save paper and shoe leather!

### What's on in West Ilsley

#### MAY

4 <sup>th</sup>	Local elections
7 <sup>th</sup>	Coronation events
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting and annual assembly

#### JULY

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Village fete
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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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](http://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 March PC meeting by looking on the website or clicking: [here](#)

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
2023	
Monday 15th May	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
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### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

May at All Saints' Church

May Services at All Saints' Church

7<sup>th</sup> May Coronation Celebration Family Service at 11.00am

14<sup>th</sup> May Holy Communion at 8.30am

21<sup>st</sup> May Family Communion at 9.30am

28<sup>th</sup> May 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-notice/this-week> for other services in the benefice during May.

### Coronation Celebration Family Service

There will be a simple Family Service in celebration of King Charles' Coronation and the opportunity to raise a celebratory glass before going on to the village Coronation Picnic.

### Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly church cafe will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May between 10.00am and 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there for coffee, cake and a chat!

### 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 3rd September at 11am – Pet Service *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](mailto:edownlandrector@gmail.com)

Associate Priest: Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – [revdjdales@gmail.com](mailto:revdjdales@gmail.com)

Associate Priest: Revd William McDowell – [rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com](mailto:rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com)

East Downland Benefice Office: 07957 458107 - [eastdownland@btinternet.com](mailto:eastdownland@btinternet.com) – Usually manned on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

## NEWS FROM THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Written by 2 Year 6 pupils and 2 Year 5 pupils

It has been another busy month at The Ilsleys! At the end of last term, each class created their very own curriculum assembly where they demonstrated and explained all of the activities they had done over the course of the spring term. We do these so we can share our knowledge with the parents and our fellow pupils.

On the second last day to finishing the term, the Year 6s hosted the Easter Eggstravaganza stalls to raise money for the school. There were many different events to participate in and win prizes through. Earlier in the day, the teachers even helped us make Mini Egg Nests out of Shredded Wheat and chocolate. We got to take these home to enjoy! When making these Easter nests, we were grouped by the teachers. The older and younger children were mixed, so the older ones could help out.

A few Year 5s and Year 6s were selected to take part in The Downs Primary Netball Tournament. There were 6 teams that competed and we all had great fun and learnt many more skills. At the end of the tournament, the results were announced and The Ilsleys had come second with Hampstead Norreys in first which was great news for our federation! The staff and helpers made all of the participants feel welcome and were very friendly to all teams.

Another outstanding football match was held at The Ilsleys Primary School. Two talented teams took their places on the field (Hampstead Norreys vs The Ilsleys) and the teams both eagerly awaited the starting signal. It was a sensational game with the audience all cheering loudly. In the end the score, turned out to be 1-1!

This term, we have the privilege of having a lovely teacher called Miss Purdy visit our school and teach us all about yoga. So far, we have learnt about what mindset you should have during the lesson. We have also been able to do some fun activities and try out different yoga poses.

We enjoyed last term so much and are looking forward to what's in the future.

### Ilsleys Under Fives

I am sorry to announce that the toddler committee has been disbanded. It has not been possible to find a new committee to continue the sessions. I know there are many families that have benefited from the sessions over the years. I just wanted to advise the community of this change. Please direct any new families to the West Berkshire Family Service if they are interested in joining a toddler group.

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/familyhubs>

Many thanks, Juliet



## ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The Evergreens commenced their 2023 coach trips with a visit to Slimbridge Wildlife & Wetland Centre & Berkeley Castle. All the trippers enjoyed a wonderful day out, some at both venues, especially the fabulous lunch.

LIST OF DESTINATIONS FOR 2023;

**MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>** COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK

4 different Animal Areas and Gardens. Admission only £8. Train ride £2

**JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>** HILLIER GARDENS ~ ROMSEY

Wonderful Gardens with Sculptures and Lake.

Admission £11.50

**JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>** BLETCHLEY PARK. Home of the

Codebreakers. Admission £19.50 or a day shopping in MILTON KEYNES

**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>** PORTSMOUTH & SOUTHSEA. See

Dockyard, Gunwharf Quays, Spinnaker Tower, D-Day Museum etc.

**SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>** EVESHAM & VALLEY/COUNTRY

PARK. See Almonry Museum, do the Town Walk, Hampton Ferry, Bell Tower etc.

**OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>** GLOUCESTER. See Cathedral, Docks

and Quay, National Waterways Museum, Eastgate Indoor Market, Soldiers of Gloucester Museum.

**NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>** Christmas Market Details to follow.

Although these events are arranged by our group, everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a really good day out at a very reasonable cost.

Members Coach Fare £15, Guests Coach Fare £18

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS ON OUR POSTERS

Contact either: Julia - 01635 281597 or Tony - 07780 994297 to book your seat.

Tony Elliott, Secretary/Trips Officer

## Come for a walk during the North Wessex Downs Walking Festival

### 2-11 June 2023

This year's North Wessex Downs Walking Festival has 27 walks on offer across the AONB with opportunities to seek out wildlife, history or culture, visit a farm, follow a nature trail, picnic with the family, create an art journal, or simply soak up the views from the top of the downs. Many walks are free but booking is essential.

The festival is a great celebration of the top-class walking country, stunning views, heritage and culture of this protected landscape. Walk leaders are all knowledgeable and welcoming and looking forward to bringing alive some of their favourite places for you.

There are family-friendly events, energetic hikes as well as gentle ambles. Go to [northwessexdowns.org](http://northwessexdowns.org) for more information and to book. Be quick as some events are booking up fast!



**COACH TRIP**  
TO  
**COTSWOLD**  
**WILDLIFE CENTRE**

Admission only £8  
ON  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**MAY 17TH**

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  
 Returning from destination at 4:00pm  
 Call **JULIA** on **01635 281597**  
 to book your seat for only **£18**.

Arranged by  
**ILSLEY EVERGREENS**

### WHO TO CONTACT

**DEFIBRILLATOR** is outside the village hall - code: C159

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** – Carolyn Culver 07976 374146

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

**Alan Beaumont** chair@westilsley.org 07980 875179

**Alan Bloor** alan.bloor@westilsley.org

**Clive Hooker** clive.hooker@westilsley.org

**Alan Muir** alan.muir@westilsley.org

**Graham Woods** graham.woods@westilsley.org  
07905 558884

**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 Tuesday mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on **Tuesdays only between 10.30 am 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 & enquiries:

Any new bookings should now be done via the village

**Website:** <https://www.westilsley.org/>

Or by email to: [village.hall@westilsley.org](mailto:village.hall@westilsley.org)

Anyone without access to the internet can leave a message on: 01635 281762

Rates: £10.00/hour for villagers and £12/hour non villagers.

##### 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>