

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!

ADVERTISEMENTS

We no longer take paid advertising in WIN, but as a service to villagers we are happy to mention goods and services offered by local businesses. We are still working out a process for this. Please also feel free to email WIN to ask the village for recommendations for trades and services. Please note, you will need to make your own checks on any referrals.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The scheduled meetings of West Ilsley Parish Council through to May 2022 is 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
13 th September 2021	Full Council
8 th November 2021	Full Council
17 th January 2022	Full Council

15th March 2022

Full Council

16th May 2022

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

16th May 2022

Annual Parish Meeting

The draft minutes from the July meeting are on the [westilsley.org](http://www.westilsley.org) website now – here's the link <https://www.westilsley.org/shared/attachments.aspx?f=96468d86%2D99a2%2D4a75%2Dbbeb%2D382dac97e356%2Epdf&o=2021%2D07%2D12%2DFull%2DCouncil%2DMinutes%2Epdf>

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

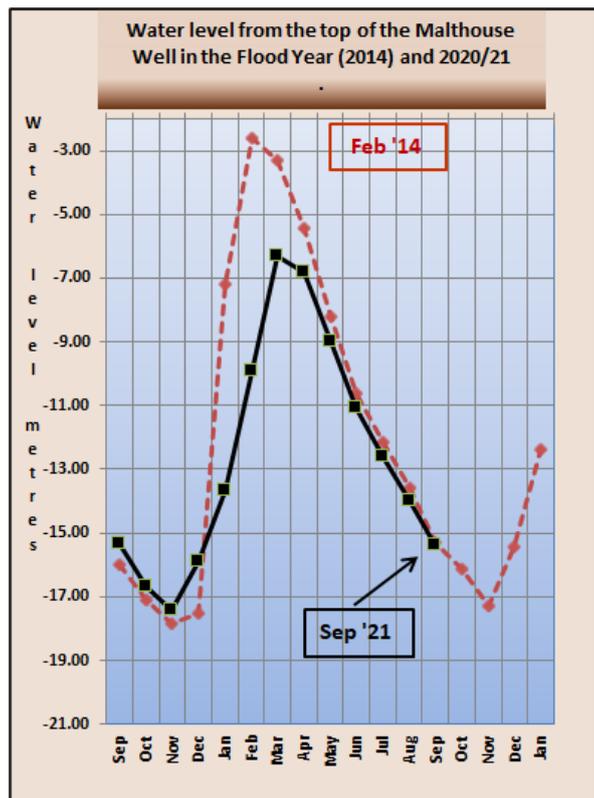
The village survey has been completed so thank you to all those who participated and to Andrea Cook for organising – we still need to analyse the data but, as promised, the results will be published and likely to be included within next month's WIN. We continue to receive updates on the dog fouling on the recreation ground and other areas of the village and we will be actioning a range of measures in an attempt to address this unacceptable behaviour. West Berkshire has published an updated report on the speeding at the eastern end of the village along with suggestions for a Vehicle Activated Sign (similar to the temporary sign that has been installed for the past months). We will be able to provide a full update on this at the next PC meeting. The new flooring in the Village Hall has been completed and although I haven't seen the work for myself, I have been told that it has made a big difference, so well done to all involved. Please note that the next PC meeting is on Monday 13 September and, who knows, we might be able to hold this in the Village Hall (but still to be confirmed) and look forward to seeing some of you then. Lastly I would like to thank SWIWI for organising the 'Picnic on the Pitch' – what a great idea and look forward to seeing everyone and welcoming the new residents of WI for a proper social event – it has been a while!

Alan Beaumont - Chairman

MALTHOUSE WELL

The Malthouse well level peaked in March this year at about 6.3 metres below ground level and since then it has steadily dropped over the Spring and Summer by approximately 9 metres. It currently stands around 15.4 metres below ground level. Unless we have a deluge of biblical proportions, it will typically continue to drop until around the end of the December. Groundwater levels in West Ilsley rise and fall with the seasons, normally reaching a peak in the Spring following replenishment through the late autumn and winter when losses by water evaporation and plant uptake are low. The Malthouse well water level is

typical in this regard and this year it peaked on 8th March.



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

I was asked recently by the Editors to write something about the Ilsley Evergreens, “just something about your trips maybe”.

When I took over as secretary from Jim Hughes he passed on to me lots of paperwork including letters, files, invoices and note books. Having recently had the time to look at these items I have discovered a notebook containing the first ever minutes of the meeting held at the invitation of Mrs S Gore at the “Manor” to form the West Ilsley “Evergreens” Club on the 16th of February 1967.

I will try to write a brief history of the Evergreens and submit it to the WIN for future issues and for the West Ilsley Village website.

In the meantime please see the various posters regarding our future events.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

September

Sunday 5th Family Service at 11am

Sunday 19th Eucharist at 9.30am

We are hoping to introduce a third service either in September or October, so do look out for further details, in a WIN email, on the notice board in the lych gate and on the East Downland website at:

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-notice/this-week>

Although Government restrictions have been relaxed, for the time being we are continuing to encourage the use of face masks and hand sanitiser in church.

Church Cleaning

Now that our services are more frequent than they have been for a while, we are planning the church cleaning on a regular basis. If you are able to join the group of individuals taking turns over the year to run a duster over pews and a vacuum over the aisle carpet, please let me know (ian.fewtrell-smith@keme.co.uk). It is very much a case of the more the merrier, and the less often, although it is by no means onerous!

Ride+Stride 2021

This takes place on Saturday 11th September between 10am and 6pm. You could walk, cycle, or ride and guidelines, an updated list of participating churches and some suggestions for routes are on the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust Ride+Stride website: <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/> Go by yourself or in a group, sign in at each church you visit; have a look round and you may also be offered refreshments. Churches, including All Saints', West Ilsley are in great need of your fundraising support, this year more than ever so do please ask all your friends and family to sponsor you generously.

Harvest Festival

The service will be on Sunday, 3rd October at 11.00am. Following the service, we will be enjoying hotdogs and something suitably alcoholic to wash them down with. Don't forget to make a note in your diary now!

Online services

Each Sunday there will continue to be a recorded Holy Communion service from a different church in the benefice which can be found at: <https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/faith-and-worship/online-worship> The video will be live from 8.30am on Sunday mornings, streaming from that time and then available at any time later. The videos for all benefice services can be found on the benefice website, YouTube, and Facebook.

Private Prayer

All Saints' will continue to open on Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6.00pm.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 3rd October – Harvest Festival followed by hot dogs and cider.

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 – revjdales@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



You are all invited to West Ilsley's Picnic on the Pitch!! We would like to welcome new families and catch up with old ones too. A chance to get together before the winter sets in.

*The bar will be open but bring your own food and something to sit on!!

*Feel free to bring your own shelter/gazebo if showers are forecasted.

*Kids optional fancy dress competition - best celebrity look-a-like!

*Angela's West Ilsley Olympics

If you know friends or neighbours in the village who will not read this online then please let them know.

We can't wait to see you all.

SWIWI (Some Women in West Ilsley)

Vic, Tasha, Katy, Emma & Juliet

COFFEE MORNING



At the

WILKINS CENTRE, COMPTON

SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

From **10:00am** til **NOON**

Come and enjoy home made cakes, scones and pastries.

Coffee/tea & cake – only **£1**

Raffle tickets **£1** a strip - good prizes!

In support of the Ilsley Evergreens

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE

**WELCOME YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
BONFIRE & FIREWORKS**

AT THE

RECREATION GROUND

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER THE 5TH

BBQ AT 6:00PM

BONFIRE AT 6:30PM

FIREWORK DISPLAY AT 7:00PM

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

FAMILY PRIZE BINGO AND RAFFLE



COMPTON VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Doors open: 7:00PM Starts at: 7:30PM

Generous prizes

Come along and enjoy the best of Bingo!

Refreshments available

Organised by the Evergreens



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

COACH TRIP TO

MYSTERY TRIP

ON

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 22nd

The coach departs West Ilsley at 9:00am

MEMBERS: **£10** GUESTS: **£12.50**

Contact **JULIA** on **281597** to book a seat

the physio pig



the pilates pig

Pilates Classes

Physiotherapist led

Thursday evenings 6-7pm & 7.10-8.10pm
in West Ilsley Village Hall

£12 per class or £10 per class if booked for the month
(block bookings start from the first Thursday of each month)

All classes must be booked in advance due to limited
capacity.

Unfortunately, cancellations or missed sessions
cannot be carried over.

Please bring your own mat due to COVID protocol.
Please let me know if you are unable to source a mat.
Please contact thephysiopig@yahoo.com to book
your class or if you have any questions.

Aldworth Craft Group

We will be back in Aldworth village hall from
13th September 2021!

We are a friendly group of people who like to have a
go at different crafts, or revisit ones we have enjoyed
so much we want to have another go!

We meet on **2nd & 4th Mondays from 10.00 a.m. to
12 noon** during term time.

Each session costs £2.50.

Autumn term dates:

September: 13th and 26th

October: 11th and 25th

November: 8th and 22nd

December: 13th

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Gill
Wilding on 01635 578624 (ansaphone) or email
aacg20161@outlook.com

Afternoon Teas

St. Mary's Church, Aldworth

We hope to start 21st July and then every
Wednesday in July, August & September
2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Delicious homemade cakes in the company of
The Aldworth Giants

For further details and to book groups contact:
Gill Wilding 01635 578624 or
gillwilding@hotmail.com

WHO TO CONTACT

CHURCHWARDENS are Alexandra Axtell on 281306 and Ian Fewtrell-Smith on 281625

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall - code: C159

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PARISH COUNCIL

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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 4.30 pm and 6.30 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 summer 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.