

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

March 15th PC meeting

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
15 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 November PC meeting by looking on the website or clicking: [here](#)

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The newly installed dog bin on the recreation ground is being used, so thank you to those responsible dog owners – please note that the bin is emptied by us and not West Berkshire so if anyone notices it is getting full please let us know via WIN or better still empty it into one of the main bins (the nearest one is next to the pond/gazebo area). Spare bin bags are in the bottom of the bin. We are still progressing the vehicle activated sign and hope to have an update on this shortly, as we are keen to purchase a suitable device asap. We are delighted to welcome Liz Dray onto the Parish Council, having a female and someone not called 'Alan' has got to be good news for the village and we look forward to working with her.

Alan Beaumont

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Sunday 6th February Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 13th February Holy Communion at 8.30am

Sunday 20th February Family Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 27th February *No service in All Saints'*

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 February.

Although Government restrictions are relaxing once more, we are continuing to encourage the use of face coverings and hand sanitiser in church.

Private Prayer

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

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 – revdjdals@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

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND

2ND-6TH JUNE 2022

Alex Paine

Just a heads up on what is currently being planned and scoped out for this important weekend:

Thursday 2nd June: In the evening, there will be the lighting of the Beacon (bonfire) up on the ridgeway as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons plan. The lighting up may be accompanied by other entertainment. Timings to be confirmed, but we think it may be around 21.45 to synch with over 1500 other beacons being lit. **We are looking for a bugler.** OIC: Richard Gore

Friday 3rd June: Village Party to celebrate the Jubilee. Sit down or buffet meal + Cricket Club Bar. Looking to house it in a marquee or two on the cricket ground. Discotheque and line dancing being scoped out. More details to follow. Contact Alex Paine if you wish to help, contribute or even sponsor! (alexander.paine@gmail.com). **We are looking for marquees.**

Saturday 4th June: No plans

Sunday 5th June: Village Tea Party in the afternoon on the cricket ground. Entertainment for kids, maybe some music, possibly a BBQ. **Looking for competition ideas including bake a cake, stocks and sponge throwing, welly tossing etc.....** Contact: Jo Bret-Day (Kirkpatrick soon)

For all events seeking out sponsors, high visibility assured!!!



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Hello everyone.

The Ilsley Evergreens would like to say thank you for your help and support during 2021.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at the Wilkins Centre Compton on Wednesday the 23rd of February 2022 at 2:00pm where all members and prospective members are welcome to attend. The list of proposed outings for next year and other important decisions will be voted on and the management committee look forward to seeing you all. All current members will be sent an agenda, membership form and proposed outings list after the committee meeting on the 26th of January. Please keep safe and let's look forward to a Happy and Healthy 2022.

Tony Elliott - Secretary

SCRAP BOOKS

I have very kindly been lent three scrap books that belonged to the late Audrey Tizzard.

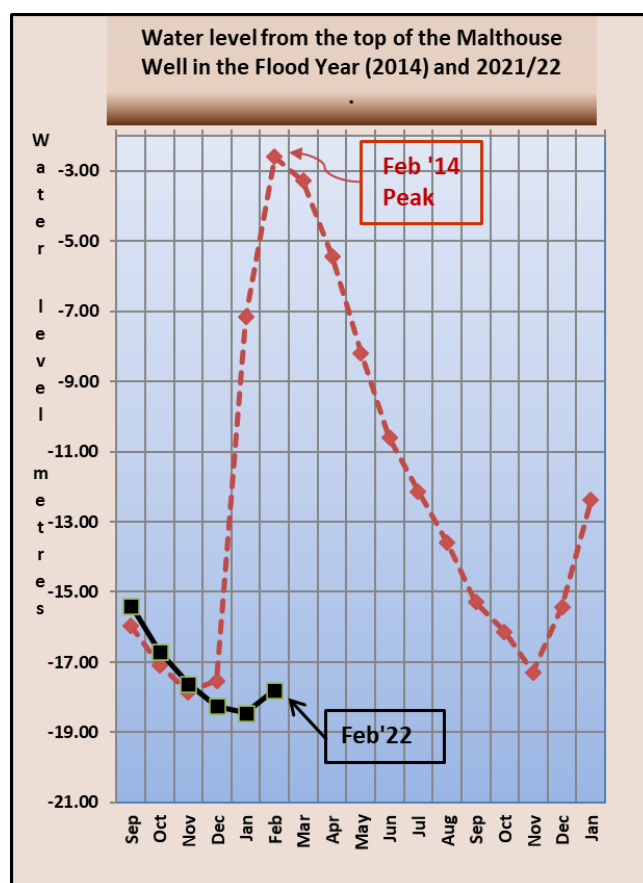
If anyone would like to have a get together to look at and discuss these will they please contact me on

07780 994297 or tonyelliott9@btinternet.com Tony Elliott

MALTHOUSE WELL

The Malthouse well level bottomed out in the first week of January and it is now slowly rising. It currently stands at 17.8 metres (approx. 58.5ft) below ground level. The January weather has been kind to us rain wise and we had only about 25mm (1in) rain during the month. Adding this to the lower than average rainfall in November and December it has helped to lessen the effect of a much wetter than average October.

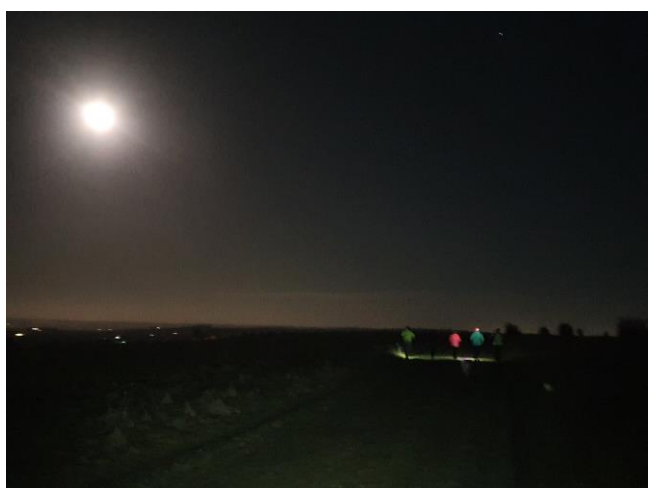
The graph below shows the big difference between now and when we had the floods in 2014. The groundwater level is currently about 15 metres (49ft approx) lower now than back in February 2014. Provided the rain in this month and March is in the normal range the ground water rise will continue to gently rise as the ground warms up and Spring arrives.



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.



UPDATE FROM CAROLYNE CULVER DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR RIDGEWAY WARD

The Compton Institute planning application for 160 homes on the former animal health institute site was debated at Western Area Planning Committee on 12 January. Motions for and against the planning application were lost, so it has been deferred until 23 February.

We had a very lengthy and robust discussion about the number of homes being proposed, the mix of housing (ie how many bedrooms), traffic implications, impact on local schools and doctors' surgery, contamination on the site, community assets including the cricket pitch, Pickled Pig and Piglets Nursery, the proposed employment area, green space, flooding and sustainable drainage, and so on.

If you would like to watch a recording of the meeting please search for West Berkshire Council on YouTube. There is a list of recordings of meetings on there.

The public referendum on Compton's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) takes place on 10 February, and all residents on the electoral roll in Compton can

vote. If this document is accepted it will carry great weight in planning application decisions in the future, and the village will get a greater proportion of so called Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds to spend on projects in the village.

Concerns about pot holes, bins that didn't get emptied, fly tipping, something that needs to be replaced, and so on, can be reported to <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem> If you are not happy with the response you receive let me know.

Best wishes

Carolyn Culver

District councillor for Ridgeway ward

Green Party group leader

West Berkshire Council

(m) 07976 374146



We are looking to recruit Poppy Appeal Organisers in **Compton, East and West Ilsley, and Aldworth** for this much loved and important charity.

Can you spare just a few hours a year? The duties are not arduous! Tasks are to order Poppy Appeal stock when necessary; prepare the collecting boxes and poppy trays and distribute them in your village at the start of the Poppy Appeal; collect them in after Remembrance Sunday; count and bank the money. Paperwork is minimal and consists of sending in a form showing how much was collected in your district.

Please contact one of the undersigned:

Steve Allison - tel 07812 991013

Email: steveallison1888@aol.com or

David Norbury - tel 07770 326128

Email: davidnorbury@btinternet.com

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Berkshire -

www.walkinginengland.co.uk/berks has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Bedfordshire (part of the Walking in England website - one for each county in

England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

WHO TO CONTACT

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PARISH COUNCIL

Council members are:

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Clive Hooker clive.hooker@westilsley.org

Alan Muir alan.muir@westilsley.org

Graham Woods graham.woods@westilsley.org

07905 558884

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.