

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

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What's on in West Ilsley

JULY

3 rd	Pre fete Ball
5 th	West Ilsley Fete

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday 8 th September	7:30 pm	Full Council
Tuesday 17 th November	7:30 pm	Full Council
Tuesday 9 th February '27	7:30 pm	Full Council
Tuesday 18 th May 2027	7:00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday 18 th May 2027	7:45 pm	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

UPDATE FROM CLLR CAROLYNE CULVER

Dear residents

In February four parish councils (including the two Ilsleys, Compton and Hampstead Norreys) and I met with WBC consultants to look at maps outlining proposed changes to speed limits. These maps were created using data that parish councils and village volunteers had collected over many months, in some cases years. We gave our feedback to the consultants and were told that the next stage would be a formal public consultation. Recently I have been told that the

parish councils need to do more to demonstrate public support for more speed limits. Therefore, the parish councils are considering having formal votes at their meetings and doing public petitions.

I hear a lot from residents who would like more speed limits, and I am frustrated by this extra hurdle, because it will still have to go to formal public consultation before it can be implemented. My honest opinion is that this is going to be a case of 'who shouts loudest'. If you live in West Ilsley and want a 20mph zone in the village please contact your parish councillors and work together on a petition.

In theory we should be hearing by 16 July about whether the government has approved the merger of WBC with Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils. I will put information on Facebook over the summer.

Residents can report problems (unemptied bins, broken streetlights, potholes, abandoned vehicles on public highways etc) by visiting

www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem

For information about road works (eg utility companies digging up roads) please look at One Network <https://uk.one.network> which contains a map where you can search for details of what is happening in your area. Information about black bin collections is here www.westberks.gov.uk/3-weekly-collections

Residents can now take used mobile phones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers at dedicated collection points at either recycling centre.

I hope you have a good summer.

Best wishes

Carolyn

CLLr Carolyn Culver

Ridgeway Ward (Ilsleys, Compton, Hampstead Norreys, Yattendon and Frilsham)

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FETE NEWS

Sunday 5th July

12-4:30pm

We hope you are all looking forward to the fete this year. There will be lots to do for the whole family, from face painting and dog shows, to Welly wanging and crockery smashing. The bar will be open at the cricket club and the bbq will be lit. There will also be teas and cakes available. Don't forget to decorate your houses! There will be a prize for the best dressed house. 🏠

Also, our eagle eyed judges will be wandering around the village checking out everyone's front gardens and hanging baskets. So get gardening! 🌹🌻🌺

If you have any clothes or bric-a-brac to donate, please bring them along to the pavilion on Saturday 4th July, from 10am. 👗👚👕👖

If you would like to help run a stall please contact one of the committee.

If you were lucky enough to win a trophy last year please could you return them. 🏆

If you have any rosettes that you would like to recycle we will happily take them back to re-use. 🌸

See you all next Sunday



JULY AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Sunday 5th Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 12th Communion at 8.30am

Sunday 19th Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 26th *No service at All Saints'*

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

<https://www.eastdownland.org.uk/news-and-notices/this-week> for other services in the benefice during July.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly cafe will be on Sunday 12th July at 10am. There is no charge for refreshments, but each month donations are sent to a different charity. Last month £100 was collected for the Mothers's Union, which makes a meaningful difference in the lives of millions worldwide through their unique faith-based and community-led approach to tackling poverty, injustice and violence. Come along and enjoy 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.

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, do contact the wardens or clergy who will do their best to help.

To subscribe to the weekly pew sheet, which contains readings, prayers and notices about church events in the benefice, please go to the East Downland website (see above).

Contacts:

Churchwardens: Ian – 01635 281625; Alexandra – 07769 645470

Rector: Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 or 07748 822336 - edownlandrector@gmail.com He will be on sabbatical from 13th July until the beginning of November and will not be available within this period,

Please contact Revd Dales or the office during this time.

Associate Priest: Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – revdjdales@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 ILSLEYS NEWSLETTER

News from The Ilsleys

It has been another busy half term for us here at The Ilsleys – especially with a recent heat wave! Here is a run down of all the fun we have been having while learning at school!

On Thursday 21st May, FIPS arranged a May Madness Disco for the children to go to. They provided music and thought of some games for the children to play. The food was hot dogs and for dessert there was cake. All of the children had an amazing time and would definitely love to do a disco again.

We are also very fortunate as, this term, we have had a coach called James from the Sports Network teaching both Pacific and Atlantic's PE lessons. He has planned many activities for us to do, some being:

- Indoor caving
- Mini Olympic Games
- Archery
- Escape room activities

On Tuesday 3rd June, we did archery! This was great fun. We also did some mini-games and challenges which we all enjoyed.

On Sunday 7th June, the annual East Ilsley Sheep Fair was hosted on the Millennium Green. This year it was kicked off with Maypole Dancing performed by students from The Ilsleys Primary School. There were many stalls dotted around the green, each with its own unique purpose. Overall, this event was a great success, as was the Maypole Dancing.

An Olympic swimmer called Cassandra Patten visited our school on Tuesday 16th June. In the morning, we did a variety of exercises to get our hearts pounding. After break, we brought the whole school into the hall and learnt about her career. We really enjoyed this experience and discovering more about her.

We had a special live lesson on Thursday 18th June which was about the choreography of The Lion King. During this assembly, there was a workshop where we learnt about the dance to 'The Circle of Life'. We all took part in the dancing that included using our arms as birds and acting as zebras, gazelles and warthogs. This also included indicating the circle of life and singing along with the song. Everybody was very enthusiastic about the entire routine. At the end we

put it altogether in one whole dance. It was an exciting experience for everyone to take part in. Thursday 18th June was also another Art Day at The Illeys. Each class produced a piece of art. Arctic made honeycomb prints and sculptures, Pacific did pictures of the St Mary's Church with paints and Atlantic painted a water colour picture of a piece of nature. Everyone had lots of fun and really enjoyed it. Year 6 are off to PGL next week. More about this next time! **Written by some Year 6 and a Year 5**

Summer is nearly here...

Afternoon Teas at St. Mary's Church,
Aldworth

Will start on 1st 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



West Isley Dog Show 2026

£2 per entry

Rosettes for winners and a treat for every dog taking part

- Cutest Puppy (under 1)**
Sponsored by the Axtell, Scott-Malden & Storton families
- Best Veteran Dog (over 7)**
Sponsored by the Gilbert, Paterson & Duckworth families
- Prettiest Bitch**
Sponsored by the Banks, Ferguson & Fraser families
- Most Handsome Dog**
Sponsored by the Dray & Walsby families & Sue Huntingdon
- Best Junior Handler (under 12)**
Sponsored by the Briggs, Wells & Yarnall families
- Dog with the Best Trick**
Sponsored by the Sugden family & Janice Shepherd
- Best In Show**
Sponsored by the Beaumont, Pilditch & Woods families



West Isley Produce Show

FLORAL

- Best Single Flower
- Best Floral Arrangement
- Best Hanging Basket
- Most Pots in a Pot
(official seed potatoes in the Harrow)

KITCHEN

- Home made drink
(alcoholic or non-alcoholic)
- Loaf of Hand Made Bread
- * Adult bake: Victoria Sandwich
- Children's Bake
Aged 7 & under: 6 Flapjacks
Aged 14 & under: 6 Brownies

PHOTOGRAPHY AND CREATIVE

- Adult photography: Sporting
- Child photography: Wildlife
(Aged 14 & under)
- Best Decorated House in West Isley

Entries:
Adult: £1
Child: 50p

All classes are open age & sex except where marked

Rosettes for winners

* The prestigious Russ Brown Trophy (Gentlemen's Baking) will be awarded to the highest placed 'Gentleman'

All entries to be registered in the marquee by 1:00pm on fête day.
Classes 3 & 10 will be judged in the week before fête day



West Isley Summer Fete

Sunday 5th July 2026
12 - 4:30pm Recreation Ground

BBQ & Bar
Bouncy Castle
Classic Cars
Dog Show
Face Painting
Ice Cream

Local trade stalls
Popcorn & Sweets
Produce Show
Raffle
Tea & Cakes
Tug o' War
Wellie Wanging
and much more!

Proceeds go to local charities and organisations



WHO TO CONTACT

DEFIBRILLATOR is outside the village hall. In an emergency call 999 who will alert the emergency services that are needed and they will also give you the code for the defib. The danger of people knowing the code up front is that they don't call 999 so an ambulance doesn't turn up.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT Olivia Bailey MP
If you want to get in touch with me or book a surgery appointment you can email me at olivia.bailey.mp@parliament.uk or write to me at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. If you want to keep up to date with what I am doing in Parliament and in the constituency, I send out a weekly email newsletter to constituents. If you would like to receive it, you can sign up at <https://shorturl.at/qgoHw>.

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PRESCRIPTIONS are delivered from Compton on Tuesday mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on **Tuesdays only between 2 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.



Book Tennis

TENNIS COURT "Pay & Play" is available to non-members for £10 per hour. Non-members can book up to 24 hours in advance. To book the court please use <https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com> or scan the QR code!

For all enquiries, please contact the Tennis Committee via <https://westilsleytennis.jezzam.com/contact>

VILLAGE HALL

Bookings & enquiries:

Any new bookings should now be done via the village

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

Any booking enquiries please contact Jo by email: village.hall@westilsley.org

Anyone without access to the internet can leave a message on: 07958 239891

Rates: £12/hour for villagers and £15/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>

HOW TO CONTACT WEST BERKS COUNCIL REGARDING EMERGENCIES 01635 551111

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