

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

5 th	Pre Fete Party
7 th	Fete

FULL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

7.30 in the VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 10th September 2024 Time 7:30 pm

Tuesday 12th November 2024 7:30 pm

Tuesday 4th February 2025 7:30 pm

Tuesday 20th May 2025

7:00 pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

8:15 pm Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes

Minutes of the PC meetings of 18th April and 14th May are on the website – ed having trouble setting up a link at the moment so please look on the website for yourselves!

COUNTRY NOTES

Those of you who attended the talk on owls in the village hall in March may remember that I said that the population of Little Owls in the UK is declining, a 78% decrease between 1967–2020. There are only 3,600 breeding pairs compared to 50,000 Tawny Owls.

It is thought that changes in agricultural practices may have reduced the availability of their favoured invertebrate prey. It is also likely that a reduction in potential nest sites is a factor, they like holes in old trees.

At the end of the talk someone asked, "what can we do to help?" Subsequently a few of us decided that



the introduction of suitable nest boxes might help. I'm pleased to say that the first box, made by Jonny Rayfield, was placed on a sycamore tree in the Old Rectory paddock in June. Two more boxes are under construction and will be situated in appropriate sites in July.

The hope is that if there are any breeding Little Owls in the adjacent area that the young birds will leave their parents territories and search for potential new homes.

Geoff Wond



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Our June coach trip was due to be to The Savill Garden at Windsor, but at the eleventh hour said they had no more space for a group booking. We therefore quickly arranged a day out at Exbury Gardens and Steam Railway, which proved to be a very good alternative. Our next trip is to Bournemouth on July the 18th, a very popular destination with lots to do, including a walk on the pier, a ride on the big wheel and the train or just have a paddle in the sea!!

The remaining trips for this year are;

August 22nd ~ New Forest Tour to Lyminster &

Lyndhurst + cream tea

September 26th ~ Bath

October 10th ~ Worcester

December 3rd ~ Salisbury Christmas Market (Tuesday)

Everyone is welcome to join us on any of our day trips, just call Tony on 07780 994297 or 01635 281997

Hoping to see you soon!! Tony Elliott ~ Secretary



We have so many exciting new stalls joining us this year along with entertainment, music, performers etc. We have some incredible raffle prizes and as always our 'Barrow of Booze'



New for this year... We will be hosting a children's disco for the duration of the fete, entertainment will be provided for the children also by some very exciting circus acts.

We will also be running a children's fancy dress competition with a prize available for the best outfit on the day!!!



As always our fantastic dog show will be taking place during the fete. Get your dogs bathed and brushed ready to impress our judges!!! Sign up will be taking place from the start of the fete...

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Don't forget about our weekly exercise classes happening at West Ilsley Village Hall, it's not too late to sign up! (No session on Tuesday 3rd) If you would like to sign up, then please ask WIN for details of how to do it.

This year we will be running our own stall at the West Ilsley Fete – table tennis!

Whether you fancy a bit of fun or want to get competitive, make sure to come and see us on Sunday 7th July at the fete. There will be prizes for the winners, we will be running competitions for under 16 and over 16, so don't miss out!

West Ilsley Village Hall Management Committee
Amanda, Jo, Louise, Matt, Pete and Tegan

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

On behalf of the West Ilsley Tennis Management Committee who are running the ever popular Teas at this year's Fete, we are asking for contributions :cakes, bakes, biscuits, cookies, muffins - anything that will go well with a cup of tea or even a glass of Prosecco! All donations will be gratefully received and can either be taken to the Cricket Pavillion on the day, anytime after 12 mid day, or dropped off at The Poplars by prior arrangement with Alison Banks (Alison@poplars.org.uk).

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the stall on the day. Hopefully we will have enough lovely volunteers so that we only have to do 1 hour shifts! Do state your preferred hour if necessary.

Huge thanks in advance. Anna Sugden

**COACH TRIP**
TO
BOURNEMOUTH

ON
THURSDAY
JULY 18TH

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
Departing destination at 4:00pm

Call TONY on 07780 994297/01635 281997
to book your seat for only £19.
A GREAT DAY OUT!

JULY AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Sunday 7th Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 14th Pet Service at 10.00am

Sunday 21st Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 28th *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-notices/this-week> for other services in the benefice during July.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly cafe will be on Sunday 14th July after the Pet Service. Service and café will be outside if the weather is fine. All pets and humans welcome! Each month donations are given to a charity of our choice. Those given at the June café amounted to £75 and were donated to the Air Ambulance. Any donations given at our July café will go to an animal charity. After July, the second Sunday will revert to the 8.30am communion service with the café at 10.00am.

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 or would just like to chat, 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 – 01635 281306

Rector: Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 or 07748 822336 - edownlandrector@gmail.com

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East Downland Benefice Office: 07957 458107 - eastdownland@btinternet.com – Usually manned on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm. Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

PET SERVICE

10.00am on Sunday 14th July

at

All Saints' Church



Followed by our usual monthly Café
(all outside if the weather is fine)



Clearing up afterwards!!

THE ILSLEYS NEWSLETTER

June has been an eventful month at The Ilsleys Primary School and there are many subjects that we are excited to share with you and tell you about!

At the end of last term, each class did something fun as a special reward. Atlantic had a movie afternoon with snacks and drinks, Pacific did Tudor baking where they made shortbread and flavoured cream and Arctic made ice cream.

Atlantic Class had the opportunity to embark on a memorable school trip to the Houses of Parliament. They were able to go into the House of Commons and the House of Lords. In the House of Commons, a debate was even occurring with the well-known Theresa May in the room. We had a workshop after entering the House of Commons and the House of Lords. In the workshop, we had a lively debate with a kind woman. We thoroughly enjoyed it.

Recently, The Ilsleys' football team participated in a football match against our federation school called Hampstead Norreys at our local rec. The score was 3-2 to us and it was a brilliant opportunity for the children to interact with other children who are similar ages.

On the 6th June, Mr Gifford, the deputy head of year 7 and The Downs, and Miss Island, the PE teacher and head of year 7 came to The Ilsleys to talk to us about The Downs School. It was a fantastic experience for the year sixes to learn about what will happen next year.

Also on the 6th June, all of the students of The Ilsleys had a day dedicated to D-Day. Firstly, we had an assembly with our head teacher, Miss House, sharing what we all knew about this special day. Each class made poems and medals for this memorable day. It was a fascinating day to learn about as it was the 80th anniversary.

On 7th June, the whole school went on a sponsored walk for a charity named Daisy's Dream. It helps young people who suffer bereavement. We were partnered up with a younger child to look after them. As a school, we were all asked to donate as little as £2 if we were able to.

Pacific Class went to Englefield estate on the 12th June and learnt about many different things such as: fishing, the river Kennet bugs, compost and worms, dragon flies and how to measure trees with wood. They ate their lunch in the vast garden of Englefield. They all enjoyed it thoroughly.

The children who are going to become The Ilsleys new Reception in September came in to have a story. Also the new Reception pupils came to our school on the 20th of June from 1:30 to 3:00 to experience what it is like at our amazing school.

On 17th June, the whole school had an art day where we came together and made different art pieces. We made self-portraits either in the style of abstract or traditional and made a landscape inside clamshell cardboard boxes. KS1 made nature art work and it was an extremely fun day for all of the children.

On 19th June, the whole school took part in Sports Day. The children were split into their houses (Newbury, Ascot, Epsom, and Windsor) to compete against the other children and houses. We participated in many races such as: sprint, middle distance, Atlanta and a

new race which was an obstacle course. It was a great day.

On 9th June, the village held a sheep fair and a choir, made up of children from our school who were willing to sing, performed. We sang the songs 'A million Dreams' from the film 'The Greatest Showman' and we also sang 'Count On Me' by Bruno Mars. It was a great opportunity to show off our school to the rest of our village.

We had a music assembly hosted by Irock on the 14th June. A few people were selected to play an instrument that they had never played before in their life. You can sign up to Irock to start your very own band with children in your school. It was a fun way to spend an afternoon.

Mr Blowfield kindly brought in his Olympic torch to show Arctic Class as their topic this term was the Olympics. After seeing the Olympic torch, Arctic Class made their own ones out of paper. It was a fun afternoon for them to enjoy.

Written by 2 Year 6 and a Year 5

Afternoon Teas

at St. Mary's Church, Aldworth

Will start on 3rd 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

ALDWORTH SATURDAY MARKET - Please support Children's Hospice Stall at Aldworth Saturday Market
On Saturday 13th July, from 10.30 to 12 noon, the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice will have a stall at Aldworth's weekly Saturday Market in the village hall at Aldworth – RG8 9SE.

The hospice stall will sell a beautiful selection of handmade children's clothes and toys as well as gifts for adults. All proceeds to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice near Maidenhead. Please come along to support the hospice and browse our Market produce. Meet with friends and enjoy a cuppa & biscuit for just 50p. Beautiful setting with recreation ground and separate children's playground.

Market details: 01635 578090



WHO TO CONTACT

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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.



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 Louise by email: village.hall@westilsley.org

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

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>