

# 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.

### 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

#### MARCH

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Village hall guest speaker
5 <sup>th</sup>	Clay pigeon shoot
12 <sup>th</sup>	Church Café
13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish council meeting

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

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
<b>2023</b>	
Monday 13th March	Full Council
Monday 15th May	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
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### VILLAGE HALL GUEST SPEAKER

**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

The village hall events team invite you all to come along and listen to our Guest speakers on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Pay bar available from 7pm

**Making a film about hope, regeneration and how the efforts of a whole community are saving the Rwenzori mountains and bringing back biodiversity in the face of climate change.**

Zu and Martin, residents in the village, are filmmakers who recently also set up Films for Change with Jacqui Doughty (Walk Tall Media, Ex BBC). Zu and Jacqui would like to share their stories and adventures in Western Uganda, having completed their first shoot and to gauge audience interest before their second. Some of you have already helped plant trees with them in the Rwenzori Foothills, so, if anyone would like to find out more about their purpose, their documentary, or their environmental cause, why not come along and have a listen, at 7.30 on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the village hall. (Licensed bar open from 7pm, card payments accepted.)

Please register your interest (so we know how many seats/glasses we require) by replying by email to: [village.hall@westilsley.org](mailto:village.hall@westilsley.org) Anyone without email access can ring 01635 281762 and leave a message. Please note this is a FREE event and everyone is welcome (residents & non-residents) Pay bar: card payments accepted)

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

#### March at All Saints' Church

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>No service in All Saints'</i>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion at 8.30am
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service for Mothering Sunday at 9.30am
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>No service in All Saints'</i>

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 March.

#### Café in All Saints' Church

Our monthly church cafe continues on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March between 10.00am and 11.00am. Donations go

to a different charity each month. Everyone is very welcome to join us there for coffee, cake and a chat!

#### **Lent Groups**

These will take place on Tuesdays at 8.00pm and Wednesdays at 10am and will focus on the teachings of Jesus through parables. The first session will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February in St James' Church, Winterbourne and will finish with a short service of Compline. A repeat session takes place before Holy Communion in St Mary's, Chieveley at 10am, starting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Everyone is very welcome to join either of the groups.

#### **Clay Pigeon Shoot**

Plans are underway for a Clay Pigeon Shoot on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March. As you will see above, we have cancelled our usual church service on that day. If you are interested in taking part in the Shoot, please contact Richard Gore on 07710 171828 or email him on [richard.gore@farming.co.uk](mailto:richard.gore@farming.co.uk) for further details.

#### **Mothering Sunday - 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Mothering Sunday service will be a Family Service at 9.30am and will be followed by refreshments, so do come and join us.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Easter Church and Churchyard Tidy-up. As well as the usual cleaning, cutting and trimming, we will need a number of volunteers with wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes to spread pea shingle on the path. We hope you can spare an hour or so to help make your church sparkle for Easter.

#### **Private Prayer**

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

#### **Date for your Diary**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7.45pm in church. The meeting is open to everyone, but especially those on the church's Electoral Roll.

#### **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 two Year 6 pupils**

This letter will give you a full summary of what The Ilsleys Primary School students have been up to for the last month.

In our youngest class, Arctic, one of the many exciting activities they did was art. The art lessons were taken by Jill Hobbs, an amazing, self-taught artist. They had great fun with her. As Arctic have the topic: The Worlds in our Hands (based on caring for the environment), they made honey cakes out of locally sourced products e.g. eggs from Langley Farm. As part of their school trip, they went to Rushall Farm and had great fun meeting all the animals.

In addition to this, the whole school have had many fun, educational workshops, such as a breakfast workshop where we made smoothies and got to try some delicious porridge. We also participated in a recycling workshop where we learned which bins are right for different types of waste and what happens to the rubbish once it leaves our homes. The last workshop was one for Pacific about wellbeing and how to have a healthy, happy lifestyle.

Another fun thing we did was the Y4 and Y5 Maths Challenge that took place at St Gabriel's where children from lots of different schools came and participated in multiple maths themed questions.

In recent weeks, we also had a football match that took place at Hampstead Norreys. The game finished 3-3 in a tie! Our players, and the other team, played brilliantly and we are very proud. We have another upcoming game on the 24<sup>th</sup> – The Ilsleys vs Bucklebury. Only a few weeks ago, the Newbury Fire Service paid Atlantic Class a visit. We had a fire safety talk with Ian,

Jason and Brandon; all dedicated members of the service. During their visit, they talked all about what they wear to



stay safe, their trusted equipment and the fire truck's features. We even got to sit inside the fire truck!

With our newest teacher in training, Miss Blackmore, Atlantic made carrot scones based on our WW2 topic.

We used the appropriate rationed foods that would have been used during wartime. We got to take the scones home still



warm! We'd like to say that they were absolutely FAB! Before half term, another fun day we had was 'Dress to Express' for Children's Mental Health Week. This was where we dressed up to show our personality and uniqueness. We saw many different fun outfits and had a great end to last half term!



The Evergreens held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February at 2pm in the Wilkins Centre, Compton. It was agreed to keep the membership fee at £10 per person and to increase the seat prices by £1 each.

A Coffee Morning has been arranged for Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> in the Wilkins Centre, and a Prize Bingo Evening in Compton Village Hall on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

The members voted on the suggested destinations list and agreed the following trips for 2023:

Gloucester

Bletchley Park & Milton Keynes

Windsor With Boat Trip & Castle

Evesham

Cotswold Wildlife Park

Hillier Gardens, Romsey

Portsmouth & Southsea

Slimbridge Wildlife Centre

Christmas Market Trip

Dates, times and any additional costs will be confirmed very soon. 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. Look out for details on our posters.

Contact either: Julia - 01635 281597 or

Tony - 07780 994297 to book your seat.

Thank You Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

## FAMILY PRIZE BINGO



COMPTON VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

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

**GENEROUS PRIZES**

**SUPERB RAFFLE**

**COME AND ENJOY THE BEST OF BINGO!**

Refreshments available

## EASTER FAMILY PRIZE BINGO

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH

DOORS OPEN 7:00

EYES DOWN 7:30

**GREAT PRIZES**

AND A

**SUPER RAFFLE**

COME ALONG AND ENJOY

THE BEST OF BINGO

## 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 ILSLEY (SOCIAL) RUNNING CLUB** meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Harrow. 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.

##### **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>