

# West Ilsley News

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Don't urinate, on your dear neighbour.  
Blame Jim, it's because of him,  
That you feel the need to take a swim.

Now the people of the West they are no quitters,  
They play pooh sticks to the tune of Waterloo.  
They even play a game, of 'guess what's in the  
drain?',  
Which gives new meaning to the phrase 'a local  
do'

In 1945 a soldier said it,  
"I went to war so I could do me bit."  
Well, we ain't at war no more, so nail up the toilet  
door,  
So the locals here won't think you give a sxxt!

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DIARY	
APRIL	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Harrow quiz night
25 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow St George's night
30 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow coffee morning
MAY	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting and assembly <i>Please note change of date</i>
JUNE	
14 <sup>th</sup>	The Wurzels
JULY	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-fete dance
13 <sup>th</sup>	Fete



**An Ode on a Commode  
loosely based on the films  
Village of the Damned and A  
River Runs Through It  
starring Seth Pitt**

**Apologies to the writers of  
Grandpa's Grave  
by Peter Sellers**

**because the following is a total rip-off  
Also apologies to anyone called Jim**

They've removed the S in West, it's now in  
sewage,  
They've removed it, whilst sparing no expense.  
Our intestinal remains, are blocking up the drains  
And peeing off the local residents.

Now it's hard enough just making a decision,  
Deciding to frequent which Portaloo.  
It's no convenience, but sitting on the fence,  
Is simply not the proper thing to do.



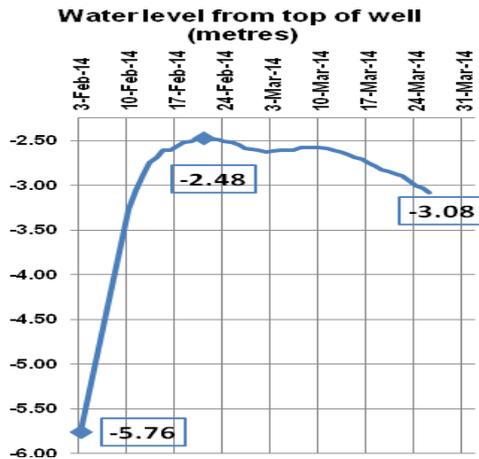
They removed the S in West, it's  
now in gutters,  
They've removed it, whilst  
sparing no expense.  
But the Boozer's doing well, 'cos  
it's upwind of the smell  
Pay a visit, but do not use the  
Gents.

Lou Rowles

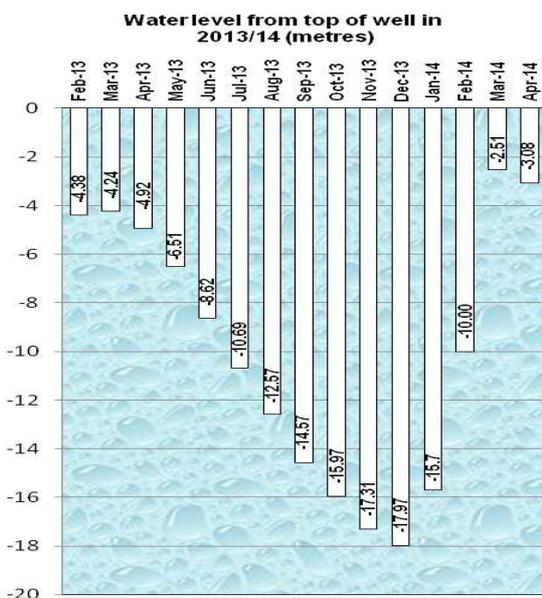
## WELL READING

Mel Cook

First thing to say is that it has definitely gone down over the last month. Well readings are usually at their highest in February/March each year and at their lowest in October/November and in one sense the last 6 months was typical. Last autumn the low reading was 17.97 metres, but following the wettest winter for at least 250 years the reading sailed past the previous record of 2.89 metres in 2001 to set a new record of 2.48 metres. For a lot of January and the beginning of February the water level was increasing at quite astonishing rates. For example between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February the level rose by a record 4.24 metres. At one point Liz thought the well-meter must be broken!



However, following the recent dry spell the water level is decreasing by about 30-50 mm a day and as we go to press it has now dropped over half a metre from its peak to about 3.08 metres. This is still significantly higher than last year's peak reading, but records show that the decrease should continue steadily as we go into summer. And I know the farmers will complain, but we need a long dry summer to get the water table down so that we don't have a re-run of this next winter. Finally it is interesting to see that a recently published report by the UK Met Office says we should expect our summers to become drier and hotter, and our winters to become milder and wetter. So in future we need to keep a good eye on the well-readings and the weather to give us as much advance notice of any likely flooding as possible.



## A LIGHTEARTED INTERLUDE IN WORRYING TIMES IN WEST ILSLEY

A number of villagers know we discovered a mammoth's tooth when digging the deep footings of our stable/garage to the right of the cottages in 1978. James, our middle son was 5 years old at the time and was the first to spot this plum pudding size piece of prehistoric history. " Look, Daddy....a dinosaurs tooth! " It certainly resembled tooth structure, with it's large, grinding molar surface covered in striations of cement and dentine, rather fragile, with traces of root structure now fossilised. The curator of Newbury Museum came out to view it and pronounced it a Woolly Mammoth's molar tooth. Simon, our youngest son, many years later, was working in London.....\*Let's go to the National History Museum, Dad."....we duly did..... found a mammoth skeleton and looking upwards into it's cavernous head we knew our tooth was then a right upper molar. The mammoth has only 8 teeth...2 up and 2 down each side. It weighs 10 lb and although not carbon dated...it was thought to be between 30,000 and 3 million years old! So, West Ilsley in prehistoric times, maybe, was a river bed. where mammoths and dinosaurs roamed freely and came to drink at the river's edge. The amount of water coming into our cottages recently entirely supports that view! John and Elaine Clemenger.

## Flood support schemes

### *Repair and renew grant*

- Grants of up to £5k
- For homeowners and businesses
- For property flooded between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013 and 31 March 2014
- Administered by local authorities
- Only for funding measures to improve resilience to flooding over and above repairs normally covered by insurance
- Properties not eligible if they are to benefit from a community level scheme which would reduce level of flood risk below significant (needs liaison with Environment Agency)
- If property currently benefit from existing or agreed Property Level Protection Scheme funding should only be used to take total of that whole package to a max of £5k

- Package of work to be identified following survey by competent professional
- Evidence that work has been undertaken will need to be provided
- No clear detail of how it will work and how funding will flow to local authorities (discussions to take place between Govt./ Insurers/ Local authorities)
- Enquiries  
floodresiliencegrant@defra.gsi.gov.uk

### ***Business Rates Flooding Relief***

- To be administered by local authorities using existing discretionary relief powers
- Fully funded by central government, no limit imposed
- Expectation that relief will be granted
- For property flooded between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013 and 31 March 2014
- Not applicable to property with RV £10m or greater
- Need to consider extent of adverse effect on business activity, ignore very small or insignificant impact
- Relief for 3 months irrespective of how long flooding adversely affected business activity
- Relief to be allowed after all normal relief accounted for (e.g. small business relief)
- Relief may continue if change of ratepayer in the period or property split/merged
- Empty property not eligible
- Relief for periods outside scope to be funded 49% by council in line with rate retention arrangements
- Enquiries ndr@communities.gsi.gov.uk

### ***Business Support Scheme***

- To be administered by local authorities
- Initial £50k grant to Council, 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche to be delivered in March when more detail of flood impacts available
- For business flooded and for those whose business has been adversely affected by flooding

- For small and medium sized business to implement business recovery plans
- Claim for costs (immediate clean up, materials, exceptional business costs, temporary accommodation, business continuity planning, and marketing)
- Intention is a simple scheme, quick provision of support, minimum bureaucracy
- Need to identify that hardship/loss was due to flooding and not poor business practice (e.g. no insurance)
- Can be used to help those indirectly affected (no or limited access to premises, suppliers or customers)
- Reference made to average claims of £2,500 for similar recovery schemes
- Enquiries enquiries@bis.gsi.gov.uk

### ***Council Tax discounts***

- Funding up to £4m available across country
- Local authorities not given individual allocations
- Use local discretion
- Will be used to provide council tax rebate for up to 3 months
- Current Environment Agency assessment suggest £4m will help fund council tax discounts for 6 months
- Further details to follow from Govt.
- Enquiries  
COUNCIL.tax@communities.gsi.gov.uk

### ***West Berkshire Council Tax and Business Rates***

- Business premises are being given up to 3 months relief under existing discretionary powers
- Domestic property being given up to 3 months relief under existing delegate powers
- Admin being kept simple but evidence being requested in order to support grant claims
- Each claim being dealt with individually and reflecting individual circumstances
- Review process will take place



# Bluebell Walk

at Fishers Farm, Shefford Woodlands  
near Hungerford RG17 7AA  
on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2014

Arrive 2-5pm  
Choice of walks ¾-1½ hours  
Dogs on lead welcome  
Teddy bear hunt  
Dog agility course  
Bacon Roll & Tea + cake stalls  
Adults £5, Children free  
Ride to bluebells for non-walkers  
1 mile from junction 14, M4  
See website for full details

 We are raising funds for  
**AIR AMBULANCE**  
BERKS | OXON | BUCKS

 **genesis**  
preventing breast cancer

[www.fishersfarmbluebellwalk.org.uk](http://www.fishersfarmbluebellwalk.org.uk)

## ILSLEY UNDER 5'S

It's been a very busy month for Ilsley Under Fives and we have been out and about over the last few weeks as our usual venue has been out of action. We all enjoyed an outing to Eddie Catz in Newbury at the beginning of the month and good fun was had by all! We also held a sponsored Princess and Dragon toddle at Snelsmore Common to raise money for Sport Relief. We made over 4 times our target in sponsorship money and all who took part had a great time. The morning ended with a picnic lunch.....our first of the year!

We were also very kindly invited by Jane and David Carlisle to see the lambing at Folly Farm and I can safely say that we all thoroughly enjoyed our visit (not to mention the wonderful cakes made by Jane for us all to enjoy afterwards!).

On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** come along to the West Ilsley Play Area for hot chocolate and an egg hunt! Please can your child bring along a basket or bag to collect their paper eggs. In return for finding lots of paper eggs - they will win a chocolate egg to take home. If the weather is not looking good, we will seek refuge in the village hall.

**We have lots of events coming up and the best place to find out what we are up to is on our Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ilsleyunderfives>

We meet every week, most weeks of the year, in West Ilsley village hall between 10am and

11.30am. The children have a snack and drink half way through the session, with hot drinks available for mums, dads and carers. New members are always very welcome, just come along to the session and join us. It's a fantastic way to meet other local families and get together for some valuable play time!

Ilsley under 5's is a well established parent and carer play group which provides a great place to play in a friendly safe atmosphere and fun environment.

Every week we offer a new activity table; painting, drawing, play dough etc., not forgetting the regular toys that are available and suit all ages of toddler or baby.

We finish the session with a group sing along or dancing session!

If you are planning a party or event remember the small tables and chairs as well as our indoor and outdoor toys are available for hire throughout the year for a donation of £10.

Rachel Hudson Tel: 281350



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For more information - Juliet Ryder Tel: 281555

**ILSLEY UNDER FIVES**



## COMPTON DAY CENTRE UPDATE

Despite all our village hall committees' efforts, the Compton Day Centre has stopped operating in its day care format. The existing local downland residents who need day care provision has apparently been declining. It appears that this is mainly due to West Berkshire Council increasing their minimum criteria of need for day care provision and maybe not always interviewing with a carer or relative present to give a true evaluation of need. This has the knock on effect of less people able to get day care funding. The existing day care provider has not renewed its contract due to insufficient clients to make it economically viable. The committee has now changed its name to the 'Wilkins Centre' in honour of Joan Wilkins, MBE, who did such a lot for our village all her life and whose efforts probably made the day care centre possible in the first place.

Various options are now being considered by the village hall committee in an effort to keep the building open in some form.

For example: a coffee/tea drop in type centre. Are there any volunteers in the area interested in manning the centre on a rota basis to provide this service? We have two volunteers who have

expressed an interest at the moment. Various activities could be started, cards, bingo, gardening or computer clubs as a few ideas. The Autumn Years Club already use it once a fortnight on a Tuesday afternoon.

If nothing like this is possible, is there anyone in our downland villages that either knows someone or an organisation or business that would like to use the building? Would anyone want to hire it as a tea/coffee shop during the day? It could be used for example as a tea room, hairdressers, drop in centre, small office. It is a Rollalong prefabricated building bought new in 1997 and situated at the rear of the hall by the rec car park.

If anyone is interested or has any bright ideas as to its future, please contact me on 578149 or my email: [davecrmorris@gmail.com](mailto:davecrmorris@gmail.com)

### **COMPTON DAY CENTRE EQUIPMENT NOW SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS.**

As the centre has closed, there is a lot of elderly day care equipment owned by the committee which is no longer needed, e.g.: wheel chairs, walking frames, high arm chairs, etc. Is there anyone who wishes to hire or purchase this equipment? There are also unopened personal hygiene supplies which we will give away for those in need. Any donations or funds raised will go to the upkeep of this facility.

Dave Morris

Secretary

Compton Village Hall Committee of Trustees.

### **"WILD WEST" ILSLEY FETE - SUNDAY 13TH JULY 2014**

(STOP PRESS - Please note it is the second Sunday in July, not as traditionally the first Sunday).

Lots to do for all the family, including: inflatables and rides for children, dog acrobatics and a dog show, owl display, produce show, children's fancy dress, vintage clothing stall, jewellery stalls, welly-wanging, family football tournament, a BBQ and much, much more. Entry is £1 for adults and free for children under 16. More updates to follow including news on the Wild West Ilsley Pre-Fete Dance!

Sneak preview of categories for the Produce Show 2014:

**This year's theme the "Wild West"**

#### **Floral**

1. Single flower specimen
2. Floral arrangement of at least 3 flower varieties
3. Themed display
4. Themed display CHILD (Under 12s)
5. Best pair of hanging baskets
6. Best kept front garden

#### **Vegetables**

7. Best single vegetable
8. Best 3 vegetables of one variety

9. Gardeners Choice (A basket of at least 3 varieties)

10. Funny mishapen vegetable of any variety

11. Most pots in a pot (the famous potato competition)

#### **Home Cooking**

12. A jar of any preserve

13. A jar of chutney or sauce

14. Homemade alcoholic drink

15. Homemade soft drink

16. LADIES BAKE: Lemon meringue pie

17. GENTLEMENS BAKE: 6 fruit scones

18. CHILDRENS BAKE: a dessert of your choice (Under 7s and Under 12s classes)

19. A loaf of yeast bread

#### **Photography**

20. The "Wild" side (open to any interpretation).

#### **Adult & Child classes**

#### **Creativity**

21. Themed drawing, painting, collage, 3D model or game CHILD (Under 7s and Under 12s classes)

Any queries please speak to Juliet, Donna or Tony.

## **Birds of Prey & Falconry Displays**

### **Easter Saturday morning 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Meet falconer Ray Prior and his birds from 10 a.m.

At 11 a.m., marvel at amazing flying displays!

### **Aldworth Recreation Ground**

### **FREE entry**

*(Bucket collection in aid of Air Ambulance)*  
in conjunction with

### **Aldworth Saturday Market in village hall (RG8 9SB)**

**9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.**

**Fresh Produce, Cakes, Preserves,  
Plants,**

**Flowers, Traidcraft groceries, cards  
etc.**

### **Refreshments**

*CHARITY stall selling handmade children's  
clothes, toys & gifts in aid of*

*Alexander Devine Children's Hospice*

**Further details: 01635 578090**

## RIDGEWAY DAY

The Friends of the Ridgeway are pleased to announce that they will again be running The Ridgeway Day, this year on Saturday, 10th May, 2014, between 10.30 am and 4.00 pm, once again at The Court Hill Centre, near Wantage. We would be most grateful if you would kindly include an item about the event in your next Newsletter and on your web-site to alert your readers to it. We are a local charity, dedicated to preserving and promoting The Ridgeway as a wonderful place for walking and all sorts of recreation, as well as an important part of our heritage. We invite everyone to come along on 10th May, drop in at The Ridgeway Centre at Court Hill to find out more about The Ridgeway and what it has to offer, and perhaps take a walk on The Ridgeway and enjoy the views over the Vale. Join one of our guided walks to nearby Segsbury Castle hillfort, and spot wildlife and spring flowers. The Ridgeway Day will be a lovely day out for all the family, with live music, a nature trail, art and birds of prey displays, great views and lunches or teas available. The Ridgeway is an ancient track across England, a 4,000 year-old trade route, and today a National Trail. It links hillforts, barrows and hill figures and passes through spectacular landscapes. It is Britain's oldest road and it's right on our doorstep, on the edge of the Downs, for everyone to enjoy. For further details see the attached leaflet. To get to the Court Hill Centre, take the A338 south from Wantage for 2 miles. Turn right into The Centre just before the crest of Court Hill. The Friends of the Ridgeway, is a charity (number 1107926) which helps to preserve and protect The Ridgeway, to raise awareness of it and promote its quiet enjoyment.  
[www.ridgewayfriends.org.uk](http://www.ridgewayfriends.org.uk)

## EASTER BINGO

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL

DOORS OPEN 7:00

EYES DOWN 7:30

GREAT PRIZES

AND

SUPER RAFFLE

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN  
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

## WHAT'S ON AT THE HARROW

Quiz Night

Wednesday 23rd April 8pm

£3 each to enter

Winning team takes half, losing team gets a round of drinks on us

In aid of West Ilsley Flood Relief



St. George's Night

Friday 25th April

2 courses of traditional

English fare for £18

Please let us know if you are interested in joining us to celebrate!!



Coffee Morning

Wednesday 30th April

10:30am till 12 noon

Pop in for a coffee and a slice of homemade cake



Don't forget to book your tables for Easter Sunday lunch

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (RBL)

Firstly, thanks to all those who supported the Poppy Appeal last year by donating and wearing their poppy with pride. Our Remembrance Sunday parade and service at East Ilsley was wonderfully attended by a large congregation. Lessons were read by parish & local council representatives and we were so proud of the smartly turned out youth groups who paraded with us. The result was a record Poppy Appeal collection – thank you

### THE POPPY APPEAL NEEDS YOU!

In order to maintain this momentum we need to recruit **POPPY APPEAL ORGANISERS (PAOs)** to lead collection activities in our villages. This role is absolutely crucial to the structure and operation of the Poppy Appeal – ensuring that our schools, pubs, shops, village halls & surgeries have poppy supplies and collecting tins. **We are looking to find volunteer PAOs in each of our villages;**

Compton, East Ilsley, West Ilsley, Hampstead Norreys, Aldworth and Ashampstead. You do not have to be a member of the RBL but just to believe in the cause.

**Please volunteer by contacting either**

David Norbury 01635 578531

[davidnorbury@btinternet.com](mailto:davidnorbury@btinternet.com)

Mel Sitch 01635 578892

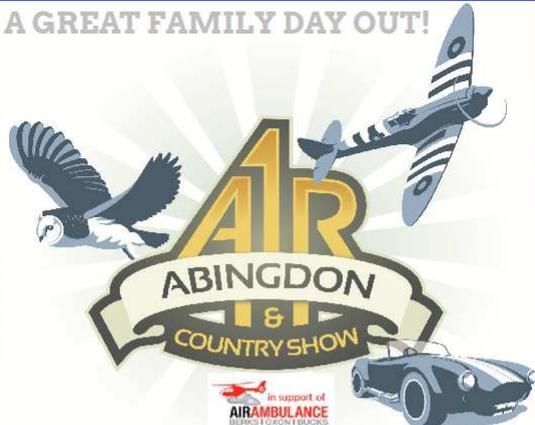
[melvinsitch948@btinternet.com](mailto:melvinsitch948@btinternet.com)

Here are some forward dates for your diary;

- Remembrance parade and service on **Sun 9 Nov 14** at Aldworth
- Branch Lunch at the Compton Swan – guest speaker Major Tikendra Dewan from the British Ghurkha Welfare Society

Please contact one of the above for more details – thank you

**A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT!**



**15TH ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY SHOW**  
**SUNDAY 4TH MAY 2014**  
Abingdon Airfield, Dalton Barracks, Oxfordshire, 10am-5pm

**FLYING DISPLAYS**  
**STATIC AIRCRAFT**  
**BOB TREDWELL MEMORIAL**  
**ALL-FORD CAR RALLY**  
**VINTAGE VEHICLES**  
**LIVE MUSIC 4x4 RIDES**  
**EXHIBITORS ARENA DISPLAYS**  
**CHILDRENS' AMUSEMENTS**  
**TRADE STALLS CRAFTS**  
**FOOD & DRINK AND LOTS MORE!**

**TICKET PRICES:**  
Adults (16+) £12 advance, £15 on the gate  
OAPs £8 advance, £10 on the gate  
Children (5-15) £4 advance, £5 on the gate  
Children under 5 free, Car parking free  
Buy tickets online from the show's website at [www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk](http://www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk) until 8pm on 22 April.  
Tickets also available from the following outlets:  
Abingdon Visitor & Community Info Centre,  
Abingdon Town Council offices, Abbey House,  
Wantage Vale & Downland Museum,  
Tourist Info Centres in Oxford, Wallingford,  
Didcot and Witney,  
Selected branches of the Newbury Building Society.

**Info: [www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk](http://www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk)**  
AND FIND US ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER



Show website created by Jon Kaye Design [www.jonkayedesign.co.uk](http://www.jonkayedesign.co.uk)

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

### April Services at All Saints' Church

6 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Communion	8.30am
Wednesday	Compline with	8.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	reflection for Holy Week	
Good Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday Walk starts at Farnborough	9.15am
Easter Day 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	9.30am
27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	11.00am

Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at [www.eastdownland.org.uk](http://www.eastdownland.org.uk)

### Holy Week

There will be Midday Prayer and services of Compline (simple evening service of



reflection) for Holy Week around the benefice. On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, the evening service will be held in All Saints' Church.

### Good Friday

Although there is not a Good Friday service in West Ilsley this year we hope you will join us for the Walk, which starts outside Farnborough Church at 9.15am. We walk to West Ilsley, arriving around 10.15am and continue to Beedon Church by around 12.10pm, where we will have about 45 minutes for our packed lunches. The walk will continue from around 12.55pm to reach Peasemore in time for the 2pm Service of Prayer at the Cross. It is not necessary to walk the whole way, so join or leave us as you wish, but do come.

### Easter Services

All Saints' is holding a Family Communion on Easter Sunday at 9.30am – we hope to see you there! There are other services in the benefice during Holy Week, on Good Friday and on Easter Day, so do look on the church notice board or on the benefice website (see above) for times and places. An Easter card announcing all our Easter services will also be sent out soon.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the church. We hope you will come and support us.

### Contacts

If you have anyone or anything specific you would like mentioned in church prayers at services throughout the year, do speak to either Ian (281625) or Alexandra (281306). To receive by email a copy of the weekly pew sheet, which contains readings, prayers and notices about church events in the benefice, please contact [eastdownland@btinternet.com](mailto:eastdownland@btinternet.com)

If you would like to organise a baptism, wedding or funeral or would like to talk to a member of the clergy for any other reason, email Revd John Toogood at [edownlandrector@gmail.com](mailto:edownlandrector@gmail.com) or ring him on 01635 247566.

*Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith*

## BUCKLEBURY/DOWNLANDS NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE FOR MARCH

The Bucklebury and Downlands Neighbourhood Team cover the areas of Bucklebury, Downlands, Cold Ash, Chieveley, Hermitage, Midgham and Woolhampton.

The latest crime statistics can be found by visiting [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) ([opens new window](#)) This website provides you with helpful information about crime and policing in your area. Enter your postcode, town, village or street into the search box, and get instant access to street-level crime maps and data, as well as details of the neighbourhood police team and 'Have Your Say Events'. The level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area

remains below average compared with the rest of England and Wales. The crime rate in your neighbourhood for the period April 2013 to January 2014 inclusive as opposed to the same period in 2012/13 has reduced by 7%, with burglaries down by 14% and criminal damage down by 18%.

The neighbourhood has three priorities; rural crime, speeding, and anti social use of motor vehicles. If you have any concerns about crime or disorder in the Bucklebury & Downlands neighbourhood please email the address below or call the non emergency number for Thames Valley Police, 101.

On 3rd February speed enforcement was carried out on High Street, Compton between 2.20pm and 3.20pm. One motorist, a local, was caught speeding at 36mph and was reported for speeding. On 5th February enforcement was carried out on Main Street, West Ilsley between 8am and 9am. Three motorists were caught speeding between 36 and 44mph and were reported for speeding.

At this time of year hare coursing again becomes an issue. If you see vehicles driving off road at any time of the day, or lights in fields at night then please call us. Likewise if you see persons walking on fields in a line with dogs then also call us.

Anti social use of motor vehicles, primarily 4X4's and motorbikes using various rights of way causing criminal damage and annoyance is a new priority for the neighbourhood. Eleven Section 59 warnings (which enable police to seize vehicles if caught twice in a twelve month period) have been issued in February and two motorists issued with fixed penalty tickets for driving off road. If you see vehicles driving off road or using restricted by-ways then please report it to us on 101.

Please make sure you report all crimes and any instances of anti social behaviour to Thames Valley Police so we can deal accordingly. Too often we are receiving calls from your parish councilors of incidents that should be reported to the police and too much time has passed by to be able to deal effectively.

Finally, we would like to say farewell to Sgt Paula Morgan and welcome Sgt Alan Hawkett to the Bucklebury and Downlands Neighbourhood Team. If you see him out and about please do not hesitate to approach him and say hello!

#### Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email:

[BuckleburyandDownlandsNHPT@thamesvalley.pn.police.uk](mailto:BuckleburyandDownlandsNHPT@thamesvalley.pn.police.uk) This e-mail address should not be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report

crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

### MEDICINES DELIVERY SERVICE

Change to arrangements from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April. See notice attached to WIN email.

### PARISH COUNCIL

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 minutes from our meetings are available under the "Parish Council" tab.

#### 2014 Parish Council Meetings:

May 19th AGM and Assembly,  
July 14<sup>th</sup>, Sep 8<sup>th</sup>, Nov 10th

### WHO TO CONTACT

#### VILLAGE HALL

Ros Duckworth-Bookings-281471 [rosduckworth@btinternet.com](mailto:rosduckworth@btinternet.com)  
Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers

#### PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions can be collected from Liz Elliott at 2 Morland Close, between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday 281997. Should you wish to collect outside the above hours, please telephone to ask if it's convenient. Prescription requests can be put through the door any time. The surgery bus makes deliveries on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

#### PATIENT REPRESENTATION GROUP

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