

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 – help to save paper and shoe leather!

What's on in West Ilsley

AUGUST

2nd Tegan's Tearoom – Village Hall 2-5

9th Tegan's Tearoom – Village Hall 2-5

16th Tegan's Tearoom – Village Hall 2-5

23rd Tegan's Tearoom – Village Hall 2-5

SEPTEMBER

5th Council meeting

OCTOBER

1st Harvest festival and lunch

FULL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

7.30 in the VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Tuesday 14th November 2023

Tuesday 20th February 2024

Tuesday 14th May 2024, 7:00pm - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 14th May 2024, 8:15pm - Annual Parish Meeting

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council held an additional meeting on the 25th July to co-opt someone to fill a councillor vacancy which has been open since May. I am pleased to announce Katy Morris has been co-opted to the Parish Council with immediate effect.

The recent village hall open day was well attended and the Parish Council extended their thanks to Amanda and Andrea for hosting the event, allowing villagers to view historical documents before they are deposited with the Berkshire Records Office. In due course some of the documents, photos and maps will be made available on the West Ilsley website.

The willow tree has now been removed from the pond and thanks must also be extended to Peter Carlisle for helping move the tree so it could be logged.

Whilst the meeting was arranged primarily to fill the vacancy other topics were discussed which will be communicated via the WIN in due course.

That said, I will mention one of the topics in this update.

The Parish Council regularly receives feedback from villagers about potholes, public rights of way being overgrown, the over-grown verges along Bury Lane and more. The mechanism the Parish Council has to report issues to West Berkshire Council is via the report a problem link at the bottom of each WIN. Based on recent experience I would encourage people to use the link to report problems as one report from the Parish Council (which we are happy to do) will likely gain more importance if multiple residents report the same problem.

Graham Woods - Chairman

UPDATE FROM CLLR CAROLYNE CULVER

In the autumn Thames Water will be attending a meeting of the Scrutiny Commission that I chair to answer questions about sewage and infrastructure investment. I will ensure that the public's concerns are put to them. The Commission will also be setting up a sub-group to look at lessons learned from how the council responded to the covid pandemic, and will be investigating why children entitled to free school meals perform less well at school compared with all children. WBC's performance is particularly poor in this respect.

I continue to get lots of complaints about speeding. Compton and East Ilsley are following in the footsteps of West Ilsley by buying a speed indicator device to measure the speed of vehicles. The council's bin contractors have been spotted sitting in their vans and not emptying the bins properly. Officers have told me that the terms of the new contract mean that WBC can

withhold payments if the company doesn't empty the bins properly, which was not the case with the old contract, so that's some consolation.

Remember you can report problems directly to WBC via www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem

Best wishes

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

August Services at All Saints' Church

Sunday 6th ~~Family Service at 11.00am~~ - CANCELLED

Sunday 13th Holy Communion at 8.30am

Sunday 20th Family Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 27th *No service in West Ilsley*

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 August.

Café in All Saints' Church

Our next monthly church café will be on Sunday 13th August between 10.00am and 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there for coffee, cake and a chat!

Pet Service – Sunday 3rd September at 11am

Everyone is invited to bring their pets along to church for what is always a very lively and popular service, enjoyed by animals and their humans alike. This year the



collection will be shared with the National Animal Welfare Trust at Trindledown Farm and if you would like to bring along some cat or dog food or other specifically needed items (details nearer the time), we will pass them on.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 1st October – Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch in the village hall.

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Service.

Put the dates in your diary now!

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.

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 – revdjdales@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

**COACH TRIP**
TO
PORTSMOUTH
& **SOUTHSEA**
ON
WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 23TH
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 JULIA on 01635 281597 to book your seat for only £18.
Arranged by
ILSLEY EVERGREENS



Tegan's Tearoom



THIS IS A TREAT, DON'T MISS IT!
- WIN Editors

On Wednesdays in August

{2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd}

from 2-5 pm throughout summer in
West Ilsley Village Hall

Bookings only:

Traditional afternoon tea - £8.00
Tea/coffee/soft drinks, sandwiches, cakes and scones

Children's afternoon tea - £5.00
Squash/soft drinks, sandwiches, fruit and cakes

Bookings must be made 4 days in advance by contacting Tegan at tegan@grwc.co.uk

Walk ins:

Drinks - £1.00
Cakes and scones - £2.50

Proceeds to charity

At this time, we are only able to accept cash, we apologise for any inconvenience caused

THANK YOU FROM TEGAN



Thank you so much to everyone who came along on Wednesday, we hope you enjoyed it.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped me set up: the Village Hall committee for letting me

use the village hall, in particular Louise for her time and her fantastic ideas, Andrea for her great catering tips, Pete and Jo for their donation of beautiful china, Hayley and Andrea for loaning some equipment and, my parents for helping me set up and tidy up and my mum for helping me serve.

We raised a fantastic £107 for Cancer Research UK.

We hope to see you soon to enjoy more tea and cake!

Next week we will be raising money for the Air Ambulance.



THE DOWNLAND COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Could you spare a few hours each month to drive residents in the Downland villages to their medical appointments at the surgeries, dentists, or opticians? They are the main destinations for which we need volunteer drivers. We would also welcome drivers happy to travel to the hospitals in Reading and Oxford. It is a good opportunity to help our neighbours in the area and enjoy a friendly chat with them whilst driving to their appointments.

For further details please email Jean Pocock michaeljeanpocock@gmail.com alternatively, phone our office on **01635 281150** Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 11.30am

Downland Volunteer Group, The Surgery, High Street, Compton, Newbury RG20 6NJ

www.downlandvolgroup.org

Charity No. 1112181



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

The Evergreens most recent outing was to Chichester and Fishbourne Roman Palace. The remains of the largest Roman Palace and Gardens in the UK were only discovered in 1960 when a digger driver was excavating a trench for a new water pipe. A must see for any historian and the mosaics are wonderful. A lovely day out enjoyed by us all.

At the recent coffee morning held in the Wilkins Centre it was agreed to change the day of the outings to Thursday from the September trip onwards.

We will be holding our next Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th August at 10am in the Wilkins Centre Compton. All are very welcome to attend and sample homemade fare for only £1.50.

THE LIST OF REVISED DATES FOR FURTHER DESTINATIONS IN 2023.

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 23RD

PORTSMOUTH & SOUTHSEA See Dockyard, Gunwharf Quays, Spinnaker Tower, D-Day Museum etc.

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 21ST

EVESHAM & VALLEY/COUNTRY PARK See Almonry Museum, do the Town Walk, Hampton Ferry, Bell Tower etc.

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 19TH

GLOUCESTER. See Cathedral, Docks and Quay, National Waterways Museum, Eastgate Indoor Market, Soldiers of Gloucester Museum.

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 30TH

WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET TRIP

Members Coach Fare £15 Guests Coach Fare £18

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS ON OUR POSTERS

Contact : Julia - 01635 281597 or

Tony - 07780 994297 to book your seat.

My thanks go to Julia, Mary, Diana and Michael who steadfastly manned the bottle stall at West Ilsley Fete. We have received a donation of £200 from the Fete committee. Tony Elliott - Secretary/Trips Officer

NEWS FROM THE ILSLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Written by 2 Year 6 and a Year 5

On Friday 23rd June, Year 5 and 6 went to Hampstead Norreys for a Greek workshop run by Ufton Court. We got split into two groups for the day (Kestrels & Atlantic Y6 and Kestrels & Atlantic Y5). The first half of the day, we were in teams of three, acting as different Greek city states. As it was a trading game, all states started with different items and resources. We had a list of things we needed to collect. Our aim was - by the end of the game - to collect everything by trading and negotiating.

On the same Friday, after the usual morning assembly, parents were welcomed into the school to enjoy a coffee morning. This included biscuits and having a chance to talk to Miss House. Everyone really enjoyed the morning.

On the 26th of June, we had a whole school moving up day. This is where everyone moves up one year so they can experience what it is like being a year older. This also helps them settle in especially if they are in a different class or have just joined the school. On this day, everyone does fun activities and projects.

On 28th of June, we did our annual house Sports Day. The four school houses (Windsor, Newbury, Epsom and Ascot) competed in multiple different events. Each child participated in at least two races. The races were things like sprints, relay, quoit, egg and spoon and many more. For each race, first second, third and fourth place each got house points. The house that won the most points will be announced at the Leaver's

Assembly. We always enjoy Sports Day and this year especially.

In preparation for the West Ilsleys Fete - that took place on the 2nd July – the pupils in Atlantic had lots of fun making biscuits to sell at the fete. We got to knead the dough, weigh the flour eggs and sugar. We had so much of fun making these.

The Year 6s also went to PGL on the annual residential trip. We went to Osmington Bay, Weymouth, which was positioned by the seaside with a pretty ocean view. We took part in lots of activities, for example, the big swing of the zip wire. We all really enjoyed this. The whole school took part in a federation day at Hampstead Norreys where we did lots of activities with different teachers. We did Maths, Creative Writing, History, PE, Art and French as well as making rice crispy chocolate nests. We all enjoyed meeting different teachers at Hampstead Norreys, and getting to know more students.

In recent weeks, the YR5s and YR6s have been working very hard on an end of year production, Mission Implausible. We have perfected it in the last few days and performed it on Tuesday 18th. Everyone in the audience enjoyed it very much and we received a bunch of positive comments. Even the teachers thought it was one of the best end of year performances yet!

We are also having an end of year prom on the last Wednesday of term, which is red carpet theme. The whole school comes together to have a party in the evening the night before the end of term.

Some children took place in a swimming gala not too long ago, which ended very well as the majority of the participants took home a medal or two, as well as two trophies. We congratulated them accordingly and they said that they enjoyed it very much.

Have a brilliant summer from everyone at the Ilsleys we hope you have enjoyed our newsletters.

FETE REPORT

Another West Ilsley Fete under our belts and I'm sure you will all agree it was great to have it back after 3 years without one.

Where do I start?? Here goes.....

Alan Bloor, along with his team, Dewi, Nigel Ryan, Alan Beaumont, Justin Gilbert & Roger, did a fantastic job feeding the hungry crowds with their delicious burgers & hotdogs. Thank you, I know you were very busy, but it kept you all out of trouble!  

The bar was always busy, thank you to the cricket club for keeping everyone well hydrated & happy. 

The Blewbury Brass Band entertained us with their music, thank you. A very traditional sound at a village fete.  

Louise Beaumont, Alison Banks, along with all the tea ladies from the tennis club & the village hall were kept busy all day selling teas & coffees, as well as delicious homemade cakes. Thank you to everyone who made a cake. I don't think there was much left at the end of the day. 

The dog show was judged by Sue Huntingdon this year. She picked out Jam, the dashchund and her handler Zafira, with her expert eye, as Best in Show. Well done! Also thank you to Olivia Pearey who helped with the entries. I think everyone would agree that little Smudge Pilditch was a very cute winning puppy too! Well done to all the entrants, you were all wonderful!



A very big thank you to all of the families who sponsored the dog show, your donations helped cover the costs of the rosettes & treats. 

The barrow of booze was won by Jack Channon and Allana, well done! I'm sure the barrow will be put to good use (& the booze)  

The clothes stall this year was run by Avice, Barbara, Sue and Vicki, thank you. I know it's a hard task, but I think you secretly enjoy it really, and you are VERY good at it.   

The left over clothes went to The Ilsley's School for their Bag2school collection, which they get paid for!

The inflatables were a great addition & a hit with the kids, mine especially at 9am.  

Also I think the children all enjoyed riding the donkeys. The raffle was very popular, with some great prizes up for grabs. Thank you to Tash for helping me squeeze some great prizes out of very supportive local businesses. It raised over £450! Well done to everyone who won prizes. 

The crockery smashing & coconut shy were popular as ever, thank you to Rosanne, Ian & Kaye for running them both on behalf of All Saints Church.

The bottle stall is always a favourite with the crowds & raised over £250. I personally walked away with 6 bottles! Thank you to the Evergreens for organising all the bottles and a big thank you to Tony for collecting up all the bottles from very generous villagers! 

A very big thank you to The Pearey Family for letting us use their paddock as a car park for the day. 

Dries & Wes entertained us with their South African tones across the airwaves, thank you so much, it's a tough job! Also thank you to our new landlords, Liam & Martin, at The Harrow, for the loan of their pretty impressive Gigga truck!  

Georgia & Honor Pilditch painted faces all day, I saw tigers, puppies, princesses and many more. You did a roaring trade! Well done!

🌟 PRODUCE SHOW RESULTS 🌟

HOME COOKING 🍳🍰🥞

Jar of preserve/chutney - Sue Carrington

Loaf of yeast bread - Ian Wilson

Alcoholic drink - Ian Wilson

Ladies bake - Tegan Woods

Gentlemen's bake - Justin Pilditch

Children's bake - Katie Wells

FLORAL 🌸

Single bloom - Rachel Woods

VEGETABLES 🍅

Best veg - Sebastian & Elodie Yarnall

PHOTOGRAPHY 📷

Adult - Louise Beaumont

CREATIVITY 🧑🎨

Adult - Sue Carrington

BEST HANGING BASKETS 🌿

Rowles Farm

BEST FRONT GARDEN 🌿

Rowles Farm

How many sweets on a cake was won by Kaye Sanderson with her guess of 235, only 1 off, well done



Thank you Flick Lucas for making the amazing sweetie cake!

Thank you to our Tony for organising the produce show and to his judges for all their hard work!

At the end of the day we auctioned off the winning produce and raised over £50! Thank you to everyone who bid and to those of you who didn't want to but Wes persuaded you to.

Another thank you to Pete Carlisle for ferrying fete clobber backwards & forwards from various barns & garages around the village! 🚗

We also had some lovely stalls, including Emma Dweck with her lotions & potions, Tegan Woods with her children's activities, Martin, Zu & Kester with their bric-a-brac, the plant stall, Geoff Wond with his beautiful paintings & Kath Carter with her arts & crafts.

The welly wanging was run by FIPS, they raised over £100! Thank you!! Juliet did a wonderful job of creating some golden boot trophies!! 🏆

Welly wanging results 🥾

Mens - Will Thomas-Ferrand

Ladies - Carrie-Ann Clayton

Under 7 boys - James Ryder

Under 7 girls - Lizzie Hall

8-12 boys - Rory Manson

8-12 girls - Abi Hartley

13-16 boys - Kester

13-16 girls - No entry

Sadly we can't find the distances that they threw but well done! I'm sure Will's went a fair distance though.

Here comes the figures part.

Income - £4,960.60

Outgoings - £3,471.41

Donations given out - £1,400.00

Retained profit for next year - £89.19

A HUGE thank you to all of you who were involved, I hope I haven't missed anyone!

From your 2023 fete committee

Hayley Morricks

Justin Pilditch

Tony Elliott

Nigel Ryan

Natasha Tombs

Tim Pearey

Will Thomas-Ferrand

Georgie Carlisle-Smith

As always the fete falls on the heads of the same people, if you are interested in joining the fete committee 2024 please let us know!! Your village fete needs YOU!!

Best Wishes Hayley Morricks 07947 188069



COFFEE MORNING

**WILKINS CENTRE,
COMPTON**

SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

From **10:00am** until **NOON**

Come and enjoy a
Coffee/tea & cake – only **£1.50**

Raffle tickets **£1** a strip - good prizes!



COACH TRIP TO EVESHAM

AND THE
Valley Shopping Centre

ON
**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 21ST**

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 **JULIA** on **01635 281597**
to book your seat for only **£18**.

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WHO TO CONTACT

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PARISH COUNCIL

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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

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 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>