

# West Ilsley News

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Deadline for the next publication is:

5pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

DIARY	
NOVEMBER	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow coffee and cake
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas greetings deadline
30 <sup>th</sup>	Harrow quiz night
DECEMBER	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harrow Beatles night
18 <sup>th</sup>	Church Carol service
FEBRUARY	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Warmer

## WEST ILSLEY EMAIL

Most residents will know that we've had problems with the email system this month – an 'update' means that the daily quota of emails we can send is now far too low for our needs, so we have suspended the ad hoc service for the time being. We are working on a solution which should be better in the long run, but please bear with us for the moment.

We're hoping that this edition will still be able to be sent round by email, but to try to avoid problems it will be sent just to one email address per household, so please send it round your house if you receive this.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



It's that time of year again! Save all that writing, paper (rainforests) and delivering of Christmas cards around the village, and save your chums all the hassle of moving loads

of cards to dust..... All it takes is an email or note and some cash in an envelope through one door and the job is done!

Send Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours in the village via the WIN and donate a sum towards Church Funds rather than sending cards - let me have a note of what you want to appear and your donation - any time from now up until 5 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> November and it will appear in the December edition. Last year we raised £600 – our best ever year – unsurprisingly, I'm asking again “can we do much better this year?” –

perhaps time to add a little inflation to your contribution and for a few more households to decide to make their lives easier?

PS due to the email problems explained above, I may not be able to do reminder emails, so please do try to get your money and greeting in in time – happy to start receiving contributions immediately.

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**WEST ILSLEY  
VILLAGE HALL  
CHRISTMAS BINGO  
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER  
Doors Open 7:00  
Starts at 7:30  
GREAT PRIZES  
GRAND RAFFLE  
PLEASE COME ALONG  
AND ENJOY THE FUN!**

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 30TH SEPTEMBER

Many thanks to all of you who baked cakes, supplied and made coffee. Thanks also to those of you that came along to eat the cake, drink the coffee and most importantly donate so generously. £260 was raised which is fantastic. Sue Simmons

## OCTOBER'S FARMING NEWS

Harvest 2016 is now complete and all the winter crops of oilseed rape (Holl – High Oleic Low Linoleic acid), barley (Talisman) and wheat (Crusoe and Skyfall) have been planted. The oilseed rape has been the trickiest crop to establish this autumn due to an abundance of slugs and also Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle being prevalent, both of which severely impair the crop's growth.

We are now trying to keep Blackgrass under control in the growing crops with numerous herbicides which unfortunately have a huge cost attached and are only used where absolutely necessary. The herbicides are constantly losing their efficacy annually due to some resistance creeping in.

The harvested malting barley (Propino) is now leaving the farm and heading to COORS/Souffle at Burton-on-Trent to be used for brewing. Unfortunately, a small

amount of Ergot fungus has been detected and this has meant that a couple of loads have had to be screened/cleaned before being accepted.

The Crusoe and Skyfall wheat varieties are now leaving the farm and going directly to mills around the country such as Enfield, Southampton and Avonmouth.

The rams are flirting furiously with the ewes (or vice-versa!) and some observers may well have noticed red and green marks on the ewes' bottoms and hopefully many of them will now be in lamb. The lambs born earlier this spring are being sold fat to the abattoir and we hope to retain some for anyone interested in having one for the freezer. Please do let us know.

The cattle are back inside the barn now having had a gorgeous summer in the fields and the majority will be leaving shortly to go to the local abattoir as they are now fully mature. Peter Carlisle

## THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Our September outing saw us make the trip down the M4 to the Welsh Capital. Cardiff is a lovely city, which has seen tremendous developments in the past decade, transforming the city into one of the most popular shopping centres in the UK.

The remaining coach outings planned for this year are as follows:-

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October – Devizes - 9am – 4pm

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November - Bath Christmas Market – 9am - 4pm

Price for trips continue at: Members £10.00. per person, non-Members: £12.50. per person

Anyone who would like to join the Evergreens to take advantage of our monthly coach outings, please contact Julia Rockall on 01635. 281597.

Plans for our Christmas Lunch at "The Hare and Hounds" at Speen, near Newbury on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December are now being finalised. Baileys Coaches will be providing transport.

Coach travel is free to members.

Tony Elliott has made provisional seat bookings for a number of performances to be held at the New Theatre, Oxford during the coming months. Members have been approached to see what shows they might be interested in attending.

Tony Elliott's "Prize Bingo Evening" held at Compton Village Hall on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, proved to be a very successful and enjoyable evening, producing a most welcome boost to our Evergreen Funds. Much appreciation to Tony for organising these events, which are so important in helping to sustain the viability of our coach outings.

Plans for holding our Christmas Extravaganza in association with Compton's Autumn Group at Compton Village Hall on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November between the hours of 4pm – 7pm are now nearing completion. Members are being asked to show their full support by donating prizes for the Tombola Attraction and being there on the day, if possible. The event is a major source of fund-raising for the Evergreens, thus making it possible to subsidise the Coach Trips and the Christmas Lunch. Please contact Julia Rockall – Telephone No 01635 281597.

Tables are available for hire at a cost of £10.00. per table. Jim Hughes, Secretary Tel. 01235 834487

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

### November Services at

6 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service	10.55am
20 <sup>th</sup>	*No service in West Ilsley	

See Café Church below

27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	11.00am
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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)

### Remembrance Day

We hope you will join us in remembering and giving thanks for those who have died in action for us over the years. [Although the service starts at 10.55am, do please try and arrive in the churchyard before this as the Act of Remembrance starts promptly.](#) As always, the collection will go to the Royal British Legion.

### Harvest Festival and Lunch

Thank you to those who decorated the church so beautifully for Harvest and many thanks also to those who brought presents of food to the service. These were delivered to Willows Edge Residential Home in Newbury. This year we held Harvest Lunch in church, where we all thoroughly enjoyed a good meal and a natter, thanks to the generosity of everyone who so kindly donated food and money for this purpose.

**Café Church** continues at St Mary's Church, Chieveley at 11.00am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November after



the 9.30am United Benefice Communion Service. It is an informal service for everyone, with live music and an emphasis on families with young children. It has proved to be very popular with all ages, so come along at 10.45am for coffee and cake beforehand.

### Tidy Up for Remembrance Day

We will have our church and churchyard working party on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Hopefully you will have a little time to spare and if so, please join us from 10.00am to tidy up the churchyard before the Remembrance Day service. Help with the church cleaning would also be appreciated. Please bring rakes, secateurs, dusters, polish, etc.

**The Downland Advent Carol Service** takes place this year in Welford church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to this lovely candlelit Carol Service which starts the run up to Christmas.

### Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016** – Carol Service at All Saints' Church, West Ilsley at 6pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017** – Winter Warmer.

Write both dates in your diaries now!

### 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 the East Downland Benefice Office on [eastdownland@btinternet.com](mailto:eastdownland@btinternet.com) or phone 07957 458107 and leave a message. The office is usually

open on Thursday and Friday mornings and can be contacted in the first instance for information about baptisms or weddings. Revd John Toogood is now back from sabbatical and can be contacted on 01635 247566 or email him at edownlandrector@gmail.com Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

**WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE HALL  
COMMITTEE:**

**BONFIRE NIGHT FIREWORKS**

(kindly donated by WI Trust, WI Fete, Mick Channon and The Harrow)



**LOCATION**

**Please gather in the Recreation Field**

All villagers and their friends and families welcome to join us for a fun evening on

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

BBQ from 6.15pm

Fireworks at 7pm

BBQ (Hot Dogs and Burgers) and Refreshments available for sale from 6.15pm

**“Turkey & Tinsel Bazaar”**

**Aldworth Village Hall (RG8 9SE)**

**Saturday 19th November 2016**

**9.30 a.m. to 12 noon**

**FREE Walter’s Turkey Tastings  
and Mulled Wine!**

**CHARITY stalls:**

**R.N.L.I.:** Christmas cards/gifts

**Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice:**

Children’s knitted clothes/soft toys/gifts etc.

**PLUS**

Compton Guides with 2<sup>nd</sup> hand children’s books & toys in aid of **Toilet Twinning** – clean water/toilets in developing countries

Christmas wreaths (to order), potted plants,

Preserves (many gift packaged)

Fresh fruits & vegetables

Homemade cakes & pies of all sorts!

Fairtrade groceries & sweets.

Hand-crafted gifts, Aloe Vera products

Warm welcome & refreshment!

**RAFFLE (in aid of DOGS for GOOD)**

**FATHER CHRISTMAS visits at 11 a.m.!**

Details: 01635 578090 or 579344

**DOGS IN THE CHURCHYARD**

I discovered and moved a second large “deposit” in the churchyard within about 3 weeks of the first. I had thought that it had been a one off but the second has caused me to put pen to paper. We want the church and churchyard to be accessible to all, hence the gate and church being open during the day. If you have a dog with you, please keep an eye on its behaviour and clear up after it. Ian Fewtrell-Smith

**COUNTRY NOTES**

Autumn has arrived and with it some glorious leaf colours, the cherry tree by the pond, a fiery orange red, shines like a beacon as you enter the village along the Copperage road. It is already dropping its leaves but their reds will be followed by the yellows of the field maples. The heavy rain in the middle of the month has encouraged the emergence of a variety of fungi. In the woods there are common puffballs and blewitts along with many others that I can’t put a name to. On the verge by the cricket pavilion stand three shaggy ink caps, I forgo the pleasure of eating them so that I can photograph the phases from their emergence as pure white, elongated barrels (the edible phase), next they transform into a delicate bell shape, and then begin to dissolve in their own black ink (a process with the delightful name of deliquescing) leaving just a stem with a small black disc perched jauntily on the top. The inky black fluid, as the names suggests, has been used for writing, its alternative name is the Lawyers Wig, a reference to the curved white scales which cover the caps



**WHATS ON AT THE HARROW**

**BONFIRE NIGHT**

Saturday 5th November 6pm

For those of you who don’t want to brave the elements, come and watch the fireworks from the pub, we will be open from 6pm and serving bowls of chilli and rice for £5

**COFFEE & CAKE MORNING**

Thursday 17th November

10:30am

Raising money for The Air Ambulance.

Pippa will be here with Phoenix Cards!

Pop in and buy your Christmas cards, while having a coffee and a slice of homemade cake.

We raised £36.50 for Marie Curie Cancer last month, thank you to everyone who came along.



## QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 30th November

8pm

Teams of up to 6, £3 each to enter.



Raising money for Poors Wood

Book your teams in NOW !!

Last month we raised £40 for the West Ilsley Firework display, thank you to everyone for coming along and thank you to Tot & Jane.

## BEATLES NIGHT

Saturday 3rd December

8pm till late

Marnie's Minstrels (with the help of Martin) will be performing some classic Beatles hits that you all know and love! Come down and support the boys!



Raising money for The Air Ambulance.



Pang Valley Flood Forum, in conjunction with the Pangbourne Flood Group, is holding a **Flood Fair** on the **10<sup>th</sup> November 2016** at **Pangbourne Village Hall**, from **4pm to 8pm**.

We will have representatives from the **Flood Advisory Service** to give advice on what you can do to protect your home from flooding, and we will have **Flood Re**, the Government and insurance industry initiative, on hand to answer flood insurance queries. There will also be a number of companies who will be displaying **Flood Risk Reduction products** to help protect your home. This will range from airbrick covers, to modern alternatives to sandbags, plus flood gates and doors. We will have samples of **Personal Flood plans** for you to take away.

This is a great opportunity to make sure you are prepared before we get the worst of the winter weather. We were extremely lucky last year. Had the weather fronts been further South, we might have experienced some of the awful flooding that affected counties such as Cumbria!

For more information contact Kay Lacey on [kay@laceysmk.plus.com](mailto:kay@laceysmk.plus.com)

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## Volunteer

### West Berkshire At Home Library Service

This Service provides an invaluable link to readers who are unable to get to their own branch library. We are looking for volunteers to take library material to people's homes on a 3 week cycle. Having your own car is essential.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact:  
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Apply online at [www.westberks.gov.uk/volunteer](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/volunteer)

### Newbury Riding for the Disabled invite you to

## 'INSIDE WAR HORSE'

Ruth Rogers, who was 'Head puppeteer' and Assistant Puppetry director for the London production

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Upper Basildon Village Hall, RG8 8NU

Tickets £20, to include Ploughman's Lunch

Doors open at 12.15pm for 12.30pm

For tickets & further details please call 01635 200696 or 01491 671270

or email [rda@hayfieldhouse.net](mailto:rda@hayfieldhouse.net)

## CORRESPONDENCE

From: Rollo Duckworth

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

Sent: 08 September 2016 09:15

To: Transport

Cc: West Ilsley Parish Council

Subject: Bus service 6 - new timetable

I am writing as chairman of West Ilsley Parish Council, to enquire about bus service number 6.

The new timetable as from 5 September 2016 drops the West Ilsley, The Harrow stop from the service on two occasions: mid-morning and mid-afternoon.

This impinges on the lives of the people that depend on the bus to get from West Ilsley to Newbury, the very people that

Dear all,

Today, we've launched a consultation which looks at the options for reshaping the library service. If you would like to take part in this consultation, information about the options and the methods for responding can be found on our [Consultation Portal](#) or by visiting [www.westberks.gov.uk/libraryservicereview](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/libraryservicereview)

The consultation runs from today until **11 December 2016**.

All feedback will be considered and a decision made by Full Council in early 2017. Following this, the results will be published on our Consultation Portal.

Kind regards

Sarah

**Jenny Legge and Sarah Winter**

Research, Consultation and Performance Team

West Berkshire Council aim to help by financially supporting the bus service, typically the elderly who are not fortunate enough to have alternative forms of transport.

While previously it was possible to go into Newbury, returning mid-morning and being home by 11.35, our villagers now have to wait for a return service that only gets them home at 13.35. What looks like a two-hourly timetable for other stops, has become a four-hourly service for West Ilsley.

Dropping this stop may save merely eleven minutes off the timetable but it has isolated the village and is a self-defeating saving: less people will use the bus because the service is less useable. If West Berkshire Council believes that it should spend money supporting a rural bus service, could I ask that someone looks into this. Why should West Ilsley effectively lose its bus service because it happens to be on the end of the route? I look forward to hearing from you,  
Rollo Duckworth  
Chairman, West Ilsley Parish Council

**From:** Peter Walker  
[mailto:Peter.Walker@westberks.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016 10:59 AM  
**To:** roloduckworth@btinternet.com  
**Cc:** Transport  
**Subject:** RE: Bus service 6 - new timetable

Mr Duckworth,  
Thank you for your email. You will appreciate that the Council has had its budgets reduced, and this has caused a 60% reduction in the supported bus network. As a result, the bus that covers service 6, now also covers a local Newbury service. This has reduced the timetable to every two hours from the previous 90 minute service. Journeys leave West Ilsley for Newbury at 07:32, 09:35 and 13:35, arriving in Newbury approximately 40 minutes later. Return times from Newbury are 08:55, 12:50 and 16:50. People travelling into Newbury on either the 09:35 or 13:35 journeys then have 2½ hours in Newbury before the return bus.  
We have stopped the alternate buses at East Ilsley to allow the service to "catch up" if congestion causes the bus to run late as there is almost no "catch up" time in Newbury. Continuing these journeys to West Ilsley would only allow for 30 minutes in Newbury which seems rather short for people from West Ilsley.  
Saying that though, we will be reviewing all of our supported routes over the next few weeks to see how improvements can be made. If there is sufficient time available, we will extend other journeys through to West Ilsley.  
I know that some of your residents have also raised this issue, so I am happy for you to circulate my response more widely around West Ilsley.  
Thanks,  
Peter Walker

Transport Services Manager  
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[peter.walker@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:peter.walker@westberks.gov.uk)

## 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.

2016 MEETING DATES

Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

2017 MEETING DATES

9 Jan, 13 March, 15 May, 10 July, 11 Sept, 13 Nov

**DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159**

## 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 are delivered from Compton on Tuesdays mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from 2 Morland Close on Tuesday or Thursday evening between 6.00 and 7.30. Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box anytime before Monday evening for the following week's delivery. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping to the times listed.  
Tony Elliott

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### PARISH COUNCIL

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