

West Ilsley News

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5pm on Friday 27th January

DIARY

JANUARY

21st Harrow Burns night

25th Harrow Quiz night

FEBRUARY

4th Winter Warmer

WEST ILSLEY EMAIL

We've transferred over to the new system and with a few exceptions most people have confirmed that they are receiving our emails "loud and clear". We will follow up those households we've not heard from in the new year, but, in the meantime, if anyone mentions to you they're not hearing from us do ask them to get in touch on the new address (westilsleynews@westilsley.org) – having checked their "junk" folders first!

THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS

We have all been so saddened to hear of the passing of Joan Young. Joan had been a member of the Evergreens for many years – a lovely, kind and caring lady who was a joy to be with. Our thoughts are with her family and we wish to extend to them our deepest sympathy.

The "Christmas Extravaganza" held in association with Compton's Autumn Group at Compton Village Hall on Friday, 25th November, proved to be a successful and enjoyable event, with our funds benefiting accordingly.

Saturday, 3rd December saw several members attend a performance of "Sensational 60s Experience" at the New Theatre, Oxford. Tony Elliott had arranged this trip and has also made provisional bookings for the following future productions at the Oxford Theatre:

Thursday, 2nd February, 2017 – Matinee

Performance of "Sunny Afternoon". This show depicts the rise of "The Kinks". Cost: £35.00 + Transport.

Thursday, 9th March, 2017 – Matinee Performance of "Evita". Cost: £26.00. + Transport.

Wednesday, 29th March, 2017 – Matinee

Performance of "Grease". Cost: £19.00 + Transport.

Saturday, 20th May, 2017 – Matinee Performance of "Sister Act". Cost: £28.50 + Transport.

Anyone interested in taking up these opportunities should contact Tony on Telephone Nos. 01635.281997 or Mobile 07780.994297.

Our busy few weeks continued with our Christmas Lunch on Thursday, 15th December, when members travelled to "The Hare and Hounds" at Speen, near Newbury. This was our first visit to a local venue for this annual occasion. We enjoyed an excellent meal and were extremely impressed with the service provided. Our appreciation and thanks must go to Julia, Mary and Tony for all their hard work in organising this special day.

The following evening, 16th December, a Tombola was held at "The Swan", East Ilsley for the combined benefit of Compton's Autumn Group and ourselves.

It is now a quiet time for us. The first Committee Meeting of the year is being held on Wednesday, 25th January, when the planning of outings for 2017 will be the subject of some serious discussion. Our Annual General Meeting has been provisionally arranged for Wednesday, 22nd February at West Ilsley Village Hall., commencing at 2pm.

On behalf of the Evergreens, I would like to wish all our members and friends a very Happy New Year.

Jim Hughes, Secretary, Tel. 01235 834487

ALL SAINTS, WEST ILSLEY

January Services at All Saints' Church

1 st	Family Communion	9.30am
8 th	BCP Communion	8.30am
15 th	*No Service in West Ilsley	
22 nd	Family Service	11.00am
29 th	*No service in West Ilsley	

Please see the lych gate notice board for details of other services in the benefice or go online at www.eastdownland.org.uk

A new venture for 2017! - Café in All Saints' Church

On Sunday January 8th, and on subsequent second Sundays, we will be running a café in All Saints' Church from 10am to 11am, after the usual 8.30am service. So, if you feel like a coffee, cake and a chat, with crafts for the children, just drop in during that time. We would love to see you there.

Christmas Services

It was great to see so many people in church over Christmas, both at the Carol service and again on Christmas Day. At the Carol Service, numerous gifts were given for the Mothers' Union 'JR Project' for families who have children in hospital. Many thanks

to those of you who kindly donated these very useful items. Also, a big thank you to those of you who gave so generously in the collection at the Carol Service, which came to £262 and will be equally divided between 'Recovery in Mind' and the Church Urban Fund.

A Big Thank You

As ever, we are very grateful for those who made All Saints' look so stunning particularly at Christmas, but also of course for your beautiful arrangements and for your hard work cleaning All Saints' and cutting the grass the whole year long. We must not forget those who faithfully ensure the smooth running of all the services in All Saints' throughout the year, including our organists, sidesmen, church wardens and of course, our dedicated clergy, who turn up week after week and provide regular services for all the villages in our benefice.

More thanks to those of you who donated so generously to the WIN with your Christmas Greetings and many thanks to Andrea and Liz who so kindly passed on £480 to All Saints.

***Café Church**

This delightful and very popular service resumes on Sunday 15th January at St Mary's, Chieveley with a United Benefice Christingle. The service starts at 11am, but do come at 10.45am for refreshments beforehand. There will also be a Café Church on Sunday 29th January, this time in St James' Church, Winterbourne. This service also starts at 11am and, as on Sunday 15th, follows a United Benefice Communion Service at 9.30am.

Date for your Diary

Saturday 4th February 2017 – Mexican Winter Warmer at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Write the date 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 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. For any other reasons, you can contact Revd John Toogood on 01635 247566 or email him at edownlandrector@gmail.com

Wishing you a very happy 2017!

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith

WHATS ON AT THE HARROW

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE IN WEST ILSLEY!!

BURNS NIGHT

Saturday 21st January 7pm

We will be serving traditional Scottish dishes and cocktails.

Book your tables NOW !!

QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 25th January 8pm


£3 each to enter

Raising money for The Air Ambulance



We raised a fantastic £120 for The Air Ambulance at December's Christmas quiz, in memory of Norman Carlisle. Thank you to all who came along and joined in.

MEXICAN WINTER WARMER



SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY
4TH FEBRUARY

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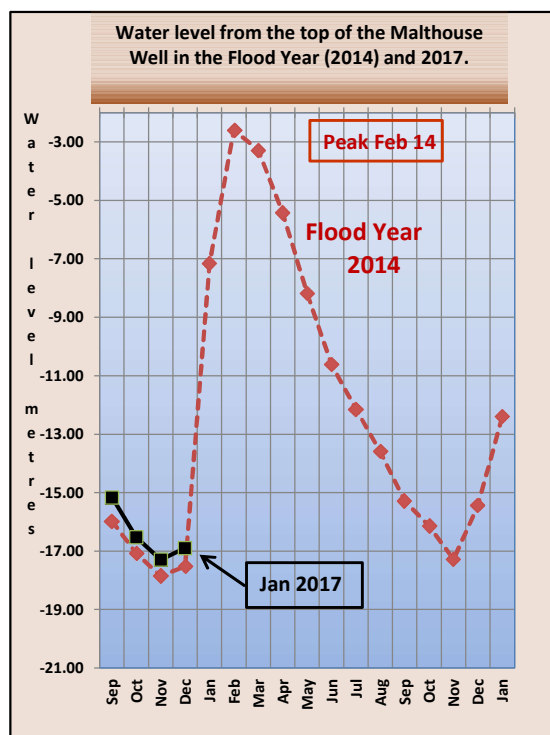
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MALTHOUSE WELL

The Malthouse well reading bottomed out during December at 17.35 metres (57.0 ft) below ground level, but as we start the new year it has risen to around 16.9 metres (54.5 ft).

From the graph below we can see that the groundwater is in a similar position to the start of 2014 when we suffered from the terrible flooding. However there is a big difference between then and now because we have had only around 90mm

of effective rainfall in the last 3 months which is less than half of the rain (approx 200mm) we had in the same period before the 2014 flood. So, unless there is a deluge in January we should be safe from groundwater flooding at the beginning of 2017.



PARISH COUNCIL

Read the latest Parish Council Minutes and hear how village matters are being addressed. Visit our village website at www.westilsley.org - all the latest minutes from our meetings are available under the "Parish Council" tab.

2017 MEETING DATES

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

DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C159

WHO TO CONTACT

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Tony Elliott

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