

# **EAST ILSLEY COMMUNICATOR**

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Welcome to the November Edition  
of the EIC

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101**



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## Tales from your Parish Clerk



Welcome to issue 101 of the EIC and to the autumn days that have sneaked up on us. This can only mean one thing for your Parish Council... Pond Watch!

Yes, we have entered into our 'rainy season' yet again so we will be on high alert watching the water levels both physically in the Village and via the Pang Valley Flood Forum Dashboard which gives real time information on ground water and river levels, plus monthly rainfall averages and is a really useful website. Any one can take a look at this by heading to <https://www.floodalleviation.uk/dashboard.php>

We are very lucky to have Mr Nick Watkins with us as our Flood Warden and we have been spending quite a bit of time looking into how best to deal with the Pond. It is a mammoth task as you can imagine, and with any big task it also involves the spending of an awful lot of money.

Three contractors, recommended to us by West Berkshire Council, visited the village and presented the Council with their quotations. The work involved requires the following steps: 1) Drain the Pond, and in turn get the ducks to safety 2) Get the diggers in to dig out the silt and reeds to deepen and bring the width of the pond back to where it was 3) Transport the silt down to a field for drying out 4) Clear out all the gullies and culverts 5) General tidying up including the over hanging trees 6) Wait for the silt to dry out a bit (it is illegal to transport dripping soil on main roads) 7) Send in huge trucks to pile the silt into and remove it to a specialist soil waste plant up the motorway somewhere... Hmmm... not a quick job to say the least and also, a lot more expensive than we ever imagined, or have the current funds to support.

We know that we increased the precept this year to help us pay for this work, and this money is safely tucked away in our 'Earmarked Reserves' for the Pond, which means it is ringfenced and cannot be spent on anything else. But, it is simply not enough to pay for the work that needs to be done.

But fear not, we don't give up that easily, alongside Nick, we are coming up with a plan, it's an interim plan, but it's something that will hopefully reduce the risk this autumn. There are also some new funding options that have miraculously arisen and we will do all we can to secure those to help top up the pot. All we ask is to bear with us, we are trying so hard with this project but hurdles keep appearing and we are jumping them best we can.



Onto another contentious topic... Planning. You may have heard that the UK Government wish to implement a major reform to the current planning system and have issued a whitepaper called 'Planning for the Future'. Having read through this document there are a number of proposals that are of concern to us in our rural village in an area of outstanding beauty. We, along with a lot of other Councils have written to the Minister of Housing, Robert Jenrick MP to explain our concerns and we have the support from the Campaign for Rural England with us as well, so do watch this space.

Shall we have some good news? Phase 3 of the Playground revamp is go, go go! We are so excited to have finally received all the donations from the Double Matched Funding day back in July, including all the trust top up, which means we can now spend that money on some shiny new kit. Quotes have been received, a decision has been made and we await the installation of the new 5m high Space Net for the children to play on. This piece of kit provides challenge and dexterity and is an excellent addition to our revamped play area. We hope you will enjoy!

Finally, just a little reminder that we still have one vacancy on the Parish Council, maybe you are reading this and thinking that you would love to join us!

In these uncertain times, stay safe, remember hands, face and space and look after yourselves,  
Fen



## Future Meeting Dates of the Parish Council

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	7.30pm	via Zoom*
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	7.30pm	via Zoom*
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	7.30pm	via Zoom*

\* Parish Councils are authorised to continue with online meetings until 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. We will continue to meet via Zoom until we are advised it is safe to conduct face to face meetings. We will return to The Ilsleys Primary School as our meeting place once safe to do so.

The Zoom log in details for the above meetings can be found below:

### November Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85708064633?pwd=eGlkZC8rb1BXdUZoWVdhOVN6N295UT09>

Meeting ID: 857 0806 4633

Passcode: 7HGhda

### January Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84710188420?pwd=ZEdSUmkwV1cxUXltYjJTVlVQ3NwUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 1018 8420

Passcode: 4bfuxx

### March Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84676008922?pwd=UHJWNVZlemNsbE03WnZTbTB1bUpHdz09>

Meeting ID: 846 7600 8922

Passcode: 2G2Zka

If you are unsure how to use Zoom, the Hermitage Team of Churches have produced a handy 'how to' guide and you can download it from their website here:

<https://hermitageteam.churchdesk.com/page/75/corona-virus> scroll down the page and you will find the download link.

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Facebook: @eiparishcouncil

Twitter: @eastilsleypari1

Instagram: @eastilsleypc

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8ba375kx9qqSeeEpPgyCLw/>



### Want to be a Parish Councillor?

Parish Councillors follow a code of conduct, in line with the Nolan Principles which are: Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership. If this sounds like you, email [clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk) for more information.





### From the Guest Editor...

Welcome to the November edition of the EIC

Here was me thinking you would only have to read one edition edited by me...but I'm back! If only for a short while. Yes, we have found an editor, and they will start soon, I promise.

I was hoping that perhaps this time, we could talk about nice things, like weekends away exploring somewhere new, Halloween, Bonfire Night, and dare I say it...Christmas? But alas, we are now in the predicted 'second wave' of Covid-19 and as a result, we are back to briefings on the TV, a tiered system of alert across the country and an increase in cases across West Berkshire.

As we all carry on with hands, face and space, following the 'rule of 6' and doing all we can to keep safe and well I was wondering what there was to look forward to. I mean this in general terms, as right about now I'd be starting to think about the upcoming festivities, whether that would be rehearsing for a carol concert at church, writing gift lists for people, planning the festive menu for when the whole family piles round or handing out and receiving invitations to parties and gatherings. It can get pretty hectic during these last couple of months of the year and by the end of it I'm usually exhausted! This year, I doubt any of the above will occur in the manner I am used to so I was wondering what on earth I will do with myself. Until I heard about 'Niksen' a Dutch word that literally means "to do nothing, to be idle or to do something without any use".

I don't mean sitting on the sofa watching TV, or endlessly scrolling through social media, Niksen is intentional purposelessness, the opposite of distraction, like meditation but without all the poses and breathing rituals. It is quite literally allowing yourself time to just gaze out the window, or sitting in a chair and letting your mind wander. Apparently, Niksen (or to 'Niks') can soothe burnout by giving our brains time to process the massive amounts of information we process each day, which in turn can boost creativity and positivity.



So, in place of my usually manic festive season I will replace it with Niksen, I will literally do nothing. It sounds quite blissful, and if anyone accuses me of being lazy I will tell them its art!

Enjoy the edition, stay safe and well!



### Meet Skip!



Skip is one of the lovely horses having a ball up on the Common Field in the village, known as Prestwell Field.

It is a lovely place to be, a big open space to roam around in, lots to munch and chew on and people to see when they walk past!

Skip has 2 other horse friends up in the field but there is definitely room for more! If you have horses and would like them to join Skip and his friends, or you know of someone who is looking for a place their horse can go, get it touch with the Parish Clerk either by phone 07912 565665 or email [clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk) and she will let you know how to get started.

All that is needed is a Grazing Agreement and then they can join the other horses up on the field!



News from your  
West Berkshire  
councillor.  
Representing West  
Isley, East Isley,  
Compton,  
Hampstead  
Norreys, Frilsham  
and Yattendon.



Hello everyone. I hope you're staying safe and well.

Planning officers at West Berkshire Council are still deliberating about the Beeswax Dyson planning application for business units at Sunrise Hill. If they decide to recommend approval it will be referred to Western Area Planning Committee because I requested a call-in and there were more than ten objections. There is no news about when the Compton Institute planning application will go to the Planning Committee.

The orchard we planted on the old allotments in January is doing well. A West Berkshire Council tree officer visited this week to examine the trees and says they are in good health.

The council has run a public consultation about its draft housing strategy. Myself and my fellow Green councillors have called for more social housing, and more smaller private housing. The council has identified a need for both, but housing developments are failing to deliver. In September two major housing estates near Vodafone were approved despite a very low level of private two-beds, which fell far short of the council's own target. It would be good for the community if our children could afford to stay here when they are starting out as young adults, and our retirees who want to downsize had more options too.

The council's public consultation about its leisure strategy runs until 19 November. Details can be found at <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/consultations>

On Monday 9 November at 8pm West Berkshire Climate Action Network is running an online information evening about home insulation. Here are the details:

The Government's new Green Homes Grant, available until March 2021, lets you apply for a voucher worth up to £5,000 (£10,000 for low income households or for those on certain benefits) to spend on measures that improve the energy efficiency of your home. Find out more about how this new grant works and how community-led discount insulation scheme "Warmer Streets" lets West Berkshire residents stretch this grant money even further, so you get more bang for your buck.' More details here <https://www.facebook.com/events/394479731557580> or email [van\\_vallejo@hotmail.com](mailto:van_vallejo@hotmail.com)

A big thank you to everyone who continues to look out for their neighbours during these difficult time, and to the Crown and Horns for providing meals for school children during half term.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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REPRESENTING THE RESIDENTS OF RIDGEWAY WARD ON WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL



# Community *Champion*



**Do you know someone who lives within the  
West Berkshire district and deserves an award for their  
work in the community?**

**The Pat Eastop MBE Junior Citizen of the Year Award  
Volunteer of the Year Award  
Community Group of the Year Award  
Lifetime Achievement Award  
Covid response Pat Eastop MBE Junior Citizen Volunteer  
of the Year  
Covid response Volunteer of the Year  
Covid response Community Group of the Year**

**‘Big thank you’**

If you would like to nominate an individual or group for one of the categories,  
please visit the website:

**[info.westberks.gov.uk/communitychampion](https://info.westberks.gov.uk/communitychampion)**

Email: [communitychampion@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:communitychampion@westberks.gov.uk) or call 01635 519458

The closing date for nominations is 20th November 2020



**#WBcommunitylove  
#localheroes**





## *HALLOWEEN* *On the Pond 2020*



Halloween is on 31<sup>st</sup> October which means we have all day Saturday to arrange everything. We know the Pub Crew are hoping to be able to put on something for the children, restrictions allowing, but watch their page for more information on this. We will then light up the pond from 05.00 pm. We are very conscious of maintaining safe distances and sanitizers so we will be working out one-way routes etc to keep everyone safe. We will still have Trick or Treat sweets for the children, if parents are happy for them to have them, they will be in wrapped packages for safety. For the new families in East Ilsley, we look forward to seeing you there too.

Can't wait to see the children's carved Pumpkins and perhaps some Adult ones too?





## EAST ILSLEY BEST DECORATED HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS COMPETITION 2020



We know it may seem a bit early to think of Christmas, but we are looking to see all your Christmas decorated Houses in East Ilsley again this year. The Pond decorations are going up but we will not be able to do the Mulled Wine and Mince Pies because of the Covid19 Restrictions.

The Crown Pub have kindly donated a bottle of Champagne and a Main Meal for two voucher so get planning!

To judge the Best Decorated House, we will be touring the village with the Independent Judge after dark on the night of Saturday 19th December to choose the winner, always a very hard thing to do. The Winning House will be announced after the judging and also on Facebook.





# CHRISTMAS ON THE POND



Father Christmas and the Elves

will be arriving in East Ilsley on

Tuesday 1st December

And we will be switching on the lights

At 5.00 pm



Unfortunately, this year we will not be  
able to offer Mulled Wine and mince pies  
because of COVID

We look forward to seeing you there







## CHRISTMAS ON THE POND 2020

### MAKE A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

After last year's competition we thought it would be good if we held another card making competition for the children and older ones to enter. If you would like your child/teen/adults to enter, here are the requirements.

Card size: no more than 5 cm x 7 cm

Classes: Pre School

5yrs to 7 yrs.

8 years to 11 yrs.

Teenage and Adults

Card must be hand made and in an envelope with the name of the child/teen/adult on the front and the age. Also contact details so we can get the prizes to the winners.

We are shortly putting post boxes in The Swan and The Crown pubs for the entries. The cut off date is Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Winners will be contacted to get their prize.

Get your creative juices flowing and we look forward to receiving all your entries!!





## CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL 2020

**Thank you for your great response last Christmas. We are again collecting for the Swift Couriers Toy Appeal for local disadvantaged children.**

**This is the statement from the Swift Couriers website on what and why they do it every year and East Ilsley has been contributing for a few years now.**

### Swift Couriers West Berkshire Christmas Toy Appeal

Swift Group launched the campaign in 2006 to raise awareness of children in West Berkshire which Social Services have deemed as from deprived or financially challenged backgrounds during the Christmas Period; children who, because of the issues and challenges faced by their circumstances were not facing a very Merry Christmas – children who, in many cases, were not going to have a Christmas at all.

Swift works closely with local businesses that offer us drop off points where the public can donate their toys to the appeal. Swift then arranges the logistics and then delivers the toys to a central point where families come and collect presents for their children.

**It's all about the Children at this time of the year, and we ensure that we bring a smile to a local child's face.**

There will be collection boxes for the presents again at both The Swan and The Crown pubs in East Ilsley and also at St Mary's Church.

Swift Couriers have requested toys and gifts suitable for boys and girls from new-born right up to 19 years of age. Toys needs to be new (not second hand) and NOT wrapped. Look out for 'buy one get one free' and 'three for two' offers Don't forget that make up and toiletries are ideal for teenagers.

Please give a thought when out shopping and pop a present in your bag to make a child or teen's Christmas a special one.

Thank you

Pond and Pub Crew





## 2020 FOOD BANK COLLECTION FROM EAST ISLEY



As we all know, because of Covid19 restrictions, a lot of the usual things we do in the village cannot take place this year. One of the things that did not happen was Harvest Festival service and the collection of food for the Newbury Food Bank, although a small donation was made from the scaled down service at St Mary's. We usually donate a large amount of food and goods, last

year it was weighed in as 139.5kg which is the equivalent of contributing to 126 meals for those in need.

With no free school meals for children in the holidays and for families who have fallen on hard times due to the pandemic, we thought we would organise a food collection by placing boxes in both Pubs and the Church till the 16<sup>th</sup> November for those who would like to help.

The Food Bank have requested that we do not give Christmas items, they usually end up with massive amounts of mince pies or Christmas puddings and I am sure there is only so much of this anyone can eat. I have checked on their website and the following list is urgently needed at the moment, but anything is very welcome, not forgetting things like toilet rolls, washing up liquid, washing powder, etc.

### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

- TINNED FISH
- CUSTARD
- RICE PUDDING
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- SUGAR

- TINNED FRUIT

### LOW ON STOCK

- BAKED BEANS
- SHAMPOO
- CLEANING PRODUCTS
- INSTANT MASH
- TINNED POTATOES
- CHILLI MIX
- SOUP

- TINNED VEGETABLES

### WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- DRIED PASTA & RICE

To find out more, take a look at their website : <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/>

We can always collect from you if you are unable to take it to a collection point, maybe you would like a collection box for you to get together and collect for your area. Just give Erica a call on 07763 908351 or email at [erica.smith800@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.smith800@btinternet.com).

Many thanks, Pond and Pub Crews





## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMPTON, ILSLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH

### Poppy Appeal 2020

In this difficult period for all of us, our RBL Poppy Appeal Organisers will be having to work doubly hard this year distributing poppies and collecting funds from our catchment villages. This Charity remains vital in providing support to the serving and ex-service men & women and their families who have fallen on hard times. In your usual very enthusiastic way, please continue to donate generously to this important cause

### Poppy Appeal Lunch 2020 Saturday 24th October - CANCELLED

It is with great regret that the Branch has had to take the decision to cancel this event. We looked at alternative venues and catering arrangements and decided that the ongoing and sometimes changing COVID-19 social distancing guidelines pose too many risks to ensure a successful event. You may recall that our guest speaker was to be our MP Laura Farris and she has been kind enough to promise, that providing her official duties allow, she will join us for a rescheduled Poppy Lunch.

### 2020 Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service Sunday 8th November West Ilsley

Our RBL Branch, this year, will hold its Remembrance Sunday Service on Sunday 8th November in West Ilsley. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the exact format is yet to be confirmed but we are working on it and will keep readers advised.

### Membership - come and join us!

Our small RBL branch is growing and would welcome you as a member. You do not have to be ex services (or a senior citizen!) to join the RBL but only supportive of the charity's objectives of looking after the serving and ex-serving community. The membership annual subscription is small at £17. To join, please contact one of the undersigned.

Steve Allison tel 07812 991013 email [steveallison1888@aol.com](mailto:steveallison1888@aol.com)

David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email [davidnorbury@btinternet.com](mailto:davidnorbury@btinternet.com)

Thank you.



Your spotlight on local health & social care services



The dark, cold days of winter are often times people feel more lonely, isolated, and depressed so it's helpful to know there's a range of mental health services that are easy to access from your home or phone - for free.

For younger people aged 11-18 there's **KOOTH** which is an anonymous and confidential online counselling and emotional wellbeing support service. Anyone over the age of 18 can ring 0300 365 2000 and self-refer to the Talking Therapies counselling team. **Samaritans** offer a free listening and support service which is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Their number is 116 123. **Open for Hope** is a volunteer led group whose aims are to combat isolation, loneliness and improve mental wellbeing. **Eight Bells for Mental Health** aim to prevent and reduce social isolation throughout West Berkshire, encouraging people of all ages to look after themselves, and supporting individual's mental health and wellbeing.



# News from The Ilsleys Primary School

It has been a wonderful return to school at The Ilsleys and we have been delighted to have all our pupils back after what has been a very difficult time for everyone. The children have been amazing at keeping their hands clean, the teachers have been doing lots of cleaning but most importantly, we have been able to get back to lots of good learning and good fun together!

In Atlantic Class, pupils have been learning about the Shang Dynasty, an Ancient Chinese civilisation. They have particularly enjoyed learning about how people at this time worshipped their gods and the religious ceremonies that took place. We have looked at a range of different artefacts that were found in the Xiaotun dig and examined what these tell us about life in China over three thousand years ago. The children made their own oracle bones from clay and wrote messages on them using Chinese writing.

In Pacific Class, pupils have been learning all about our oceans. They have particularly enjoyed learning about different sea creatures and writing non-chronological reports about them as well as creating their own sea creatures, making them from clay and writing descriptions of them!

They have all been working really hard and have helped Miss Page settle into life at The Ilsleys. In Arctic Class, the pupils have been busy learning about different houses and homes! They had a brilliant village walk recently where they visited some of their own homes and looked at how these were similar and different.

It has been lovely to welcome the new Reception pupils as well who have settled in really well to school life.

It has been a very busy but enjoyable half term for the staff and pupils at The Ilsleys - we are looking forward to learning even more next half term!







# Ilsley Under Fives

Make  
New  
Friends

We are a small and friendly toddlers group  
run by parents from East and West Ilsley  
and surrounding villages.

We run outdoor only meet-ups every  
Wednesday morning during term  
time from 10am to 11:30am.

Fun  
Activity



Each week we visit a different venue, from parks to forests and trips out doing whatever we can in these difficult times to have fun and learn in the outdoors with your littles ones.

You can find our schedule on Facebook on the **Ilsley Under fives** page or contact us via email at [ilsleyunderfives@gmail.com](mailto:ilsleyunderfives@gmail.com) for more information.

# FITTER MOTHER

## MUM FRIENDLY FITNESS

AT FITTER MOTHER WE BELIEVE THAT HAVING LITTLE ONES SHOULDN'T GET IN THE WAY OF GETTING FIT & FEELING GREAT. IT'S WHY ALL OUR SESSIONS ARE CHILD FRIENDLY. WHATEVER THEIR AGE AND WHATEVER YOUR STAGE WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.

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**Musings from our Licenced Lay Minister, Margaret Fisher**



On writing this letter for the November magazine, one word comes to mind - 'REMEMBRANCE'. We have a service for those who are bereaved this year at the beginning of the month. Most of us know someone who has died this year, whether through old age, sickness or Covid 19. Funerals have been curtailed and limited due to Covid restrictions. We could not give the send-off to say goodbye in the way that we had wished. We give thanks for their lives at this service for the life lived and the everlasting life that we believe in. You are welcome to the service though numbers are restricted.

The next Remembrance day is Guy Fawkes - a somewhat joyful occasion and celebration to brighten the cold nights on the 5th, though sadly we will not be able to have large gatherings. You can just taste the sticky toffee and apples and hotdogs which are a delight to children and adults alike plus the display of glorious colours of fireworks and bonfires. We can still have celebrations in our back gardens a real family affair with the rule of six, so enjoy it.

Then comes to the big day of REMEMBRANCE when we remember those who lost their lives in wars and recent combat. To fight for freedom that people the world over admire. In this area it is brought home to us with the Armed Forces stationed at the Barracks in Hermitage. We wear poppies and support the British Legion who support injured soldiers and their families. Every church in the team will be having a service on the Sunday recognised as Remembrance Sunday. Again, these are curtailed but we remember them. GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN A MAN WHO LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIEND.

I was looking through a service for Remembrance as I am taking one of the services. And came across the poem, 'In Flanders' fields'. By John McCrae.

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place, and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead, Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' field.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch, be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders' field.



An American politician Moina Michael inspired by the poem, began selling poppies to raise money for the injured and so the poppy tradition began. This poem also inspires me when we saw the poppy field in Hampstead Norreys this year. Memories of God's creation.

Stay safe and God Bless.

Margaret

## Services for November and December 2020

Date	East Ilsley Church	Compton Church
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November All Saints Day	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am All Age Praise
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday	No Service here today RBL Service is in West Ilsley, at All Saints Church at 10.50am	10.45am Short Outdoor Remembrance Service
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2 Before Advent	11.00am All Age Praise	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November Christ the King	10.00am - Team Service at Hampstead Norreys Church <i>(there is also an 8am Holy Communion (BCP) at Hampstead Norreys)</i>	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November Advent 1	10.00am Advent Festival Service (for East Ilsley, Compton & Hampstead Norreys)	No Service here today (See East Ilsley)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am All Age Praise
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3		
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 4		
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve		
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day		
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December Low Sunday	10am - Team Service at Frilsham Church <i>(there is also an 8am Holy Communion (BCP) at Hampstead Norreys)</i>	

We will continue to offer some online services via Zoom, all are welcome but particularly for those of you not yet ready to meet up inside the Church.



We will continue to add recorded services to our YouTube Channel, please subscribe and you will be alerted when a new service has been added. <http://bit.ly/hermitageteam-youtube>

There will be a Benefice 'Remembered with Love' Service at Hampstead Norreys Church on 1<sup>st</sup> November at 4pm which is a special service commemorating those who have died. We will also live stream this service and you can log on to Zoom using these details:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9540211175?pwd=UWJOTXE2bnZnWkdUbDBLbzdDRjlyQT09>  
Meeting ID: 954 021 1175 Passcode: allsaints

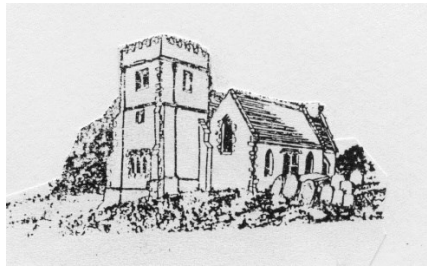
We will be hosting a special online Service of Remembrance on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am via Zoom for all those who cannot make an outdoor Church service on the day:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87072342049?pwd=eWpjRmNub0M4NlhlK0hsdFJlQzIzd09>  
Meeting ID: 870 7234 2049 Passcode: 299422



## St Mary's East Ilsley - Church Lighting Up

### Advent & Christmas 2020/21



For some time now it has been the village tradition to light up St Mary's church during the Christmas period, with individuals sponsoring each evening across the period of December 1st through to January 5th.

These valuable donations make a significant contribution to the church's annual operating budget. We think everyone shares the popular view, that when the church is lit up, it creates a very special ambiance and serves to give this important building, prominence in the village.

Now as you may be fully aware, the church is also in need of some important restoration work, and efforts are also underway to potentially re-order the church, such that it can offer facilities for wider village use, and beyond just worship. To facilitate both the restoration and the reordering projects, a major fund-raising initiative is underway. As part of this fundraising initiative it has been agreed to extend the church lighting up period from November 5th to November 30th, 2020. Your donation will go via the Good Exchange to ensure it is match funded which is important.

Beyond January 5th and through to March 20th (Spring equinox) we will be inviting people to sponsor any specific day in this period be it to commemorate a birthday, a special event or in memory of someone special. We already have a number of people who have agreed to sponsor some of these November days but those interested in sponsoring a day or days, please do contact.....

The minimum charge is £10 per night but all contributions will be gratefully received.

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### **A message from Fr. Andrew from St. Patrick's Catholic Church:**



Services continue at St Mary's, East Hendred, but regrettably we cannot yet re-open St Patrick's, East Ilsley, for Sunday Mass. The problem is social distancing: St Patrick's, though lovely, is not large. We plan to review this decision in the New Year.

To book for Sunday Mass at St Mary's, East Hendred, please contact

[hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Mass is at 9.30am, 11.15am, and 6pm. There is room for about thirty people at each. For the time being, the Bishops of England and Wales have suspended the Mass Obligation, so many of the vulnerable are choosing to watch Mass on line. For further details, including in due course details of our Christmas services, look at our website [www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk](http://www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk)

Prayers for all the residents of East Ilsley and the surrounding area.

Fr Andrew Burnham [aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) 01235 835038

## The Downland Practice

Welcome to the Downland Practice patient info sheet. This edition will concentrate on the following issues:



1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
2. Practice Staff Update
3. Downland Pharmacy Update
4. Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)
5. GP Appointments
6. Flu Clinics 2020
7. Flu 50 - 64 years of age - 2020

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The current COVID situation is still very unpredictable, the surgery is constantly monitoring this issue and will adjust the service according to the severity of the COVID-19 spread of infection. The current situation is being managed as best as we can, all patients must wear a face mask when attending the surgery (unless they are exempt). Updates on the Downland Practice can be found at the practice website news section [www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk](http://www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk).

### Practice Staff

Dr Christine Davies and Dr Bernadette Clarke left the surgery at of August 2020, both Dr Davies and Dr Clarke have been with the Downland Practice for several years and will be greatly missed. Dr Daveeta Dhesi who started at the beginning of August is fitting in well with the patient's and the Downland team. We have also welcomed Dr Louise Reed who started at the surgery on the 14 September 2020. Hazel McLeod from the admin team is retiring at the end of October 2020, Hazel has been at the practice for a number of years. Finally, one of the practice nurses Beccy Crisp is retiring at the end of September 2020, Beccy has been a key member of the Downland team for the last 10 years and will be missed from the nursing team.

### Downland Pharmacy Update

The Downland Pharmacy requires to have some infrastructure work carried out. This is currently planned to take place after Easter in 2021 and will involve the Pharmacy moving in to a purpose build facility (Container) in the carpark. Many patients will remember that this also occurred in the summer of 2018, once we have a firm plan for this project the team at the Pharmacy will advertise the process for patients to collect their medications whilst the work and maintenance is being carried out on the Pharmacy.

### Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)

The software to allow EPS to operate at a Dispensing Practice is not yet nationally available. Once the software is available to allow EPS to operate at a Dispensing Practice we will inform patients via this patient info sheet and the practice website.

### GP Appointments

Please ring the surgery before 12.30 if you require a telephone consultation with a GP on the day. Calls received from patients in the afternoon may have a GP telephone call booked for the next working day. The way that appointments are requested is changing, we now ask that patients go to our website and submit requests via the ask the GP a question. These requests are then processed by the reception team and actioned as required. As this system develops then there will be less reception staff answering the telephones as some reception staff will be dealing with the patients who have submitted their request on line. The Downland Practice will be having their computer system updated in the next few months, this will allow for patients to use the



practice website for submitting requests for GP appointments to run smoother. Once the new system is about to go live the surgery will issue a patient update to inform patient how best to use this system. Patients registered at the Downland Practice are offered face to face appointments when this is appropriate for their care.

### **Flu Clinics 2020**

The Flu season has started and so far has went very well, the flu clinics have been booked up quickly and the first flu clinic seemed to go with little trouble. We did have a problem with the phone system initially, the process of pressing the number to book a flu appointment allowed patients ringing in for appointments to be answered first. The facility has now been taken off the phone system and patients ringing in to book their flu appointment will be dealt with alongside the other patients ringing the surgery. Please use the following link [www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk](http://www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk) to see further updates for 2020 Flu clinics.

### **Flu 50 - 64 years of age - 2020**

Please note that, if you are aged between 50 and 64 and not in a clinical at risk group, the earliest you will be offered a flu vaccination is November, providing there is sufficient vaccine, this is not a Downland Practice decision but an NHS decision. No appointments will be offered for people in this age group until confirmation of flu availability is known.



The title WI news seems almost inappropriate as there is extraordinarily little news!!

We are still unable to hold meetings but as individuals we are keeping remarkably busy. I am sure all our gardens are looking much better than usual with all the extra care they are receiving.

Our houses are probably tidier than ever with the cupboards being emptied of unnecessary things. How many of us have cleared out clothes that we haven't worn for a few years? New recipes are being tried, a backlog of half-finished craft projects is being attacked and we are, of course, keeping in touch with friends and relatives.

Members are still making bags for use by cancer patients to be able to walk around without needing to carry the vital equipment they need. With the help of the local team of scrub makers we have been able to send nearly 200 bags to Reading and Oxford hospitals. (Only last week 50 were delivered to the children's cancer ward with many more to come).

It will be so good to be able to meet up and catch up with everyone's news, not just the people we have contacts for.



Little Angels returns to Hampstead Norreys! Next session on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10am. Come along to the church for Bible Stories, Music and Play time! Parent, Grandparents, and Carers all welcome for a chat and all Covid guidelines will be followed.

## East Ilsley - 100 years ago

23rd September 1920

### FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

Ilsley Horticultural Society held a show of flowers and vegetables in the schoolroom on Wednesday. The revival of this society, which years ago was a very flourishing one, is due to the activities of Mr. A. T. Powell, the hon. Secretary, who, by his untiring labours, made this year's show a gratifying success. A committee consisting of Messrs. Bartholomew, J. Gregory, W. Gregory, L. Giles, W. Hibbert and T. N. Millard also rendered valuable aid. The entries for all classes numbered 181. In Division B. the classes for potatoes, onions, carrots, and collections were extremely well represented and some very fine specimens were exhibited, the average weight of Mr. W. Hibbert's carrots was 1lb 11oz. the most notable feature of the show was the excellent quality of the vegetables shown by the school children in Class C. the judging was admirably performed by Mr. Hall, head gardener at West Ilsley House, and his decisions gave universal satisfaction. Mrs. Percy Lowe kindly presented the prizes and expressed the honour she felt at being asked to perform this pleasing duty, hoping that the show would now be an annual one.



7th October 1920

BAZAAR AND CONCERT. - A function lasting two days took place on Wednesday and Thursday in Mr. Baker's showroom (kindly lent). It was the annual bazaar and concert in connection with the Baptist Mission. The proceedings surpassed all previous records, an energetic committee making light work of the time and labour the undertaking necessitated and were well rewarded. A pleasing feature was the common sympathy and help of the friends of the Established Church. On Wednesday, the bazaar opened by Mrs. Talbot of Reading, accompanied by Mrs. And Miss Fairbairn, Mr. E. Jackson, and other friends. The room was gay with colours, the tables well-laden with miscellaneous goods. There was a large gathering, many coming from the neighbouring villages. A "Silver Tree." On which were hung some 150 envelopes containing silver donations, realised nearly £16, and by 6 p.m. the committee were able to announce that £60 had been taken. An excellent concert was held the following evening. The large stage was beautifully arranged, local talent supplying the fare, and in this respect East Ilsley is never at a loss. It was a creditable performance and a capital programme; if there was any departure in quality and tone of any of its predecessors it was for the better. The room was packed to the doors with the largest audience ever remembered, extra seat having to be requisitioned. The orchestra was largely in the hands of Miss Lowe and Mr Herbert Wells and exceeded itself beyond all praise, each selection being capitally rendered. Each of the soloists were members of the orchestra. Mrs Hibbert was at the organ, Mrs Broadbent the piano: Miss Baker sang "Hills of Donegal", and gave a violin solo. Miss Lowe sang "Farewell" and "Love's Messenger". A vocal duet by Mrs East and Mrs. Hibbert: Mrs East sang "I passed by your window": comic songs "Alice", and "She's proud and she's beautiful," by Mr Pearce: Mr Sneller sang "The One man Band" and Mr. Lowe gave a banjo solo. The concert realised over £75. During the interval, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. A. W. Shears and seconded by Mr J. Bond, of Reading, to the many friends who sacrificed much time in the preparation for the most successful event ever undertaken in the village in aid of the Baptist Church Funds.

14th October 1920

POLICE CHANGES - P.S. Giles who has been resident in East Ilsley for the last seven years, has been transferred to Cookham, in the Maidenhead Division. His successor at Ilsley is P.S. Wooldridge, who removes from Sunninghill, in the Windsor Division.

Eric Saxton



# The Crown & Horns, East Ilsey

New winter menu out now served daily 12-9pm. Available for takeaway and delivery  
Breakfast Available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 10am- 12noon.

## Puddings

All served with a choice of fresh cream or ice cream

Biscoff Cheesecake £5.95

Honeycomb Cheesecake £5.95

Sticky Toffee Pudding £5.95

Warm Chocolate Brownies £5.95

Homemade Crumble of the week  
served with custard £5.95 (ve)

## Hot Drinks

Americano £2.95

White americano £2.95

Espresso £2.95

Double espresso £3.45

Mocha £2.95

Latte £2.95

Cappuccino £2.95

Flavoured teas £2.55

Hot chocolate £3.45

# Crown and Horns

## M E N U

### ALLERGY ADVICE

If you suffer from a food allergy or intolerance, please let our team know upon placing your order.  
Ingredients can occasionally be substituted or changed so please don't be afraid to ask. Every care is taken to avoid any cross contamination when processing a specific allergen free order. We do however work in a kitchen that processes allergenic ingredients and does not have a specific allergen free zone.

## Starters

**Creamy Garlic Mushrooms £5.95 (v)** (GF)  
served with toasted ciabatta slices

**Soup of the day £5.95 (ve)** (GF)  
served with warm bread rolls and butter

**Chicken Wings £6.95 (GF)**  
choose from (BBQ, Buffalo, Salt & Pepper, Sweet Chilli)

**Slow cooked Sticky Ribs £6.95 (GF)**  
choose from (bbq, buffalo, salt and pepper, sweet chilli)

**Fresh Mussels in creamy garlic & white wine sauce £6.95**  
served with toasted ciabatta slices (GF)

**Chilli and Chorizo King Prawns £7.95**

**Pan seared Scallops, black pudding, bacon crumb  
and pea puree £7.95**

**Chicken Goujons with BBQ sauce £6.95**

**Veggie Kebab with sweet chilli sauce £5.95 (ve)** (GF)

## The Classics

**Fresh Cod, lightly battered £12.95**  
served with chips, mushy peas or garden peas  
and tartar sauce

**Hunters Chicken £12.95 (GF)**  
whole chicken breast, oven roasted with bacon,  
cheese & BBQ sauce,  
served with chips and side salad

**Bangers and Mash £9.95 (GF)**  
Three prime pork sausages, creamy mash,  
homemade red onion gravy,  
served with side of seasonal vegetables

**Mac and Cheese £9.95**  
Macaroni in our 3 cheese sauce, topped with  
Parmesan and herb bread crumbs,  
served with garlic ciabatta

**Homemade Shepherds Pie £12.95 (GF)**  
Minced lamb, topped with creamy mash  
served with sautéed seasonal vegetables

**Vegan veg pot curry £9.95 (ve)** (GF)  
Spicy chickpeas, mixed lentils  
served with seasonal vegetables

## Winter Warmers

**Slow Braised Lamb Shank £15.95**  
Lamb shank, creamy mash  
served with seasonal vegetables and homemade mint gravy

**Sea Bass £12.95 (GF)**  
Pan seared fillet of sea bass,  
served with garlic and lemon hasselback potatoes, sautéed seasonal vegetables

**Beef Casserole with Dumplings £12.95**  
slow cooked beef with red wine, homemade dumplings  
served with a side of braised red cabbage and warm bread

**Meatballs Tagliatelle £12.95**  
Homemade beef & pork meatballs cooked in a rich tomato garlic and basil sauce  
served on tagliatelle pasta with garlic ciabatta and topped with fresh Parmesan shavings

**Seafood Tagliatelle £13.95**  
Mix of fresh seafood cooked in creamy, white wine and parsley sauce  
served on tagliatelle pasta with garlic ciabatta and topped with fresh parmesan shavings

**Vegan One Pot Tagine £10.95 (GF)**  
Slow roasted vegetables packed with warm Moroccan flavours  
served with warm naan bread (ve)

## Burgers

All burgers served with chips, side salad and burger sauce on a lightly toasted brioche bun

**Steak Burger** - Vicans game prime minced steak £12.95

**Chicken Burger** - Whole grilled chicken breast £11.95

**Hunters Burger** - Grilled chicken breast, bacon, cheese and bbq sauce £12.95

**Mushrooms and halloumi burger (v)** - Two confit field mushrooms and grilled halloumi £9.95

**Vegan Sloppy Joes (ve)** - Mixed lentils, onion, peppers fresh tomatoes £9.95

**EXTRA TOPPINGS : £1.50**

cheese, bacon, bbq pulled pork, blue cheese, halloumi, crispy onions, fried egg, onion rings, gherkins...  
Double up for £3 (extra beef, chicken breast or mushroom and halloumi)

## From the grill

All served with choice of chips, mash, new potatoes or seasonal vegetables and side salad

**10oz Gammon** (fried egg or pineapple salsa) £14.95 (GF)

**10oz Sirloin** £17.95 (GF)

**10oz Fillet** £22.95 (GF)

**10oz Ribeye** £19.95 (GF)

**16oz T-bone** £24.95 (GF)

Add sauce for £1.50

Peppercorn | Diane | Garlic butter | Salsa verde | Blue cheese

## Light Bites

All served on a toasted ciabatta with side of chips and salad

**Steak Melt £12.95 (GF)**

Rump steak with melted mozzarella

**Hunters £12.95 (GF)**

Sliced chicken, bacon, bbq sauce and mozzarella

**Meatball Melt £12.95 (GF)**

Meatballs in rich tomato sauce with melted mozzarella

**Tuna Melt £12.95 (GF)**

tuna mayo topped with melted mozzarella

**Minted Lamb £12.95 (GF)**

Pieces of lamb in a thick mint gravy

**Roasted Mediterranean Veg £9.95 (ve)** (GF)

Roasted mediterranean veg in nut-free pesto

## Sides

Coleslaw £1.95 (GF)

House salad £4.95 (GF)

Sweet potato fries £4.95

Chunky Chips/Fries £3.95

Onion rings £2.95

Halloumi fries £4.95

Garlic ciabatta £2.95

Sautéed seasonal vegetables £4.95 (GF)

Bread and butter £1.95



## What's on:

- ★ **Monday** night from 5pm Burger night (create your own)
- ★ **Tuesday** night from 5pm Pizza Tuesdays (50% off all pizzas)
- ★ **Wednesday** night from 5pm Date night (watch a movie on our large outdoor screen in our heated marquee and enjoy a sharing platter for 2 and a bottle of wine for £35)
- ★ **Thursday** night from 5pm Steak night (Any two steaks and a bottle of wine for £35)
- ★ **Friday** night from 5pm Fish Fridays (Buy one get one free on cod and chips)
- ★ **Saturday** from 12noon Tapas (try our tapas menu)
- ★ **Sunday** from 12-8pm, (enjoy our traditional homemade Sunday lunch)

Pub desk offers as featured in the daily mail, available Monday-Friday 10am-5pm (quiet workspace reserved for 2 hours with unlimited super-fast WIFI, Unlimited tea or coffee and choose any ciabatta from our menu all for only £10)



**Afternoon tea** for 2 available Monday - Saturday 12-5pm (£25 per couple or upgrade to Prosecco for an extra £10)

**Christmas Day** at The Crown & Horns, open from 11-7pm. 5 course traditional Christmas lunch being served strictly pre-booking only, contact us for further details or bookings.



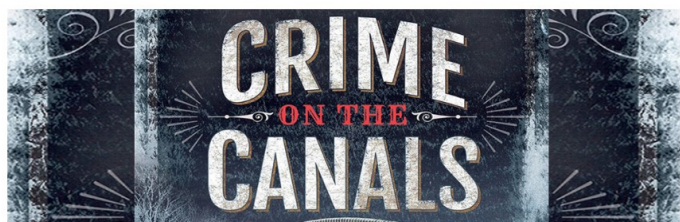
Takeaways and deliveries are now fully available contact us on 01635281545 or find us on Facebook @crownandhornseastilsley

Downland Volunteer Group



'The Downland Volunteer Group (DVG) car service to the surgeries and hospitals and the Handy bus service remain shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic. We continue to review the situation but cannot consider restarting these services at the present time. We continue to monitor events and take guidance from the surgery. As soon as we believe it safe to restart we will advise you through the Parish Newsletters and by email if you are on our database'





## Talk: Crime on the Canals

Wednesday 18th November 2020, 7pm, Online. This West Berkshire Museum Talking History online talk looks at crime on the canals over two centuries, including murder, theft, criminal damage, health, and safety, and even truancy. The speaker, Anthony Poulton-Smith,

is a freelance journalist and author, with 78 published books, 1,500 articles and more than 200 books as a ghost writer. This pre-recorded talk will be available to view via the West Berkshire Heritage YouTube channel. Bookings will close on Tuesday 17 November. Attendees will receive an email with a link to access the recording on Wednesday 18 November. Tickets: £5 per household.



## Talk: The Times of Plenty

Wed 25 Nov 2020, 1-2pm, Zoom (live)

The Plenty name will be familiar to many people living in Newbury and has been associated with engineering in the town for over 200 years, with products ranging from ploughs to steam engines.

This talk by Ellie Thorne will chart the development from family company to an international business, looking at the characters involved and how they shaped the direction of the business.

Ellie Thorne is a Senior Archivist at Berkshire Record Office (BRO) with responsibility for collections. Her main cataloguing and research interests include the archives of local businesses and architectural records. She is also a keen family historian and is always excited to find the human stories behind the more administrative records that BRO hold. This is a FREE talk but all donations are gratefully received. Ticket options range from £0 to £15.



## Exhibition: Celebrating Our Differences

West Berkshire Museum, Wednesday 28th October 2020 - Saturday 13th February 2021

Celebrate diversity in this special exhibition created with pupils' work from Curridge Primary School who have spent this term reflecting on

what makes us the same and what makes us different, and that it is the differences that should bring us together. Year 2 and 3 found out about Martin Luther King and his famous speech; Year 4 and 5 created posters on diversity and as a class composed their own 'I have a Dream' speech; and Year 6 read about Harriet Tubman and then wrote poems inspired by the title 'From the Darkness into the Light'. Much of the pupils' classwork will be on display and explores themes of identity, race, and equality. Also, on display will be a selection of banners created by people who participated in the Black Lives Matter protests, illustrating local contemporary activism.

For more information and how to book, visit

[https://booking.westberks.gov.uk/heritage\\_events.html](https://booking.westberks.gov.uk/heritage_events.html)



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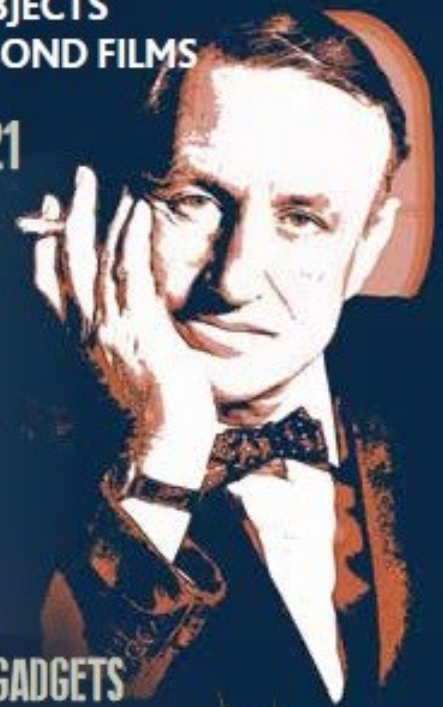


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28TH OCTOBER 2020 – 17TH DECEMBER 2021

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THEM UP, ATTACHED A HERO AND A  
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## Hampstead Norreys Community Shop



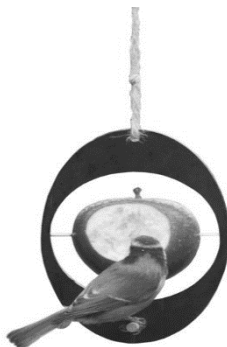
We are very pleased to let you know that the café is now open (or at least it is at the time of writing!) As you would expect, there is less seating than previously and we ask all customers to sign in and use hand sanitiser.

It's lovely to welcome everyone back!

Although we haven't actually seen Mandy dancing (we hear she has had classes!) we do know that small businesses like ours only survive because of the wide support of local people, so on behalf of small businesses everywhere, thank you.

Before shopping on line, why not see what we have in store? Chilli bottles and containers, for example, are the same price as in big shops like John Lewis, and we have a large range of designs.

We try to source unusual gifts that are not readily available on the high street, such as candle-making kits, eco bird feeders, 'eatsleepdoodle' pencil cases, place mats and table cloths (doodle using the pens provided, then wash out and start again), 'seedbombs' (throw it, grow it), make your own crackers kits, NOOD shower steamers (like a bath bomb but for your shower) and beautiful soaps . . . the list goes on. We even have home-made dog treats!



# SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS!



We also have a wide range of stocking fillers.



We are aware that many small local independent businesses have seen their trade fall during recent months, so are pleased to let you know that from the beginning of November onwards we are hosting weekend stalls to help you shop safely and locally.



On 7 November, 9am to 1pm, we are pleased to welcome The Pantry Refill Company, allowing you to buy what you need to make your Christmas cake and/or Christmas pudding. No more buying far more than required and wasting goods: Eloisa will be happy to sell just the quantities required.



On the same day, 7 November, 9am to 1pm, the shop will be launching the new and unusual gifts shown on the previous page—we have limited stocks so first come, first served!

Other stallholders that will be joining us in November or December include Emma Roy Jewellery, Cherry Me dried fruit, Wiltshire Liqueur company, Waney Edge Woodcraft, Simon Wigmore cheese, Isabella's trinkets, and Highclere Gin. There will only be two businesses at any one time so that we all keep safe and well.

Full details will be given on Facebook and on our website: [www.hncs.co.uk](http://www.hncs.co.uk)

Meanwhile, remember you can pre-order your turkey, other meat, vegetables, fruit and bread, and anything else in store. And if needed, we will reinstate our delivery system to support anyone self-isolating. Ring 202642 if we can help.

With thanks from the shop team







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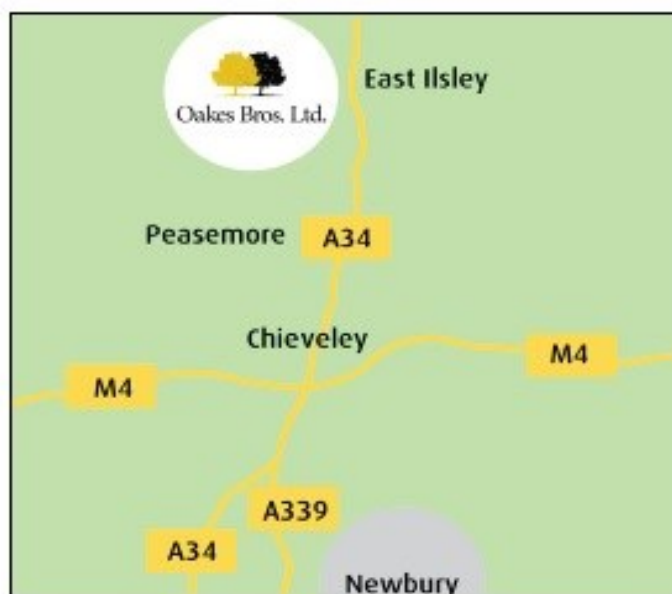
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Our fully stocked store can provide you with a variety of products, which include:

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## MONDAYS - SATURDAYS

SERVICE No.	6a	6a	6	6	6	6	6
NEWBURY Station [T] ➡	.....	0842	1022	1222	1422	.....	1807
Newbury The Wharf [D]	0650	0850	1030	1230	1430	1615	1815
Newbury - Park Way [P]	0652	0852	1032	1232	1432	1617	1817
Donnington, The Castle Inn	0657	0857	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shaw Cemetery	.....	.....	1040	1240	1440	1625	1825
Chieveley, East Lane	0707	0907	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beedon, Coach PH	0711	0911	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hermitage Post Office	.....	.....	1050	1250	1450	1635	1835
Hampstead Norreys, Water Street	.....	.....	1057	1257	1457	1642	1842
Compton, High St, opp The Swan	.....	.....	1105	1305	1505	1650	1850
East Ilsley, Broad Street	.....	.....	1109	1309	1509	1654	1854
WEST ILSLEY, The Harrow PH	0721	0925	1115	1315	1515	1700	.....

## MONDAYS - SATURDAYS

SERVICE No.	6	6	6	6	6	6a	6a
WEST ILSLEY, The Harrow PH	0722	0930	1117	1317	1517	1702	.....
East Ilsley, Broad Street	0728	0936	1123	1323	1523	1708	1854
Compton, The Swan	0732	0941	1128	1328	1528	.....	.....
Hampstead Norrey, Water Street	0741	0950	1137	1337	1537	.....	.....
Hermitage Post Office	0748	0958	1145	1345	1545	.....	.....
Beedon, Coach & Horses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1721	1901
Chieveley, East Lane	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1725	1905
Donnington, The Castle Inn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1729	1914
Shaw Cemetery	0756	1006	1153	1353	1553	.....	.....
Newbury, Park Way [Q]	0805	1012	1159	1359	1559	1733	1918
Newbury The Wharf [H]	0806	1013	1200	1400	1600	1735	1919
Newbury Station ➡	.....	1018	1205	1405	.....	.....	1922R
The Oaks	0816	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEWBURY College	0818	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tesco The Triangle	0818	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park House School, Monk's Lane	0821	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wash Common, Glendale Avenue	0825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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