

Tales from your Parish Clerk



Welcome to issue 104 of the EIC. Spring is in the air, summer is round the corner, and new life can be seen in fields and on the pond. We loved seeing you all trying to capture the new duckings at the pond on the Facebook pages. The strange weather at the moment has us reaching for our brollies one minute and sun glasses the next! I don't know if I am coming or going and I am certainly regretting putting all my 'winter clothes' away so hastily... Hopefully the next bank holiday at the end

of May will bring full on sunshine for us all.

It has been a busy couple of months here at the Council. April is the start of our new financial year so the 2020 / 2021 accounts have been closed, audited and the Annual Governance and Accountability process has commenced. We were thrilled to have received an outstanding report from the Internal Auditor. They have scruitinised our accounts, funding, payments, record keeping and internal controls and the full report will be available on our website soon. Next job on the list is the External Audit and we are working on submitting all the required documents for that. On 4th May we held our Annual Meeting of the Parish Council via Zoom and there have been a few changes at the top. Councillor Mike Lewis is now the Chairman and Councillor Andrew Sharp is the Vice Chairman for the Municipal Year 2021 / 2022. Thank you to Andrew for all his work as Chairman last year, and Mike, we are looking forward to having you at the helm. Thank you also to Tracey Murray for her tenure as Vice Chairman last year.

The meeting on 4th May was the last legal meeting we could hold remotely. The legislation that allowed us to have remote meetings expired on 6th May, so, all future meetings of the Parish Council must be held face to face. This presents us with a number of issues. Firstly, until 17th May we are only allowed to meet outside with up to 6 people, a bit tricky when we have 6 councillors plus little old me, let alone invite the public! Post 17th May, restrictions look set to ease some more which opens the options a bit wider for us, but it is looking unlikely we can use the School Hall whist 'bubbles' are still present. That leaves us with the pub, which we can use under exceptional circumstances (our Standing Orders state we are not allowed to use a premises with an alcohol license, unless extenuating circumstances apply), but we are reluctant to take up dining and drinking space from the Crown and Horns after the difficult year they have endured. Thinking caps are on... we will keep you posted when a meeting arises before restrictions are lifted entirely, we may very well meet up at the Recreation Ground (weather permitting!).

A quick Pond update for you; the Parish Council have agreed to the excavation of the pond using T L Contracting to undertake the work. This is subject to a soil test prior to the work commencing. The soil test is being collected shortly and sent to the lab for processing. This will tell us what is in the silt and whether there is anything we have to be wary of. It will then guide us on how best to start the excavation. If all goes well, the work will start at the end of August / early September and we will keep you updated on the progress.

Coming up this year, we will be looking at traffic management and re-starting 'Speed Watch' in the village. This sadly had to stop duing the pandemic due to the sharing of equipment but we have been informed this can start up again so expect to see some 'Speed Indicator Devices' (or SID's) in the village soon. In August we hope to reinstall the Rex Wells plaque at the Church too.

It has been fantastic to 'see' so many of you on the Zoom meetings, we hope that you continue to join us when we return face to face, it would be wonderful to hold on to that momentum!

Take care, Fen.



Future Meeting Dates of the Parish Council

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 13th July 2021	7.30pm	TBC*
Tuesday 14th September 2021	7.30pm	School Hall**
Tuesday 19th November 2021	7.30pm	School Hall**
Tuesday 11th January 2022	7.30pm	School Hall**
Tuesday 8th March 2022	7.30pm	School Hall**
Tuesday 10th May 2022	7.30pm	School Hall**

^{*} We are currently unsure if we can use the School Hall before the end of the summer term. Potential to use the Crown and Horns Pub or the Recreation Ground. We will advise nearer the time.

How to contact the Parish Council:

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

East Ilsley Parish Council Member Responsibilities as of May 2021:

Chairman: Cllr. Mike Lewis Vice Chairman: Cllr. Andrew Sharp

Allotment Officer: Cllr. Stephen Meadows Common Field Officer: Cllr. Stephen Meadows Playground Officer: Cllr. Brendan McGrath

Digital Officer: Cllr. Mike Lewis Footpaths Officer: Cllr. Mike Pembroke

Pond Officer: Cllr. Brendan McGrath & Cllr. Stephen Meadows

Traffic & Highways Officer Cllr. Andrew Sharp Conservation Officer: Cllr. Tracey Murray Community Engagement Officer: Cllr. Tracey Murray

All serving Councillors will manage the Village Design Statement.

^{**} It is hoped that by the next academic year, the 'bubbles' in schools would have been popped and we should be able to use the School Hall once again. We will get confirmation from The Ilsleys as soon as we can.

Pen Meadow Plans from Manor Oak Homes

At the extraordinary meeting on 27th April 2021, we were joined by Geoff Armstrong from Manor Oak Homes with a new proposal for Pen Meadow. This was the first time any member of the Council has seen the revised plans as they were not shared until half an hour before the meeting!

A bit of background

During lockdown 1, back in March 2020, Manor Oak Homes arranged for a 'Housing Needs Survey' to be distributed to every home in East Ilsley. Residents were asked to complete the survey and return it through the letterbox of the Crown and Horns Pub. Cllr. Murray also knocked on doors to collect some personally as well.

250 surveys were distributed and 78 were collected back in. These were sent off to Manor Oak Homes who analysed the results. 8 surveys were received that stated they had a 'need' for housing in the village (be that immediately, or in the near future).

The proposal that was shared with us on 27th April had been developed taking the 8 identified needs into consideration.

The Proposal



12 'dwellings' have been designed which you can just about make out in the image above. The entrance to the site would be off Fidlers Lane, opposite Maxted Farms. The 'meadow' area would remain, as will the trees and old site of the Sheep Fair along the High Street.

The dwellings would be made up of a range of affordable housing, but no negotiations have taken place to discuss how this would be managed. It is very early days.

We want to consult wider with you on these plans; our thoughts are to host an 'open afternoon' where people can 'drop in' and chat with us and representatives from Manor Oak Homes so you can ask any questions you have. We are bound by Covid restrictions at present, but we think that potentially in the summer, we can have something outdoors safely. We will keep you updated on our plans for this. Please be assured that this is only at the very initial stages, no decisions have been made and we will ensure that residents have the opportunity to consult on this, pose questions and comments and be able to discuss this fully before we go to the next steps.

If you have any immediate thoughts or questions on this please email the Clerk at clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk or call on 07912 565665 / 0165 228104.



From the Guest Editor...

Welcome to the 104th edition of the EIC.

I'm not sure how you feel - but this year seems to be flying by! No sooner had the ink dried on our last edition of the EIC, it's now time to start producing the next. Our sponsors kindly let us have 5 editons per year and we've mapped out approximate dates for publication, so I know it's not a timing issue. I've been asked by a few people for the deadlines for the copy dates for future editions, so here they are.... The distribution dates are subject to change.

EIC Edition	Target Distribution	Copy Deadline
105	31 July 2021	18 July 2021
106	09 October 2021	26 September 2021
107	01 December 2021	14 November 2021
108	01 March 2022	27 February 2022

Due to unforseen circumstances this edition has been slightly delayed, which also means that there has been a number of activities and announcements that have not been highlighted elsewhere in this edition.

Firstly, a big thank you to the amazing villagers who gave up their Sunday morning to help clear the pond drainage channels of reeds and silt, I also understand that we had a couple of DofE students helping too - you all did an amazing job, all helping to keep our village safe and beautiful.

Secondly, we have had some excellent news that the Swan Public House will be re-opening its doors on the 4th June with new business partners taking the helm. We do not know much about what their offering will be, but it will be great to have two thriving pubs again in our special village. I understand from their FB Page that they are actively recruiting for staff, so if you know of anyone looking for work – point them in their direction.

Finally, since our last publication, it was with great sadness that the village said goodbye to a much loved and respected resident. Ann Lewis will be greatly missed, we all send our best wishes to Bob and his family during this difficult time.

Stay safe, keep well, see you all soon, Sally Allsop Eiceditor2021@gmail.com







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

Hello everyone,

Over the past two years I have secured £9,000 in match funding for Ridgeway ward villages including East IIsley. The deadline for this year's bids is 23 June. If you have any ideas for community capital (not revenue) projects please contact Fen our parish council clerk and me as soon as possible. In the past funds have been secured for playground equipment, emergency equipment (in case we have flooding or lose electricity supply), and the community orchard.

You might have seen on the village Facebook pages that I have been selected by the Green Party to stand in the Chesham and Amersham by-election. The constituency is being sliced in half by High Speed 2 (HS2), an obscenely expensive and destructive project that is ploughing through the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The project is decimating ancient woodlands and threatens to contaminate drinking water for 3 million Londoners. I have met farmers and homeowners whose land has been seized without compensation and witnessed the brutality of HS2 bailiffs and security. What is happening there has to be seen to be believed. More than £100bn are being wasted, which could be spent on the NHS, schools, or overhauling the entire existing rail network!

I feel compelled to fight this election. I have learned that ultimately there is no protection for areas of outstanding natural beauty, private property, or ancient woodlands, if the government decides they stand in the way of 'progress'. The government is committed to the UK being carbon neutral by 2050, but HS2 won't be carbon neutral in its lifetime.

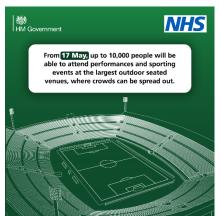
We await the date of the by-election, but I want to reassure you that during the election campaign I will continue to respond to enquiries from residents and attend West Berkshire Council meetings. I take my responsibilities seriously. I am one of only five WBC councillors (there are 43 in total) to have a 100 per cent attendance record at council meetings.

Concerns about pot holes, bins that didn't get emptied, fly tipping, something that needs to be replaced, etc can be reported to https://www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem If you are not happy with the response you receive let me know. There is still no news about when the Compton Institute planning application will go to committee for consideration....

Best wishes
Carolyne Culver
Councillor for Ridgeway ward
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COVID-19 RESPONSE - Spring 2021. Step 3 Covid Roadmap Changes

A simple reminder of current limitations and advice.....



























NEWSLETTER MARCH ~ 2021

Hello Everyone.

Thanks to the NHS Covid Vaccination programme and the good behaviour of most of us it looks good for the lifting of lockdown in June, when all of the over 60's should have received their second jabs along with most of the adult population.

The proposed committee meeting in July will plan our activities for the rest of 2021.

A coach trip has been booked for the 22nd of September and another on the 20th of October. Destinations to follow. Hopefully the Afternoon Teas and Bingo's will also resume again.

In the mean-time keep safe and well.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

Crown & Horns



The Crown & Horns are extremely excited to have reopened our indoor areas, we have a whole new menu and new chefs. Outdoor trading has been fantastic and the support we have had has been amazing so we would like to thank everyone of our customers for their continued support. Track & trace will remain in place and you are required to wear a mask until you are seated at your table, full table service is currently in place. Our newly updated garden areas and pergolas have been a great success with our guests and will be available for outdoor dining and drinks should guests prefer. There's no better time than to try our amazing food. Our all-new steak night is available every Thursday from 5pm!!!



We are also pleased to announce that our afternoon teas are back and are available to eat in or takeaway.

£24.95 with unlimited tea and coffee £34.95 with a bottle of Prosecco 25% off for takeaway

Book yours now

CROWN & HORNS

EAST ILSLEY

St Mary's Restoration Project - we need your help please

Restoration is underway!

After many years of neglect, St Mary's church is in serious need of restoration. Some of you will have recently noticed a number of boarded up windows on the church. Work has begun to remove the old, brittle, diamond leaded glazing and replace it with a higher quality lead, new frames and supporting metalwork. The crumbling masonry is being replaced where necessary, with the plan for all windows to be reinstated within the next four weeks.

The cost of these repairs alone is in excess of £40,000.

St Mary's church is an iconic, historic part of the village which without vital funding will go into disrepair. The flag would usually have been flown to mark the death of HRH Prince Philip, but the flagpole requires urgent maintenance to secure it to the roof. This is one, of a long list of repairs needed. We still need to raise over £120,000.

Thank you to those who have already donated, it has already helped significantly. For anyone who is intending to donate but have not yet got round to it, there is no better time than now please because we currently have a match funding offer by The Greenham Trust and this offer expires on 30 June 2021.

Please follow the link to donate (point your phone camera at QR code to open). Your support will be greatly appreciated.

If anyone would like details of the restoration plans, I'd be more than happy to share. Please get in touch.

Thank you.

John Hibbert 281885



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The Ilsleys Primary School

Achieving More Together

The Ilsleys - May 2021

We have continued to be very busy at The Ilsleys, learning lots and having fun! It has felt like a short half term but we seem to have all done lots!

In Atlantic Class, pupils have been busy learning about 'Fantastic Females'. We have learnt about what life was like for women a hundred years ago and how the suffragettes influenced change, such as women getting the right to vote. The children have enjoyed learning more about how women contributed to the first and second world war and even created their own propaganda posters. The children have also enjoyed holding their own debates and finding out about the gender pay gap.

This term Pacific Class have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They have learnt about the mummification process and even mummified some tomatoes! Through studying the story of Egyptian Cinderella, they have created their own versions of traditional stories but set in Ancient Egypt. They have also been creative and created their own versions on Egyptian gods as well as writing in Hieroglyphics.

In Arctic Class this half term, we have designed and made our own kites; you may have spotted us flying them on Millennium Green! We investigated different types of materials for a swimming costume and used the data we collected to make a swimming costume for our class doll. We researched sharks and looked at some real shark teeth before creating our own shark fact files. Despite the wet weather, we also wrote instructions for a picnic and made our own 'Lighthouse' sandwiches however, we decided to eat them in class rather than on our wet and windy class beach.

We are all very much looking forward to our final summer term where hopefully we will be able to enjoy some of our favourite traditions such as Sports Day and the school production!





PARKINSON'S^{UK} CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

Step out with Walk for Parkinson's



- Join a walk for Parkinson's UK near you or take part virtually the choice is yours!
- Every pound raised, matched by the Frank and Evelyn Brake Connect Fund, will help transform information and support services for people affected by Parkinson's

You can now sign up to Welford Park Walk for Parkinson's on Sunday 4 July to help fund vital support for people affected by the condition - and this year, you can also take part virtually.

Charity Parkinson's UK has launched its annual Walk for Parkinson's series, which was cancelled in 2020 due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This year, there are three ways to take part:

- Join one of our socially distanced organised walks in your area at Welford Park.
- Walk for Parkinson's 66 mile challenge: complete 66 miles of walking in July
- Walk for Parkinson's Your Way: walk 2 or 6 miles wherever you are over 25 and 26 September.

The money raised by Walk for Parkinson's will help transform the way the charity offers information and support to people with Parkinson's, and the people in their lives. This year, thanks to the Frank and Evelyn Brake Connect Fund, sponsorship will be matched pound for pound, doubling the impact for people affected by Parkinson's.

Organised walks taking place include Welford Park in Newbury on Sunday 4 July. The walks will comply with local coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance.

This year, there will also be two virtual walking challenges: Walk for Parkinson's 66 mile challenge and Walk for Parkinson's Your Way.

If you know 66 people, you know one person living with Parkinson's. So why not take on Walk for Parkinson's 66 by walking 66 miles throughout July? How you want to complete this challenge is up to you. Whether it's alone or socially distanced, all you have to do is reach the target of 66 miles by the end of the month.

With Walk for Parkinson's Your Way, you choose your own course, when you do it and who you walk with over the weekend of 25 and 26 September. Participants can choose from two distances - 2 or 6 miles - depending on what suits you best.

Broadcaster and journalist Dave Clark is supporting the Walk for Parkinson's events. Dave was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2011 at the age of 44 and, as Parkinson's UK's Champion of Walking, he has helped to raise over £350,000 for the charity through walking challenges, including an incredible £43,000 last year when he walked the length of Hadrian's Wall.

Dave said: "My 10 years living with Parkinson's means walking is becoming increasingly difficult, but I'm determined to stay positive and not let my condition hold me back. I'd encourage everyone to support Parkinson's UK by taking on a walking challenge that works for them - whatever your level or ability, you can get involved!

"By joining thousands of others across the UK taking part in Walk for Parkinson's, you'll be helping to fund important support services that so many people affected by Parkinson's rely on. Not only that, it is a great way to connect with friends, family and the Parkinson's community - something we need this year more than ever."

Ann Rowe, Head of Regional Fundraising at Parkinson's UK, said:

"Last year there was so much we couldn't do, and living in lockdown was difficult and lonely for many of us. For many people with Parkinson's, their symptoms got worse. This year, we need each other more than ever.

"Taking part in Walk for Parkinson's in 2021 is a chance to get outside, connect with the Parkinson's community and make a difference. By walking together, either in person or virtually, we're not alone."

Parkinson's is the fastest growing neurological condition in the world, and currently there is no cure. In the UK, there are around 145,000 people already living with Parkinson's, including approximately 19,806 in the South-East. There are over 40 symptoms of Parkinson's from tremor and pain to anxiety, but the condition affects everyone differently.

To take part in Walk for Parkinson's, visit: www.parkinsons.org.uk/get-involved/walk-parkinsons







DOWNLAND PRACTICE

Patient Info Sheet Issue No: 013 (May 2021)

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

- 1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
- 2. COVID-19 Vaccinations
- 3. Volunteers COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics
- 4. Duty Doctor
- 5. GP Routine Appointments
- 6. Practice Nurse Appointments
- 7. Pharmacy Disruption June 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The current COVID situation is improving with the uptake of the Covid-19 vaccination programme and the recent lockdown procedures beginning to take effect. 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.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

This vaccination programme will continue from the Newbury Racecourse until the middle of June 2021. The racecourse is mainly concentrating on Covid-19 vaccination second doses. If you have received a vaccine at a mass vaccination centre then they will call you forward for your second dose, to book your vaccination use the below link. Updates on the Downland Practice can be found at the practice website news section www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

If you have a concern or any problems with the above link then contact vaccinedq.issues@nhs.net or ring 0300 200 1000.

Volunteers COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Thank you to all of the volunteers whom have come forward to assist in this project. Your help is much appreciated by the team at the Racecourse and the patients who are coming in for COVID-19 Vaccinations.

Duty Doctor

From the end of April 2021, the Duty Doctor system changed from telephone calls to face-to-face appointments. Patients who need to be seen on the day by a GP are given a times slot to attend the

surgery. Patients may have to wait whilst the Duty Doctor deals with patients who have an urgent clinical need to have action taken. Patients are advised to ring in before 12.00 if they wish to see a GP on the day. Patients who are offered a Duty Doctor Appointment but refuse the appointment will have this recorded in their medical records.

GP Routine Appointments

From June 2021 all GP routine appointments will be offered as face-to-face appointments. Patients will be sitting in socially distanced waiting area and when the waiting area is full patients will need to wait outside till there is space available. The check in screens will remain off and all patients checking in to the practice will be undertaken by the receptionist on Duty.

Currently there are 4.66 million patients waiting to be seen in secondary care (hospital) this is placing extra pressure on all GP practices in England as demand for GP appointments increases. In addition to this the GPs are also tasked with delivering the Covid-19 Vaccination programme, whilst we do try and cover these vaccination clinics with the least disruption to GP clinics as possible, there are times when we have to cancel routine GP clinics so that this vital work can be undertaken.

Practice Nurse Appointments

Practice Nurse (PN) clinics have been restructured to allow the PN to run clinics more efficiently, Diabetes / Women's health / Asthma / Dressings and General Nurse clinics are now in place, when patients ring up to book an appointment with the PN, they will be given a time for the appropriate clinic.

Pharmacy Disruption June 2021

The Pharmacy will be undergoing some planned infrastructure work in June 2021. This will involve the Pharmacy moving into a temporary accommodation that will be situated in the surgery car park. It is anticipated that work will take about 6 weeks to be fully complete. There will be some work required at the end of May and we will be updating our patients on the process that will change during this period. We will still be processing medication from the Pharmacy during this planned infrastructure work in June 2021. The temporary pharmacy will arrive around the 28 May 2021 and will be open for business on the 1 June 2021.



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All donations received for the equipment hiring will go too either Sheep Fair and/or Bonfire committee funds.

Contact Keith Pentecost Tel: 07985-797333 & 01635-281389 (East IIsley)

www.klp-electrical.co.ukhttp://www.electricalsafetyregister.com/

Electrical Safety Council Product recall online link: www.esc.org.uk/reall

Downland Volunteer Group





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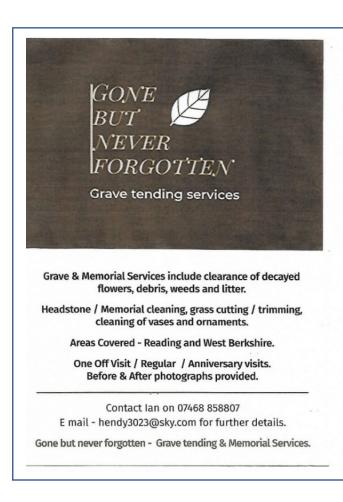
The DVG has been active in the villages north of Newbury since 1986. We drive patients requiring transport to their appointments at the surgeries and hospitals in the area. Before lockdown around 900 trips were made each year. Because of the pandemic we have been unable to operate for over a year. With the easing of lockdown we plan to restart our car service from 21 June (subject to Government advice at the time)

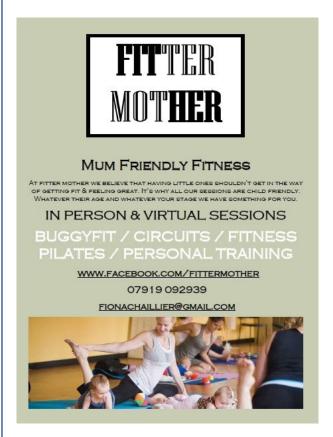
Anyone requiring transport to the surgeries or hospitals in Newbury, Reading or Oxford should contact our office in the Compton surgery when it reopens on Monday 15th June. The office will be open Monday to Friday between 9.30am - 11.30am to take appointments for the following week onwards. Our phone number is:

01635 578394

We also need more volunteer drivers and anyone willing to work in our Compton office a few hours a week to arrange these trips. Are you able to support the Downland community by giving a few hours of your time? If so, please email Jean (<u>michaeljeanpocock@gmail.com</u>) for more details.

Help us help our Community.





Letter from a Licensed Lay Minister - Margaret Fisher

Now that we are in the month of June and coming still further out of Lockdown, we may have thought that Life has returned to normal. I hope not!

With the festivals we celebrate in the yearly calendar, one could say, no more festivals until Harvest or even Christmas. You would be wrong.

As life was returning to normal in 30 AD, the disciples were given a job to do and a new life to live. They were empowered by a gift from God - the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, were witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you acknowledge that you were baptised then you also have that gift of encouragement to witness. It is not only saying that one believes, but to action it in sharing the Good News with others.

We have come a long way in our communities during the crisis and yet, joined together more. Being hospitable to each other and caring for those in need. Long may it continue. We can do even more together. The church in your villages is not just a building, it is also part of your community. It is not an exclusive club for Sundays, but for a community that tries to be 'Christlike' in caring for others. It is not separate but part of the village community for people who live in the villages.

Let us join TOGETHER to celebrate the Community Spirit that we have cherished over these past months. Not only caring for those in need, but those that are lonely, the elderly, the single parent, the children of our villages but do it TOGETHER, so that all may experience the Love that is unconditional and freely given in the knowledge of the Good News of Jesus.

Peace to you all. Margaret.

PS: Perhaps we could have a celebration of life in the village in September? We can all be part of it. Who is up for it?

Services in June & July in East Ilsley and Compton

Date	East IIsley	Compton			
Sunday 6 th June 2021	9.30am	11.00am			
Trinity 1	Holy Communion (CW)	All Age Praise			
Sunday 13 th June 2021	No Service	9.30am			
Trinity 2		Holy Communion (CW)			
		6.00pm			
		Time with God on Zoom			
Sunday 20 th June 2021	11.00am	9.30am			
Trinity 3	All Age Praise	Holy Communion (CW)			
Sunday 27 th June 2021	(8am - Holy Communion (E	BCP) at Hampstead Norreys)			
St Peter & St Paul	(10am - Team Ser	vice at Yattendon)			
	All are welcome at both these services				
Sunday 4 th July 2021	9.30am	11.00am			
Trinity 5	Holy Communion (CW)	All Age Praise			
Sunday 11 th July 2021	No Service	9.30am			
Trinity 6		Holy Communion (CW)			
		6.00pm			
		Time with God on Zoom			
Sunday 18 th July 2021	11.00am	9.30am			
Trinity 7	All Age Praise	Holy Communion (CW)			
Sunday 25 th July 2021	(8am - Holy Communion (E	BCP) at Hampstead Norreys)			
Trinity 8		rvice at East Ilsley			
	All are welcome at both these services				

Online Services in June & July

Morning Prayer on Zoom



Mondays @ 9am 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th June, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th July Meeting ID: 885 1800 7425 Passcode: Monday

John Main style Meditation on Zoom



Mondays @ 5pm 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th June, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th July Please contact Judith Denny via email for links judith.denny@crackley.co.uk

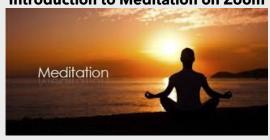
Team Pilgrims on Zoom



Wednesdays @ 7.30pm 2nd, 16th & 30th June, 14th & 28th July

Meeting ID: 827 7106 7877 Passcode: Pilgrim

Introduction to Meditation on Zoom



Wednesdays @ 7.30pm 9th & 23rd June, 7th & 21st July Meeting ID: 827 7106 7877 Passcode: Pilgrim

Morning Prayer on Zoom



Fridays @ 9am 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th June, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th July Meeting ID: 854 9253 3651 Passcode: 296448

Time with God

Time with God remains on Zoom for the time being, every second Sunday of the month at 6pm.

Zoom Log on:

Meeting ID: 852 8260 1395

Passcode: 093927

If a resource for the session is prepared you can find it on our

website to download (Home Page / Events)



Little Angels will not take place in June as it will be half term. It will be back on 2nd July, 10am at Hampstead Norreys.



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

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May we please remind all dog owners that dogs are **not** allowed to run free within the Churchyard. If you choose to walk through the Churchyard, please ensure your dog is kept on a **lead** at all times. Also, do not allow your dog to do its business in the Churchyard, this is disrespectful to those who are laid to rest there and for the families visiting their loved ones. Signs will be placed in the Churchyard to remind you all of these two courtesies we would like you to observe at all times.

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The national Ride & Stride event happens every year and this time we want Berkshire to climb up the league table of successful fundraising counties. Any mode of transport is fine - you could walk, cycle, ride - simply choose a route and find sponsorship from all your friends and family.

You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm and many people make a day of it. We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, this year we hope many will be open and offering

refreshments - there's nothing like a bit of cake to fuel your endeavours.

Your nominated church will benefit hugely as they will receive half of your sponsorship. The remaining 50% goes to Berkshire Historic Churches Trust which in turn makes generous grants to churches in need.

More details will be provided closer to the event from your local co-ordinator.

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West Berkshire Council refreshes Strategy for next two years

West Berkshire Council's four year overarching Strategy (2019-2013) has been updated to reflect the progress made in delivering it so far, and to recognise that the needs of residents and businesses have changed since it was launched in 2019. The refreshed strategy for the final two years of the strategy period, 2021/22 to 2022/23, was agreed at the annual council meeting on 4 May 2021.

The Council has reviewed its progress towards achieving the goals set out in its original strategy to continue delivering its core business while advancing the goals set for priority areas. The achievements to date are delivering real outcomes for residents; for example, ensuring that children are supported within their families so that fewer of them require more intensive interventions such as child protection plans or entering care. 95% of schools in the district are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and two new schools have been built. Energy is now being generated from renewable sources, following the installation of solar panels across all council estate pilot sites.

In spite of the many challenges that Covid-19 unleashed on the district, excellent progress has been made in terms of the level of support provided to rough sleepers and in preventing individuals or families from becoming homeless. Other achievements over the past two years include: being in the top quartile nationally in terms of the quality of the district's road network*, and the top 20% of Local Authorities in England for the high proportion of 16 and 17 year olds in either education, employment, or training**, as well as providing long-term care for more than 1,600 vulnerable adults and older people.

Councillor Lynne Doherty, Leader of West Berkshire Council, said:

"During the first two years of our Strategy period our focus was on maintaining the strong performance of our core services, while making progress in areas prioritised for improvement. "We monitored closely the impact of Covid-19 on the district and the refreshed strategy has been informed by the Council's Recovery Strategy, particularly in regard to residents' mental and physical health, access to online education, and the business sector. Areas of focus include: education, employment opportunities, targeting inequalities, promotion of active travel solutions, the future of our town centres and future needs of digitisation and digital infrastructure.

"Our strategic priorities set in 2019 are still relevant today and the refreshed strategy sets out a range of actions that we intend to take to continue towards achieving our goals, working in partnership with relevant stakeholders and agencies."

Nick Carter, West Berkshire Council's Chief Executive Officer, added:

"We can all be proud of our achievements so far, and credit is due to local residents, partner organisations and our workforce. Now that we have reached the halfway point of this Strategy's lifetime we have reflected on the goals we set when it was first published and, based on the progress made, refreshed it to ensure it is relevant for the next two years.

"The refreshed Strategy considers the changed environment that we are now operating in as we gradually come out of lockdown, enter a period of recovery, and look forward to gradually getting back to a more normal way of life. Now our focus is on providing more help and guidance for start-ups and existing small businesses to facilitate growth; improving outcomes for vulnerable children, young people and adults; tackling poor mental and physical health; minimising the impact on the environment when delivering our services; developing a plan to deliver regeneration; and delivering clearer energy and transport solutions.

"The document sets out our commitments for the final two years of the strategy period to bring us closer to achieving our vision to make West Berkshire an even greater place to live, work and learn."

* Source: Department for Transport, ** Source: Department for Education

West Berkshire Council appoints a Safer Streets Champion

Cllr Claire Rowles, who represents the Hungerford and Kintbury Ward, was appointed as the first Safer Street Champion, at the Annual Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2021. This follows a proposal for a Safer Streets Champion by Councillor Lynne Doherty, Leader of West Berkshire Council, which was created by a motion to Executive back in March 2021 and has now been agreed by the Council.

The Safer Streets Champion will work with West Berkshire communities to understand their concerns about street harassment and receive suggestions on how the issue should be addressed.

Street harassment is harassment in public areas such as streets, shopping centres, public open spaces and public transport. Street harassment can involve sexual harassment, including unwanted sexualised comments, provocative gestures or even being subjected to indecent exposure or touching by strangers.

West Berkshire Council took the decision to create the Safer Streets Champion role in response to the recent spotlight on street harassment, following the murder of Sarah Everard in Clapham, London, at the beginning of March 2021.

West Berkshire has a low rate of violent and sexual crime which is below the national and regional average, but the Council wants people to feel safe, as well as be safe, when they go out.

Cllr Claire Rowles is a qualified lawyer and feels that her understanding of the criminal justice system and police powers will help her be the Safer Streets Champion.

Cllr Claire Rowles said: "Street harassment is an issue that many people have experienced, but it does predominantly affect women and I know personally what it is like to be harassed on the street and the anxiety of not being able to walk alone without concern for my safety.

"I am fully committed to working in partnership with the appropriate bodies to ensure that West Berkshire Council continues to be safe place for everyone."

As the Safer Streets Champion, Cllr Claire Rowles' responsibilities will include:

- Working in partnership with Thames Valley Police to explore a potential bid for Safer Streets grant funding.
- Working closely with the Public Protection Partnership, Thames Valley Police, Town Centre managers and others to challenge and rid the District of street harassment.

• Working with Laura Farris, MP Newbury, Rt Hon Alok Sharma, MP Reading West and the Rt Hon John Redwood, MP Wokingham, to seek further powers for the Police to be able to take appropriate action where street harassment is witnessed or reported.

Cllr Lynne Doherty, Leader of West Berkshire Council, said: "The Government's Crime and Justice Taskforce has said that it will introduce immediate steps to tackle street harassment, following the tragic murder of Sarah Everard and West Berkshire Council welcomes this action.

"By creating the Safer Streets Champion role, we feel that we are working with the Government to address street harassment and provide more reassurance to residents, particularly those who are female, that we are making every effort to ensure that they are safe on our streets. "Claire sits on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel and the Council has every confidence that she will make an exceptional Safer Streets Champion."

The Safer Streets Champion role will be reviewed each year and appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Changes to West Berkshire's community transport services

Community transport service ReadiBus has notified West Berkshire Council that they will soon cease to provide their transport services in Newbury and Thatcham.

The dial-a-ride service will continue to operate in the east of West Berkshire - which includes Tilehurst and Calcot - for as long as possible.

West Berkshire Council is grateful to Readibus for the service provided, and whilst this is regrettable for passengers who use ReadiBus services in Newbury and Thatcham, we wanted to ensure that those passengers are aware that there are other community transport groups providing services for local residents who are unable to use public transport and need to attend medical appointments or make shopping trips.

Community transport groups operating in Newbury and Thatcham, include:

- Thatcham Volunteer Bureau: operates a car scheme for residents living in and around Thatcham including Cold Ash, Crookham, and Woolhampton. To book call: 01635 862306 between 10am and 12 noon Monday to Friday.
- Volunteer Centre West Berkshire (VCWB): operates a Handybus and a car scheme within Newbury and the surrounding areas.
 - Contact the Car Scheme on: 01635 49004 between 10am and 1pm Monday to Friday.
 - Contact the Handybus (available from mid-April) on: 01635 37111 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday.
 - Contact Shopmobility (available from mid-April) on: 01635 523854 between 9.30am and 4pm Monday to Saturday.

Information on all community transport schemes operating in West Berkshire, along with details on other local groups, can be found on the Council's website https://info.westberks.gov.uk/communitytransport.

West Berkshire Libraries News - May 2021



To All West Berkshire Libraries Customers

Here is the May news from West Berkshire Libraries, including details about the services we are currently able to provide in line with government rules on managing the risk of COVID-19.



It's lovely to see you again!

It has been great to welcome so many people back into libraries in recent weeks. Thank you to everyone who has followed the current guidelines and worn face coverings when visiting, which is helping us all to keep our communities safe.

If you haven't been back to a library yet, <u>please watch our video</u> to hear Library Manager Felicity Harrison explain more about what you can expect to find and the measures that are in place. Details of our <u>current library opening hours</u>, including our <u>Mobile Library</u> timetable, are available on our website: <u>www.westberks.gov.uk/libraries</u>.

Please remember to bring your library membership card with you when you visit as you will need it to borrow books or DVDs and to use our computers. You will also need to know your 4-digit library PIN. If you have forgotten this or need a new one, you can <u>reset your PIN online</u>.



Read yourself well

Children's therapist and author Becky Goddard-Hill reminds us that "Researchers at the University of Sussex have found that even six minutes of reading can reduce a person's stress levels by two thirds... In fact, they have found that reading works faster than any other way of de-stressing, such as listening to music, going for a walk or even enjoying a warm drink."

We've got lots of fantastic books to help you to relax. We will be featuring some of these in our libraries and online throughout May.

In addition to a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles to read for pleasure, we also have several Reading Well lists of books chosen and recommended by leading health professionals specifically to help adults and children to cope with anxiety, stress and difficult feelings.

Pick up a Reading Well list when you next visit or find out more about these books and other lists to help you understand and manage your health and wellbeing on The Reading Agency website

Make sure your details are up to date

Have you recently received an email to say your library membership has expired? Don't worry, this happens every two years to all library accounts so that we make sure we have your information up to date.

If you have received an email about this or need to update your account details, please <u>contact</u> or call in to any <u>West Berkshire library</u> to confirm, update and renew your library membership. Thank you to the person who emailed us to say "Please, please renew my membership. I'd be sunk without you." We are detailed.



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Once you've confirmed your details, you'll be able to use your library card straight away again for all our services.



Our Friday **online storytime sessions** and popular weekend **children's crafts** are continuing throughout May. Don't forget that you can read details about these and all our forthcoming events and other news by following @ WBerksLibraries on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



What's On

Shaw House | West Berkshire Museum | Local Heritage

We are delighted to tell you that West Berkshire Museum and Shaw House reopened in May! We can't wait to welcome you back safely and we have been working hard to make sure that we can offer you the same social and cultural experience that you will have enjoyed at our venues in the past, but within a slightly reduced capacity and additional Covid-19 procedures.



West Berkshire Museum opened Wednesday 19 May and will be open every Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4pm.

We have been busy deep-cleaning the building and installing a new community-led exhibition 'Together' which we can't wait for you to explore along with the longer running exhibitions including 'The Stories We Tell' which looks into folk tales and the historical relationship between fact and fiction and 'A Focus on Pangbourne' detailing the history and archaeology of the region through objects from the Museum collection and loans from the local community.

Our staff may ask you to queue at the designated entrance and there will be a separate exit. You will be directed along the one-way system where you can visit all of our galleries and exhibitions. Unfortunately, our children's activities and dressing up will not be available in this initial phase but we will have interactive interpretation and free trails for you to enjoy.

The gift shop, accessible toilet and baby changing facilities will be open, but the café and standard toilets will be closed for the time being.



Shaw House opened for visits to the House and grounds on Saturday 29 May and will be open every weekend* until Sunday 26 September, 11am - 4pm and every Monday to Friday during school holidays from 10am - 4pm.

The staff may ask you to queue to get in to the building and you will be directed along the one-way system which runs throughout the House where you can visit the new exhibition 'Dressed for Shaw' and discover the history of Shaw House through period costume displays along with the 'Dressed for Battle' civil war exhibition to see surviving examples of arms and armour from the Littlecote House collection which is currently on loan from the Royal Armouries Museum.

The toilets and shop will be open, along with the café which will be running a take-out service (indoor seating will not be available, but there are plenty of picnic tables outside).

*Check the website for opening hours and full information about our Covid security measure, please note that the House will be closed for a small number of private events in 2021.



Visitors can also enjoy the **Open Air Sculpture Exhibition** from Saturday 29 May - Sunday 27 June, 11am - 4pm on the Orangery Lawn at Shaw House. Sculptures will be well spaced apart to allow social distancing in the ground and all works on display will be available for purchase.

For more information about all of our outdoor events please visit <u>www.westberkshireheritage.org.uk/whats-on</u>

HAMPSTEAD NORREYS WI

The April meeting of the Hampstead Norreys WI was a zoom meeting which gave us the opportunity to hear a wealth of stories from Dorothy Cook, a midwife with over thirty years' experience.



She has delivered over two and a half thousand babies in the UK,

Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Finland. Her tales were both funny and thought provoking. We learnt how things have changed in the time since she trained in the 1970s to now. The different practices in other countries were an eye-opener and made us appreciate the NHS.

We had our eyes opened to the true impact of female genital mutilation on both mother and baby as well as hearing her more entertaining and amusing stories from around the world.

Above all, her passion for her work shone through and it was obvious that she has never lost the joy of bringing babies into the world.

At the beginning of May the WI enjoyed a Zoom meeting with Jane Barnes, a dairy farmer's wife from Somerby, near Milton Keynes.

Her farm is one of eight thousand dairy farms in Britain. (In the 1960s there were 76,000 dairy farms.) In the 1940s, the farm had forty milking cows and after more than 70 years the original farm buildings and milking parlour for 60 cows were no longer viable. So, in 2018 they built a brand new modern dairy farm and today they have more than 260 cows in the herd milked twice daily producing milk for the award-winning Long Clawson Blue Stilton Cheese.

They opened the farm to the public twenty years ago and as Jane is passionate about sharing her farm life experiences, she now welcomes groups to her 'Cow Classroom' beside the milking parlour. This has viewing windows so milking the cows can be seen.

We all learnt a lot about farm life, the qualities of milk (including the fact that there is more fat in a packet of crisps than in a pint of milk) and the life expectancies and life cycles of cows. We also heard in graphic detail the methods of insemination both by the bull and artificial insemination.

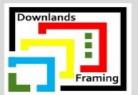
It was a lively, informative, and amusing evening and a joy to listen to someone so enthusiastic about their life.



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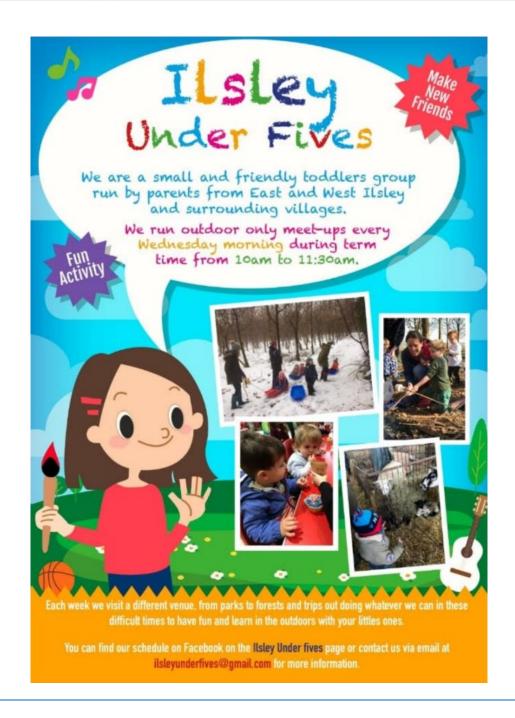


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Newbury - Park Way [P]	0652	0852	1032	1232	1432	1617	1817
Donnington, The Castle Inn	0657	0857					
Shaw Cemetery			1040	1240	1440	1625	1825
Chieveley, East Lane	0707	0907					
Beedon, Coach PH	0711	0911					
Hermitage Post Office			1050	1250	1450	1635	1835
Hampstead Norreys, Water Street			1057	1257	1457	1642	1842
Compton, High St, opp The Swan				1305	1505	1650	1850
East IIsley, Broad Street			1109	1309	1509	1654	1854
WEST ILSLEY, The Harrow PH	0721	0925	1115	1315	1515	1700	

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