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105**

# **EAST ILSLEY COMMUNICATOR**

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**Welcome to the Summer  
Edition of the EIC**



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## Tales from your Parish Clerk



Welcome to issue 105 of the EIC, the summer special!

I hope you are all safe and well, and have been coping in the extreme heat we have been having recently. I do love the sun, it makes everything so much brighter and happier! But as a mama to two Border Terriers their welfare is my priority at the moment, so v. early walks or v. late walks for them, and only after I've taken my own shoes off and walked on the tarmac to make sure I don't hurt their paws! Lots of water, a cooling mat, plenty of shade, cold tea towels and limiting car journeys to 'essential ones' only. Who needs foreign climes when this is on our doorstep!

It has been a busy few months for the Parish Council, we are currently undergoing the external auditing for the accounts 2020 to 2021. The Public Notification of the Inspection of accounts is still underway, to be concluded at the end of the month and then we should receive our report from them. The results will be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

We got the go ahead with the 'Let's Get Active' fund from WBC, they are happy with the proposed Gaelic Football nets (half football / half rugby), and also the new permanent Table Tennis table! Money should be received from WBC and The Good Exchange / Greenham Common Trust this week so we will place the orders and get that kit installed as soon as possible.

The soil and silt testing has been done at the Pond, a lovely 32 page report has been compiled which we are all going through, but so far, it is looking good for the excavation to take place at the very end of August / early September once the harvest has been gathered. We will give you exact dates as soon as we know them as it will be a bit manic down at the pond during the works.

As you know, we have returned to face to face meetings (despite rising cases of the Delta variant), since the UK Government decided to end the legal allowance of remote meetings on 6<sup>th</sup> May (thanks guys 😞). We have been unable to use the school hall due to a 'bubble' using it as classroom space but we have been very happy and contented at the Crown and Horns (thanks guys 😊). From September we should be back in the hall, but are awaiting clarification from the school to set this up.

We were delighted to be able to put on a special 'thank you' afternoon tea for the village Emergency Response Team (more on that later). For some of us, it was the first time we had actually met face to face since we started working together and it was a real treat and a glorious afternoon.

So what is coming up for us over the next couple of months? My playground officer, Brendan, has sadly resigned from the parish council due to work commitments and I will (and the rest of the PC) miss him dearly. He has been instrumental with the changes up at the playground and we are really proud of everything he did. We are now in a period of 'casual vacancy' where the parish can call a by-election to fill the space (if WBC receive more than 10 requests) by 3<sup>rd</sup> August. If we don't, then post 3<sup>rd</sup> August we can co-opt someone into this vacant seat.

Pirbright is back (up to 185 houses) and we will be working on our response. This brings traffic management to the fore once again so expect to see a few meetings covering that issue. A Pen Meadow 'drop in' session will be planned for a Saturday afternoon (just awaiting confirmation dates with the developers), the war memorial for Rex Wells will be unveiled and of course, playground and pond projects are go! Wow, I'll need a holiday... (my back garden probably) after all that!

Stay safe and well in the sunshine,

Fen.



## Future Meeting Dates of the Parish Council

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	7.30pm	School Hall**
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	7.30pm	School Hall**
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	7.30pm	School Hall**
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	7.30pm	School Hall**
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	7.30pm	School Hall**

\*\* 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.

How to contact the Parish Council:

Phone: 01635 228104 or 07912 565665

Email: [clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk)

Post: Swimbrels, Newbury Hill, Hampstead Norreys, Berkshire, RG18 0TR

Facebook: @eiparishcouncil

Twitter: @eastilsleypari1

Instagram: @eastilsleypc

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: Vacant

Digital Officer: Cllr. Mike Lewis

Footpaths Officer: Cllr. Mike Pembroke

Pond Officer: 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.



## East Ilsley Parish Council say 'Thank You' to all their volunteers on national thank you day!



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 was national 'Thank You' day and East Ilsley Parish Council put on a very special event for all the volunteers who formed the 'Emergency Response' team at the start of the pandemic.

The event was held at the Crown and Horns pub in East Ilsley who laid on a fabulous afternoon tea with prosecco, decorated the outdoor seating area with balloons and banners and generally made everyone there feel very special indeed!

We were joined by our local MP, Laura Farris who spent time chatting to the volunteers about their efforts over the past year and plans for the future. Our very own District Councillor, Carolyn Culver also came to join in the celebrations; Carolyn was instrumental in supporting the council when setting up the team and provided weekly Zoom calls to keep us updated on the latest guidance.

After filling our bellies with delicious food, we did a fun quiz with the winning team receiving a bottle of wine each for their efforts. The council gave each volunteer a hand written thank you card along with a medal as a little keepsake of the day.

It was a glorious afternoon, the sun stayed out for most of it but a little rain didn't dampen our spirits. This was the first time the team were able to meet face to face since it was formed, much



hilarity was had in matching real life people with their WhatsApp profile pictures as this was our only method of communication during all the lockdowns!

East Ilsley Parish Council are so proud of what we have achieved over the past year in the village. The volunteers had done so much to support people with shopping, medication deliveries, newspaper rounds, dog walking and even fixing garden fences and we are so thankful for them and their community spirit. It was the perfect way to show them how appreciative we are of them and lovely to come together finally face to face.

Every volunteer has committed to continue supporting the village post pandemic and the council are keen to maintain the community engagement, which is one good thing that has come out of the last year!

## Farriers Lane Private Footpath



17 months ago, when we were plunged into our first lock down, exercise for 1 hour outside of your house was allowed. This meant lots of people and families started walking more around the village, using the network of footpaths that navigate in and around the village.

There is one footpath in the village that received a surge in activity during this time, but did you know that this is actually a 'private' footpath?

It is situated at the very top of Farriers Lane (off Abingdon Road) and is tucked away between a hedge and a private driveway. It was installed at the same time as the housing development was constructed and the title deeds of the properties reference the 'private' footpath. It was put in for the sole use of Farriers Lane residents to easily access the Ridgeway, rather than walk down along Abingdon Road and up the footpath at the end.

However, many more non-residents of Farriers Lane have been using this footpath when actually it is private property. We are respectfully requesting that all non-residents of Farriers Lane refrain from using this private footpath and instead head down Abingdon Road to use the network there.

Signs have been put up to notify people of this but they have been ignored (or removed without permission!). There are privacy issues at stake here and also increasing damage to private driveways that are proving a nightmare to fix.

Please do take heed of this advice. The Parish Council are working with the residents of Farriers Lane to help them and we ask that you do follow these instructions. If you have any questions please call or email the Parish Clerk (details on the back page).





In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972:

## **East Ilsley Parish Council**

### **Notice of Vacancy in office of Parish Councillor**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that BRENDAN McGRATH has ceased to be a member of East Ilsley Parish Council and that a casual vacancy exists.
2. A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if within 14 days (not counting a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday) from the date below, ten electors for the ward/parish give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer. (FAO: The Returning Officer, West Berkshire Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD)
3. If the Returning Officer receives fewer than ten written requests for an Election by 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021

Signed: *Jewood*

Clerk to the Parish Council

Swimbrels, Newbury Hill, Hampstead Norreys, Berkshire, RG18 0TR  
Tel: 01635 228104 - Mobile: 07912 565665 - Email: clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk

## SHEEP ARE NOW IN THE COMMON FIELD



The Parish Council are delighted that a small flock of sheep have returned to the common field! Prestwell Field (in between Sunrise Hill and the Allotments) is a site of special interest and is home to some exciting examples of wildflowers, home to three horses and is a great space to walk and take in the views.

The sheep have been brought in to munch away at the scrub grasses that have grown wild due to the wet weather, closely followed by blazing sunshine and we need their help to bring this back under control

The shepherd, Ben, delivered the sheep over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July and their munching will be assessed until the desirable levels have been achieved. Huge thanks to Ben for bringing them to us and thanks to Mr Nick Watkins and Mr Julian Jeffs for allowing Ben and the Parish Council to use their grazing rights during this time.

As with all livestock, if you are up there with dogs, please ensure they are secured on a lead, and not allowed to run free up there whilst the sheep are there. We appreciate your help with making sure the sheep are safe and happy up there in their temporary home!



Footpaths! With more and more people out and about, you have probably all seen the overgrown vegetation across the network of footpaths that are managed by West Berkshire Council. All villages have suffered this summer with extreme rain and extreme heat, meaning optimum growth and the spread of weeds, grasses, and nettles. Not only is this unsightly, but it is sometimes impossible to pass, to be able

to keep an eye on kids and dogs, and to make it through safely without getting stung on the legs!

Our eyes on the ground (you dear readers) are sometimes the only people who spot when this is getting out of control and this allows us to report the problem on the WBC portal. Brilliant in practice, annoying because every single other village in West Berkshire are doing exactly the same, and they just don't have the man power to do everything at once. Please be assured that every issue reported to us is immediately logged with WBC and we are added to a 'round'. We just end up having to wait for the team to be scheduled to East Ilsley for the work to be done.

You may know that the Parish Council own a 'brush cutter' and a few people have been trained to use it. We rely solely on these trained volunteers to get the equipment out and strim down what they can when WBC are so overwhelmed. This, however, leaves us with the problem of what to do with all the cuttings and they just get left, causing more mess. At least WBC remove the cuttings, leaving a clear right of way for people to use.

We will add this to the agenda for the meeting in September, for now, please keep reporting them to [clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk) or visit <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem> and log it yourself if you want to save time. All the requests go to the same place for processing.



The 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies was formally launched in January 2021.

Due to population changes since the last review, the number of electors in some constituencies is much higher than in others. The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is required by legislation to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal; in doing so, the number of constituencies in England will increase from 533 to 543.

The boundary changes only relate to Parliamentary constituencies (the area an MP is elected to represent in Parliament).

The review is a redistribution of the population bracket for each division to cover. Where there has been a population shift and increase, the BCE will redraw the boundaries to ensure each constituency has (as far as possible) equal amounts of population within them, giving an extra 10 parliamentary seats in England.

Essentially, the greater impact is on MPs and not on parish and town councils. Some MPs may see their constituency split which may make them at risk at the next election. When building the parliamentary boundaries, the BCE use ward boundaries where possible, to avoid splitting up wards and affecting service provision. However, there may be cases where residents in parishes/ wards will vote for a different MP in the next election under a different area.

The review does not change local authority boundaries and will not affect the services received in or covered by the district.

As part of the review, a consultation is now running to get feedback on proposed new boundary lines and constituency names. The consultation is currently open until **Monday 2nd August 2021**. You can make comments by visiting the map and clicking "make a comment".

There will be a further two rounds of consultation in 2022, which will additionally include a number of public hearings. Following the conclusion of all three consultation periods, the Commission will look at all the evidence received and form its final recommendations. These will be presented to Parliament by July 2023 for approval, with the new constituencies taking effect at the next General Election.

You can read more about the review at <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/>

There is also a very comprehensive guide on the review which can be found at <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/guide-to-the-2023-review-of-parliamentary-constituencies/>

To access the map and make a comment visit: <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/6488>

You will need to zoom in and out to find Newbury / East Ilsley and the proposed changes.

Anyone is able to make a comment, please note the Parish Council will also be making comments on this and we will publish our response on our website.





## From the Guest Editor...

Welcome to the 105<sup>th</sup> edition of the EIC.

Isn't it just lovely to see the sun? I'm saying no more!!

This summer edition is rammed (no pun intended) full of local events and initiatives for you to get involved in. There is also the opportunity for you to volunteer to help keep our community strong and thriving, with requests for Parish Councillors, and Trustees for both the EI Trust Fund and also the Millenium Green. I can personally vouch that getting involved in these is both fun, rewarding and is not onerous in the time you need to dedicate. So please reach out and help keep our village beautiful.

In this bumper edition, there is also some great follow-ups on local initiatives which have continued during the lockdown, well done to all those involved.

Another highlight for me is the reproduction of a local poem, thanks to Dave Cavanagh, of Friends of the Ridgeway for sending this our way- very apt for this time of year especially when we see the return of sheep to the Prestwell Field.

As a rural community we rely on our neighboring farmers to maintain and till the surrounding environment in which we live. Keeping it both beautiful for us to look at and financially viable is not easy, as some of you may have seen from the recent Jeremy Clarkson documentary "Clarkson's Farm". I'm planning in the next edition to get a new section to our great magazine "Farmers Corner" with insights direct from our local land owners, I'm hoping this will be both educational and also provide us with better understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing farming today, our local farmers were a bit busy with the harvest this time around ☺, but something definitely to look forward to especially as we celebrate the Harvest Festival.

Finally as we're feeling a little sheepish - I thought it would be fun to see who can spot the most sheep in this editon, email your answer to [eiceditor2021@gmail.com](mailto:eiceditor2021@gmail.com).

Next copy date for EIC is 26<sup>th</sup> September,

Wishing you all a sunny and happy summer break whatever you are doing,

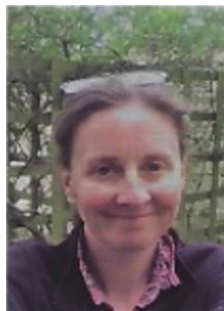
Stay safe

Sally.

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

Hello everyone

I'm pleased to have secured some match funding from West Berkshire Council for WiFi for the primary school and fencing for Prestwell Field. Thank you to Fen for drafting the bids. Since May 2019 I've secured £14,000 in match funding for local projects in our ward.

The Animal Health Institute/Pirbright planning application has been updated. Perhaps most significantly the landowner Homes England is proposing 'up to 185' homes. This is less than their previously proposed figure of 250, but more than the 140 homes recommended in West Berkshire Council's policy documents (HAS DPD Policy HSA23 to be precise....). At the time of writing (16th July) the deadline for comments is 29 July, but I have requested an extension because some of the documentation accompanying the updated planning application was added to the WBC website late. If you submitted comments on the previous application you do NOT need to submit them again. If you want to submit new comments I recommend doing so by 29 July to be on the safe side. If you search for West Berkshire Council planning applications online, and then put the code 20/01336/OUTMAJ into the search box you will find all the relevant documentation.

Many of us shop and socialise in Newbury, so you might be interested to know there is a masterplan about the redevelopment of Newbury and also a major planning application to redevelop the area around the Kennet Centre. These are still under discussion and the latter will go to the planning committee later in the year.

Periodically the Boundary Commission reviews the boundaries of parliamentary constituencies, to ensure they have a similar number of electors each. They have proposed that the whole of this ward, Ridgeway (West and East Ilsley, Compton, Hampstead Norreys, Frlsham and Yattendon) moves into a new constituency called Mid Berkshire. This constituency would stretch up to the boundary of Reading. There is a lively discussion going on locally about whether the whole of Ridgeway should stay in Newbury constituency, move into the new Mid Berkshire constituency, or whether just West and East Ilsley should stay in Newbury constituency. If you'd like to know more visit <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/> Deadline for comments is 2 August. Personally I don't want to see this ward split across two MPs, but your views might differ.

Concerns about pot holes, bins that didn't get emptied, flytipping, 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.

Thanks to Fen and the parish council for all they do for the village, and to Martyn and Liam at the Crown and Horns for all they've done to bolster community spirit during tough times.

I hope you have a good summer.

Carolayne Culver

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## Millennium Green Trust

### **The East Ilsley Millennium Green needs YOU! - New and enthusiastic Trustees are sought to join and support the current Trustees.**

Are you interested in supporting us and helping with the on-going affairs of the Millennium Green?

Maybe you are new to the village and would like to get involved in something special, and ensuring that this fabulous public space will always be available for our enjoyment?

We are currently looking for a small number of new Trustees to join us and help us with our tasks - no previous experience is required, just enthusiasm, and desire to make a difference and to contribute to this village asset.

To celebrate the Millennium, 200 green spaces were set up throughout the UK to provide guaranteed areas, in perpetuity, for exercise and relaxation. East Ilsley was honoured to be chosen as one of them.

To achieve this permanence under English law, a Charitable Trust was created to be responsible for and to manage the affairs of the Green, thus ensuring that East Ilsley has a green space that it values and is

available for the benefit of the whole community today and for future generations.

The Millennium Green Trust is run by a number of Trustees who meet 4 times a year to discuss matters and ensure the Green is protected and to ensure that its use is as intended under the terms of the Charitable Trust.

A number of Trustees will be stepping down this year, so if you are interested in getting involved and becoming part of the team, please contact one of the current Trustees (details below) who can explain more about what is involved.

To be a Trustee, ideally you should be a local resident, with an interest and desire to contribute and help out, or be someone with special knowledge or experience to contribute and make a difference.

Everything that we do as Trustees revolves around the aims of the Green:

- To make a substantial contribution to the life of the whole community
- To be available to be enjoyed by people of all ages and physical abilities
- To be open and evident to visitors to the locality as well as to local habitants
- To be an attractive place for people to take air and exercise, and to meet others and pursue leisure interests
- To include an area suitable for community events and celebrations
- To include significant natural areas where people can enjoy nature and wildlife at first hand
- To make a positive contribution to the local environment, whilst respecting the established characteristics of the area and the surrounding open downland.
- To remain safely and conveniently accessible from inhabitants homes

Once new Trustees are appointed, all Trustees will select and appoint a Chairperson and Secretary.





So join us now and make a difference in East Ilsley. For more information, please contact any of the following:

Eric Saxton, Ian Wilson, Sally Allsop, Paul Finch, Sheila Kidd  
Or Check out our Facebook Group @EAST ILSLEY MILLENIUM GREEN





# ILSLEY EVERGREENS

## NEWSLETTER AUGUST ~ 2021

Hello Everyone.

The management committee held a meeting on the 15th July, the first since January 2020.

After much discussion the committee made the decision to go ahead with the following programme of events.

- A Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea (see poster) on the 18th of September at the Wilkins Centre, Compton.
- Our first coach trip, a South Coast Mystery, will be on Wednesday the 22nd of September. Pick up points as usual.
- Then a Bingo night on Friday the 24th of September at Compton Village Hall starting at 7:30pm.
- The second coach trip is on Wednesday the 20th of October to Cheltenham with a Steam Train Journey.

Posters for these events will be displayed in Compton Shop and the Village Hall Notice Board, East and West Ilsley Village Notice Boards.

Hopefully we will not be in another lockdown and welcome you to come along and support the Evergreens.

We are greatly saddened at the passing of our friend and valued member Mary McClafferty. Our thoughts and sincere condolences go to her family and her many friends.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary

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### Afternoon Teas in Aldworth

St. Mary's Church, Aldworth

We hope to start 21st July and then every Wednesday in July, August & September  
2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Delicious homemade cakes in the company of The Aldworth Giants

For further details and to book groups contact:  
Gill Wilding 01635 578624 or [gillwilding@hotmail.com](mailto:gillwilding@hotmail.com)



## Ilstley Sheep Fair

East Ilstley is a little town  
Hid from the world, of small renown,  
That, nestling in the shelt'ring Down,  
Has fallen fast asleep.

But Ilstley wakens once a year  
When those who dip and dress and shear,  
From many a distant hill farm drear,  
Come down to sell their sheep.

The pens are filled with bleating flocks  
While ancient shepherds, clad in smocks,  
With oft-repeated crow-bar knocks  
Make every pen secure.

Their talk is all of shepherd dogs,  
Of shearling gimmers, tegs and hogs,  
And husking caused by autumn fogs,  
The latest foot-rot cure.

And how the lambing season's gone,  
And how the late weaned lambs have done,  
How many ewes have had but one,  
And how new puppies train.

But when the last departing sheep  
Are driven up the chalk roads steep,  
Grey shadows from the downland creep,  
And Ilstley sleeps again.

***Wilfred Howe-Nurse (1927).***

From the Book 'Berkshire Vale'. Poems by Wilfred Howe-Nurse, illustration by Cecil Aldin.  
Published by Basil Blackwell, Oxford.

Gimmer - a young female sheep

Teg - a young male sheep

Hog - a ram

Husking - coughing





# DOWNLAND PRACTICE

## Patient Info Sheet Issue No: 014 (Jul 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. COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Clinics
4. Flu Clinics - 2021
5. Duty Doctor
6. GP Routine Appointments
7. Downland Volunteer Group (DVG)
8. Pharmacy Disruption June/July 2021

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

With the change on the 19 July 2021 with respect to social distancing and the wearing of face masks, patient's that are booked into appointments at the Downland Practice will still be required to wear a face mask and observe social distancing. We need to keep the patients and staff as safe as possible. The current situation will be updated on the Downland Practice at the practice website news section [www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk](http://www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk).

### **COVID-19 Vaccinations**

We have had a few cases of patients who have had Covid-19 vaccination undertaken outside of the West Berkshire area, some of these cases have resulted in data not being displayed on the NHS app. Initially we were informed of a helpline that patients can ring to resolve these issues, it was not made clear at the time that this help line was for GP practices to use on behalf of patients. If there are patients who have problems viewing their covid-19 data on the NHS app please email details to [pm.downland@nhs.net](mailto:pm.downland@nhs.net).

### **COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Clinics**

We do not have dates yet for the booster vaccinations, once we have information we will update the practice website news section [www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk](http://www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk).

### **Flu Clinics - 2021**

Flu clinics will start in Sep 21, patients will be able to book their flu vaccine from the end of August 2021. The Practice will concentrate on offering appointments to the over 65's, and patients who have medical conditions who are eligible for the Flu. Patients who are in the 50-64 year old group will be invited for a Flu vaccine in October 2021.

### **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 an appointment to attend the surgery. Patients may have a wait whilst the Duty Doctor deals with patients who

have an urgent clinical need. 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. This system is working well and is preventing GP's from having to use two appointments (telephone call, then a face to face) with the same patient for on the day needs.

### **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 are now back in operation, please use the hand cleanser after booking in for your appointment.

### **Downland Volunteer Group (DVG)**

The DVG operates from the Compton site from 09.30-11.30 Mon – Fri and provides transport for patients who have no other means of travel. In 2019 close to 1,000 journeys were undertaken by the DVG, they are now open for business but we need your help. We are short of drivers across the area, if there is anybody out there who can help to take patients to their appointments this will be appreciated. There is a reimbursement scheme for fuel in place. We also urgently need some admin staff to cover the phone at the DVG office in Compton, if you would like to help out please either ring 01635 578394 or email [pm.downland@nhs.net](mailto:pm.downland@nhs.net)

### **Pharmacy Disruption June/July 2021**

The Pharmacy has been undergoing some planned infrastructure work in June/July 2021. This involved the Pharmacy moving into a temporary accommodation that was situated in the surgery car park. This period has been fairly smooth in terms of service from the Pharmacy, the staff have worked really hard to keep up to date with patient's repeat medication requests. During this time the pharmacy telephone has been off of the practice phone system and the reception staff have been unable to put calls through to the pharmacy. Normal service at the pharmacy resumes on the 19 July 2021.

From 19 July 2021, patients who want to contact the pharmacy need to phone the surgery and select the option for the pharmacy. There is no direct phone line available for patients to phone the Compton site, patients who wish to contact the Compton site need to ring 01635 248251 and select the pharmacy option.

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We will be back in Aldworth village hall from

**13th September 2021!**

We are a friendly group of people who like to have a go at different crafts, or revisit ones we have enjoyed so much we want to have another go!

We meet on **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon** during term time.

Each session costs £2.50.

**Autumn term dates:**

September: 13th and 26th

October: 11th and 25th

November: 8th and 22nd

December: 13th

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Gill Wilding on 01635 578624 (answerphone) or email [aacg20161@outlook.com](mailto:aacg20161@outlook.com)

## GAME PLAN: BOARD GAMES REDISCOVERED

Celebrate the joy, excitement and occasional frustration of playing board games in this interactive exhibition from the V&A.



**NOW ON UNTIL SUN 5 SEP**

Open Wed to Sun, 10am - 5pm (last entry 4.15pm)

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(calls cost 2p per minute plus your telephone company's access charge)

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## HAMPSTEAD NORREYS WI

The WI played their part in the Hampstead Norreys Village Summer Fayre at the end of June, helping to swell the coffers of the Village Hall Restoration Fund. The cake stall raised over £500 which will hopefully be match funded enabling us to make a healthy contribution.

It was the result of a lot of hard work by many and the efforts were well worth it as well as being enjoyable.

It was a pleasure to be part of the Fayre which was enjoyed by so many people in an atmosphere of co-operation and fun. The whole experience took place in a sunny setting and showed what a wonderful vibrant community there is in the village.

The WI meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month. Why not come along and see what else we do apart from making cakes !!!



Yet another Zoom meeting enabled expert tour guide, Sarah Slater, to give a fascinating talk on the ghosts of Hampton Court Palace at the June meeting. She was dressed in a Victorian mourning gown (circa 1880) complete with bustle. Sarah has worked at the palace for thirteen years and has learnt and experienced much in that time.

We were treated to a brief history of the palace which was given to Henry VIII by Cardinal Wolsey. William III stopped living there when he bought Buckingham House, which consequently became known as Buckingham Palace, and has been the London home of the monarchy ever since. He had part of the palace demolished and the newer half of the present building was designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Hampton Court Palace was let as Grace and Favour apartments after that.

Sarah explained that there are a variety of ghosts which are apparitions of a dead person seen by the living. They are a lost soul that has not moved into light. Hauntings are energies from a past event. Ghost stories have been told for hundreds of years and most come from people who have lived in the palace.

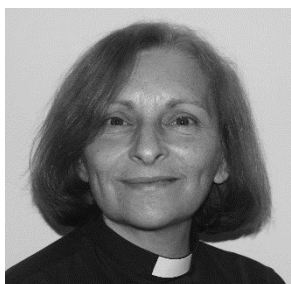
From the Tudor royal nurse who is said to haunt her former lodgings, to the peculiar sighting of a mysterious figure, captured by the palace security cameras only a few years ago, Hampton Court Palace has witnessed a host of spooky sightings across the centuries. Queen Katherine Howard is said to roam the 'Haunted Gallery', whilst her predecessor, Queen Jane Seymour, is said to haunt the palace's courtyards, looking for her lost son.

After dark, Hampton Court Palace is eerie and atmospheric, and we thought it would be a good idea to join a guided ghost tour in the near future.

If you would be interested in joining us on this visit or at future meetings at Hampstead Norreys please contact Jan, our president, for more information. 01189 842559.

You will be warmly welcomed.

## Musing from the Team Vicar - Revd. Sue Webster



What a difference a year makes!

Remember last summer? COVID and Lockdown taught us to value nature, gave us time to 'be', saved us money and encouraged us towards simpler lifestyles. Look at us now - we're back on our treadmills, anxious to know if we will holiday abroad this year, spending our savings like there's no tomorrow and generally rushing through our lives whilst not actually living them!

Of course, being freely out and about again has its rewards! I for example, shall thoroughly enjoy being able to visit National Trust properties once more. I so often find myself appreciating the love that went into their design and construction and the amount of love and work it now takes to maintain them. It got me thinking about our own local 'ancient monuments' - our village churches. Some of our local church buildings are more than 700 years old! Like the buildings cared for by the NT, they carry the stories of all those who have come before us in their stones; those who aspired to their creation and others who made the dream a reality. They represent the things about life that stay the same even when modern living and its penchant for constant change threaten to overwhelm us.

But like the love, time, money and hard work that get poured into a new NT acquisition, we very often assume that our parish churches are 'somebody else's problem' to solve. Actually, they are ours! And not just the buildings - each church has to find someone to take care of the money, help out at church services, plan for work to be carried out from time to time, clean, arrange flowers, ring bells...the list goes on. And just like the NT, despite the professionals it pays to bring expertise to bear on restoration and upkeep, it is the volunteers that make all the difference. Without volunteers our great historic buildings would not be open for us all to enjoy. Without volunteers, so many precious places would run to wrack and ruin. It's just the same for our churches! Many people assume the Church of England looks after our buildings. It doesn't! Many assume you have to be a 'paid-up believer' to offer a skill or some time to caring for our churches and their communities. You don't! But without the skills, time, love and hard work of volunteers, the future of all our churches is in peril.

Last summer, we all found ourselves in touch with something we realised we'd lost - our community. Suddenly our neighbours and their needs were important. We found time to give, share and receive from one another. What a difference a year makes!

If you feel inspired to 'give something back', offer a skill, your time or even some money to ensure your local Church remains a thing of abundant life and community for future generations, please do call me for a chat. I'd love to hear from you!

Revd Sue

07817408297

## Services in August and September in East Ilsley

Date	Compton
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 Trinity 9	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 Trinity 10	No Service here today (9.30am Holy Communion (CW) at Compton Church) (6.00pm - Time with God on Zoom)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 Trinity 11	11am All Age Praise
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2021 Trinity 12	(8am - Holy Communion (BCP) at Hampstead Norreys) (10.00am - Team Service at Hampstead Norreys Church) All are welcome to both these services
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 Trinity 13	(8am - Holy Communion (BCP) at Compton Church) 10am - Joint Service for East Ilsley & Compton congregation at East Ilsley Church
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 Trinity 14	11am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 Trinity 15	No Service here today (9.30am - Holy Communion (CW) at Compton Church) (6.00pm - Time with God on Zoom)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 Trinity 16	11am All Age Praise
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 Trinity 17	(8am - Holy Communion (BCP) at Hampstead Norreys) (10.00am - Team Service at Compton Church) All are welcome to both these services



We very much hope that lots of people are already planning their routes for September 11th Ride + Stride 2021... churches are in great need of your fundraising support, this year more than ever, so do please ask all your friends and family to sponsor you generously.

The national Ride+Stride event happens every year and this time we want Berkshire to climb up the league table of successful fundraising counties. There is also the Daphne Barnes-Phillips challenge cup awarded to the church raising most money! You could walk, cycle, or ride and guidelines, an updated list of participating churches and some suggestions for routes are on the BHCT Ride+Stride website: <https://ridestride.org/berkshire>.

You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm on September 11th. Sign in at each church you visit; have a look round and you may also be offered refreshments, but this is rather dependent on pandemic restrictions being lifted. Do please take photos of your expedition and send them to me after the event, we will use the best ones on the BHCT website.

Online services will take a break for the Summer, the Monday 5pm meditations will continue but there will be some breaks for holidays. Please check the website [www.hermitage-team.org.uk](http://www.hermitage-team.org.uk) for all the dates.





Time with God remains on Zoom, 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 August as it will be the summer holidays. It will be back on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 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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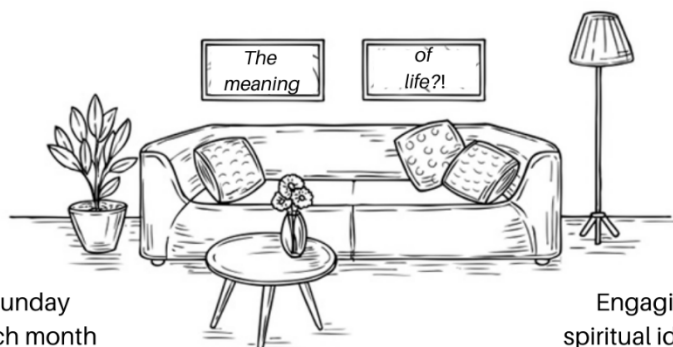
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coffee, tea and lots of cake ...

## The Living Room



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September  
- all are  
welcome!

## Aldworth Art/Painting Group

Our Art/Painting Group is back in Aldworth village hall from 7th September 2021!

We have been meeting up on Zoom, WhatsApp and in many beautiful outdoor locations throughout this pandemic. However, now we plan to resume meeting regularly in Aldworth's lovely village hall (RG8 9SE).

We will meet on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon during term time.

### Autumn term dates:

September: 7th and 21st

October: 5th and 19th

November: 2nd and 16th

December: 7th

### Everyone is welcome!

We are a mixed bunch with varying interests and abilities, but we all enjoy learning and sharing our interests and skills.

### Our sessions vary.

We devise a programme of suggested activities for each term. However, folk can "do their own thing" or join in with a member led session. There is always someone to offer ideas, help and support if needed.

We usually have one professional, tutor led workshop each term.

### There is no joining fee.

We pay £2.50 a normal session to cover expenses, but a bit more for a professionally led workshop.

If you are interested in chatting about coming along and joining our group on an occasional or regular basis, please phone or email me:

**Pauline Sheppard** - paulineshep17@gmail.com 01635 578177



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## The East Ilsley Trust Fund

Registered charity No 291544

### What is it and why does it exist?

I thought it would be useful to all the newcomers to the village to explain what the Trust Fund is and what its aims are. For many years, The Old School along the Compton Road had been used by the villagers for functions as a community hall, the Parish Council in the early 1960's attempted to buy it for the village and these discussions took place over a number of years but to no avail and the site was eventually sold for development.

Village activities carried on at the Primary School, local barns, courtesy of the local farmers or in the open air and there were several attempts to replace the lost community hall, fundraising took place, but with rising building costs, the fundraising could not keep up. The decision was taken to 'store' the funds that had accumulated and put them in 'trust' for any future community hall initiative.

It was also decided to use the interest on the invested capital for the benefit of the village by donations in support of the various groups and people in the village provided it was for the benefit of the inhabitants, and this has operated very well over the last few years, contributing funds towards equipment for the school, the village fireworks, St. Mary's Church for help with the restoration of the war memorial and the clock. The Evergreens, The Ilsley Under Fives, The Autumn Group, West Ilsley Cricket Club towards new nets, along with the Sheep Fair and the Christmas lights for the tree by the pond. We also provided the medals for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee for all the children in the village at the time.

With interest rates dropping over the last few years, we do not earn as much interest as we once did, but we are still able to support village interests when we can.

If you think we may be able to help you, please contact the EITF Secretary on [eitf.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:eitf.secretary@gmail.com) for an application form.

If you would like further information on the Trust or would be interested in becoming a Trustee (always looking for new members to get involved, it's not onerous I promise!) please get in touch.

Ali Allan- Chair -EITF

Email: [alijallan900@gmail.com](mailto:alijallan900@gmail.com)



# Your Health

Update for patients and the public in Berkshire West  
(Includes West Berkshire, Wokingham and Reading)



### Reading's large-scale vaccination programme moves from Madejski to Broad Street Mall at the end of July

Reading's large-scale Covid-19 vaccination programme will be moving from the Madejski Stadium to Unit 49-50 at the Broad Street Mall in Reading at the end of July. The last vaccinations at the Madejski will be on July 23 and operations will resume at Broad Street Mall at the end of this month. The move has been organised by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust to secure a longer term and accessible venue for vaccinations for the Berkshire West population, in anticipation of a return to larger match attendances at the home of Reading FC. Vaccinations do not take place at the Madejski on match days, limiting appointment availability. At the new Broad Street Mall venue, appointments will be available seven days a week, from 8.30am to 7.30pm

### Moving to step 4 of the Covid-19 road map

Following the Government's announcement, on 19th July England moved to Step 4 of the COVID19 roadmap. Adhering to government advice in healthcare settings - staff, patients, and visitors will be expected to continue wearing masks. This is to help keep everyone safe and prevent further spread of the virus. The Royal Berkshire Hospital has produced this short video from their Chief Nurse, Eamonn Sullivan Visitor number limitations will remain in place at the RBH but are being reviewed, and they hope they can allow more visitors as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so. Keep an eye out for further announcements about this on their website and social media.

### GP appointments

Our GP practices are currently experiencing a huge surge in demand for appointments - around 25% higher than before the pandemic. Please use 111 for advice and guidance where appropriate.

YOUR NHS HERE FOR YOU		NHS
	Know where to go should you need medical advice	
 <b>SELF CARE</b>	For basic ailments such as cuts, grazes and an upset tummy	
 <b>PHARMACY</b>	Advice on ailments, medicines and healthier living	
 <b>NHS 111</b>	Call 111 FREE, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, or access the service online 111.nhs.uk	
 <b>GP</b>	Call your practice or visit their website to make an appointment for an illness or injury that won't go away	
 <b>999</b>	Life-threatening emergencies only	

## NHS 111 First

Think you need the Emergency Department? Contact NHS 111 first. The NHS will help you right away and if you need urgent care, they can book you in to be seen quickly and safely. You can use NHS 111 either by visiting the website or by calling 111.

## Health apps

Have you considered using an App to support you in managing health conditions or your general wellbeing? Berkshire West ICP has created a Health and Wellbeing App Library, which contains independently reviewed Apps to meet your needs. You can visit the library at: [www.berkshirewesticp.org/orcha](http://www.berkshirewesticp.org/orcha)

With the widespread ownership of smartphones and tablets, and the ever-increasing use of Apps, there is a real opportunity for them to effectively support you in managing health conditions or your general wellbeing. But with over 360,000 health, many of which don't have any level of quality assurance, it can be incredibly difficult to find one that's appropriate, trustworthy and effective.

ORCHA has formed a team of people, including actively practicing clinicians, to independently review and accredit health Apps against a large number of stringent criteria in areas such as clinical/professional assurance, data and privacy, and usability and accessibility; giving each App an easy to understand percentage score which will help people decide whether to download it or not. It's not expected that Apps or the library replace any services you may be using, but rather to compliment them.

## Passionate about health research?

Be a Research Champion! Are you passionate about how NHS, public health and social care research can transform people's lives? Do you want to encourage people to take part in studies to discover new tests and treatments?

The National Institute for Health Research, the nation's largest funder of health and care research, is looking for Research Champion volunteers. Activities include talking to the public about research, taking part in media interviews and working with researchers to ensure they understand the public's perspective.

Anyone can volunteer and you can do as little or as much as you like, you just need to be passionate about research! Training and expenses are provided. For more information visit [tvmchampions.nihr.ac.uk](http://tvmchampions.nihr.ac.uk) or call 01865 223262.

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### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMPTON, ILSLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH \_ AN UPDATE**

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service 14th November 2021 Compton - this year the branch event will be in Compton. The parade will form up outside in the Foinavon car park at 1030am and, led by Pipe Major Ian Knight and drummer Mike Connor from the Oxford Caledonian Pipe Band, march to Compton Church where the service will commence around the War Memorial, which is situated in the church yard at 1055am. The Last Post and Reveille will be played by Trumpeter Aimee Jones. The service with Chaplain Rev Clive Jones officiating will then continue inside the Church. We are fortunate; and indeed proud, that this event has gained a reputation of being very well attended by RBL members, uniformed youth groups, parents, parishioners and supporters. The Church has a limited capacity but we will do our best to give everyone attending the best experience that we can - with priority being given to the Youth Groups, but there may be a requirement for some standing.

**Membership** - we are a growing organisation 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) or David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email [davidnorbury@btinternet.com](mailto:davidnorbury@btinternet.com) - thank you.





### All West Berkshire Libraries Customers

Here is the July 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 back!

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who has followed the guidelines when visiting our libraries, which has helped to protect our communities. All West Berkshire libraries are now open for their full hours and we hope to be able to make further services available in coming weeks, including the reintroduction of study spaces in libraries, but this is dependent on government guidance about removing restrictions in Step 4 of the Roadmap to Recovery on 19 July. Please continue to follow [@WBerksLibraries](#) on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for the most up to date news.

### A summer of reading



Starting on 1 July, we have reading challenges for EVERYONE in West Berkshire!

We know that many people have been reading more over the past year and it's certainly a great way to help maintain your health and wellbeing. This summer, why not take a library challenge and see what you can read before 15 September?

Read on to find the challenge for you.

### Wild World Heroes



Children aged 4-11 years are invited to become Wild World Heroes!

Our annual Summer Reading Challenge for this age group has been developed this year by The Reading Agency in partnership with WWF, the world's leading independent conservation organisation. It is a

celebration of books, nature and action for the environment.

When children sign up for the Challenge at their local library, they receive a poster and stickers. There will be even more stickers to collect as they read and discover how to make a difference to their local environment.

We encourage children to read six library books - which can include e-books and audiobooks - between 1 July and 15 September, and there are medals and certificates for all who succeed. It's a fun way for them to keep up their reading skills and confidence over the summer holidays and it's all FREE.



*Felicity Harrison, Libraries Manager, and Cllr Howard Woollaston, Executive Member for Leisure and Culture, launch the Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021. They are pictured in Hungerford Library, one of the eight West Berkshire Libraries, all of which are running the Challenge this summer.*

## Mini challenge

Children who are not yet reading won't be left out. We have a Mini Challenge for younger library members, who can collect their own stickers for borrowing up to six books over the summer.

Even babies can have their own library cards, allowing adults to borrow up to 15 books at a time for them. Remember that it's free to join your local library and free to borrow books to enjoy at home; and if you have a baby over 10 weeks old and you haven't yet received a Bookstart book pack for them from your health visitor, you can pick one up from your local library.



## Grown-ups2!



Adults and older children are invited to take our Grown-ups2! Challenge. Just read three library books before 15 September to be entered into a prize draw to win a WiFi tablet.

For all of our challenges, please sign up in your local library with your own library card to get started. Good luck to all!

## So many good books ...

If you are looking for inspiration as to what to read next, check the library catalogue or download the West Berkshire Libraries app to see all the latest bestsellers, or join our friendly online book group West Berks Reads to find out what others have enjoyed and to share your own recommendations.



Children can also find plenty of suggestions for books to read, as well as lots of fun, online activities on the Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge website

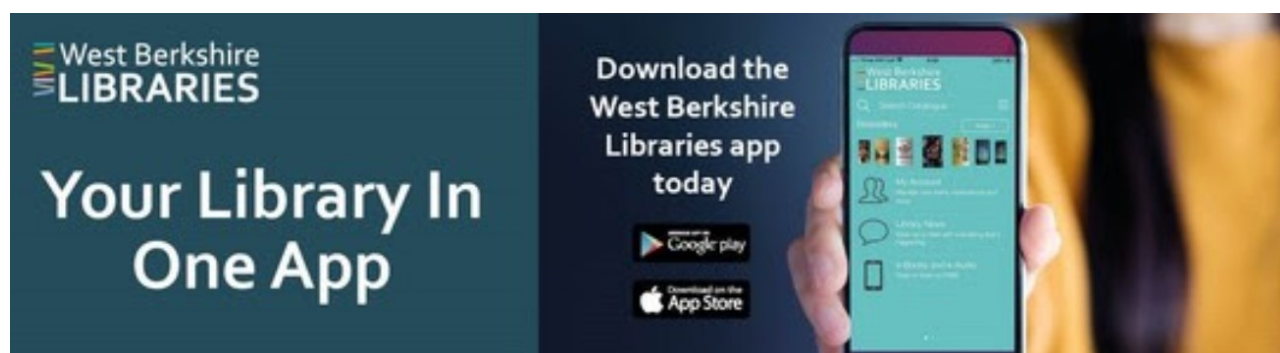
## Find us on YouTube

We have lots for you to enjoy online this summer. Visit our YouTube channel for a selection of storytimes and rhymetimes for younger members and watch out for our special **Children's Book Week** on Instagram at the end of the month.

If you missed Neeta Madahar's recent introductory session on Chair Yoga, you can catch up on YouTube now.

You will also find some of our talks here and online guides to using our e-library services from Libby and from BorrowBox on an Android device, all available free of charge.

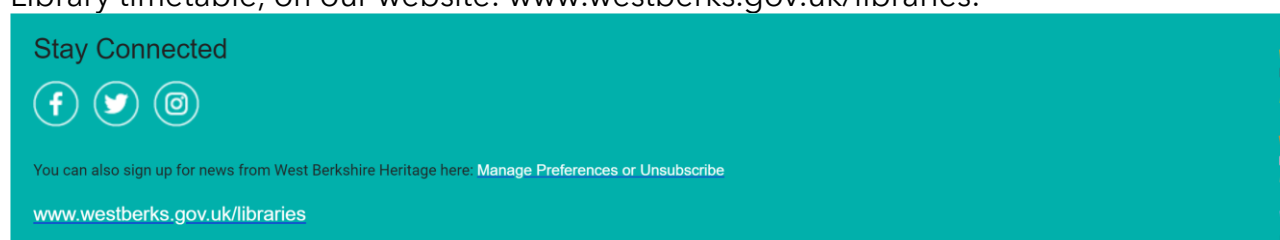
## West Berkshire Libraries app



Don't forget that the West Berkshire Libraries app is available from both Google Play Store (for Android devices) and the Apple App Store. Our new app offers you an easy way to renew your loans, search for and reserve books, read and listen to e-books, access other e-resources, manage multiple accounts for family members and more - all from your mobile or tablet.

Download the app and enjoy all of these services from your app today!

You can find details of all West Berkshire Libraries opening hours, including our Mobile Library timetable, on our website: [www.westberks.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/libraries).







**we are  
open**



## Shaw House Picnics

Shaw House picnics are now available to order online!

Each picnic basket is supplied with a waterproof blanket for you to borrow during your visit, ready for you to take outside and enjoy in our beautiful open grounds,

Picnics are £10 per person and come with a set menu, which is made locally, with fresh ingredients and considerably packaged. Available on most weekends during our public open days.



## Summer at Shaw House



In addition to the weekend opening, Shaw House will also be open on weekdays in the school summer holidays from Monday 26 July.

Come along and explore the history of the House through the new costume exhibition 'Dressed for Shaw' along with the 'Dressed for Battle' civil war exhibition. There are free interactive activities and trails and you are welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy the Grade II listed grounds - dogs on leads can come along too!

Please help us to keep our communities safe by continuing to wear a face covering whilst inside Shaw House, use the hand sanitiser on arrival and keep a reasonable distance from other customers.

Please note: Shaw House will be closed for a small number of private events in 2021.

## The Jungle Book

Filled with original music, audience interaction, and the chance to meet the characters after the show, you are invited to join Mowgli and his friends, Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther, on a madcap jungle adventure as they meet and attempt to outwit a slithering snake, some cheeky monkeys, and the fierce tiger, Shere Khan!

Bring your own picnic, warm clothes, seating/rug.



Monday 9 August | Shaw House | Gates 5pm, performance 6pm | Adults £12, Child £8

## Walk: Bats at the Museum



Did you know bats can live for up to 30 years? Local bat expert, James Shipman, will explain where they live, how they fly in the dark, and why they are so important and protected by law. James will also help you to see and hear several species that emerge at dusk near the museum (weather dependent).

Please note: there will be no access to West Berkshire Museum before, during or after the walk. Pre-book only. Bookings close at 4pm on Tuesday 24 August.

Thursday 26 July | West Berkshire Museum | 8.30-9.15pm | £5 per person

## Antiques and Brocante Market

A unique French style Brocante market offering antiques, vintage, retro, decorative arts and bric-a-brac plus vinyl records on the Great Lawn at Shaw House. A great day out for all the family with free entry to Shaw House.

Light refreshments and picnic facilities will be available outside, the café will be open offering a take-out service.

Sunday 29 August | 10am - 4pm | No need to book | Free entry | Socially distanced outdoor event



## Free online craft events



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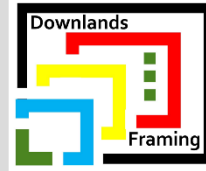
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**Ilsley Under Fives**

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

Make New Friends

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.



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### NEWBURY THE WHARF - SHAW - HERMITAGE - HAMPSTEAD NORREYS - COMPTON - THE ILSLEYS

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SERVICE

**6**

**6a**

#### 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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### Hospitals & GP Surgeries

West Berkshire Community Hospital 01635 273300

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Radcliffe Infirmary 01865 311188

John Radcliffe Hospital 01865 741166

Downland Practice Chieveley 01635 248251

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### Schools

Ilsley Under 5's ilsleyunderfives@gmail.com

The Ilsleys Primary School 01635 281225

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