

EAST ILSLEY COMMUNICATOR

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**Welcome to the
September 2021 Edition**



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Tales from your Parish Clerk



Welcome issue 106 of the EIC, the autumnal edition. It is all go here at the Parish Council and I look forward to telling you all about it!

We are delighted to welcome Nick Watkins as our new Co-opted Parish Councillor. Nick was co-opted at the September meeting and already holds the post of 'Flood Warden' so we have now added 'Pond Officer' along with Cllr. Meadows to his list.

We are very much looking forward to working with Nick and we are now officially full again.

Much of my recent work has brought me 'on site' into the village as you could not have missed the exciting pond excavation that took place recently. It was both a pleasure to spend so much time in the village during that (very sunny) week and also a relief that this project has finally come to fruition. I can recall at my interview back in April 2019 that I was told about the pond and all I would have to do... It feels so long ago that we started seriously looking into the feasibility of a project on this scale and I almost need to pinch myself that we've only gone and done it! Of course, it is not over yet. We can't ignore the 45 tonnes of silt that is sat drying out in Ian Wilson's field at the end of Haydon Lane for a start. Enormous thanks go out to Ian for allowing us the use of the field, we really would have been in a pickle without that space to use. It will take a while for it to dry out, only then can we start implementing phase 2 of the project which is to re-locate it safely. Phase 3 is the landscaping of the pond area and rather brilliantly, this can be actioned straight away, so we will be enlisting volunteers to help us with that very soon. Please be careful around the area, no one should be venturing into the pond ever, so please do not attempt to explore the area and it is now very deep!

West Berkshire Council have just released a new SID Portal (speed indicator device) and we are fully signed up to it. Pre-Covid we had a number of people trained to use the speed devices, agreed locations around the village and prepared risk assessments and we are now able to go ahead and book the devices, pending final approval from WBC. So expect to see our team out and about around the village recording data so we can report back to the council. All this data can help us push forward with speed limit reviews and other measures to help make the village a safer place to be.

Next June sees the country celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen. Plans are already underway to mark this celebration. A 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' campaign is something we are looking at with a potential small 'copse' of trees planted at the Recreation Ground. It is very much work in progress, but the hope is to create something that provides some shade and respite from the heat in the summer, and of course, mark the Platinum Jubilee as well.

Speaking of the playground, the Gaelic Football Goals and nets have been delivered, they are waiting patiently for installation which should be in the next couple of weeks! The Table Tennis Table is on the way as well, the manufacturer Butterfly made all the tables for the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics this summer so as you can imagine there is a bit of a backlog!

Expect some goings on with the tree canopy along the side of the playground as well very soon, it is high time we sorted out those hanging branches, particularly with the change in season and the weather on the turn. We will keep you informed of dates as access may be limited and you will need to divert briefly around the works for safety.

That's all from me, stay safe and well, and enjoy the edition!

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Future Meeting Dates of the Parish Council

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 12 th October 2021 Special Pen Meadow Consultation Evening - all welcome!	7.30pm	School Hall
Tuesday 19 th November 2021	7.30pm	School Hall
Tuesday 11 th January 2022	7.30pm	School Hall
Tuesday 8 th March 2022	7.30pm	School Hall
Tuesday 10 th May 2022	7.30pm	School Hall

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East Ilsley Parish Council Member Responsibilities as of October 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. Nick Watkins & 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

POND EXCAVATION

20th September 2021 to 23rd September 2021

It is amazing what you can achieve in 4 days!

It has been a busy week in East Ilsley... The 'Pond Project' had been a long time coming; only made possible by West Berkshire Council providing a CIL funding grant to us back in January this year.

TL Contracting were appointed as the excavators and they moved in the heavy machinery on Monday morning and work finally begun in earnest. Thankfully, they had glorious weather to work in, making a messy job all the more enjoyable in the sunshine.

The pond was drained and the digger moved in to start scraping up the silt and transfer it to the dumper truck, which then distributed the wet silt onto a nearby field. Approximately 45 tonnes of silt were removed and this is now 'drying out' until it can be transported away.

A 'safety shelf' was built, ensuring there was not a big drop from the waters edge utilitising some of the existing material.

This excavation has provided a safer future for the village in terms of flooding, and the pond is now able to manage heavy rainfall, limiting the chance of houses flooding. It is not over quite yet, the area now needs to be landscaped and very soon, it should be back to being the heart of the village and a beautiful place to stop and relax for a while.



The start of the dig



Getting deeper...



Levelling off the bottom



45 tonnes of silt removed!



The finished pond

Thank you!

West Berkshire COUNCIL

PEN MEADOW

Development

Public
Consultation
Evening

Tuesday 12th October 2021

7.30pm

at the School Hall

This is to discuss the next phase of the process and how we
might move forward with the plans - all welcome





From the Guest Editor...

Welcome to the 106th edition of the EIC.

Autumn is most definitely here after the final splash of summer, the shorts have been packed away and the jumpers are out of the closet – at the time of writing it's not quite time to put on the heating.... But it won't be long!

This edition is jam packed with some great news from around the village and I am delighted to also introduce our first ever "Farming Corner" to the EIC. I've been working closely with our local farmers to bring you an insight into what is happening in the beautiful countryside around us. I have certainly learned a lot about the farming year – so if you have any questions that you would like to put to our neighbouring farmers – please drop me a note and we'll see what we can do for the next installment! ☺

Sadly, in the last couple of weeks we have had some more long standing residents leave the village, they will be missed. I know you all join me in wishing Jam and Helen, and Ken and Sarah and their families all the best in their new homes. And, we look forward to welcoming some new faces into the village too!

Don't forget that if you have any news, events or announcements – please email them to me so that I can include them in our local newsletter.

Finally, just a quick reminder that the next edition will be the Christmas Edition – so please get your dedications in early, the latest copy date will be the 14th November with an early December distribution.

Stay safe

Sally.

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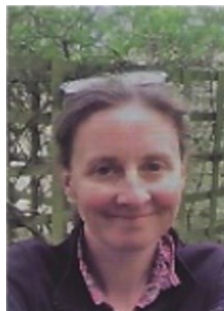
A Pond Factoid

Since the village pond is in the news at the moment, the following fact might cause some amusement:

When they were both young and growing up in the village, my mother and Dolly Bishop crawled through the pipe from the field in Abingdon Lane right through to the pond!

Not a Journey I would like to attempt!

John Hibbert.



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

Dear residents

I hope you have had a good summer.

At the time of writing this article (24th September) there is still no news about when the Institute planning application will be going to Western Area Planning Committee for a vote.

West Berkshire Council is introducing a new, free food waste collection service next year. Residents will be given a 23 litre kerbside bin, and a 5 litre kitchen bin. You can opt out if you have a composter at home, or if you live in a densely populated area where there isn't room to have a bin per household. The council is trying to reduce the amount of waste that goes into black bins and having food waste bins is one way of doing this. Bear in mind too that the council is collecting more kinds of plastic at the local tips than they do at the kerbside, so if you want to recycle things like plastic margarine and ice cream tubs, you can take them to the tip.

On 9th September I made a speech in the council chamber proposing that the council supports the Climate and Ecology Bill and responds positively to a public consultation about 'nature recovery networks'. These are basically maps that show where all the nature reserves and green spaces are, and how they can be connected together so that wildlife can move around. They need to do this to be able to feed and breed. The idea is to prevent development cutting off all these places for nature and turning them into islands that wildlife get trapped in. Oxfordshire council and their local conservation organisations have made a map. It would be good if we could have a map for West Berkshire too.

Thank you to all the residents who responded to my message on Facebook asking for examples of how you have been helping wildlife - including letting patches of your garden grow wild, and creating homes for hedgehogs, bees, bats, and birds. Niki from the Newbury Weekly News visited East Ilsley and Compton on 24th September to see our orchard and meet Ray in Compton who has been making hedgehog, bird, and bat boxes.

I am still in discussion with WBC and the parish council about moving the wildflower turf from Sunrise Hill, so that they don't interfere with the visibility of drivers exiting from Sunrise.

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.

Best wishes

Carolayne Culver

District councillor for Ridgeway ward

Green Party group leader

West Berkshire Council

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Millennium Green Trust

The East Ilsley Millennium Green needs YOU! - New Trustees are sought to join 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 valuable 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 email the editor for further details.

To be a Trustee, ideally you should be a local resident, with an interest and desire to contribute and help out.

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 OCTOBER ~ 2021

Hello Everyone.

The Evergreens would like to say a large Thank You to all the people who came along to Compton Village Hall on Friday the 17th of September to join in the first of our Family Bingo nights. It was pleasing to see you having a great time. The Coffee Morning on the 18th was also well attended. We will be having more this year. Look out for the posters!!!!

Our first trip of the year on September the 22nd was a Mystery Trip. We called in at Longstock Park Farm Shop and Café for a refreshment break on our way to Highcliffe where we stopped at the picnic site overlooking the beach and a view of the Needles on the Isle of Wight. We enjoyed great weather and stopped off at Peggy May's Café in Lyndhurst for a very nice cream tea on the way home.

All of the seats on the next trip to Broadway with a steam train ride to Cheltenham are sold and we are looking forward to planning next year's outings at our AGM in February. We may arrange a Christmas Market Trip if a suitable destination is agreed by the committee.

A sincere thank you to all of you who support the Evergreens and would welcome anyone 60 or over to join us as a member of this long-established group.

Keep safe and be kind to each other.

Kind regards.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary



Pringles tubes and other paper food containers with metal ends now accepted at West Berkshire Recycling Centres

West Berkshire Council, in partnership with Veolia UK and the Alliance for Beverage Cartons & the Environment (ACE UK), is launching a new recycling service for paper containers with metal ends, such as Pringles tubes, packaging used for hot chocolate, nuts and other products.

Local residents can now recycle their containers alongside food and drink cartons at specialist banks at the Council's Newbury and Padworth Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and Mini Recycling Centres (MRCs) located at Waitrose - Newbury, Sainsbury - Newbury, Station Car Park - Hungerford, Kingsland Centre - Thatcham, Hillier Garden Centre - Hermitage, and Willink Leisure Centre - Burghfield.

The new recycling service is the result of an agreement between ACE UK, which operates the dedicated food and drink carton recycling service available in West Berkshire, and packaging manufacturer Sonoco Consumer Products Europe.

For more information on recycling in West Berkshire, please visit:

<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/RecyclingandWasteReduction>

WEST ILSLEY

VILLAGE

**BONFIRE BINGO at
the VILLAGE HALL**

FRIDAY 22nd

OCTOBER

Starts at 7:30pm

**EXCELLENT PRIZES
AND A GREAT RAFFLE
COME ALONG AND SUPPORT
THE VILLAGE BONFIRE
AND FIREWORK'S**

WEST ILSLEY VILLAGE

WELCOME YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
BONFIRE & FIREWORK'S

AT THE
RECREATION GROUND

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER THE 5TH

BBQ AT 6:00PM

BONFIRE AT 6:30PM

FIREWORK DISPLAY AT 7:00PM

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

Musing from the Associate Clergy - Revd. Dr. Simon Thorn



We live in very unsettling times. In March 2020, the Director General of the World Health Organisation addressing a media-briefing about the COVID-19 pandemic said: "Crises like this tend to bring out the best and worst in humanity." It may be a cliché, but it's at times like this when you find out who your true friends are.

This applies as much to a national crisis as to our own individual struggles. I'm sure we all know the disappointment of discovering someone on whom we thought we could rely actually lets us down. The sense of abandonment is acute, the wound deep. Yet the problem is actually down to selfishness. When you have a sense of entitlement and you're always in control, you resent not having things your own way. Our parents have spent years trying to teach us not to act like spoilt children, only for us to revert to type when the going gets tough. We are tempted to sulk or, worse, take it out on others.

Our relationship with God is just the same. As we have taken his creation and his generosity for granted, we have come to think we are entitled to it all, and forever. We have gone from being faithful stewards to unjust servants.

The Earth is an extraordinary miracle of delicately balanced and finely tuned cycles. We have yet to identify another planet which has allowed life to evolve and diversify into the beautiful and complex web of Nature that we enjoy on our Earth. Our weather, our landscape, our homes, our food, our very existence depends on the balance of its natural systems. Yet, as we have seen with accelerated global warming, when we push the natural world faster than it can adapt, by emitting more greenhouse gases than can be absorbed by forests and oceans, and by overharvesting our land and seas faster than they can replenish themselves, we turn our world into a desert. And the reason for the overharvesting, the overcropping, the overproduction of goods? Pure selfishness. The focus on ourselves at the expense of our neighbour, rather than loving our neighbour as ourselves, will only lead to ruin. Every prophet in history has shouted this, for it only to fall on deaf ears.

Perhaps it's because we have become so divorced from the natural world, the seasonal challenges which farmers face in looking after their crops and animals, that Western society is in such deep denial. Perhaps it's because we are so arrogant about human ingenuity and achievement that we assume there will be a technological fix; the boffins will think of something. In the meantime, we don't have worry as we have enough coal and gas reserves and virgin rainforest to keep us going for a life-time, or at least until the next presidential or general election. Harvest Thanksgiving really should be on our minds continually when we pray 'Give us this day our daily bread.' This part of the Lord's Prayer reminds us of our dependence on God, not only for our spiritual food, but for our physical corporeal sustenance.

With love in Jesus
Revd. Dr. Simon Thorn
Associate Clergy
Hermitage Team Ministry



Services in October and November in East Ilsley

Date	East Ilsley
Sunday 3 rd October Trinity 18	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 10 th October Trinity 19	No Service at East Ilsley (9.30am - Holy Communion (CW) at Compton)
Sunday 17 th October Trinity 20	6.00pm Harvest Festival Songs of Praise
Sunday 24 th October Last Sunday after Trinity	(8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) at Hampstead Norreys Church) (10.00am - Team Service at Compton Church for Bible Sunday with the Parababble Puppets)
Sunday 31 st October All Saints	10.00am All Saints Service at East Ilsley for both East Ilsley and Compton congregations (3.00pm - Remembered with Love Service at Compton Church)
Sunday 7 th November 3 rd Before Advent	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Thursday 11 th November Remembrance Day	7.00pm Dedication of the Rex Wells Memorial Plaque Service
Sunday 14 th November Remembrance Sunday	No Service at East Ilsley (9.30am - Parish Communion (CW) at Compton Church) (10.45am - Remembrance Service at the War Memorial at Compton Church)
Sunday 21 st November Christ the King	11.00am All Age Praise
Sunday 28 th November Advent Sunday	(8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) at Hampstead Norreys Church) (10.00am - Team Service at Hermitage Church for Advent Carols with Holy Communion)



Time with God

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)



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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Plaque Dedication Service in honour of Sergt. Reginald Wells

Led by Reverend Wayne Lautenbach

Thursday 11th November 2021
7pm at St Mary's Church, East Ilsley

All are welcome to this short evening service

Farming Corner

Welcome to the first Farming Corner for the EIC.

The intention of this and future articles, is to follow the farming year as it impacts the countryside around our village. We hope to inform you of farming operations and outcomes and help you better understand the challenges and efforts that go to manage and maintain the beautiful area in which we live.



As we go to print, the harvest is complete for 2021 and preparation for the next harvest has already started. Indeed, in August we were already planting Oil seed rape (OSR). OSR is grown as a break crop which gives the following wheat crop significant benefits. OSR is also an early crop which needs a good start before the winter sets in and also before the flea beetle can take hold. **

This harvest has not been easy, due in the main to challenging weather conditions which have slowed the progress of gathering in the crops and reduced the quality of some of the resultant produce. Unfortunately, we have also seen an upturn in mechanical failures, for which we have no rhyme nor reason why this has happened.

Around the Ilsley area we have seen a wide range of crops grown, a sample of which we have listed below with an indication of what they will be used for. Pretty much all produce is graded and the quality determines the final usage:

- Oil seed rape - The crop following harvest is taken to a crushing mill and the oil extracted in much the same way as an olive. The first pressing oil will be bottled and will sit on the supermarket shelf alongside Olive Oil. Rapeseed oil can replace olive oil in the kitchen and has a higher Omega 3 level, is alleged to be better for you and grown in the UK.
- Winter Barley - Typically used for malting, or animal feed
- Winter Oats - This is what you will see on the breakfast table as breakfast cereal or for poorer quality crops it will become horse feed
- Winter Wheat - It's good to know that some of this crop will be milled locally (Wantage) to create flour, which can then be used to make bread, biscuits, or manufacture animal feed. An interesting fact is that some Winter Wheat is used to make ethanol, which is then used as a fuel.
- Winter Beans - Predominately this crop is used for animal feed, it is a source of very good protein and can therefore be used as an alternative to importing soya from other countries.
- Winter Linseed (you may have seen the blue flower) - is mainly used for culinary uses or again used as a basis of animal feed.
- A by-product of all these core crops is straw, most of the straw generated locally is used as either a fuel, animal bedding, or used as environmental insulation.
- Grass - yes , we did say grass! It's a vitally important crop which is grown locally for hay and used as animal feed in the form of silage or haylage (a wetter version of silage that horses prefer).
- And bringing up the rear - Spring Barley, this was the last crop we have harvested, a majority of this should go for malting to create beer. Ringwood brewery have previously been purveyors of our local crop.

But the work on a farm doesn't stop there....

Post-harvest, some fields have already been lightly cultivated this is to get the weed seeds to germinate, so that they can be managed ahead of the autumn drilling.

In the month ahead, we can expect to see all the winter cereals being drilled and rolled. The soil is rolled to improve soil to seed contact to aid germination and also to compact the flints to avoid damage to equipment during next year's harvest.

Finally, we are pleased to be able to share with you some exciting news. A recent addition to the Ilsley countryside is a vineyard, yes you heard us! Planted early this summer, we understand that it will produce its' first crop in 2023 - now isn't that something to look forward to? Local wine - Yum!!

In the next edition of the EIC we will discuss livestock and crop management. If you have a question that you would like answered - why not reach out to the editor and we will try to include the answer too.

To end with just a small reminder that farmland and farm machinery can be very dangerous, so please keep to the footpaths and adhere to the countryside code. Stay safe. Until next time.....

Your local farmers.

** For those of you with green fingers, OSR is a brassica and you will know the devastation the flea beetle can cause if not managed. Typically, a companion crop is planted alongside, this can take the form of buckwheat or mustard seed which grows quickly and confuses the flea beetle as it attacks the companion rather than the main crop, this is a much more environmentally agreeable solution than spraying harmful and expensive insecticides.

Bellringing

Bellringing could be the perfect solution to Post-Covid Lockdown Blues!

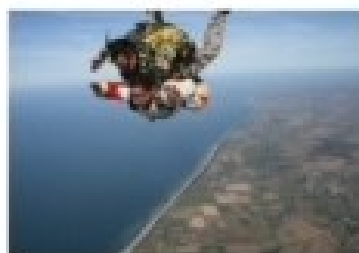
As an activity, Bellringing helps to stimulate the memory, provides excellent upper body exercise, can give a great feeling of satisfaction and wellbeing, and won't cost you anything.

We always welcome new members to our team. If you've no idea of what bellringing involves you may be pleasantly surprised to learn, so please feel free to pop along to one of our practice sessions on a Monday evening (any time between 7.30pm 9.00pm). We'd welcome the opportunity to show you what's involved with no pressure to take part.

You do not need to be religious to become a bellringer. It opens the door to new friendships and we always visit the pub for refreshments after our Monday practices sessions.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

John Hibbert
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SPONSORED PARACHUTE JUMP BY JOHN HIBBERT



It's finally happening on 7th October!

After a long delay due to Covid-19, John Hibbert, Church Warden at St Mary's East Ilsley, will be jumping out of an aeroplane with the Red Devils to raise money for the Restoration and Reordering of St. Mary's Church, East Ilsley.

Like so many villages, East Ilsley is gradually losing the use of key buildings as they are redeveloped as private housing. The village needs a community room and St. Mary's church will be ideal for that purpose once it has the basic facilities.

Please support John by sponsoring him via the link below and help raise vital funds. To access the link via the QR code, simply point your smartphone camera at it and click on open webpage.



shorturl.at/awA23

All donations made through this website will be match funded by the Good Exchange and will go directly to the Restoration and Reordering of The Church. The parachute jump is self-funded.

Thank you in advance for your support.

The Good Exchange

The Good Exchange is a not-for-profit, on-line matching platform that has been designed to address one of today's biggest charitable fundraising challenges – how to best match those organisations and individuals who have money to give to good causes to those who need it most. Find out more on their App:

app.thegoodexchange.com



**JOIN US
FOR A
GHOSTLY**

HALLOWEEN MURDER MYSTERY

AT THE CROWN & HORNS

**TICKETS
£10**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO EAST
ILSLEY FUNDRAISING GROUPS**

FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER AT 7.00PM

EMAIL [INFO@CROWNANDHORNS.CO.UK](mailto:info@CROWNANDHORNS.CO.UK) TO BOOK



Join the team at The Crown & Horns to celebrate Christmas in style
Contact Martyn and Liam on 01635 281545 to make your reservation today!




Christmas Party menu

@crownandhornseastilsley

Two course for £21.95 OR Three Course for £24.95

Starters

Homemade French Onion Soup - Served with warm bread roll
Chicken Goujons - Served with Side Salad and BBQ Sauce
Vegan Cauli wings- Served with spicy Dipping Sauce
Mushroom Crostini - Served on Sourdough bread

Main Course

Traditional Roast Turkey Lunch served with All The Trimmings
Pan Seared Fillet Of Sea Bass - served with Hassleback Potatoes and Seasonal Veg
Roasted Root Veg & Mixed Nut Roast - served with hassleback potatoes and veg gravy
Slow Braised Lamb Shank - served with creamy mash, vegetables and mint gravy
8oz Rump or Sirloin Steak - served with chunky chips side salad

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding served with Homemade Brandy Sauce
Homemade Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Custard
Biscoff Cheesecake served with Fresh Cream or Ice Cream
Vegan Sundae (VE)

Christmas Day Menu



A Selection of Canapés with a Glass of Fizz

Starter

French Onion Soup with Gruyere Toasts (Ve)
Truffled Parsnip Soup with Hazelnuts and Bacon
Chilli and Chorizo King Prawns
Pan Seared Scallops with Black Pudding and Bacon Crumb and Pea Purée
Chicken Goujons served with Side Salad and BBQ Sauce
Vegan Broccoli Tempura with Ponzu Dipping Sauce

Main Course

Roast Turkey
Hand Carved Turkey served with a Bacon and Chestnut Stuffing, Homemade Mash Potato, Pigs in Blankets, Glazed Carrots, Winter Greens, Mulled Wine Braised Red Cabbage, Roast Parsnip and Oven-roasted Potatoes, with a rich Homemade Gravy

Slow Roast Lamb
Slowly Roasted Lamb with Homemade Mash Potato, Pigs in Blankets, Glazed Carrots, Winter Greens, Mulled Wine Braised Red Cabbage, Roast Parsnip and Oven-roasted Potatoes, with a rich Homemade Minted Gravy

Roast Rump of Beef
Slow Roasted Rump of Beef served with Homemade Mash Potato, Pigs in Blankets, Glazed Carrots, Winter Greens, Mulled Wine Braised Red Cabbage, Roast Parsnip & Oven-roasted Potatoes, with a rich Homemade Gravy

Pan-roasted Salmon Fillet
Pan Roasted Salmon Fillet served with a smoky Mussel White Wine & Cream sauce, Baby Potatoes, Samphire, Spinach and a charred Red Pepper

Nut Roast (Ve)
Roasted Root Vegetable & Mixed Nut Roast
with Cherry Tomato Ratatouille, Asparagus and Roast Potatoes served with Carrots and Seasonal Greens



Dessert

Traditional Christmas Pudding served with Homemade Brandy Sauce
Homemade Sticky Toffee Pudding served with fresh Cream or Ice Cream
Biscoff Cheesecake served with fresh Cream or Ice Cream
Traditional Homemade Brandy Trifle
Vegan Brownies served with Vegan Ice Cream

To Finish

A Selection of Cheese served with Crackers
Mince Pies with Fresh Whipped Cream served with Tea or Coffee

Adults £69.95 Children (12yrs) £29.95





YOUR LIBRARY Have Your Say

We'd love to hear what you think about your library service and suggestions for what you'd like to see in the future.

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- Socials: #LoveWestBerkLibraries | @WBerksLibraries
- Email: library@westberks.gov.uk
- Questionnaire available from your local library

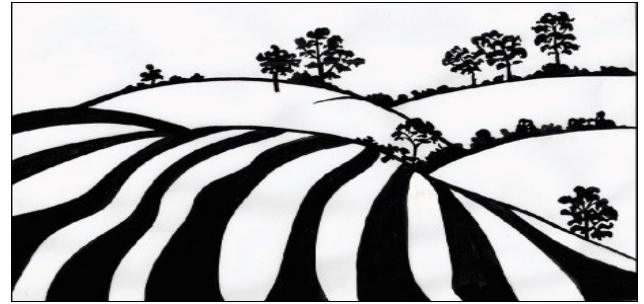


West Berkshire Libraries are seeking your thoughts and opinions regarding their services.

This can be anything from books, children's entertainment, the mobile library, or suggestions to make it better for all ages.

To participate, visit this link:
<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/libraryreview2021> or visit their social media pages.

You can also access a paper copy of the review at a local library.



DOWNLAND PRACTICE

Patient Info Sheet Issue No: 015 (Sep 2021)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The change on the 19 July 2021 on social distancing and the wearing of face masks, patients are still required to wear a face mask and observe social distancing in the practice. We need to keep the patients and staff as safe as possible. This situation meets current NHS Guidance and will be updated on the Downland Practice at the practice website news section when this changes www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk.

COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Clinics

We do not have confirmed dates for the covid-19 booster vaccination clinics, once we have information, we will update the practice website news section www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk. We are anticipating that the covid-19 booster vaccination clinics will take place in a central Newbury location and will be accessible for all of our patients who are eligible.

Flu Clinics - 2021

Flu clinics have been disrupted this year due to the flu stock deliveries being delayed. As soon as we have confirmation of the flu stock arriving we will plan flu clinics then. Normally our flu clinics are arranged well in advance of September, this year has seen the delay of the flu clinics. We did have a clinic running at the Royal British Legion in Newbury but we only had access to limited stock of the flu vaccine. Recently we had to cancel two days of flu clinics due to limits of flu stock. This issue is well outside of our control

Did Not Attend

We had an increase in did not attend (DNA) GP and Practice nurse appointments. These are important resources and directly affect patient care, so in an attempt to improve appointment availability we will be recording when patients DNA. Patients who DNA on multiple occasions will be contacted and asked if they wish to register at a GP Practice elsewhere. In our next patient update we will update on the numbers of DNA's we have had.

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. The GP on the day appointments for patient with urgent concerns are for patients who need to be seen. Recently we have had patients stating they cannot be released from their work to attend their GP appointment. All employers have a duty of care to release their staff for medical appointments.

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 checks in screens are now back in operation, please use the hand cleanser after booking in for your appointment. There are over five million people waiting to be seen in secondary care (Hospital referrals). This is placing a greater strain on all GP practices across England as these patients are still suffering from their conditions and need to see their GP. This issue has been well reported on the various media outlets, we will have a long winter ahead as the effort to reduce the patients waiting for secondary care may well be hampered by Covid-19 issues.

New Clinical Pharmacist

Bethan Davies has joined the team at the Downland Practice, Bethan previously worked as a Community Pharmacist but she is now working at the practice as a Clinical Pharmacist. The Clinical Pharmacist undertakes medication reviews for our patients, some of our patients will meet her in the new few months. The Clinical Pharmacist is freeing up our GP's so that they can offer patients longer routine appointments.

Nursing Team Update

We are looking at changing how we manage patients who are waiting to see the nursing team. This may mean that patients have to wait outside the nurse room for their routine appointment rather than waiting outside in a vehicle. We have recently experienced a national shortage of blood bottles; this has resulted in some non-urgent bloods being cancelled or delayed. Once this issue is resolved we will inform patients via the practice website news section.



Farm for the Future

Do you want to better understand the policy changes that will affect the future of your farm business?


The Prince's Countryside Fund's **Farm for the Future** programme is taking place across England – sign up NOW!

-  **Sign up to our FREE programme of support to help you prepare your farm business for the upcoming changes, and receive the following:**
-  **Business Workshop:** Understand and prepare your farm business for the changes to agricultural policies, including the removal of BPS.
-  **Environment Workshop:** Discover environmental opportunities within the ELM schemes that may suit and benefit your farm business.
-  **One-to-One Support:** Discuss future opportunities or challenges with your local coordinator to help you plan for the future.
- Plus additional events and resources.**

Am I eligible?
Any owner-occupied or tenant farm currently in receipt of BPS in England can take part.

How much will it cost?
The programme is free and you can either attend in person or virtually.

How can I sign up?
For more information and to express interest visit www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/farmforthefuture



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Registered office: The Prince's Countryside Fund, Floor 6, 105 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QT

The National Association of AONBs is hosting an online seminar on the Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme from 5-6pm on Tuesday November 9th. You can register here (https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5qcMHWrMR2efakvXfM-T1g) - if you can't make that time please register anyway and you'll automatically be sent the recording.

Also, the Prince's Countryside Trust is inviting all interested farmers and land managers to join the Farm for the Future programme. It will provide business support so farmers can manage the upcoming changes and make informed decisions about their future and discover opportunities with the ELM schemes that may financially and practically benefit the farm. See image on the left for more information.

Aldworth Craft Group

We are back in Aldworth Village Hall !

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 **2nd & 4th Mondays from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon** during term time.
Each session costs £2.50.

Autumn term dates:

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

ALDWORTH ART/PAINTING GROUP

Our Art/Painting Group is back in Aldworth 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:

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

THE COMPTON PLAYERS ARE BACK ON STAGE

London. 1947. Philip Mackinder is dead. His wife has shot him. In 'Evil Will Come', a homage to Agatha Christie, a court hears the evidence and we see the events leading up to the fateful night. What could have driven a respectable pillar of the community to commit such an evil act?

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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 in the Foinavon car park at 1030am and, led by Pipe Major Ian Knight 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, and supporters. The Church has a limited capacity but we will do our best to give everyone attending the best experience that we can, Covid restrictions permitting. At time of going to press face masks for adults are required to be worn inside the Church.

Blessing of Compton's Book of Remembrance – during the Remembrance Sunday service a book of remembrance, containing biographical details and brief histories of those men and one woman whose names from WW2 are inscribed on the war memorial, will be blessed, and presented to the Church. This nicely presented book is the result of the hard work and dedication of one of our RBL members - Pat Warn. It will be kept near the entrance door to the church, where visitors with an interest in the memorial can refer to it at will.

The Poppy Appeal lunch Friday 29th October – we have chosen a Friday, as our guest speaker will be Newbury's Member of Parliament Laura Farris, in order to fit in with her busy schedule. The event will take place in the Foinavon but will necessarily have to reflect the present need to be mindful of social distancing and peoples' Covid19 sensitivities. Consequently, attendance will be restricted to about half the usual number of attendees. If the weather allows we are also looking at possibly using the pub's tentage. Timings will be noon for 1245hrs lunch and the cost covering two courses and table wine will be £25 per head. Proceeds will go to the Poppy Appeal. If you would like to attend, please contact Steve Allison or David Norbury whose contact details are below.

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 £18. To join, please contact one of the undersigned.

Steve Allison tel 07812 991013 email steveallison1888@aol.com or David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com – thank you.



Soldiers of
Oxfordshire
Museum

PRESS RELEASE

SOFO Museum Chairman Ian Inshaw steps down after 15 years

- Longstanding Chairman of the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust oversaw creation of Oxfordshire's only military museum.
- Major General David Shouesmith taking over as interim Chairman of the Trust
- SOFO Museum now looking to fill a number of Trustee and Volunteer positions



Brigadier Ian Inshaw DL, longstanding Chairman of the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust, has stepped down after fifteen years which has seen the creation and establishment of one of Britain's leading military museums in Woodstock, and the only such museum in Oxfordshire.

A career Army Officer, Ian spent his last five years as Commander of the Bicester Garrison and on retirement joined the Trust to help create a new concept for a military museum: telling the stories of how conflict has affected the lives of people in Oxfordshire. Ian also held the position of Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire

His time as Chairman brought together the strong military heritage of Oxfordshire which includes its two former County Regiments, the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars and the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, and its strong links with the Royal Air Force and the US Air Force, and many components of the Royal Logistic Corps.

From early beginnings in 2009 Ian was committed to the creation of a museum that was attractive, unique, and sustainable. Today's purpose-built modern museum in the attractive grounds of the Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock is his legacy; it is the result of his leadership and determination to ensure that the stories of Oxfordshire's soldiers, airmen and their families and communities should be accessible to all.

The Museum is once again open to the public after a Covid-enforced shutdown and the Trust's team of museum professionals have created an exciting programme of events for the year ahead.

The Trustees of the Museum have embarked on a search for Ian Inshaw's successor, and in the meantime, new Trustee Major General David Shouesmith has taken over as interim Chairman.

The Trustees are hugely grateful for Ian's unstinting passion and commitment to the museum and are delighted that Ian himself will continue to work with the Trust as a Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum Ambassador.

SOFO Museum Ambassadors are volunteers that also act as advocates for the museum, representing the museum at official events, or spreading the word within their own networks at corporate and personal levels.

Registered Charity No. 1145408

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SN

www.sofo.org.uk frontofhouse@sofo.org.uk 01993 810 210

SOFO Museum first opened during the summer of 2014, tucked away in the beautiful gardens in the grounds of The Oxfordshire Museum and Woodstock Library, and just on the doorstep of Blenheim Palace.

More than a local military museum, SOFO is a museum that everyone can enjoy, from kids to parents and grandparents. We tell stories of how conflict has affected the county and its people, from soldiers serving on the front lines to ordinary people living on the Home Front.

On top of a range of ever-changing displays and events, our permanent exhibits explore topics that you'll find surprising and moving in equal measure, such as raw accounts of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen from both camp survivors and Oxfordshire soldiers.

Battles of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry puts you on-board a Horsa Glider as it prepares to land in Normandy in the early hours of D-Day 1944, while Secret War explores the world of spies and espionage and lets you try your hand at sending and decoding secret messages.

SOFO holds a collection of over 3,500 objects and 7,500 archive items from two county regiments, the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars (QOOH) and the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. These are our starting point for reflecting on the county's rich and diverse military heritage.



NEED SOME ADVICE?

If you're serving or have ever served in the Armed Forces, The Royal British Legion can offer you and your family advice & support

visit **rbl.org.uk** call **0808 802 8080**
or
contact your local British Legion Branch

by calling **07812 991013**
or **07770 326128**



Registered charity number: 219279

HAMPSTEAD NORREYS WI

On 3rd August, our WI met for the first time for a VERY long time. The Hampstead Norreys Handbell Ringers treated us to an afternoon in the sunshine at the side of the Village Hall. They told a story of boy meets girl and we had to fill in the missing parts as part of a quiz. The answers were the titles of tunes they played. It was a delightful afternoon and SO good to meet up with members that we hadn't seen since lockdown.

Our meetings will continue at the hall on the first Tuesday of each month and a full and fascinating programme is planned.

Our meetings this year are.....

Oct. 5 th	Wrapping up Christmas
Nov. 2nd.	Learn about our local gin distillery, Hawkridge Gin Distillery
Dec. 7th	Christmas celebration

Make a note of the dates and come along to see what we are like!!!

If you would be interested in joining us please contact our president, Jan, for more details on 01189 842559

HAMPSTEAD NORREYS WI (September)

What did you do in the war granny?

Was a question answered by Dan Allen at our September meeting. He told us about the little-known history of women serving in the first world war. Women served as stenographers, clerks, radio operators, messengers, truck drivers, ordnance workers, mechanics cryptographers and all other non-combat shore duty roles. The War Office realised that some front-line jobs which did not involve fighting were being done by men. They decided that women could do these jobs instead freeing up more men to go in to battle.



By 1917 the Army was running short of men because so many had been injured or killed on the front line. Many women volunteered to join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) which was later renamed Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps. There were also unsung groups of women who paid for their uniforms, equipment and even took their horses on to the battlefield to reach wounded soldiers meaning treatment was received much faster than waiting for stretcher bearers to take the wounded to field hospitals.

At this time, the first equal pay strike in the UK was initiated. This was led and ultimately won by women.

We learnt that granny was a force to be reckoned with!!!!

Your Health

Update for patients and the public in Berkshire West

(Includes West Berkshire, Wokingham and Reading)



Survey into same day health care services - please take part and have your say

A major new survey has been launched to look at where people go to seek medical care for urgent, but not life threatening, health problems. It comes as the health service across Berkshire West resumes more 'business as usual' ways of working following the huge pressures put on it during the height of Covid.

Many health care services had to be adjusted to help medics deal with the pandemic and ensure people were treated safely. Some of the changes are set to continue as they have given patients more options on accessing a wider range of health care services. For example, the use of on-line and virtual consultations with a GP or healthcare professionals like Physician Associates, has made it easier and quicker for many people to seek reassurance and advice for a wide range of ailments from the most appropriate person. This way of working compliments the traditional face to face appointments with a healthcare professional which are still available where necessary.

The changes prompted by the pandemic have led to people seeking advice from alternative healthcare providers over the last 18 months and health managers are keen to understand where they went for same-day healthcare support, and why they chose this particular method. The information provided by the survey will help them direct resources in a more targeted way.

The survey outlines, and aims to raise awareness of, the wide range of healthcare options available including GP surgeries NHS 111 Online, NHS 111 Helpline, the hospital Emergency Department (A&E), minor injuries unit, pharmacists, and the walk in facility.

The walk-in service at the Reading Centre at Broad Street Mall has been temporarily stopped during Covid, and as part of the resumption of health services post-Covid, health officials are considering the future of the walk-in element and whether it is needed or whether the services it provided can be accessed elsewhere. They will use the findings of the survey to help them decide about the future of the walk in element of the Centre - patients registered at the Broad Street Mall surgery which is based at the Centre will not be affected by this and the surgery will remain open.

The survey is online at www.berkshirewestccg.nhs.uk or here at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/samedayaccesssurvey> and runs until 4 October

New service provides mental health support

The new 'Breathing Space' mental health support facility has just opened in Reading at Launchpad, Friar Street. It will be open during the evenings on each Friday to Monday and will offer short term crisis support.

The service will be run by the national charity Together for Mental Wellbeing working collaboratively alongside Berkshire West CCG, Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust, the local Emergency Services, Primary Care, and voluntary sector. Together For Mental Wellbeing are already commissioned to provide local services at Berkshire West Your Way so have a good knowledge and working relationship with a range of agencies in Berkshire West.

Visitors to Breathing Space will be helped to access community resources such as the recovery colleges or secondary care mental health services, and it is hoped this service will provide

better and timely support for people experiencing mental distress, as well as help ease pressure on the hospital's Emergency Department (ED) and other emergency services.

Winter vaccines

The NHS is gearing up to deliver the annual flu vaccination programme from autumn as it's the best protection against flu and its complications. And it's more important than ever to get the flu vaccine this year if you're eligible, particularly as it is expected that this will be the first winter when Covid will co-circulate alongside the seasonal influenza virus.

The flu vaccine is free for older people, pregnant women, and those with certain underlying medical conditions.

As with last year, the offer of the free jab is there for 50 to 64 year olds. In addition, this year's programme has been extended to four additional cohorts in secondary school so that all those from years 7 to year 11 will be offered the vaccination.

Those eligible for the free flu vaccination on the NHS this year (2021 to 2022) are:

- all children aged 2 to 15 (but not 16 years or older) on 31 August 2021
- those aged 6 months to under 50 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- those aged 50 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline health and social care staff employed by:
 - a registered residential care or nursing home
 - registered domiciliary care provider
 - a voluntary managed hospice provider
- Direct Payment (personal budgets) and/or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants.

Children aged 2 and 3 will continue to be offered the nasal spray by their GP and all school aged children will be offered it in school unless they have an underlying health condition. An alternative flu vaccine, in the form of an injection, will again be available this year for children whose parents decline the flu nasal spray due to its porcine gelatine content. Please keep a look out on your GP practice website for more information or visit the NHS website.

Covid Vaccination update

To date more than 75million people have had their Covid vaccination. You can book a first and second dose of the vaccine at a local vaccination site across Berkshire West. Go online to the national booking service or call 119 to make an appointment.

Appointments are being continuously updated to allow plenty of local choice and times, so please check regularly.

Quality of care for children & young people with SEND in Reading improving

The quality of care and support for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) in Reading is improving, with leaders across the area working well together.

This is the inspectors' view following a recent joint Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) local area SEND inspection in Reading. The inspectors recognised that leaders have acted swiftly to address issues which affect children and young people with SEND in Reading and have a clear view of how they will continue to improve services.

The joint inspection took place between 21-25 June and involved health services and schools in the borough, Brighter Futures for Children and Reading Borough Council. Inspectors also spoke to children and young people with SEND and their parents and carers.

Plasma donors

NHS Blood and Transport is looking for plasma donors to help save lives. They need 1,000 plasma donations every week to save the lives of people with rare immune diseases. Plasma donation is safe and easy and doesn't take long. There are eleven plasma donor centres, one of which is Reading Donor Centre on the King's Road.

If you'd like to donate, please call: 0300 123 23 23 to register or visit: www.blood.co.uk/plasma for more information and to find your nearest donor centre.

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



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West Berkshire Libraries News

Here is the September 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



Annual Report 2020/21



"Looking back at the last year it was clearly very challenging for everyone... However, the libraries service stepped up to the challenge..." (Councillor Howard Woollaston)

We were certainly busy! Thank you to everyone who took the time to let us know how much you valued your library service during the pandemic. Take a look at what we did over this extraordinary year and what we are planning for 2021/22 in our **Annual Report**, which is available now to read online or in our libraries.

Borrow sets of books for your book group

Some of our libraries run book groups, which you are welcome to join. Please ask in your local library to find out what's available near you.

We also support lots of private groups who borrow from us. We supply sets of ten copies of your chosen title and we have over a hundred sets to choose from. Our annual subscription is reduced for anyone setting up a new group at this point in the year. Please email library@westberks.gov.uk for details.

Coming soon

We hope to resume some of our group activities in libraries later this month. Follow **@WBerksLibraries** on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep up with news about these and everything else that's happening in libraries.

Recycling opportunities



Whilst we are thinking about action for the environment, you may not be aware that West Berkshire libraries provide various bins for recycled materials, including used batteries, spectacles, sweet wrappers, small toys, and old bras.

Please check in your local library to see what we can collect. Thank you.

Evening Course: Before the Conquest

Anglo-Saxon cemeteries, the origin of local place-names, the growth of Christianity, and the Newbury area in the immediately pre-Conquest period will be among the topics in this 8-week course at West Berkshire Museum. Sites along the Lambourn Valley, including East Shefford and Boxford will be among those covered, along with a look at the range of source material available to find out about Anglo-Saxon finds near where you live.

Course tutor Dr David Peacock has researched, written about and taught the history of West Berkshire and the Newbury area for many years.

Course fee £85 per person | West Berkshire Museum | 7-9 pm



Tuesday evenings, for eight weeks starting on 28th September 2021, with a one-week break for the October half term (26th October); the last class is 23rd November 2021.

Come and take part in our monthly under-five's session, Blaze's Buddies.

The in-person session will begin by introducing Blaze, the dragon on the weathervane on top of the Cloth Hall, through a short action poem. This will be followed by other activities including a simple craft linked to the treasure Blaze has found that day.



Places are limited and free tickets will be available from the museum reception desk from 10am onwards on the day on a first come, first served basis.

Thursday 7th October | West Berkshire Museum | 11am | 25-30 minutes duration | 2-5 years | FREE

Looking Both Ways: Readings from Margaret Hodges' Second Book of Poems

Margaret Hodges is a writer and artist who has lived in Newbury since the 1950s, with periods in Oxford and London to teach and to study. She maintained a studio at New Greenham Arts for many years and taught at Newbury College.

This event is being run for National Poetry Day 2021 (Thursday 7 October).

Tickets must be pre-booked online.

Thursday 7 October | West Berkshire Museum (in-person | 1pm-1.30pm | Free (donations welcomed).



In-Person Talk: Deloney's Legend of Jack of Newbury

A detailed look at the legend (rather than the history) of Tudor clothier Jack of Newbury. The focus is on the 16th-century "novel" by Thomas Deloney, and the way in which this story has evolved and changed over the subsequent centuries.

Tickets cost £5 per person and must be purchased in advance.

Bookings close 4pm on Tuesday 12 October.

Wednesday 13 October | West Berkshire Museum | 7-8pm | £5



The Bag that went BOO!



The delightfully comic story of a little red bag that jumps out of a brown paper bag - what in the world is it and where is it going?

Join us for a fantastical journey of paper bag proportions, dive into the sea and travel to the land of snow.

Duration 45 minutes. Suitable 3-8 years but younger and older children are welcome. The House and café will be open from 10am.

Monday 25 October | Shaw House | 11am & 1pm | Tickets: Adult £9, Child £7

Arts & Culture Passport Morning



Achieve your Discover Arts Award in a morning! The theme of the morning is 'Out of this World' so be prepared for the weird and the wonderful!

Tuesday 26th October | £5 per child (and an additional £3.75 for the Award certification). Places are limited.

For more information and to book a place, please contact the Corn Exchange on 0845 5218 218 or go to www.cornexchangenew.com Suitable for ages 5-12.

Family Activity Morning: Pumpkin Perfection



Take part in our family activity morning to decorate a soft and squeezable pumpkin with acrylic paint pens. Use the finished pumpkin as a spookily good Halloween decoration or a fun toy. After the craft, why not explore the grounds to find the hidden pumpkins, with the free pumpkin-themed trail.

Wednesday 27 October | Shaw House | Pre-book online only; 10 am, 11am and 12pm (45 mins) | £2 per child.

Small group family art workshop: Dinosaurs!

Whether you are a dinosaur expert or if you don't know your Ankylosaurus from your elbow you'll enjoy this great illustration workshop from Armadillo Art Experience.

Suitable for age 7+. One accompanying adult is free; the adult must remain with the child at all times. Places are limited (10 children per session) and must be booked in advance.

Thursday 28 October | West Berkshire Museum
| £12 per child | 2.5 hour workshop - choose 10am-12.30pm or 1.30-4pm



Messy Museum Morning: Spectacular scarecrows



Make a scarecrow from the pack of craft materials given to you at the start – these materials, including an acrylic paint pen (assorted colours), glue stick and mini sticky tape, are yours to take home along with the completed scarecrow.

This craft needs to be booked in advance – places are limited to 9 children per session.

Friday 29th Oct 2021 | West Berkshire Museum | Pre-book online only; 10 am, 11am and 12pm (45 mins) | £2 per child.

Dino Hunt!

Six of our baby dinosaurs are missing! This family-friendly event involves a FREE dinosaur hunt through a dark or dimly lit museum – please bring a torch.



Friday 29 October | West Berkshire Museum | Session times 5.00-5.30pm, 5.40-6.10pm, 6.20-6.50pm | Free



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Latest volunteer opportunities bulletin – September 2021

Contact us for more information on these or for free interviews, help and advice about volunteering.

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Adviser

A local charity provides free, independent advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. As a volunteer adviser, you will interview clients (in person or on the telephone) and use trusted information sources to guide them through the steps needed to resolve the problem. Sometimes more in-depth work might be needed, such as giving help to complete a form or contacting an organisation.

The role would suit friendly and approachable volunteers who are respectful of others and good at listening. Time commitment is one day or two half days a week (Monday-Wednesday).

Ref NY2243

Handybus Drivers

Volunteer Centre West Berkshire will be taking delivery of a fantastic new Handybus in October and starting a dial a ride service for older people in Newbury and Thatcham.

We are looking for volunteers to drive the bus for four hours a week. Drivers will receive good training and will be joining a band of volunteers that love assisting older people. Drivers love chatting and being involved in a really positive way to help our older infirm citizens to go about their business.

Volunteers must be over 21 with a clean UK licence, and will ideally be living in Newbury or Thatcham.

Ref NY109

Warehouse Volunteer

A local organisation provides model making activities for former and current Armed Forces and emergency services personnel. It also promotes model making hobbies as a way of improving wellbeing and mental health.

They have a warehouse and storage container for their stock of donated model kits (tanks, aircraft, ships, submarines, artillery, figures, cars and trucks and tools).

A volunteer is needed to restock the shelves which are 6ft high with cleaned complete model kits, moving models from the warehouse and storage container and back. You could also be providing administrative support to the organisation where needed and other general duties.

Ref NY2245

Farm Gardening Team Volunteers

A social enterprise in Inkpen grows a large range of plants in a poly tunnel and outside in a garden.

Gardening team volunteers are being recruited to help with tasks such as sowing seeds, propagation, planting, soil improvement, plant maintenance, grass cutting and hedge cutting. Some volunteers may also enjoy assisting with ad hoc projects such as building bird boxes or hen houses.

Suggested time commitment is one day or two half days a week, but there is flexibility. Some gardening experience would be useful but not essential, and you can volunteer on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and weekends.

Ref NY2241

Volunteer Scorers and Umpires

Join a cricket club at the heart of the local community by becoming a volunteer scorer or umpire.

The requirement would involve scoring around ten games a season, sharing the load with other scorers. Time commitment would be seven hours every other Saturday.

Previous cricket scoring experience would be ideal but training/mentoring can be provided. Home games are played in Newbury; away fixtures vary but are no more than an hour away from Newbury.

Ref NY2183

Charity Shop Volunteer

Would you like to gain experience of retail whilst helping raise funds for a leading disability charity?

A busy Thatcham charity shop is looking for volunteers to assist with tasks such as working on the tills, sorting donations and back of shop work.

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Ref NY1132

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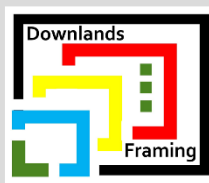
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We are a small and friendly toddlers group run by parents from East and West Ilsley and surrounding villages.

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

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Fun Activity

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

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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
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Hampstead Norrey, Water Street	0741	0950	1137	1337	1537
Hermitage Post Office	0748	0958	1145	1345	1545
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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
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