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EAST ILSLEY COMMUNICATOR

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**Welcome to the December 2021
Edition
of the EIC**



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Tales from your Parish Clerk



Welcome to issue 107 of the EIC, the bumper Christmas edition!

Festivities for Christmas will be well on their way by the time you read this. We are hoping that this year we can spend the time with our family and friends and that the new Omicron variant of C19 doesn't de-rail us any further. I am sure I am not the only one who deflates every time there is another press briefing on the TV.

It has been an up and down few months here at the Council. Firstly, we are sad to say goodbye to Tracey Murray who has resigned from her post as co-opted councillor. Tracey was an absolute whirlwind and a pleasure to work with. Her commitment to the village was fantastic and her work on maintenance, painting, decorating and community engagement will be sorely missed. Thank you Tracey for everything you had done for us. So, that leaves us with a 'Casual Vacancy', a time where we publically advertise the vacant position and potentially a by-election can be called. The official notice can be found in this issue. If no by-election is called we will be authorised by West Berkshire Council to proceed with a co-option, so keep an eye out for the notice of co-option and have a think about whether you have what it takes to be a councillor.

It is currently budget season for clerks; I have been working hard on preparing the draft budget for approval by the council. The initial draft was accepted at our November meeting but will be finalised at the January meeting. As we look to 2022 / 2023 thoughts turn to new projects and plans for next year and beyond, we would love to hear your ideas so please send them in via email to me (see the next page for the email address).

The Plaque Dedication Service at St Mary's Church on 11th November sadly, didn't go quite as expected. Just before the service, one of the bell ringers collapsed as they were coming to the end of their ringing session. An ambulance was called and various people in attendance at the service stepped up to perform CPR. Although it felt longer, within a few minutes we were joined by a first responder and Dr. O'Donohue from the village who took over just before the ambulance crew arrived. Unfortunately, despite best efforts from everyone, we were unable to save Fred. He was a much loved and respected Tower Captain and Bell Ringer, his service to the communities will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife Barbara, and his family and friends. There is some comfort in knowing he was doing what he loved and was surrounded by friends at the time of his passing. Rest in peace dear Fred.

Eagle eyed villagers who have been up to the playground recently might have noticed that the new table tennis table is up and good to go! Annoyingly, due to supply issues we were sent a slightly different one to the one we ordered. This one does not have the handy 'under table shelf' which was where we had planned to keep the 4 bats and 12 pack of balls! So you may have attempted to play but there is no equipment on hand and I am sorry about that. I'm working on solutions to this and will let you know as soon as I have unearthed one. Potential ideas are a basket at the pub for you to pick up and return or a key coded box so you can access them when you want to play. Any other ideas would be warmly received.

All that is left to say is that East Ilsley Parish Council wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year! We hope you stay safe and well and get to enjoy the festivities as much as you can. We look forward to potentially welcoming a new councillor in the new year and to continue working with you all into 2022.

Enjoy the edition!
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Future Meeting Dates of the Parish Council

Date	Time	Location
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

How to contact the Parish Council:

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Website: www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk



East Ilsley Parish Council Member Responsibilities:

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: Vacant

Community Engagement
Officer: Vacant

All serving Councillors will manage the Village Design Statement.

**Merry
Christmas**



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 TRACEY MURRAY 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 10th DECEMBER 2021 the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

DATED this 22nd day of November 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



Your Village needs you!

To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

- ★ be a UK or Commonwealth citizen
- ★ be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland
- ★ be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union*
- ★ be at least 18 years old

To be eligible to stand for an election for a particular parish, you must:

- ★ be an elector of the parish
- ★ for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish
- ★ during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work)
- ★ for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary

If you do become a parish councillor you will have to sign up to the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

** possible amendment due now we have left the EU*



The Seven Principles of Public Life:

- ✓ Selflessness
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Objectivity
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Openness
- ✓ Honesty
- ✓ Leadership



Do you have these qualities? We would love to hear from you!

Your route to becoming a Parish Councillor

Are you passionate about where you live? Do you want to help shape the future of East Ilsley? Read on to find out more...

East Ilsley Parish Council is an elected body in the first tier of local government, supporting the democratic process by holding Elections every 4 years. The role of the Parish Council is to represent the interests of the whole community they serve and improving both the quality of life and the local environment.

We are a corporate body, and a legal entity, separate from that of its Members, and are accountable to the local community. Our decisions are the responsibility of the whole body and are made collectively by a majority vote.

We have powers granted by Parliament, including the authority to raise money through taxation, known as the precept, and a range of powers to spend public money. We are an employer with our Parish Clerk working for, and with, the Council to action the decisions made.

Councillors are elected representatives, not volunteers or employees, and serve for a 4-year term, unless co-opted or elected in a by-election when they serve until the next election. They can be nominated by electors or approach us directly.

A Parish Councillor represents the views of all residents within the Parish and listens to, and understands, the views and needs of the differing groups within the community. As a Councillor, there is a responsibility to be well-informed, especially in relation to any diverse local views. Councillors cannot assume they represent the interests of electors without consulting them.

If you think you can contribute to the work of the Council by suggesting ideas, influencing policy, engaging in constructive debate, and responding to the needs and views of the community then please get in touch with the Parish Clerk by emailing clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk

Electors - use your voice to vote for Councillors that will best represent your needs!





The Parish Council were shocked to receive notification that children were climbing down to the edge of the water at the pond recently.

This is **not** a play area, and as with all open bodies of water extreme care and caution should be used whilst in the area.

It is boggy and wet around the edges and not safe for exploring. We urge all parents and carers of children in the village to warn of these dangers and to tell them not to enter the pond under any circumstances.

Coming soon to the Pond:



The Parish Council have recently ordered a new life buoy with ring and 30m rope. As soon as it arrives it will be installed at the side of the pond.



There will also be a couple of warning signs placed around the pond as well. These measures were identified as part of the revised assessments of the pond and pond area once the excavation work had taken place.

Please continue to be vigilant around the pond, it has had some heavy machinery there recently and lots of work, it will take some time to recover. We will keep you updated when the life buoy arrives.

Discovering Treasure in East Ilsley!

Something very exciting and intriguing popped into the Parish Council Clerk's inbox recently... this makes a change as it is usually just requests to empty dog bins!

After a quick scan of the email, and then a re-read to make sure it wasn't a scam, plus a phone call to check validity things got rather exciting in the office.



The email had come from West Berkshire Museum who were writing to advise that an opportunity had been presented to them to buy a folded fragment of a gold strip or ribbon dating to the Bronze Age c. 2200 - 800 BC found in East Ilsley.



The ribbon is a thin rectangular sheet of gold. One side is decorated with thirteen regular, longitudinal, incised grooves whilst the other side is plain. The long edges are slightly thicker, giving it the illusion of another two grooves. The ribbon is folded almost half-way down its length with the undecorated sides facing. One end of the strip is finished with slightly rounded corners, perhaps implying the original finished edge, while the other appears to have been cut.



Length (folded): 31.16mm, Length (unfolded): 66.91mm, Width: 10.44mm, Thickness: 0.52mm. Weight: 3.8g.

A number of gold strips of a similar size have been recorded as treasure on the Portable Antiquities Scheme database, for example: 2019T574 (BERK-B58065), 2014T777 (HAMP-36C41B), and 2014T63 (BERK-387817). Interestingly, the descriptions are broadly similar in that they are often folded or crumpled, with one 'original end' that is smooth and rounded and one cut end that is sheared off. Some, but not all examples, have a small perforation at one end (e.g. 2014T6 (NMS-6E2A74), 2012T577 (ESS-C13B97), and 2013T326 (WILT-26F931) with two holes).

It is not clear how these gold ribbons were used or what period of the Bronze Age they date to. Eogan (1994) referring to them as 'Tress'-rings, included them in his discussion of gold working in the c.13th-12th centuries. One excavated example was found in Oxford in a sealed alluvial deposit along with a Beaker period flint scraper and indeterminable pottery that was consistent with Beaker pottery (Palmer 1980). Similarity of the Oxford example with Early Bronze Age Scottish dagger pommel strips has been noted (Case 1980) but dismissed as it was missing the flange that was present on the Scottish daggers. Many of the examples reported as Treasure and subsequently recorded on the PAS database (including several of those above) are accorded a date of middle to late Bronze Age (c.1500-800BC). However, based on the excavated contextual data the possibility that these strips date to the Early Bronze Age cannot be discounted. The age and precious metal content of this object meets the criteria for Treasure under the terms of the Treasure Act 1996.

It was found somewhere in East Ilsley and the Parish Council were asked if they would contribute to the purchase of it to secure ownership by West Berkshire Museum thus keeping it in the local area. We are delighted to advise that we have donated £250 and the ribbon will be released to the Museum as soon as funds have been transferred. Do go and visit it!



From the Guest Editor...

Welcome to the 107th edition of the EIC.

So the snow may have been and gone - but it certainly made me feel a little bit more festive! I can't believe what a bumper Christmas edition of the EIC we have pulled together for you in this edition - I'm sure it must be a record breaker.

It was great to get your positive feedback on the last edition about the inclusion of "Farming Corner", I've been privileged to interview our local farmers again for this edition - I've always thought of myself as a country girl, but every time I speak to them I learn something new - I hope you do too.

It's also really exciting to re-print a criminal tale on the 70th anniversary of the sordid events that happened right here in the village - who knew??

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Nigel Reveler. With thanks to the Newbury Weekly News and his family, I have been able to reproduce the obituary for you to read. Nigel lived in the village for many years and was a regular performer at the Sheep Fair and the local pubs with "The Rascals". He was a larger than life character who always had a smile, a tale (sometimes a very long one,) and a joke, I know you will join me in sending our thoughts and prayers to his family at this difficult time - RIP Nige.

It would appear from the number of adverts, that the village and surrounding areas are going to be very busy over the festive period, there are lots of events and opportunities for you to get involved in our bustling community. However, I would ask that we all look out for each other too... Christmas can be very isolating for some people, it's good to see that the Autumn Group will be hosting their annual Christmas Day lunch in Compton, if you can help out with donations - please speak to Pat Crockford.

I have my fingers, toes, knees and any other "anatomically doable joint/appendage" crossed that we are all able to celebrate the festive season in the way we want with family and friends this year, and on that note, I will sign off, wishing you all a safe and Happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Copy date for the next edition is the 27th February 2022.

Sally. Xx

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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT

**Sunday
12 December**

**St Mary's Church
East Ilsey at 18:00**





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

Dear residents

I hope all is well with you.

I hope you found my recent newsletter useful. Let me know if you have any feedback.

On Sunday 14 November I was honoured to deliver a reading at the remembrance service at Compton church. Thank you to the organisers for inviting me.

The council is currently running a consultation about adult social care. The council wants to hear the views of service users, staff, partners, and other stakeholders. The consultation can be found at <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=38667> and ends on 3 January.

Healthwatch West Berkshire have asked me help identify places around Ridgeway ward that their assisted Covid testing van could visit. The van also distributes testing kits. Hopefully, this will be organised soon.

I've asked whether the wildflower turf at Sunrise Hill can be moved to the playing field.

My colleague Councillor Steve Masters initiated a public petition about sewage in waterways. See <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/petitions> The petition closes on 22 November so it might have ended by the time you read this. At the time of writing 1,300 people have signed either the online or paper version of the petition. Steve will be presenting it to the council on 2 December.

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.

As we reach the end of another year, I want to thank all the people who volunteer to make our communities stronger -parish councillors, people who have supported neighbours through the pandemic, those who run activities for the young and the old, those who look after our green spaces. There are so many to mention! Thank you for everything you do.

Stay safe this winter and let's hope we get to celebrate Christmas properly this year!

Best wishes

Councillor Carolyne Culver

Ridgeway ward

Green Party group leader

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@ Volunteer Centre West Berkshire
Charitable Incorporated Organisation No: 1156302

Latest volunteer opportunities bulletin – November 2021

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

www.volunteerwestberks.org.uk

01635 49004

info@vcwb.org.uk

Broadway House, 4-8 The Broadway, Northbrook Street, Newbury, RG14 1BA

Grounds Assistant Volunteer

Join a cricket club at the heart of the local community by becoming a volunteer grounds maintenance volunteer.

The role will involve assisting with tasks such as grass cutting, strimming, line marking, rolling, maintenance of artificial nets, off season preparation duties, boundary rope placement and sight screen placement.

Tools and full training will be provided, and the role would suit a reliable cricket lover with an eye for detail. Time commitment is flexible, but could be a couple of afternoons a week, or two hours a day over 2/3 days.

Ref NY2269

Handybus Drivers

Volunteer Centre West Berkshire will soon be taking delivery of a new Handybus 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 25+ with a clean UK licence, and will ideally be living in Newbury or Thatcham.

Ref NY109

Online Moderator

An online platform provides help and support to people in Berkshire who are experiencing mental health problems. The initiative provides a safe and anonymous environment where people can both receive support and help others.

Volunteer moderators are required, who will read and respond to posts, send virtual presents to those using the service and follow an escalation policy if posts cause concern. Full training and regular supervision will be provided. The role would suit friendly and empathetic volunteers with access to the Internet and experience of social media platforms. Time commitment is flexible to suit you, with the service running 24/7.

Ref NY2268

Christmas Till Assistants

If you have some time to spare in the run-up to Christmas, why not volunteer as a till assistant with a Newbury charity shop that raises funds to reduce poverty and inequality?

Time commitment is 4-8 hours a week and can be very flexible around your other commitments.

The role would suit reliable volunteers who are willing to learn new skills and work as part of a team.

This is an ideal opportunity to contribute to the fundraising efforts of an international charity, whilst meeting others and learning new skills.

Ref NY2270

Brownie, Guide and Rainbow Volunteers

Be an inspiring role model to girls and young women in Newbury – and have fun in the process. Both leaders and helpers are needed. As unit leader, you'll run the unit, lead a team of volunteers, and plan and deliver a programme of awesome activities!

If you're enthusiastic about giving girls opportunities for fun, friendship, challenge and adventure then you'll make a perfect unit helper. You'll be key in providing the extra help needed to make unit meetings and events happen. Plus, you'll get to know the girls and other volunteers, and be part of the Girlguiding community.

Ref NY348

Fundraising Events Volunteer

A charity that supports children with disabilities and their families is looking for volunteers to help out at their fundraising events.

The role involves attending and supporting the events, assisting with setting up, greeting and registering guests, supporting with fundraising during the event and helping with clearing down.

The role would suit positive and enthusiastic volunteers with good communication skills.

Ref NY2263



Crib & Carol Service

Sunday 19th December at 11am

St Mary's Church

A service of Carols & Readings
Led by the Children of the Village

All are welcome



Any children wishing take part by doing a reading in the service please contact Helen Pearce 07748 152967 or hm.pearce@btinternet.com Younger Children are welcome to dress up as Nativity Characters if they wish.



East Ilsley Sheep Fair & Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022 **Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th June 2022**

2022 sees the return of the Sheep Fair & 'Baanaby' at The Millennium Green combined with the Queens Platinum Jubilee so double celebrations are in order.

Paula, Hayley & I are busy planning a fun filled weekend of events starting with the Friday night Disco /Dance for children and adults along with the Baa and food.

Saturday we hope to utilise the marquee for a 'Jubilee event' - more details to follow
The Sunday will be the traditional Sheep Fair in the afternoon again with Baa, BBQ and the usual stalls, games, and activities for all.

We cannot run this event without lots of help, setting up, manning the baa, helping out on the gates, running the tea tent and lots of other jobs besides. If we don't get enough help, then we cannot run this event, so please give us a hand, you don't have to join the committee, we just need a band of helpers and it's a great way to meet people.

Keep an eye out for the Facebook page with updates as they will be coming.....and let us know if you'd like to be part of this great event.

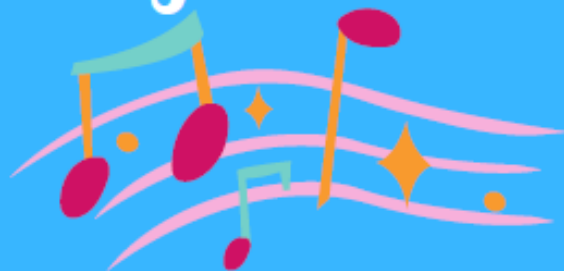
Ali Allan, Hayley Starr & Paula Finch
Sheep Fair Committee



Volunteer help needed for Chilton baby and toddler group, held on Friday mornings in the village hall, several positions available, come along for a coffee and chat to see what a lovely friendly group we are.
Please contact Fiona Goodenough 07876583191 or chilontoddlers@gmail.com



Village Carol Singing



Tuesday 21st December



7pm at the Crown & Horns



Raising money for St Mary's Church

All are welcome, please stay in your family bubbles.

We will be outside so wrap up warm!

*Winter warmer refreshments
will be available to buy on the night.*



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

NEWSLETTER – December 2021

Hello everyone.

The Ilsley Evergreens have enjoyed two outings this year. 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.

The second trip on the 20th of October was to the picturesque village of Broadway in the Cotswolds, after a short stop in Burford for refreshments, which included a lovely scenic steam train ride to Cheltenham Racecourse Station.

We have held a couple of Coffee Mornings at the Wilkins Centre and two Prize Bingo nights in Compton Village Hall. All of these events have been well attended and have raised valuable funds towards to the cost of the coaches for our outings.

The members are looking forward to their Christmas lunch on the 9th of December. A sincere thank you to all of you who support the Evergreens and we would welcome anyone 60 or over to join us as a member of this long-established group.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at the Wilkins Centre Compton on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 2:30pm where all members and prospective members are welcome to attend, when the list of proposed outings for next year and other important decisions will be voted on.

We look forward to meeting you all.

In the meantime, please enjoy a very Merry Christmas and let's look forward to a Happy and Healthy 2022.

Best Wishes.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary



We would like to invite anybody who wants a bit of company at this special time of year to join us for Christmas Day Lunch in the Wilkins Centre, Compton.

Santa will be visiting and joining in the after-lunch games.

There is no charge and transport can be arranged.

If you or anyone you know will be on their own and would like to join us, please contact

Patricia on

07786856440 or 01635281131

Please hurry as spaces are limited.

 **Autumn Group** 
incorporating the
Hobbies Club



Autumn Group incorporating the Hobbies Club



We started meeting again at the end of September in the Wilkins Centre albeit with a few minor restrictions with quite a heavy schedule. We have been entertained by four wonderful speakers. The first was Shelley Bowdery who overawed us with the amount of work put in by the village during the peak of the pandemic to combat the loneliness of those in isolation, support for the less abled etc. It left many of us feeling quite humbled.

The second speaker, Olivier Hubert, gave an interesting talk on his time in the Antarctic helping the moving of the British Survey Station, Halley. Plus, other aspects of life in what can only be described as a harsh environment.



Jolie Beattie a local Podiatrist from Cloud Nine Podiatry enthralled everyone about feet. Can you believe it? An extremely interesting session and we all took something away from it. There is more to Podiatry than just cutting toenails.

As a surprise speaker Paul Richardson talked about his experience when he and his daughter took part on the TV programme Bargain Hunt – amazing.



We have lined up several equally interesting speakers and entertainers. We try to keep everyone updated via our Facebook page or our members.

Sharon is working hard at expanding the activities of the Hobbies Club. As well as the regular art sessions we have managed to run a mini whist and a very successful flower session. We have just introduced a brand-new skill of glass painting amazing what can be achieved. If anyone has any other ideas just contact Sharon or Patricia.

Just to remind everyone that we are open to all just not residents of Compton. We already have members from surrounding villages and would be pleased to see more. Don't forget please feel free to bring a friend along. Patricia, Chairman 07786 856 440



CHRISTMAS

FAMILY PRIZE BINGO

AT

WEST ILSLEY

VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN 7:00

EYES DOWN 7:30

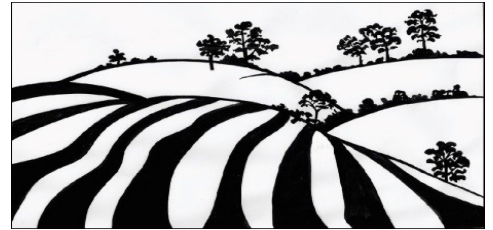
TERRIFIC PRIZES

&

GRAND RAFFLE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

COME & ENJOY YOURSELF



DOWNLAND PRACTICE

Patient Info Sheet Issue No: 016 (Nov 2021)

Welcome to the Downland Practice patient info sheet, we have the following updates:

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
2. COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Clinics
3. Reception Team
4. Did Not attend
5. GP Changes
6. GP Routine Appointments
7. Downland Practice and the Pandemic
8. Nursing team update

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

Covid-19 Booster vaccinations are now available for the over 40's to book. Please use your search engine to look for 'book covid-19 booster' or ring 119, details are also on the practice website www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk.

Reception Team

The reception team have worked very hard during this pandemic, ensuring that patient's needs are dealt with when they contact the surgery. For the whole of the covid-19 pandemic we have not had a full reception team available, despite many recruitment drives we are still short of reception staff. Whilst we are close to getting the reception team back to full strength, the practice is undertaking a review of the whole of the reception process. This review will take several months to fully complete and implement the changes. We have a cross member practice team that includes a member of the Patient Participation Group. As you already know the coming winter will place extra pressure on the Downland Practice, we are aware that the wait for a phone call to be answered at the surgery is currently higher than normal. We will update the website on a regular basis as advised by the review team.

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 the last 6 months there has been 446 appointments where patients have not turned up or told us that they could not attend their appointment.

GP Changes

As many of you are aware Dr Haider is leaving the Downland Practice mid December 2021. This is a sad loss for the patients who are on his GP patient list and for the practice staff. Dr Haider's GP patient list will be split up between the GP's whilst we recruit a new GP. Patients who this will affect will be notified by letter, once the new GP is in post (Feb/Mar 2022) the patient list will be moved to the new GP.

There had been several requests to change GP, please note this is a request and we look at these monthly. There may be times when this slips to 6 weeks, this all depends on other activities that is happening in the Downland Practice. Be aware that GP's cover specific areas across the boundary area, this can influence the request to change GP.

GP Routine Appointments

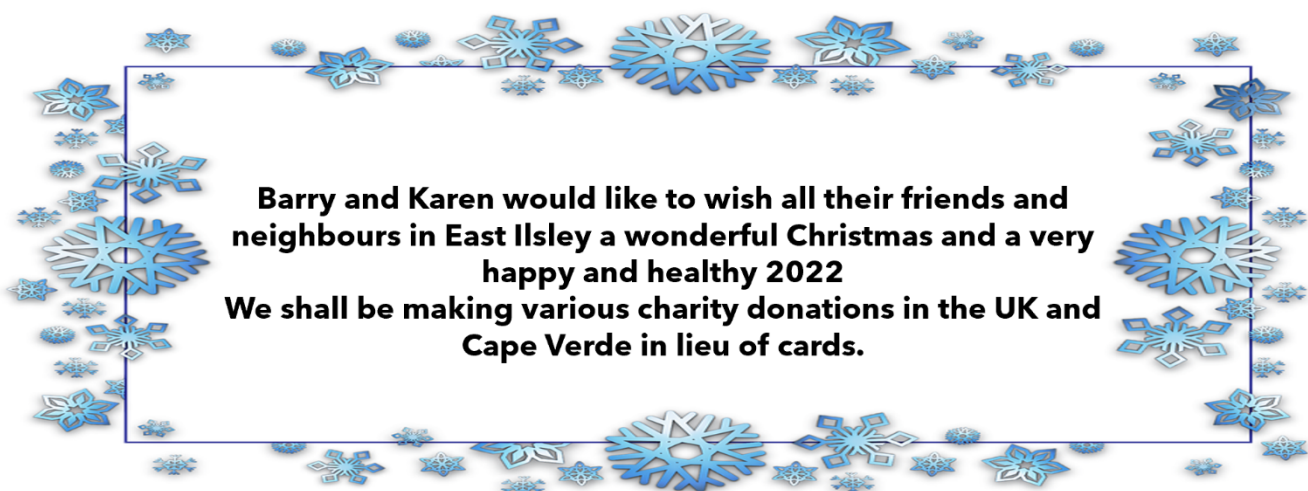
From June 2021 all GP routine appointments will be offered as face-to-face appointments. Patients will be sitting in socially distanced waiting area and when the waiting area is full patients will need to wait outside till there is space available. The checks in screens are now back in operation, please use the hand cleanser after booking in for your appointment. There are over 5 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.

Downland Practice and the Pandemic

Dr James Cave the Downland Practice Senior GP Partner has written an article about the Downland Practice and the Pandemic. If you have not already done so, please have a look at the practice website https://www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk/practice_news/downland-practice-and-the-pandemic/

Nursing Team Update

Nurse Meryl Peckham has retired after working for 40 years in the NHS. Meryl has been at the Downland Practice for 4 years and had taken on the role as lead nurse. She will be missed by all of the staff at the practice and her regular patient's, we all wish her a long and happy retirement.



Farming Corner

Welcome to our second edition of Farming Corner. Thank you for your feedback and we are pleased that our contribution has been well received.



This time of year is relatively quiet – or so it may appear from afar. In reality, a farmer's life is never dull and our jobs still mount up and keep us busy, such as our livestock still need to be checked, fed, and watered every day, and annual tasks need to be accomplished.

While we are talking about livestock, the local sheep are happily grazing on the slow growing grass, but we are now supplementing with the hay, straw, or silage that we baled in the summer. This time of year we introduce the rams to our flocks for "Tupping," they will remain with the ewes for about 6 weeks. Most farms will put what is known as a raddle harness on their rams to track both the timing, the ram performance, and the coverage of ewes. This results in brightly coloured ink on the rear of the ewe.

Local cattle have been TB tested and are thankfully all clear, they have been pregnancy diagnosed with a high success rate for the year ahead. Last year's calves have been successfully weaned and have gone to market.

On to arable.

All the winter cereal crops for next year have been sown, (wheat, barley, and oats), and are doing well due to being planted in ideal establishment conditions. Even the beans are starting to emerge and are slightly ahead.

Due to damp and the mild weather, slugs have been a significant pest to the early crops, like many gardeners, we have had to apply slug pellets to control them.

You may have seen the appearance of some manure heaps around the area, these are currently awaiting spreading prior to the planting of spring barley from early February, when ground conditions allow. You may also have noticed that these piles do not smell as bad as they used to, this is due to improved treatment and process at the plant before delivery.

The annual roadside hedge trimming is being undertaken, as well as making sightlines safe for both pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists alike, this also encourages growth within the hedge to make them denser and more attractive to our local nesting birds in the Spring.

Ditching and drainage is an autumnal/winter task, this includes, clearing debris and removing silt to allow the land to drain naturally. Essential fence maintenance is also in progress, this is both to keep the livestock in and restrict access to private property.

Local farmers are still 'loading out' last year's harvest from their grain stores as and when a merchant or a mill requires the grain. This process may continue right through to next harvest depending on the demand and market conditions.

This is the time of year when machine maintenance is undertaken, it's not the best job in the world when it's cold as the metal is chilly, the floor is damp and it seeps into your bones!



Another job carried out at this time of year is sorting the plastic waste, string, bulk bags, and silage wrap and bagging it up to be sent away for recycling.

Finally, this time of year you may have seen erratic wheel tracks across large open arable areas this is due to illegal coursing for both hare and deer, should you see any such activity, please report to 111 and keep your distance and stay safe.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Your local farmers.

HAMPSTEAD NORREYS WI

October Meeting

The September meeting was a fun, inspirational meeting where Marion Scott-Baker told us about her love of all things Japanese. Marion feels passionately that we waste far too much and gave us some startling statistics about the amount of paper waste we produce at Christmas time alone. This included the fact that laid out end to end it would stretch from England to Iceland 107 times!!

The Japanese have a philosophy of 'Do not waste anything in your life.' As part of this they embrace **furoshiki**. This is ways of wrapping things in cloth which are practical and attractive. We learnt some of the etiquette associated with this. Colours and images are symbolic of many things. We were also surprised to hear that when shopping a cloth is placed in the bottom of a shop basket and the contents wrapped in a cloth to carry home. No paper or plastic bags! Marion showed us a variety of material and how to wrap presents with it. Recycled cloth, old headscarves etc. can be used and the result is a stunning way of attractive wrapping. No paper is involved, no sticky tape and bows. The finished wrapped present is wrapped, tied, and decorated in one action. After each demonstration we all had a go at wrapping shapes from rectangular boxes and books to round tins and wine bottles. This resulted in new skills and much laughter!!

In Japan gifts are wrapped in this way, the present is removed, and the cloth returned to the giver to use again. This may be a step too far for us at the moment, but something to be aspired to.

November Meeting

Phil Howarth, a director, and founder of Hawkridge Distillery in Compton told us about the business from conception to the present and future plans.

After a conversation with two friends Phil told us how they started the distillery. They researched, gained distillery qualifications, and started on an exciting venture. This was in 2020 when the pandemic affected businesses. Ever enterprising, the raw alcohol was turned into hand sanitisers. This is still a minor offshoot but the distillery is now creating distinctive spirit brands with sumptuous flavours created with botanical oils and this is what Hawkridge is all about.

The names of the products are all linked to local history. For example, Blowing Stone gin is associated with the local sarsen stone that Alfred blew to start the Battle of Ashdown in 871. Even the bottle shapes are based on Saxon bottle shapes.

As well as hearing fascinating information we had the opportunity to taste some of the gins. A perfect way to end the meeting. Our WI is not so much 'jam and Jerusalem'
..... more gin and tonic!!!



Supporting St Mary's Church, East Ilsley

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 11 December 2021

**The Hall, East Ilsley
10:30 to 12:00**

Admission £2.50

includes tea or coffee and refreshments

★ **Cakes Sale**

★ **Christmas Hamper Draw & Raffle**



The Kennett House Ringer: A scandalous episode in East Ilsley's racing history

Seventy years ago, East Ilsley was the centre of a horse racing scandal that culminated in a trial at the Old Bailey. It involved a "ringer" - the substitution of a good horse for a mediocre one. The trial lasted for seven days and was reported daily in newspapers nationwide. An unusual feature of the trial was the appearance of one of the horses in court as an exhibit.

Edward Ernest Hill came to East Ilsley in 1946 to train at Kennett House. He was a former jockey, and a gambler. A close friend, Jack Morris, was one of his owners and also a betting man. In May 1949 Hill and Morris went to Ireland. At the Curragh they bought a promising two-year-old colt called Stellar City from Mrs Lilian Quirke for £1,400. Stellar City had already run three times, winning twice, and being placed in his other outing. This horse had a white star on the forehead.

A week later in Dublin, the pair arranged to buy another horse for £325, "a thin, poor, weak and undernourished horse" named Peaceful William, which had run once unplaced. Peaceful William was similar in appearance to Stellar City, but without the distinctive white star. The trainer and head lad where he was stabled testified later that it would have taken at least six weeks to bring the horse into a condition fit to race.

By the time the two horses reached Kennett House, they had swapped names and form history. The horse now known as Peaceful William performed well in a trial gallop, easily beating two other horses while carrying considerably more weight. Around this time Harry Pearce, the East Ilsley saddler, received an order from Hill for a bespoke bridle. Harry duly made the bridle which had, as requested, a leather disc sewn on to the browband, which would conceal any mark on a horse's forehead - should there be any such mark.

The false Peaceful William was to continue his racing career in the humblest of company, running in selling races, beginning at Carlisle on 29 June. With a late change of jockey to throw casual punters off the scent, he was backed from 100/8 down to evens favourite and won by a length. In his next outing at Yarmouth on 6 July, he finished third. Two weeks later at Lanark he won by an impressive five lengths, having been backed down to 2/1, followed by another easy win at Alexandra Park a month later at 3/1. By this time "Peaceful William" had attracted some attention as being a horse with some ability, but in his next run at Bath he finished a distant third, his odds of 100/9 suggesting no serious money had been bet on him.

The movements of the two horses over the next year are unclear, but Hill claimed that the horse known as Peaceful William had become untrainable, that he "turned sour, and turned a pig, and would not go on the Downs". The horse falsely known as Stellar City had allegedly been sold to race under Pony Club rules. One thing seems certain: the real Peaceful William was disposed of, either sold to the knacker for horsemeat, or (as was rumoured locally) buried clandestinely somewhere in the village or on the Downs.

Meanwhile back in Ireland Mrs Quirke had been wondering what was going on with Stellar City, the good horse that she had bred. Her enquiries drew various excuses from Hill which left her unconvinced. Subsequently suspicions were aroused, the Jockey Club took an interest and the police began to investigate.

Feeling the net closing in, Hill had the real Stellar City photographed, with his white star showing, and put pressure on several of his young apprentices to sign it confirming it to be Stellar City. They complied, of course - no apprentice would have dared disoblige his trainer. A few months later, when interviewed by police in June 1951 they all admitted that at the time they did not believe it to be Stellar City, as the horse they knew as Stellar City had no white star. On the fourth day of the trial, Stellar City himself was brought to the Old Bailey for identification.

Hill and Morris were both arrested on 14 June 1951. Hill had already dismissed his staff and put Kennett House up for sale, amid rumours that the Jockey Club had withdrawn his licence.



The trial opened at the Old Bailey on 22 October 1951. Hill and Morris both pleaded not guilty to *"two charges of conspiring to cheat and defraud horse owners and promoters of horse races by entering a horse known as Stellar City in the name of Peaceful William; to four counts of obtaining by false pretences, with intent to defraud, sums totalling £875 from racecourse companies in Carlisle, Lanark, Alexandra Park and Bath; and one count of attempting to similarly obtain £170 at Great Yarmouth"*.

There was more to it: Morris's bank statements were given as evidence and they revealed that, over a two-month period, £30,000 had been paid in from successful bets. It is likely that the pair made as much as £50,000 from betting on their ringer. There was a price to pay though. Both were found guilty and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment. Both were also "warned off" by the Jockey Club, ending any hopes of further involvement in racing.

Narrative courtesy of the Local History Society.

Updating the Local History web-site

We are making steady progress on revamping the society's web-site, which has not been updated for a long time (because of issues with the software originally used to create the site). The overall framework for the new web-site has been agreed and we know which member of the research group is aiming to do which bit. But it is taking some time to get it all together as there is a lot to do.

The site is being re-organised into the following sections, which should make it easier for users to find items of interest. The basic framework will also make it easier to update in the future.

- Ilsley at war - incorporating the extensive work that Kay Sanderson has done on the war memorials and roll of honour
- People - this will include lots of the records we have that are related to the people who lived in the village, including census records, parish registers, monumental inscriptions, wills, poor law records - where possible, downloadable files and surname lists will be made available
- Places - this covers items like the pubs, schools, churches, land ownership, archaeology, and house history
- Events - this section will cover topics such as the sheep fairs, sports clubs, floods, horse racing, parish council, origins of the village
- Image gallery - we have a lot of images of historical interest and will gradually build up a gallery of photos and maps
- Resources - this will be a summary section where users can access downloadable files, such as newsletters, feature articles, transcripts (e.g., census records, poor law lists) and find links to purchase publications from the society.

We hope to make it possible for you to pay for your annual subscription via the new web-site, to help to support the work of the society. The research group are all volunteers, with their own busy lifestyles, so it will take some time to get all of the planned changes done but we hope to get at least part of it completed and accessible to everyone for the new year. Many thanks to Tony Gadd who is providing so much help in getting this under way.

Nigel Anthony Reveler 1946-2021

Nigel Reveler, a professional drummer who went on to have a long and stellar career in the UK music industry, died peacefully on November 7 at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, surrounded by his family. He was 75.

Nigel Anthony Reveler was born on November 1, 1946, to Max and Sybil Reveler. The family moved to Hermitage when he was 10, and later to Newbury, and Nigel spent most of his life living in West Berkshire, specifically in East Ilsley and Yattendon.

He attended St Bartholomew's Grammar School and enjoyed both academic studies and sport. He excelled in cross-country running and was Berkshire youth champion while at school. He was also a keen cyclist, often cycling to Hull from Newbury to visit his grandparents.

But his heart lay in music, in drumming and percussion, and his career began in the Newbury music scene. In his teens he played drums with the Paul French Trio and in the late 1960s turned professional, joining the Dick Scott Company alongside keyboard player Paul French, saxophonist Dave Knowles and guitarist Gavin Wilkinson, touring Germany, Belgium, and Holland.



Tonton Macoute: Publicity photo for their album, released on the niche RCA/Neon label

Morphing into the pop band Windmill and signed to MCA, they made three well-received singles. They later formed the fusion band Tonton Macoute, were signed to RCA and recorded an album on the niche RCA/Neon label. Their Newbury base was ideal for live BBC work and London recording, and for several years they toured all over the UK and Europe.

When Tonton Macoute disbanded, Nigel began to build his career in the music industry. He started in personnel management at Phonogram in London, and over the following years he saw pioneering success in both the marketing and sales divisions of the record label Polydor.

In 1983 he took the brave decision to go independent and was instrumental in many ground-breaking projects and businesses. His natural eye for talent and strong business acumen saw him carve out a very high-profile career within the UK music industry.

He worked with a huge array of bands and artists, spanning many different musical genres, most notably with Derek and the Dominoes, Vangelis, the Bee Gees, The Jam, The Cure, Pete Shelley and the Buzzcocks, Human League, Runrig, the Waterboys, Emmylou Harris and The Shadows.

Nigel's passion for drumming never dimmed, however, and alongside organising, and promoting gigs, he continued to play throughout his life; with big bands, including West Berkshire's Apollo; with August; the Sunset Showband; the Rascals; in the spoof band Star Turn; and latterly with the re-formed Ricky and the Gamblers.

Nigel was a unique character with an irrepressible sense of humour, who left an indelible impression on everyone he met. He will be sorely missed.

He leaves twins Tom and Polly from his long marriage to Julia; daughter-in-law Sarah, son-in-law John, and grandchildren Harry, George, Evie, and Isabelle.



Never happier than behind a drum kit. Nigel playing with Ricky and the Gamblers at their reunion gig in 2015 at the Liberty Ballroom



Extracts from Berkshire West Your Health Newsletter

Your Health

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



November 2021

NHS services in Berkshire West launch winter campaign

Earlier this month, local NHS services in Reading, Wokingham and West Berkshire launched their public information campaign to help reduce pressure on services over winter.

The new campaign aims to inform the public on small actions they can take which will help reduce demand on NHS services and help ensure they can access medical support as quickly as possible.

The campaign is focused around three areas:

Be Prepared – taking steps to avoid needing to access healthcare services such as having a fully-stocked medicine cabinet, treating colds and minor illnesses at home, supporting vulnerable relatives, and getting Covid-19 and flu vaccines.

Know the Right Place to Go – only using the Emergency Department in the case of life-threatening emergencies, using NHS 111 Online for any urgent medical queries, as well as being able to self-refer to Talking Therapies without needing to see a GP.

See Your GP Differently – highlighting the different ways you may access your GP including online and video appointments as well as face-to-face consultations.

Further information and resources are available online: royalberkshire.nhs.uk/winter.

Booster doses of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine

NHS guidance on who's eligible for a Covid vaccine booster has recently changed. You can now receive your Covid booster dose 5 months (or 152 days to be precise) after your second dose if you're aged 50 and over, or aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts you at high risk from Covid-19

More than 13.5 million people have already received their booster dose, ensuring that the vital protection from their first two doses lasts over the winter months.

Use the NHS booking service to book your next vaccine dose or see the Grab-a-Jab website for walk-in services near you (see below for Reading Broad Street Mall details).

Have you had your flu jab?

The NHS is also encouraging people to have their flu jab. More people are likely to get flu this winter because fewer people will have built up natural immunity to it during the Covid-19 pandemic. Plus, if you have flu and Covid at the same time, research shows you're more likely to be seriously ill.

The NHS gives the flu vaccine free to people who:

- are 50 and over (including if you are 50 by 31 March 2022)
- have certain medical conditions
- are pregnant
- are in long-stay residential care
- receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick
- live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone

who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus, or rheumatoid arthritis)

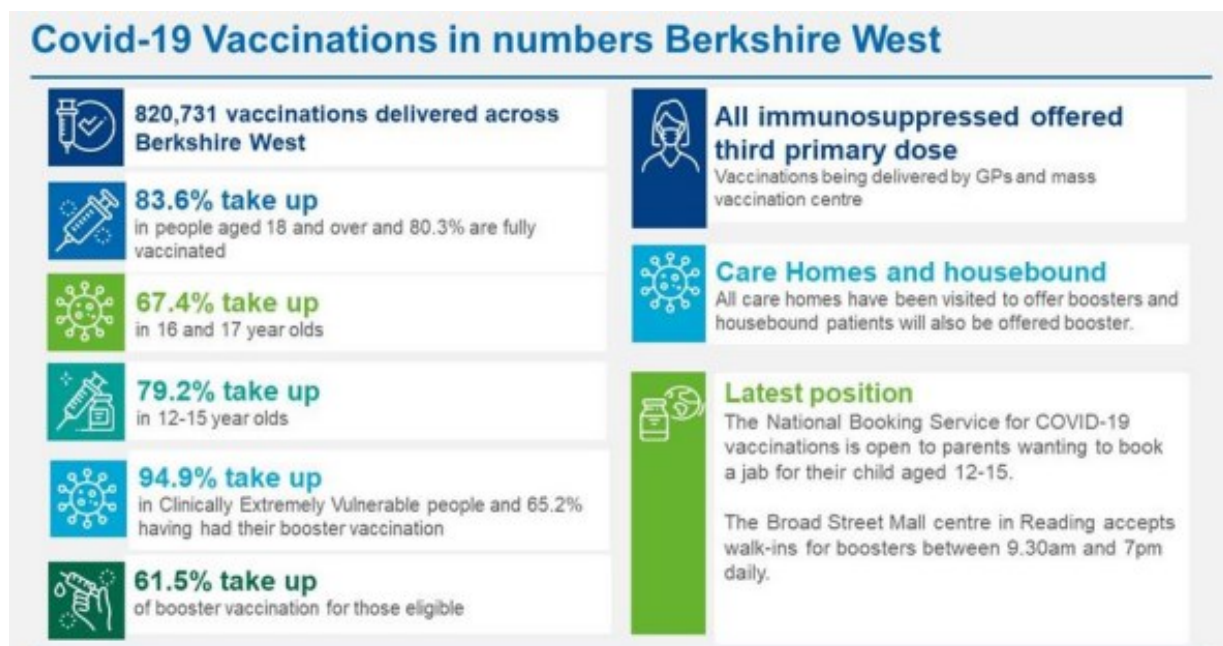
- is a frontline health or social care worker

You can have the NHS flu vaccine at:

- your GP surgery
- a pharmacy offering the service
- your midwifery service if you're pregnant
- a hospital appointment

Walk in Covid vaccinations at the Broad Street Mall, Reading

The Broad Street Mall Mass vaccination site is once again open for booster, first and second doses of Covid vaccinations. The site is open to anyone over the age of 12 and is open from 09.30 am to 7.30 pm.



Availability of GP appointments

We know that there's been some media reports about the 'shortage of GP appointments.' During the pandemic, GP appointments, along with many health care services had to be adjusted to ensure people were treated safely.

Post-pandemic, our GP practices are experiencing a 30% increase in demand for appointments that we expect to increase due to winter colds, flu and Covid pressures. 3 Therefore, some of the changes implemented during the pandemic will continue, in order to give patients more options to a wider range of health care services. For example, the use of on-line and virtual consultations with a GP or other 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. This way of working compliments the traditional face to face GP appointments, which are still available where needed.

Other options available that people can make use of are pharmacies, minor injury units, and NHS 111. Finally, we'd like to remind everyone that where health care professionals are able to consult with their patients by telephone or virtually, this reduces the spread of flu, Covid and other infectious diseases which are especially prevalent during the winter.

Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust improving healthcare with a Greener NHS Healthier planet.

Healthier people. Climate change poses a major threat to NHS staff, patients, and their communities. This is because there is a direct link between the health of our planet and the

health of our people. The NHS is acting to reduce the harmful gases it puts into the atmosphere. Fewer emissions will mean fewer patients with asthma, heart disease, and cancer. It will also reduce any disruption to the delivery of the care we provide.

Change has already begun Since 2010, efforts across the health service have resulted in NHS emissions being cut by 30%. Decisions have been made to invest in greener medicines, greener transport, greener buildings, and greener energy consumption. To tie in with this work, the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust is currently finalising its Green Plan which will take it up to 2025 and set the Trust on the path to net zero carbon by 2040. The plan will be published early next year and has included ideas and suggestions from staff and stakeholders.

The Trust has already embedded several major carbon-reducing initiatives including:

- organising waste and recycling streams to ensure no waste ends up in landfill
- removing 3 km of redundant, leaking pipework and installing a low temperature hot water heating system
- using a fleet of electric pool cars which have so far saved nearly 20,000 kg of carbon emissions

The challenge ahead

Despite such progress, there is always more to be done. Together, with the help of staff, patients, visitors, and our local community, we hope to achieve even more. With more people involved, the NHS can meet its target of becoming a net zero health service by 2040. The NHS was the first health service in the world to make the commitment and intends to be the first to reach that status.

Discover how you can help

Everyone can do their bit. No matter how small. The more of us who introduce small actions into our everyday routines, the more we can lessen our impact on the environment, and the more we can improve health.

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	

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMPTON, ILSLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH - AN UPDATE



Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service 14th November 2021

Compton - this was a very well attended and successful event. Over two hundred of you attended and the Branch thanks the community for its support. The parade formed up in the Foinavon car park at 1030am and, led by Pipe Major Ian Knight and side drummer Mike Connor from the Oxford Caledonian Pipe Band, and marched to St Mary and St Nicholas' Church.

Royal British Legion members, local councillors and a wonderful turnout of Guides and Scouts paraded. The Act of Remembrance was led by Branch Chaplain Reverend Clive Jones around the War Memorial took place at 11am. The Names of the Fallen were read out by Ian Hickling, the RBL Exhortation by Steve Allison and the Kohima Epitaph by Pat Warn. The Last Post and Reveille were played by Trumpeter Aimee Jones. Wreaths were laid. The service continued in the Church during which the lesson was read by our Ridgeway Ward Councillor Carolyne Culver. A very generous retiring collection was made for the Poppy Appeal - again thank you to all who contributed.

Blessing of Compton's Book of Remembrance - during this service, a book of remembrance, containing biographical details and brief histories of those men whose names from WW2 are inscribed on the war memorial, was blessed and presented to the Church for safekeeping. We were honoured that Tony Carpenter was present - his father Harold Carpenter, who served with the 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, is named on the war memorial. 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 - the Branch regrets that this scheduled event was cancelled at short notice because the guest speaker, our MP Laura Farris, was called to Westminster that day. She has kindly agreed that we should ask her again to a future event. Nevertheless, the community has been very generous with its donations to the Poppy Appeal - so thank you all.

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.

St Marys Church Lights

Did you know?

This time of year we have a number of contributors who donate to have our beautiful church lit up in the evening. We are blessed to have such a beautiful building in our village and it really is a welcoming sight when driving into or through the village. Normally, we celebrate the messages in a display within the church, but as there is limited access, we are publishing here for the first time our contributors and their messages. Funds raised go towards the cost of lighting the church and essential maintenance of the ancient building.

St Marys Church wishes to thank all the contributors above for their generous donation to light up the church during the cold dark months.

NAME	DATE	MESSAGE
Kay Sanderson	all hallows	This is the day we remember and pray for those we loved who have passed over
Tracey Murray	27th November	
Paula Finch	1st December	For Betty a much-loved Mother and Grandma
Derek Brown	2nd	My twin son Timothy Stanley Brown whose ashes are in this grave yard
John Hibbert	3rd	Merry Christmas from John & Jane Hibbert
Gary Weight	4th	In Memory of Neil and Peter Weight Always in our hearts
Richard Vellender	5th	In memory of my mother, Muriel Vellender and also her Mother, my Gran, Elsie Bebbington whose birthday it is.
Jenny Allcott	6th	Remembering Mum, Dad, Ray and dearest John and Sandra
Mr and Mrs Jeff's	7th	Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas
Paula Finch	8th	For Betty a much-loved Mother and Grandma
Debbie Leach	9th	Sponsored by Kevin, Deborah, James and Molly Leach. In loving memory of much missed fathers, Don Leach and Alan Smith
Deborah Ingham and Andrew Sharp	10th	Our 16th Wedding Anniversary and in memory of Charlie Dog, etc.
Linkie Whitehead	11th	Sponsored by Linkie for Reg Whitehead. Happy Birthday x
Richard Vellender	12th	In Memory of my Gran, Efriede Vellender and my Father Rex Walter Vellender
Mo Moulton	13th	Happy Christmas Everyone !! Remembering Bob. From Mo and Molly Moulton

NAME	DATE	MESSAGE
Helen Pearce	14th	In loving memory of June and Alf Richardson. Always in our hearts With love Helen & Family
Viv Cullum	15th	In memory of Colin
The McGrath Family	16th	Wishing all our neighbours and fellow villages, a wonderful happy Christmas and very best wishes for the new year From Brendan, Leah, Orlaith, Maeve and Erin @ Corace House
Nick Watkins	17th	Mother's birthday
Amy Craik	18th	The Craik Family are celebrating the life of Sue Craik, Wife, Mother, Nanna and Daughter and remembering the light she brought to our lives
Malcolm Morrisen	19th	Happy Christmas from The Morrisens (furniture restorer)
Eric and Liz Saxton	20th	Sponsored by Eric and Liz Saxton for their 52nd Wedding Anniversary
Amy Craik	21st	The Craik Family are celebrating the life of Sue Craik, Wife, Mother, Nanna and Daughter and remembering the light she brought to our lives
Mike Lewis	22nd	Happy Birthday Sue Lewis
Sally Allsop	23rd	In memory of Gordon, on his heavenly birthday. "You lit up my life" xx
Ali Allen	24th	For Mum & Dad, (Bill & Cecily Rees) I shall look up at the sky tonight as I always do on Christmas Eve and think of you. You are much missed. Janey xx
Mike Pembroke	25th	Happy Christmas
Angelique	26th	Merry Christmas to everyone in East Ilsley and a very Happy New Year from Angélique, Simon, Sam and Jessie.
Sheila Kidd	27th	Always in our hearts and thoughts love Linda, Robin and Sheila and all the Family xx
Rachel Ward	28th	Wishing all of our friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas. Love from Rachel, Peadar, Joseph and Annabel xx
John Hartley	29th	Merry Christmas from the Hartley family
Alan Harris	30th	In memory of my Parents, Frank and Louise Harris and my brother Charlie Harris
Angelique	31st Dec	Merry Christmas to everyone in East Ilsley and a very Happy New Year from Angélique, Simon, Sam and Jessie
Clive Jones	1st Jan	In loving memory of Diane & our happy years together. Clive
Tony and Sandra Savage	2nd Jan	In memory of Sandra's father
Erica Smith	3rd Jan	To my true Friend for most of my life, taken too young, Happy Birthday Jackie RIP

NAME	DATE	MESSAGE
Trish Napper	4th	In loving memory of my parents Cyril and Marjorie Hibbert on their Wedding Anniversary
Neil and Sue Hatton	5th	In Memory of Major Freddie Stewart MBE, Royal Corps of Signals, a Father and Father-in-Law. He was a regular Churchgoer and would have loved St Mary's
Camilla Allen	6th	In memory of my husband, Derek Allen
Sheila Kidd	7th	Happy Birthday
Gareth Jones	no day	From the Jones Family
Chris Warner	no day	Merry Christmas from Chris & Lorna
Susan Wilson	no day	Merry Christmas
Ian Wilson	no day	Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from The Wilsons

If you would like to know more about sponsoring the lights and helping to secure the future of our church – please contact Ian Wilson



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We can't wait to welcome you to the Shaw House Christmas Fair on Sunday 5 December!

In order to make the event as safe as possible for our visitors and staff, we have put a few extra measures in place and this year we will be asking you to PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE.

The £1 entry fee for adults is non-refundable. Children aged 16 and under are free but a ticket must still be booked.

Talking History at West Berkshire Museum

We are delighted to share our Autumn/Winter programme of illustrated talks about history, heritage, and culture. Plus, an afternoon history course with Dr David Peacock '2,000 Years Around Newbury' starting in January 2022.

In-Person Talk: Gertrude Bacon - Britain's first woman aeronaut

Wednesday 17 November | 1 - 2pm | Free (donations welcomed)

Gertrude Bacon grew up in Cold Ash and was educated by her father, Rev. John M. Bacon, supporting him on many of his balloon adventures. Aged only 26, she began travelling the country lecturing to large audiences and wrote for numerous periodicals, such as Strand Magazine. Find out more about this fascinating woman at this talk by Fred Davison, who is an active member of the Cold Ash Heritage Group.



Online Talk: Pots of Money: Hoards from Berkshire

Wednesday 17 November | 7-8pm | £5 per household | Online (Zoom)



This online talk by Eleanor Ghey will explore the stories behind local coin hoards from the Iron Age and Roman period, some of which can be seen in West Berkshire Museum's *Hoards – New Treasure* special exhibition. Recent discoveries have helped us learn more about coinage in the past and the reasons why hoards were lost or hidden and not recovered. Eleanor Ghey is a curator in the British Museum Department of Coins and Medals. She works on Iron Age and Roman coin hoards reported through the Treasure Act.

Online Talk: The Archaeology of Hungerford

Wednesday 19 January | 7-8pm | £5 per household | Online (Zoom)



Hungerford is one of the few modern place-names in western Berkshire not recorded in Domesday, though it can be traced back to shortly after this time. Hungerford had a market and fair in the medieval period and had become an important market town by the 17th century. Find out more and meet members of West Berkshire Council's Archaeology team (Beth Asbury and Philip Smither) as they delve into the parish's historic environment and share some of the fascinating artefacts found there by members of the public.

Beth Asbury is West Berkshire Council's Assistant Archaeologist with responsibility for the district's Historic Environment Record and outreach.

Philip Smither is the Portable Antiquities Scheme's Find Liaison Officer for all of Berkshire.

This talk ties-in with the special exhibition '[Focus on Hungerford](#)'.

In-person talk: The Breweries of Newbury



Wednesday 16 February | 7-8pm | £5 per person

There is no brewery in Newbury today, but there was a time when the production of beer was a major local industry. The talk will look at many of the breweries that operated in the town, some small, some large, some struggling on for a few years, some flourishing for a few centuries. What traces have they left? Come along and find out.

The speaker Phil Wood is a retired engineer with a passionate interest in history – he's also quite fond of beer and pubs! He has served as President of the Newbury District Field Club (Newbury's 150 year-old local history society), he represents the Field Club on Newbury Town Council's Heritage Working Group and is on the West Berkshire Heritage Forum.

In-person talk: Not All Beer and Skittles



Wednesday 16 February | 1-2pm | Free (donations welcomed)

A light hearted ramble through the history of pubs, beer, and brewing, from the days of the Assyrians to the present day, with a particular focus in the modern day on West Berkshire's wide range of local and micro- breweries, local pubs, skittle alleys and more. Sadly, samples of local beer will not be on offer!

Speaker Sue Ellis moved to West Berkshire in the 1980's and has utilised her history and archaeology knowledge as a member of several local historical societies and committees for a number of years. These two talks tie-in with the special exhibition 'Barrels and Bottles':

In-person local history course: 2,000 Years Around Newbury



Tutor: Dr David Peacock | £85 (8 week course)

8 weeks from Tuesday 18 January - Tuesday 15 March 2022 | 1.30pm-3.30pm (not including Tuesday 22 February, half-term school holiday)

Tutor David Peacock presents an introduction to the history of the Newbury area over 2,000 years, covering a different period each week. It includes major events, people, and architecture from the Romans to the Victorians, with examples from local towns and villages. The course also provides details of the wide range of sources available to those studying the history of the area.

David Peacock has researched, written about and taught the history of West Berkshire and the Newbury area for many years. He is the author of the 2011 edition of The Story of Newbury; his Ph.D. investigated Jack of Newbury and the Tudor cloth industry.

Please note: Places for these events are limited as the Museum's Long Room will be set up to provide social distance between attendees. We request that attendees also wear a face covering inside the Museum.



Shaw House Christmas Fair

If you are looking for unique and creative festive gifts then the Christmas Fair is not to be missed! We have over 60 amazing local crafters, bakers, artists, and photographers all brimming with bespoke wares that can't be found on the high street.

Enjoy a day of festivities at Shaw House, set to a soundtrack of vintage tunes from Gramofun. Along with live music from the Rock Choir outside in the grounds, hot food, mulled wine, Newbury's Living Advent Calendar, and an outdoor trail for children!

Sunday 5 December | Shaw House | 11am - 4pm | £1 adults, children free.

Children's Magic Show



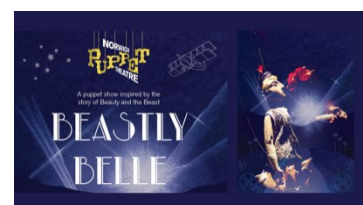
New for 2021! Featuring Mr Muddle the charming, if muddlesome magician, who captivates and amazes children with his comical slapstick magic.

Suitable for 3 - 8-year-olds, but younger and older children are welcome. Parties £5 per child.

Beastly Belle

Be charmed and surprised by a new twist on an old tale, inspired by the iconic era of 1920s and 30s cinema.

Our young heroine Belle is plucked from a life of poverty by Merrill, a greedy film producer who sweeps her off her feet and into fame and fortune in the movies. Caught up in the glitz and glamour Belle forgets her roots and is ensnared by a world obsessed with good looks - but looks aren't everything, right?



Sunday 12 December 2021 | 11am & 1pm | Adults £9 Child £7 (under 3yrs free)

Concert: Midwinter Revels



GreenMatthews present their brand new festive show. Spanning several centuries, GreenMatthews' Midwinter Revels is a celebration of Yuletide Past guaranteed to warm the cockles of the most Scrooge-like heart. Featuring Christmas carols, winter folk songs, toe-tapping tunes and a plethora of weird and wonderful instruments, the show is brought to life with

GreenMatthews' trademark wit and humour.

Sunday 19 December | Doors 7pm | Performance 7.30pm | Adult £12, Child £5

Movie in the Hall: The Grinch (2018 Animation)


Get in the festive spirit with family favourite The Grinch, based on Dr. Seuss' beloved classic. The Grinch tells the story of a cynical grump who goes on a mission to steal Christmas, only to have his heart changed by a young girl's generous spirit. Funny, heart-warming and visually stunning, The Grinch is fun for the whole family!



Wednesday 22nd December | (indoors) | Adults £5 Child £3 - Doors open at 10am, film starts at 10.30am

Crown & Horns

The following events are scheduled at the Crown & Horns in the coming weeks. Come along, enjoy, and get into the Festive mood.

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| 11 th December | Breakfast with Santa will be back, come and say hello to the main man before he gets too busy! |  |
| 18 th December | Kids Christmas party, filled with fun, games and activities from 12-6pm, meet Santa himself. Free to attend just donate a toy to the children's toy appeal. | |
| 18 th December | Dinner with Adele join us for a 2 or 3 course dinner from our Christmas party menu. | |
| 21 st December | Join us for Christmas carols on the car park from 7pm | |
| Christmas Eve | Join us for a hot chocolate/mulled wine as we watch Santa depart on his journey round the village. There will be Christmas carols and music. | |
| Christmas Day | Make Christmas all the more special, join us for Christmas day | |
| New Year's Eve | A night not to be missed. Michael Jackson will be back 'moonwalking' you into the new year Alongside the amazing Tina Turner tribute. Simply the best night, packed full of music, dancing and entertainment. Tickets available now and include buffet food delivered to your table | |

We look forward to welcoming you

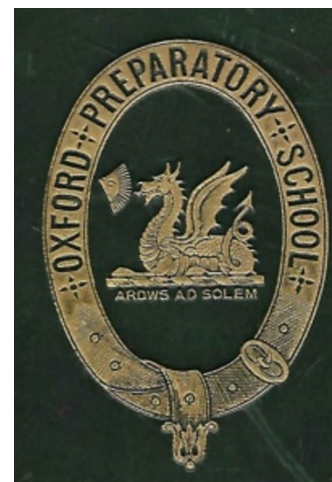
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<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; position: relative;">  <h3 style="text-align: center;">Christmas Party Menu The Crown & Horns</h3> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">TWO COURSE £21.95 & THREE COURSE £24.95</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STARTERS</p> <p>Homemade French Onion Soup - served with warm bread roll</p> <p>Chicken Goujons - Served with side salad & BBQ sauce</p> <p>Vegan Cauli Wings with spicy Dipping Sauce</p> <p>Mushroom Crostini - Served with Sourdough Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAIN COURSE</p> <p>Traditional Roast Turkey Lunch served with All The Trimmings</p> <p>Pan Seared Fillet of Sea Bass - served with Hassleback potatoes and seasonal veg.</p> <p>Roasted Root Veg & Mixed Nut Roast - Hassleback potatoes and veg gravy.</p> <p>Slow Braised Lamb Shank - Served with creamy mash, vegetables and mint gravy</p> <p>8oz Rump or Sirloin Steak - served with Chunky Chips & Side Salad</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DESSERT</p> <p>Traditional Christmas Pudding served with Homemade Brandy Sauce</p> <p>Homemade Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Custard</p> <p>Biscoff Cheesecake served with Fresh Cream Or Ice cream</p> <p>Vegan Sundae</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px;"> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Christmas Day Menu</h3>  <p style="text-align: center;">A Selection of Canapés with a Glass of Fizz</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Starter</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>French Onion Soup with Gruyere Toasts (Ve)</td> <td>Pan Seared Scallops with Black Pudding and Bacon Crumb and Pea Purée</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Truffled Parsnip Soup with Hazelnuts and Bacon</td> <td>Chicken Goujons served with Side Salad and BBQ Sauce</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chilli and Chorizo King Prawns</td> <td>Vegan Broccoli Tempura with Ponzu Dipping Sauce</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Main Course</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roast Turkey</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Slow Roast Lamb</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roast Rump of Beef</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pan-roasted Salmon Fillet</p> <p>Pan Roasted Salmon Fillet served with a smoky Mussels White Wine & Cream sauce, Baby Potatoes, Samphire, Spinach and a charred Red Pepper</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nut Roast (Ve)</p> <p>Roasted Root Vegetable & Mixed Nut Roast with Cherry Tomato Ratatouille, Asparagus and Roast Potatoes served with Carrots and Seasonal Greens</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dessert</i></p> <p>Traditional Christmas Pudding served with Homemade Brandy Sauce</p> <p>Homemade Sticky Toffee Pudding served with fresh Cream or Ice Cream</p> <p>Biscoff Cheesecake served with fresh Cream or Ice Cream</p> <p>Traditional Homemade Brandy Trifle</p> <p>Vegan Brownies served with Vegan Ice Cream</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>To Finish</i></p> <p>A Selection of Cheese served with Crackers</p> <p>Mince Pies with Fresh Whipped Cream served with Tea or Coffee</p> </div>	French Onion Soup with Gruyere Toasts (Ve)	Pan Seared Scallops with Black Pudding and Bacon Crumb and Pea Purée	Truffled Parsnip Soup with Hazelnuts and Bacon	Chicken Goujons served with Side Salad and BBQ Sauce	Chilli and Chorizo King Prawns	Vegan Broccoli Tempura with Ponzu Dipping Sauce
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Skippers War: Dragon School, Oxford, and the Great War

7th December 2021

- A short film streaming at 7pm on Tuesday 7th December 2021, followed by a live Q&A session
- Will feature readings from actors, Tom Hollander, Hugh Dancy, Paul Chahidi, and Sebastian Croft.
- Telling the First World War stories of prominent Dragon School students
- The live event will be free to view on the SOFO Museum website, no registration required, but donations welcomed to support the museum.



Streaming on the Soldiers of Oxfordshire (SOFO) Museum website from 7pm, Tuesday 7th December 2021, Skippers War is a short film highlighting an extraordinary cast, from what was a small North Oxford school, of young men that fought during the Great War. Their stories are told through a mixture of the speeches and writings of then-headmaster Charles 'Skipper' Lynam alongside a wealth of historical research.

Presented by Desmond Devitt, author of The Skippers War and the regular Skippers War blog, the film will also feature readings from a similarly exceptional cast of actors educated at the very same North Oxford prep school - The Dragon School. These include Tom Hollander, Hugh Dancy, Paul Chahidi, and Sebastian Croft.

Another 'old Dragon,' former Secretary of State for International Development Rory Stewart OBE, said of Skippers War, the book on which the upcoming short film is based,

"The story of these hundreds of lives and deaths connected by five years in a north Oxford prep school is almost an encyclopaedia of the war. The Dragons evacuate from the beaches of Gallipoli, are killed at the third Battle of Ypres, meet Lawrence of Arabia and Marie Curie, grapple with the German High Seas Fleet in the Battle of Jutland, save the wounded at the Easter Rising and are shot out of the sky by Baron von Richthofen..."

The story of three old Dragons brought down by the infamous 'Red Baron,' Manfred von Richthofen, and his 'Flying Circus,' and another former pupil, Leefe Robinson, that would win the Victoria Cross shooting down the first enemy airship over England, are just a few that will be told in the film when it streams on 7th December from the SOFO Museum website.

Free to view with no pre-registration required, donations to support the museum's work - preserving the county's military heritage and the stories of local people affected by conflict - will be encouraged

Stream Link: <https://www.sofo.org.uk/whats-on/skipperswar/>



Letter from a Licensed Lay Minister



I am aware that many of us have been deprived of journeys abroad to visit loved ones during the last 19 months. There have been so many changes as to where we can and cannot go and it is encouraging now, that more countries have opened their borders. Sadly, for many of us wanting to visit families in Australia, the wait for that long journey continues.

By the time you read this, we will be in the season of Advent, a period of waiting leading up to Christmas. Waiting for what? Well, during the season of Advent, Christians across the world prepare for the celebration of the arrival of the Lord into the world through the birth of his Son Jesus Christ and it is also a time to reflect on the return of Jesus at the second coming. We are invited to step away from what can be a frenzied time of parties and shopping to consider how we commemorate the birth of Jesus, one of the holiest times in Christian faith.

In Advent too, we celebrate light coming in the midst of darkness. We have been living through the darkness of the pandemic, waiting for it to end, but our focus now is in looking forward with a sense of hope and excitement to Christmas. We are waiting for something good to happen. Some of us will be making journeys to spend Christmas with families and friends and this reminds me of the journeys that took place in the Christmas story.

Mary and Joseph made the long and arduous journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. After the birth of Jesus, they were told by an angel to flee to Egypt to escape from Herod's soldiers and they made a further long journey into exile. The shepherds made a shorter journey to the stable to see the new born baby, while the Magi from the East travelled following a star to pay homage to the new King and present him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. All were guided by God through an angel or a star.

Christmas has become a time of giving, whether gifts to family and friends or donations to charities and food banks. God's gift to us is Jesus Christ himself, a gift which will last way beyond the festivities of Christmas and if you would like to join us for any of the Christmas services, you will be made very welcome.

I leave you with a link to a song, which is about an imaginary encounter that a traveller has with Mary, Joseph, and Jesus on the road. It reminds us that we may meet Jesus as we journey through life: <https://youtu.be/pWb3J16NMw>

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and every blessing on your journey into 2022

Wendy Willoughby-Paul
Licensed Lay Minister



Sunday Services in East Ilsley - December 2021 and January 2022

Date	East Ilsley
Sunday 5 th December Advent 2	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 12 th December Advent 3	6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 19 th December Advent 4	11am Crib and Carols
Friday 24 th December Christmas Eve	No Service at East Ilsley (3.00pm - Crib Service at Compton Church) (11.00pm - Midnight Communion (CW) at Compton Church)
Saturday 25 th December Christmas Day	9.30am Family Christmas Communion (CW)
Sunday 26 th December Boxing Day	No Service at East Ilsley (10.00am - Team Said Communion (CW) at Hampstead Norreys Church)
Sunday 2 nd January Epiphany	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 9 th January Baptism of Christ	No Service at East Ilsley (9.30am - Holy Communion (CW) at Compton Church)
Sunday 16 th January Epiphany 2	11.00am All Age Praise
Sunday 23 rd January Epiphany 3	No Service at East Ilsley (8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) at Hampstead Norreys Church) (10.00am - Team Service at Cold Ash Church)
Sunday 30 th January Candlemas	No Service at East Ilsley (8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) at Compton Church) (10.00am - Joint Service for Candlemas at Compton Church for both Compton and East Ilsley Congregations)





Christmas Blessings from the Hermitage Team Ministry



Team Rector: Reverend Wayne Lautenbach Tel: 07825 502309
Team Vicar: Reverend Sue Webster Tel: 07817 408297

Christmas Services 2021

St Mary's Church, East Ilsley

Sunday 5th December:

9.30am: Holy Communion

Saturday 11th December:

10.30am: Christmas Coffee Morning
(The Hall, Broad Street)

Sunday 12th December:

6.00pm: Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 19th December:

11.00am: Crib & Carols

Friday 24th December:

No Service at East Ilsley

3.00pm: Crib Service at Compton

11.15pm: Midnight Communion at Compton

Saturday 25th December:

9.30am: Family Christmas Communion

Sunday 26th December:

10.00am: Said Communion at H. Norreys

All being well, we are hopeful to have Village Carol Singing in various locations around East Ilsley on Tuesday 21st December from 6pm. We will advertise on Facebook the locations nearer the time.



**May the joy of the angels
and the peace of the
Christ child be yours this
Christmas**



**from St Mary's Church,
East Ilsley**



St Mary's Church
is part of the Hermitage Team Ministry

Look out for your Church Christmas Postcard that will be available to pick up from Church in December. Pop it on your fridge to remind you of the Christmas Services you can attend.



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>

Online Service in the Team:

These will continue through December and January on Zoom.

Monday Morning Prayer @ 9am

Meeting ID: 852 5046 7417

Passcode: Monday

Monday Meditation @ 5pm

Contact Judith Denny via email for the latest link judith.denny@crackley.co.uk

Wednesday Team Pilgrims / Online Meditation @ 7.30pm

Contact Reverend Sue via email for the link sue@hermitage-team.org.uk

Keep an eye on our website as changes made are reflected there, there is a special Online Services page here: <https://www.hermitage-team.org.uk/page/82/online-services> which is kept up to date.

Some services may change depending on where they fall in the run up to Christmas

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MONDAYS - SATURDAYS

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

MONDAYS - SATURDAYS

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

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We currently have one vacancy on the Parish Council.

Hospitals & GP Surgeries

West Berkshire Community Hospital 01635 273300

Royal Berkshire Hospital 0118 3225111

Radcliffe Infirmary 01865 311188

John Radcliffe Hospital 01865 741166

Downland Practice Chieveley 01635 248251

Police

Thames Valley Police 01865 841148

Emergency 999

Non-Emergency 101

Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

Schools

Ilsley Under 5's 01635 281327

The Ilsleys Primary School 01635 281225

The Downs School Compton 01635 27000

Utilities

BT Faults 151

BT General Enquiries 0118 957 5877

Southern Water 0845 7708090 (Emergencies)

Thames Water 0845 9200900 (Emergencies)

Southern Electric (SSE) 105 or 0800 0727282 (Emergencies)

Handy Bus

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