

EAST ILSLEY COMMUNICATOR Cst. 2003 Welcome to the June 2022

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Tales from your Parish Clerk



Welcome to issue 109 of the EIC, the summer edition!

Much like the changing seasons, it has been all change at the Parish Council as well since we last wrote.

Firstly, we were sad to receive the resignation of our Chairman, Mike Lewis. Mike was a highly regarded member of the council; he worked tirelessly with us during the pandemic, always went the extra mile, and was a fantastic councillor. Mike, thank you for everything you did, we will miss you!

The 'Casual Vacancy' did not generate a request for a by-election so we were free to co-opt a replacement, which meant we were on the hunt for two new councillors at our Annual meeting in early May. We were delighted to receive three applications and we have successfully co-opted Dominic Robertson and Mark Browne to the Council; a massive welcome and thank you to you both! We now begin the induction process with them and it is a joy to have a full council to work with once again.

As is usual at the Annual Meeting, our first item of business was to elect a new Chairman for 2022 / 2023 and we are thrilled that Mike Pembroke has stepped up to lead us this year. Mike's enthusiasm, kindness and empathy will be a real asset for us and I look forward to working closely with Mike to ensure we are utilising all our powers to support the village and its enterprises over the coming year. Andrew Sharp continues to dilligently support both Mike and myself as our Vice Chairman, and Stephen Meadows and Nick Watkins are of course, vital cogs in the council wheel. It is brilliant for us to be 'full' again, and you have one very happy clerk over here!

Speaking of 'happy clerks' (and blowing my own trumpet just a little...) we had another exemplorary internal audit examination with Heelis and Lodge for the 2021 / 2022 Financial Year. An awful lot of hard work goes into ensuring we are following proper practices, gathering all the data, and preparing the annual finance documents so to get such glowing praise makes me feel very chuffed indeed!

So what's next? Only the small matter of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations starting on 2nd June! I have been working super hard pulling together all the different events and activities we have got planned for the village which has only been possible through the support of Martyn and Liam at the Crown and Horns and Ali Allan and the Sheep Fair team. This issue is packed with info on what is taking place during the half term week and the extended bank holiday in June. We hope to see lots of you there, enjoying the four day weekend, and experiencing all the events and activities that have been meticulously planned.

At the moment, I can't think further than the Jubilee, and once it is over, I'm off on a well deserved holiday for a break. I'll be back recharged, refreshed and ready to pick up where I left off. I'll be on the hunt for new grants, look at replacing some tired assets around the village and we've got some meetings lined up with key stakeholders to help with the upkeep of the village.

Have a wonderful summer time, let's hope the weather is fabulous, and enjoy spending time outdoors, wherever you might be.

Enjoy the edition, and we hope to see you at a meeting very soon. Fen



Future Meeting Dates of the Parish Council

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 12 th July 2022	7.30pm	School Hall
Tuesday 13 th September 2022	7.30pm	School Hall
Tuesday 8 th November 2022	7.30pm	School Hall
Tuesday 10 th January 2023	7.30pm	School Hall
Tuesday 14 th March 2023	7.30pm	School Hall
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	7.30pm	School Hall

Occasional Planning Meetings will be held should an application arrive that needs to be commented on in between meetings. These will be advertised on the noticeboard by the bus stop and on our website and social media pages.

We do still have the temporary Scheme of Delegation in place so some meetings can still be held on Zoom if required.

How to contact the Parish Council:

Phone: 01635 228104 or 07912 565665

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Website: <u>www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk</u>

East Ilsley Parish Council Member Responsibilities as of May 2022:

Chairman: Vice Chairman:	Cllr. Mike Pembroke Cllr. Andrew Sharp
Allotment Officer: Common Land Officer: Playground Officer: Footpaths Officer: Pond Officer: Traffic & Highways	Cllr. Stephen Meadows Cllr. Stephen Meadows Cllr. Mike Pembroke Cllr. Mike Pembroke Cllr. Nick Watkins
Officer: Community Engagement	Cllr. Mark Browne (to be confirmed)
Officer: Community Infrastructure	Cllr. Nick Watkins and Cllr. Andrew Sharp
Officer:	Cllr. Dominic Robertson & Cllr. Mark Browne (to be confirmed)

Contact details for all Councillors can be found on the back page in the 'Directory'

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Half Term Jubilee Beacon Trail - fun for all the family!

East Ilsley Parish Council have teamed up with High Street Safari to bring you a very special 'Jubilee Beacon Trail' over the half term holiday. It is a lovely walk around the village which brings you the story of Sir Barnaby Beacon who is preparing for a very special day. Along the way you'll meet his friends and help him get ready for the biggest night of his life!



The trail goes live on Friday 27th May and you will be able to do it until 12th June. All you need is a smart phone (as you need to scan QR codes with your camera).

The starting point for the trail is the Parish Allotments and you will find marker point one for you to scan and it will guide you to the other markers around the village, ending at the Crown and Horns Pub.

This is an 'augmented reality' trail so when you meet up with Sir Barnaby Beacon and his friends, click the AR button on your phone (don't worry, it will all become clear when you scan the first QR code) and you'll see the character come to life on your phone!

We hope you enjoy it, learn a bit about the Jubilee and spend time in the outdoors together. We would love you to share your photos with us when you are doing the trail so feel free to post them on your social media!





Date	Time	Location	Event
27th May	All Day	Start at the Allotments	The Jubilee Beacon 'Augmented Reality' Trail. You can do the trail any day up to 12th June
2nd June	1:45pm	Playground	Jubilee Copse Opening and unveiling of The Queen's Green Canopy Plaque
	2:00pm	Playground	The reading of 'The Proclamation' by the Village Crier heralding the lighting of the Beacons
	3.00pm	The Crown & Horns	A 'very British' Afternoon Tea
	4.00pm	The Crown & Horns	Film Club: 'A Queen is Crowned' narrated by Sir Lawrence Olivier. Watch the Coronation in full colour from 1953
	6.00pm	The Crown & Horns	Jubilee themed 'Pizza' night & Quiz
	7.00pm	The Crown & Horns	VKJ Northern Soul & Party Classics (Live Music)
	9.35pm	The Crown & Horns	The playing of Diu Regnare on the Bagpipes
	9.40pm	The Crown & Horns	The Playing of 'Majesty' on the Bugle
	9.45pm	The Crown & Horns	The playing of the 'Song for the Commonwealth' and the Lighting of the Beacon by Laura Farris MP
	10.00pm till 1am	The Crown & Horns	Jubilee Disco with DJ Sam Beechcroft

Cut out and keep me to remind you of all that is planned!



So we know how much 'fizz' to bring please email us your intention to come to eastilsleysheepfair@gmail.com



From the Guest Editor...

Yes, it's me again, Fen the Clerk back to editing the EIC until we can find someone willing to take on the task...

Huge thanks to Sally Allsop for looking after the Parish magazine for a whole year! We really appreciated everything you did during your reign, and for bringing in brilliant new articles and features which we hope will continue.

As you might have guessed, we are on the hunt for a new Editor of the EIC so if you think you can do a better job than me please get in touch and I will gladly hand over the reigns!

The EIC is now a 'Quarterly' publication, so you will get four editions a year. Target months are March, June, September and December, and depending on the timing of various events, we can modify the planned distribution dates. We hope that by going quarterly we can bring you more meatier content, but that does mean that the contribututors need to get their thinking caps on

about advertising events up to three months ahead!

This edition is chock full of the Jubilee so make sure you add all the events into your diaries, it promises to be a jammed packed long weekend. It is also a delight to see contributions from lots of different groups who have finally managed to get back to meeting up face to face and celebrating being together again after so long. Long may our new found freedom continue.

Enjoy the edition, have a wonderful summer and don't forget to contact me if you want to edit the next edition (pretty please...) 😊



Read Easy

Helping Adults learn to Read

Did you know that 2% of the UK population cannot read to a useful functional level?

We believe in West Berks that equates to in excess of 5000 people. Read Easy is a charity that has been set up to address this problem. We provide free one-to-one teaching delivered in a flexible relaxed manner.

The local read easy group is being set up now. To do so, we need volunteers to work on the management team, volunteer reading coaches (training is given), some funding (the read easy model enables us to teach an adult to read for about £148 per person per year) and some venues where reading lessons can be held that are safe and public.

Any help that could be offered would be most warmly received. For more information please contact Mark Ingvorsen on 07748 276959 or at <u>swbpioneer@readeasy.org.uk</u>





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. Having recently circulated my ward newsletter I won't repeat what I wrote in that.

I promised our friends in Hampstead Norreys that I would promote the 2022 GreenFest on Saturday 10 September, between 10am and 5.30pm. GreenFest first happened in 2019 and was a great success. Unfortunately it hasn't happened since because of covid, so it will be great to see the event back this autumn. GreenFest is a community-driven sustainability event packed with expert speakers, thought-provoking exhibitions, a market showcasing sustainable products, live entertainment, and local food. The event is free to attend. There will be a wide range of professional sustainability advice on offer, activities, workshops and games for the children.

There will be talks about importance of biodiversity, innovative green technologies, rainforests, regenerative agriculture, low impact energy alternatives, and zero waste living. The courtyards around Hampstead Norreys' award-winning community shop will oversee a bustling market of 30+ stalls selling sustainable and zero waste lifestyle products from ethically sourced teas to shampoo bars. You can find out more at <u>www.ourgreenfest.co.uk</u>

I enjoyed visiting the Autumn Group on 10 May to talk to them about what I've been up to and answer their questions. We had the annual meeting of WBC that evening, which was less fun. It's a very formal annual meeting to appoint the new chairman, committee members and so on. I would rather have attended the East Ilsley annual meeting instead!

I am attending meetings of a WBC working group about the 'user journey' - looking at how residents contact the council, and whether they get the information they need. This includes when residents try to contact the council in an emergency when the offices are shut. This group will be meeting over the spring and summer and eventually producing a report about how residents' experience of getting in touch with the council can be improved.

We found out on 9 May that the Secretary of State for Levelling Up won't be 'calling in' WBC's decision to grant permission for the Compton Institute development, so WBC and the site owners Homes England will be able to go ahead and discuss the necessary section 106 agreement before work can begin. Clearly from the point of view of East Ilsley, there will be an impact on our roads from lorries for the demolition and then the construction. There is a planning condition that they cannot use lorries during school travel times. For those with a wider interest in planning matters, the same Secretary of State gave approval last week for the major Sandleford application to the south of Newbury town centre. The developer now has permission to build 1,000 homes. The area is currently grassland, farmland and woodland and was an inspiration for Watership Down. In the novel, rabbits flee Sandleford Warren which is about to be destroyed by bulldozers. So life could imitate art sadly.

On 1 June I will be speaking at a public online meeting about Women in Politics. WBC and the existing six women councillors (out of 43 councillors) are trying to encourage more women to stand. Our gender balance is one of the very worst in the country.

The community orchard is in full bloom. If anyone would like to help me water the trees let me know!

Don't forget that you can report problems including fly tipping, unemptied bins, and pot holes by searching for 'West Berkshire Report a Problem' on the internet or visiting <u>www.fixmystreet.com</u>. Alternatively, email <u>customerservices@westberks.gov.uk</u> or call 01635 551111. If you don't get a satisfactory response let me know.

For information about road works (eg utility companies digging up roads) please look at One Network https://uk.one.network which contains a map where you can search for details of what is happening in your area.

Best wishes

Councillor Carolyne Culver

Ridgeway ward (including East IIsley) carolyne.culver1@westberks.gov.uk (m) 07976 374146

HAMPSTEAD NORREYS WI

At the May meeting we heard about the experiences of Sue Walsh when she travelled to Greece in 2016 as a volunteer to help with refugees.



She explained the difference between a refugee and an asylum seeker and then gave a powerful report of life in a refugee camp.

Sue's main message was that there is no them and us. Refugees have been forced to leave their homes in dreadful circumstances. They are just like you and me and want to rebuild their lives. They want to work and raise their families just as we do, and they want to return to their homeland when it is safe to do so.

The conditions in a refugee camp are horrendous. Volunteers like Sue work alongside major relief agencies. When political situations force the major agencies to leave it is the volunteers who stay and help. They are often arrested by local law enforcement officers. Sue told us personal, heart-rending stories of individuals, some of whom lost their lives in their attempts to cross the borders.

She explained that the best way for us to help is to give money to the official charities as goods that are sent are often inappropriate. Tinned baked beans with sausages cannot be given to Muslims and clothing needs to be appropriate to the local climate.

We left the meeting very well informed about situations that we only hear about in the media that are often reported with a bias. To hear from a dedicated, passionate person with experience of the camps was humbling.



Autumn Group incorporating the Hobbies Club



What a busy and enjoyable few months it has been since the last time of writing. Although the pandemic is behind us, we did have to undertake some last minute rearrangements to our programme with speakers dropping out due to illness.

Luckily, we have been given a considerable number of LFT kits for our members to help us keep them safe yet enjoy what we have to offer.

We have had a full diary with some wonderful and stimulating talks, practical sessions, and demonstrations:

This session started with a superb chat about the Lloyd Insurance Market - Yes it was interesting to hear how the market works and the size of the risks they must underwrite.

Then as expected an extremely well attended presentation about the Compton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), what a lot of work that group had put into their project.

During February we were visited by Mindset Massage. What a truly "mind blowing" experience that was and I believe several of our members are now attending their regular sessions.



The Downland Practice visited us to talk about their difficulties and more importantly successes. This was followed by an open discussion which I think everyone benefitted from.



Our friend Mike Hawthorne brought his family for a wonderful song and dance afternoon.

Just to show off our sporting prowess we held an afternoon bowls session which always goes down very well. Competitiveness never seems to leave us.

We had a very interesting session run by Mencap (The Yume Project) who explained and demonstrated how they

offer life skills for those with complex physical needs, learning disabilities, autism, dementia etc. Absolutely fascinating.





Over the Easter Period we introduced our members to Ikebana (Japanese Flower Arranging). Amazing what talent we have in the group.

The next skill we are trying our hands at is Decoupage.

This involves cutting out pictures, gluing them to an object and then coating the pictures and the object with layers of varnish.



Later we will have our old favourite of a Pony and

Trap trip around the village.



This will be followed by a visit from the Dogs Trust which had to be delayed due to the pandemic. So, fingers crossed.

As well as the organised talks and visits we still make time

to relax and enjoy a cup of tea and cake interspersed by some good gossip. Some

always find the quiet corner for those that want to make their own entertainment. Boy, are we going to have a party when this jigsaw is finished.

For the benefit of all our members and anyone else of that you cares to pop in we are running a "jigsaw library" where we have a stock that they can borrow a puzzle from. This library will be open during normal club hours on a Tuesday.

Again, I would like to say thank you to all those members both on the committee and not who have put in so much help to keep the Group so vibrant.

Finally, just to remind everyone that we are open to all, not just residents of Compton. We currently have members from many of the surrounding villages and would be pleased to see many more.

Don't forget please feel free to bring a friend along.

Patricia, Chairman 07786 856 440 <u>chairman@autumngroup.org</u>

Afternoon Teas

St. Mary's Church, Aldworth Will start on 6th July and then every Wednesday in July, August & September 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Delicious homemade cakes in the company of The Aldworth Giants For further details and to book groups contact: Gill Wilding 01635 578624 or <u>gillwilding@hotmail.com</u>







Come and Join Rainbows





Your nearest Rainbow unit is

Compton Rainbows Now accepting Girls aged 4-7. We meeting at Compton Guide & Scout Hut on Cheseridge Road.

Monday 5.30-6.30

Register your interest by visiting www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or you can ring Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901





East Ilsley Local History Society

Latest News!



The pandemic has prevented the Local History Society from holding our usual exhibitions for the last two years, but we haven't been idle. We have been working hard to update our website and we are pleased to announce that by the time you read this the new version should be online at <u>https://eastilsleyhistory.com</u>

The new website is freely accessible to everyone. We have a lot to share on village people, places and events. Pubs, churches, horse racing, archaeology, sheep fairs, the Pang floods, transcriptions of censuses, and lots more. Not all of this is on the website yet, but we hope to add items piece by piece in the coming months. It is a work in progress. Please look at the "Research Materials" section as there is a lot there awaiting links to the other sections.

Already available:

- A number of maps and photographs.
- The stories of the men named on the War Memorial and others who served during war.
- Articles on a variety of subjects, originally published in the members' newsletters but many of which haven't had a wide audience until now. These range from a story of cannibalism on an Arctic expedition to the tale of an Ilsley barmaid so fetching that she was celebrated in a poem published in an Oxford newspaper.

We hope that there will be something to interest everyone.

The project has proved more costly than anticipated and without Tony Gadd, who has freely given many hours of hard work and expertise, it would have been well beyond our means. Thanks, Tony! This will be a valuable village resource and we would welcome donations to help finance its upkeep. Perhaps you would consider sponsoring a particular page, or contribute via a monthly or annual direct debit. Donations however small will be gratefully received. We are incredibly thankful to Stuart Hall for his generous donation which is already helping to cover the first year's hosting.

The Society continues to provide advice and information free of charge to researchers who may have connections or ancestors who lived here.

Finally, if you have a particular interest in an aspect of village history, or you come across something interesting, do let us know, or why not write an article for inclusion on the website.

East Ilsley Local History Society



Starting on Thursday 9 June in Thatcham Library and Friday 10 June in Pangbourne Library: six-week Creative Arts Clubs for over 55s, run by the Corn Exchange, Newbury.

Experience a different art form each week during these FREE courses. Advance booking required through the Corn Exchange from 9 May. <u>https://cornexchangenew.com/learning/ageing-creatively</u>

Farming Corner

Since the last 'Farming Corner' update the lambing season has come to an end and the weather has been kind, although we are now desperate for some rain! Most crops are surviving but if we don't get any rain soon they will start to suffer.

As well as the lambing, the calving for the season has also been completed and the six monthly cattle TB testing has been done with an 'all clear' received. This has to be carried out every 6 months as some wildlife are able to carry the disease and spread it to cattle.

You could not have noticed, that whilst driving, cycling, or walking around our beautiful countryside, the oilseed rape is in



full flower and is looking glorious! This is due to be cut during the last week of July.

We now begin to look towards the harvest season and this is done in stages:

Stage 1: Silage / Haylage is harvested from now onwards

Stage 2: Hay is harvested mid-June to July but could be later depending on the weather. Stage 3: The Winter Barley will be the first cereal crop to harvest in mid to late July, again weather dependant. With the Winter barley, you'll notice that the ears are just starting to emerge.



Winter Wheat is growing well and we are awaiting the emergence of the 'flag leaf.'

Protecting the flag leaf is critical to attaining high yields and it is the final leaf to emerge. The Flag leaf has to be kept 'clean & green' free from disease to ensure that the leaf puts the suns energy into producing a good yield form the plant.

It needs plenty of sunshine to allow photosynthesis to occur, which allows the ear to develop later on.

And so, the cycle begins again as we begin to plant oilseed rape again mid to late August ready for next year's harvest.

Over at West Ilsley, the second phase of vine planting will take place at the end of May the first phase vines are doing well. Do check them out if you are headed out that way, it is quite a sight to see!

Many farmers are gearing up to visit a number of trade shows in the next few weeks; the Cereals Event is happening in early June in Cambridgeshire – lots of trial plots, machinery demos, trade stands, sprayer demonstrations for conventional farming. Then on to the Groundswell Event a couple of weeks later – a regenerative farming show, planting companion crops, making use of farm yard manure and slurry rather than using conventional growing methods. And finally,

we're off to Kent at the end of June where they are promoting agriculture methods such as soft root growing and viviculture.

Enjoy the wonderful views over our abundant fields for the next few weeks, then the hard work really does start!

Your local farmers

The Crown and Horns Pub





Can you help the Downland Practice Surgery?



For many years, the Downland Practice have been able to drop off medications every Thursday to a house in East Ilsley. This was started up to reduce the amount of people having to travel to visit the Dispensary at either Compton or Chievely and collect their medication. It is far easier for you to pop along to a house in the village and pick them up!

We now need to find an alternative 'venue' for this enterprise to continue. If you think you can offer a home for a weekly drop off of medication and allow people to visit you to collect their medication the Dispensary team would love to hear from you. You can call them on 01635 248251, select the option for the Dispensary and ask to speak to Caroline. Thank you!

OPEN STUDIOS 2022 West Berkshire North Hampshire

In 2022, our artists return to open their studios and exhibitions to coincide with our showcase exhibition 'INSIGHT 2022' taking place at 'The Base' in Greenham from 7th to 29th of May 10am to 5pm daily where you can explore artists from all over West Berks and North Hampshire. Please find the Companion guide in your local pub, school or shop!

This year East lisley has its own local Artist Jill Hobbs taking part in Open Studios for the first time. Jill is an exciting new talent who paints from the heart and is learning on the job with her own original style exploring colour and light. Whilst working on various commissions, she is currently celebrating the best bits of her life with a series of portraits of her childhood heroes and landscapes of places held close to her heart. Jill is passionate about being an artist whilst being a busy mum and a nurse who loves the

country life. Don't be too surprised if a visit to her Sunrise Studio in May involves a cuddle with a baby chick or an over adoring lab.

> PEN STUDIOS 2022 lest Berkshire & North Hampshire

en Studios is generously supported by

Greenham Trust

Children and dogs are welcome JillHobbsart@outlook.com

Jill's Opening Dates are

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Providing Community Transport Services To The Downland Villages Of West Berkshire

Volunteer drivers required! Are you a car driver and able to spare a couple of hours a week or even a month? Then we need you!!

The Downland Volunteer Group (DVG) is a registered charity providing transport to medical appointments for patients within the Downland Practice area. We need new volunteers to join our friendly team so if you have transport and a few hours to spare please do get in touch.

Tel: 01635 578394 Email: dvg_office@btinternet.com https://www.downlandvolgroup.org



Providing Community Transport Services To The Downland Villages Of West Berkshire

Do you need help with transportation to a medical or dental appointment?

The Downland Volunteer Group (DVG) is a registered charity providing transport to medical appointments for patients within the Downland Practice area. If you have an appointment with the surgery, dentist or hospital and have problems arranging transport just call our office in the Compton Surgery between 09.30 and 11.30pm Monday – Friday and we can help. Give us 3 to 4 days' notice prior to your appointment. We cannot transport children who require a car seat or a booster seat.

> Tel: 01635 578394 Email: <u>dvg_office@btinternet.com</u> https://www.downlandvolgroup.org

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

WALK FOR PARKINSON'S

Welford Park, Newbury 2.5 or 6.5 miles



Parkinson's UK has just launched its annual Walk for Parkinson's series.

Andrea Keightley was inspired to get involved because after being diagnosed with Parkinson's at the age of 45 she was determined not to let it change her life completely and was desperately keen to raise funds to help in the search for a cure and to support the excellent work of Parkinson's UK.

Last year Andrea and her family took part in our Welford Walk and Andrea said: "Raising money and awareness for Parkinson's has definitely become a family aim, it was very special to complete the walk with my family beside me."

To take part visit <u>www.events.parkinsons.org.uk/walkwelfordpark</u>

The Ilsleys Primary School

We have had another few very busy weeks at The Ilsleys since the children have returned from their Easter break. From National Curriculum Test preparation, to starting yoga lessons, to inviting in people from the emergency services, we have been doing it all!

Here is a run-down of what some of the classes have been doing over the past few weeks. Enjoy!

ARCTIC CLASS

What a fantastic few weeks of learning we have had following our theme 'Emergency! Emergency!'



In Literacy recently, the children have been writing some instructions for how to put a bandage on. We started the week by learning how to put a bandage on someone else and we then practised this by using a partner and speaking out each step as we went along. This helped the children understand each step of the process. We learnt about the features of instructions, such as numbered steps, time sequencing words and verbs so we could use these in our own set of instructions.





In Numeracy, we have been learning how to share and divide between, 2, 5 and 10. We have learnt what 'equal' means and how we can ensure our groups are equal when sharing and dividing by a set amount. The children have been using concrete resources such as blocks as well as pictorial representations to help them. From this, the children have been able to write a division number sentence to show their answer.

In Curriculum, the children have been learning all about Grace Darling, whose heroism founded the RNLI. The children learnt about her life and what it was like to live back in the Victorian era. We discussed how our lives have changed and from this the children were able to make comparisons between living in the Victorian era and modern day.





PACIFIC CLASS

Pacific have had another exciting few weeks! The highlight has to be winning the football match on Wednesday with 5 goals - Ted scored 2, Jack scored 2 and Milo scored 1! Well done all of those who played.

A close second will be the cricket coaching we had last Friday afternoon. Everyone had a great time playing the activities set us for us. Our favourite game was hitting the 7 balls as hard and as fast as we could and then getting as many runs as possible whilst the fielding team had to put them back where they started from.



We are also really enjoying Music! Mrs Barrett played us Mamma Mia by Abba and we thought about what type of music it was. We decided it was pop music, especially after we compared it to We Will Rock You by Queen. We have decided that we will learn the words to song so we will be able to perform it in an assembly.



In Literacy, we have been writing our own stories. We have taken our inspiration from How to be a Viking by Cressida Cowell and we have written about someone or something which overcomes a fear. We have been thinking very hard about writing lots but also making sure our presentation and vocabulary choices are maintained.

In Maths, the Year 3s and 4s have been practising all their skills at subtracting increasingly larger numbers. Year 2 had a lot of fun learning how to measure accurately and how to choose the most appropriate units of measure. We all agreed that using kilometres to measure a table would be rather silly!

ATLANTIC CLASS

Wow! What a super busy few weeks we have had in Atlantic Class! I can't believe we have finally completed our NCTs, for the first time since 2019! week What an amazing amount of work they have put in - I am so, so proud of each and every one of them.

In other news, Atlantic have been learning about Governments and Leaders in the UK. As part of this, we have been busy finding out more about the Queen. The children have found out what 'Head of State' means and also lots of other interesting information about her reign. They have enjoyed using Queenie (a member of our Cognitive Crew) to generate their own questions and conducting their own research to find out more.

In RE, the children have continued to compare and contrast both the Christian and Sikh faiths. They have learnt some interesting new vocabulary, including:

- Monotheistic
- Benevolent
- Omnipotent
- Omniscient

They have also enjoyed thinking about their perceptions of themselves versus others' perceptions of them and linking this to different views on God.

As promised, here are some pictures of the children doing their cricket coaching last Friday. They had an amazing time! There were so many different challenges for the children to complete - my particular favourite was throwing the ball as high as possible in the air and counting how many times you could clap before catching it again! The weather could have been better (as you can see from the pictures!) but it didn't dampen our spirits! We had great fun.





Children and Military Lives Exhibition - Stories of Adventure, Family, and Exile

- Exhibition running from 2 June to 24 November 2022 at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock
- Explores the experience of children of serving military personnel and also children who have been affected by conflict, historically and contemporarily.
- Collaboration between charities Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust, War Toys, and Little Troopers.
- Combines objects, personal stories, oral histories, art, and photography.



Opening from 2 June and running until 24 November 2022, this new exhibition will tell the stories of today's service children (children of serving British Armed Forces personnel) and their experiences of living life in the military community, as well as stories of children who become victims of war, experiencing the effects of military conflict - from Second World War evacuees to today's refugees and asylum seekers.

The exhibition will not only run throughout both Armed Forces Day and Refugee Week, but also the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To mark the Jubilee, SOFO Museum will highlight the Queen's own 'military childhood' and her Second World War service in the ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service) with a timeline of the nation's toys and books. We have gathered toys from the 1940s to the present day as we take a look at our enduring relationship with toys that depict war, from tin soldiers of yesterday to remote control drones of today.



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EDINBURGH FRINGE PREVIEW SHOW

Thursday 14th July 2022 7.30pm at Compton Village Hall

We're taking a new version of In Her Defence to the Edinburgh Fringe from 22nd – 27th August 2022 and are holding a fund-raising preview in Compton with the help of The Compton Players.

The play lasts for around 40 minutes and there will be a bar to purchase drinks both before and after. We'll be holding a Q&A with the cast after the performance so please feel free to stay and chat!

All ticket proceeds will go towards our venue hire in Edinburgh, and all bar proceeds will go to The Compton Players. Huge thanks in advance for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets £10

Online booking will open soon; please check <u>https://www.comptonplayers.co.uk/book-tickets/</u> for details or email <u>helen@deadherring.co.uk</u>



NEWSLETTER JUNE ~ 2022

Hello everyone!

This year's first trip on April 20th was to Windsor, when we enjoyed really nice weather, saw the "Changing of the Guard", and had an excellent two hour river cruise along the Thames. The staff aboard our boat were extremely efficient, provided a very informative commentary about Windsor Racecourse, Bray Film Studios, and the many various and interesting places along the way, and served us a wonderful cream tea during our return journey.

Although the monthly trips are arranged by our group, everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a really good day out at a very reasonable cost.

The following trips for 2022 are, all on Wednesday's unless otherwise stated;

- JUNE 22ND ~ BUCKLERS HARD Medieval Village. Including Museum Tour and 30 Minute Boat ride & LYNDHURST for Cream Tea. Additional charge of £10 JUNE 29TH ~ THEATRE OXFORD "FOOTLOOSE" 80's Musical. £15 + Transport
- JULY 7TH ~ DEVIZES MARKET (Thursday)
- JULY 20TH ~ POOLE & COMPTON ACRES (group ticket price £7) JULY 27TH ~ THEATRE OXFORD "Dreamboats & Petticoats" 50's & 60's Rock and Roll Musical. Tickets £ 30 + Transport
- AUGUST 24TH ~ SWANAGE
- SEPTEMBER 21ST ~ STRATFORD ON AVON
- SEPTEMBER 29TH ~ (Thursday) THEATRE OXFORD "DREAMGIRLS" 60's Classic Musical. Tickets £25 + Transport
- OCTOBER 11TH ~ SALISBURY (Tuesday)

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS ON OUR POSTERS.

Everyone is welcome at these events and on any of the Trips.

Contact Julia on 01635 281597 or Tony 07780 994297 to book. Thank You. Tony Elliott ~ Secretary



If you're pregnant, did you know that you're entitled to free NHS prescriptions and dental treatment with a valid maternity exemption certificate? If you have an email address, you could receive your certificate straight away. To apply for your certificate, speak to your midwife, doctor, or health visitor, who will complete the application for you. You can apply as soon as they confirm that you're pregnant. 24

Hermitage Team Ministry







Are you enjoying celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? There certainly seems to be plenty going on both locally and nationally. What will you be doing?

Did you know that 'Jubilee' is a Biblical word? The name comes from an old Hebrew term for a ram's horn trumpet as blowing this was a signal for the Year of Jubilee to begin.

The concept of the jubilee is introduced in the Old Testament book of Leviticus as a command from God. Leviticus chapter 25 verse 10 says "Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan."

It goes on to give details of how the year of jubilee should be marked. Fields are not to be worked or harvested so food comes from stores or uncultivated growth. Israelites who have sold themselves to richer neighbours as slaves are to be freed. Debts between Israelites are cancelled and land bought is to be returned to its original owner or their family. The reasoning behind this was to remember that everything the Israelites had was a gift from God and that all their ancestors had been slaves in Egypt until God had saved them.

It was a time to reset between the rich and poor, the fortunate and the less fortunate. Those who have fallen on such hard times that they have had to sell what they had and even themselves have a second chance - if they live long enough. (And of course, it did mean prices for land and self-selling people varied according to how long there was to the next Jubilee.) Most of all it was a time of celebration and rejoicing for the whole community.

So how does our current celebration relate to that ancient celebration?

It is a time to look back and reflect on what has been and what has changed. On where we came from and how that has helped make us who we are now. It is an opportunity to share that story with those who were not there. The majority of the population were not even born in 1952 or were too young to remember. What a great time to ask our older relations and friends to share their memories! And to ask ourselves where has God been at work in that time.

Covid has sharpened the divide between rich and poor. Many hardworking good people have suddenly found themselves struggling with loss of income and rising prices due to no fault of their own. It is good that many Jubilee events are free so all can enjoy them and we all need something to lift our spirits. In commanding the Jubilee and weekly Sabbaths, God clearly appreciates everyone's need for some time off and some pleasure in life.

A community event, national and local, reminds us we are all one, sharing this place. It can prompt us to look out for each other and think of other people's needs. The Queen gives a wonderful example of service and does all she can to encourage those who help others. She is quick to point to Jesus as her inspiration in this knowing it something God asks us to do.

Have a very happy and uplifting Jubilee everyone! *Cathy Hawkins (LLM)*

Services at St. Mary's Church, East Ilsley

Date	Service	
Sunday 5 th June	9.30am	
Pentecost / Jubilee	Parish Communion (CW)	
Sunday 12 th June	No Service here	
Trinity Sunday	(9.30am Parish Communion (CW) at Compton Church)	
Sunday 19 th June	(6.00pm Time with God on Zoom) 11.00am	
Trinity 1	All Age Praise	
Sunday 26 th June	No Service here	
Trinity 2	(9.30am Parish Communion (CW) at Compton Church)	
Sunday 3 rd July	9.30am	
Trinity 3	Parish Communion (CW)	
Sunday 10 th July	No Service here	
Trinity 4	(9.30am Parish Communion (CW) at Compton Church) (6.00pm Time with God on Zoom)	
Sunday 17 th July	11.00am	
Trinity 5	All Age Praise	
Sunday 24 th July	No Service here	
Trinity 6	(9.30am Parish Communion (CW) at Compton Church)	
Sunday 31 st July	10.00am	
Trinity 7	Team Service at Hermitage Church - all are welcome This is the only service in the team today	

The August rota has not yet been completed; it is likely to follow the same pattern as above. Please check the Church noticeboard at the end of July for confirmation of the service times in August.



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)



There will be **no** Little Angels at Hampstead Norreys Church on **Friday 3rd June 2022** due to it being half term and the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend. Little Angels will be back on Friday 1st July at 10am. There will not be a session in August as it is the summer holidays. Wendy will look forward to seeing you there.

Online Service in the Team: Monday Meditation @ 5pm

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

Monday Online House Group @ 7.30pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87012550835?pwd=YnlZQzVNR1lhZmxEUnU1RXB1VXJ3QT09

Meeting ID: 870 1255 0835

Passcode: HTLent

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.



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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Message from Revd. Wayne Lautenbach, Team Rector:

To all the congregations and people of the Hermitage Team:

It is with sorrow that I write to inform you that Revd Sue will be leaving the Benefice at the end of August this year.

Sue's husband, Robin, has been offered a clergy post elsewhere and this provides Sue with an opportunity to take early retirement.

I have met with the Archdeacon and together we have begun to plan for the future. I have already begun meeting with the Ministry Team and we are in the process of formulating a new structure for pastoral support across the Team. Once this is in place, I will be communicating this more widely.

> I would ask for your continued support as we move forward together. Yours in Jesus Wayne (Team Rector)

Could YOU be a puppeteer?

Many people in East IIsley are likely to have seen PARABABBLE in action.

We are the Hermitage Team of Churches' Puppet Group. We use (mainly) Muppet-style puppets (technically half or full-bodies wide-mouth rod puppets!) and perform material for schools, churches, village fetes and the internet.

Our You-Tube channel is <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpGmzYlsa7fgfhuYcRMz-</u> <u>4Q/videos</u> or just Google "Parababble Puppets You Tube Channel" if you want to see some of our work.

Our content - not unnaturally - all has a Christian basis; some is aimed at children, some at a more mature audience but all great fun!

We have a wide range of puppets: some bought for us, some belonging to different members, some we have been gifted and some special ones we've made ourselves. We also have extensive sound and lighting equipment and a wide range of staging.

So how do YOU fancy having a go? We know puppets aren't everybody's cup of tea, but if you'd like to drop in and see what we do and how we do it or would like to try out operating a puppet or some of our technical gear just drop by to a rehearsal, call Dave or Robyn, or speak to any of our members.

You don't have to have done puppets before and we'd be delighted to help you learn. (n.b. for safety and safeguarding we are unable to accept anybody below Year 6 and would expect younger children to be accompanied by an adult).

We meet on Friday Evening's in the Adelaide Room at Hermitage Church from about 7:30pm until 9pm for practice and rehearsal (and usually refreshments, chat, and some awful jokes!)



The Hermitage Team Puppet Ministry www.parababble.weebly.com

Dave: 01635 578480 Robyn: 07548 885716





And you are invited

16 June, Thursday, 7:30pm Hampstead Norreys Village Hall www.thefillingstation.org.uk/downland





This month we have

Wes Sutton

East Ilsley Churchwarden takes to the skies!

John Hibbert: My Red Devils Tandem Skydive



After a wait of over two years, I finally got to make my tandem skydive with The Red Devils on Good Friday.

On the day the weather was perfect and the whole Red Devils experience was brilliant so, in the end, the wait was definitely worthwhile.

My jump was self-funded and I raised just over £6,000 which was match funded by The Greenham Trust. The St. Mary's Church Restoration and Reordering Fund has consequently benefited by over £12,000.

I am extremely grateful for the support of the many residents of East IIsley who sponsored me. Thank you all very much!



Doors 7.00 for 7.45. Real ale & cider bar. Advance tickets £10 (£12 at the door) from 01491-652295 or <u>concerts@cholsey.com</u>

Concerts@Cholsey emerged from enforced hibernation in March and has run hugely enjoyable concerts by Oxfordbased folk band Magpie Lane and country blues specialists Rag Mama Rag, who attracted fans from far and wide. Next on the bill of fare are Simon Mayor and Hilary James (also known as half of the Mandolinguents) who will appear at the Cholsey Pavilion on Sunday 10th July. Simon is famous as a mandolin virtuoso but is also a dab hand on the violin in a style reminiscent of Stefan Grappelli; Hilary has the sweetest of voices, which she turns to stylish renderings of folk, swing, jazz, and favourite standards of bygone eras. This is a classy, amusing, and uplifting act that should not be missed. There will be a reasonably priced bar selling excellent real ale from the Amwell Springs Brewery and proper ciders from Hitchcox of Warpsgrove. Tickets in advance are just £10 from concerts@cholsey.com or 01491 652295 and personal attention is assured. Concerts@Cholsey look forward to the pleasure of your company.

Auction for Church

Grand Auction in aid of the St Mary's Restoration and Reordering Project

Sunday 4th September at the Crown & Horns, East Ilsley

We are seeking contributions and donations of lots to sell! Ideally it will be a mixture of tangible items and services, with plenty of variety and interest. We already have some exciting items and experiences to be offered, including

- A copy of the legendary Jim Wilson book, East Ilsley Photographic Memories, now out of print.
- A morning watching the horses work on Lambourn gallops and breakfast with the trainer, courtesy of Joe Tuite.
- A limited edition copy of the 1927 book Berkshire Vale which includes the poem 'Ilsley Sheep Fair', with illustrations by Cecil Aldin. Signed by him and by the author.
- An evening of astronomy.
- A helicopter flight (tbc)

Do you have any treasures you are willing to give, such as a bottle of your home-made sloe gin, plants from your garden, a painting or photograph? Vintage items welcome. Would you be willing to offer your time, talent, or expertise in any way, such as cooking, gardening, babysitting, photography, tuition etc. Perhaps you have contacts who can offer free tickets to an event or attraction or might be willing to donate an item.

Anything else you can think of that someone might like! We are delighted that Ali Eyston from East Hendred has agreed to be our auctioneer. Some of you may remember her from the school's auction a few years ago at West Ilsley. We hope this will be as entertaining and successful.

Please get in touch if you can help.

Kay Sanderson Email kaysanderson@gmail.com Telephone 281274 John Hibbert Email jwt.hibbert@btinternet.com Telephone 281885

Work is progressing on repairing the fabric of St Mary's, our Grade 1 listed historic parish church, making it safe and weatherproof. Fundraising has of course been hampered by the pandemic, but it's encouraging that thanks to various grants and donations we have already passed the halfway point of what was a very daunting target. We are very grateful to everyone who has helped so far by sponsoring John's parachute jump, and other donations.

The most urgent task has been completed, which was to replace the leaded windows which were precariously close to falling out! Once all the essential repairs have been carried out, we can reorder the interior to include modern facilities and create space. It can then be used for a variety of events and activities by local people and community groups across all age ranges. This is something that will benefit the whole village, so please support it.



GreenFest would welcome volunteers to help behind the scenes for a few hours and/or on the day (10th September2022) at one of the many event 'Zones'.

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