



From the Editor...

Welcome to issue 110 of the EIC! And... welcome to the slightly different format, we hope the changes work for you, but do let us know your thoughts.

Yes, it still is Fen the Clerk, editing the Parish Mag... we had no response to my (desperate) plea for a new editor so this issue has fallen on my (rather broad) shoulders once again. We're still on the lookout so if you fancy taking on the next edition then drop me a line.

We've gone GreenFest mad for this edition; the Parish Council are very supportive of this event and encourage all of you to head down to Hampstead Norreys on 10th September and join in all the fun! There is so much for you to see, do, experience, learn, purchase and embrace all that is eco and sustainable, right here on our doorstep. The following pages will tell you all about it, including ways of getting there and a helpful guide of what's on to plan your day.

Before I leave you to read on through this chock full edition, have a think about any Christmas (sorry, I know it is still technically summer!) messages that you want printed in the next edition. We hope this will be out the first week of December so email your 'Christmas Cheer' to clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk and we'll keep them ready for inclusion into issue 111. Ho, ho, ho!

Enjoy the edition, we hope the new layout works for you and we hope to see you in Hampstead Norreys on Saturday 10th September as we all know by now, there is no 'Planet B' and we can all do something to help.



**Can you be our
new editor of the
EIC?**

**Our popular village
magazine is on the hunt
for a new volunteer
editor!**

Interested? Contact the Clerk for more info
clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk
07912 565665

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Tales from your Parish Clerk



I hope you have all had a fantastic summer!

Whilst my Councillors attempted to enjoy their summer recess, I was beavering away as usual but at a more relaxed pace which has been lovely. It is that time of the year when you can do all the little things that you have been putting off (like filing for example) and I've managed to catch up and I am ready and raring to go.

With all this hot weather and very little rain you may have noticed that our village pond is more like a village puddle at the moment. I have been trying to secure an onsite appointment with the principal engineers at West Berkshire Council who initially worked with us on the excavation project and liaised with the contractors assigned to do the work. Summer holidays have got in the way of booking in a date for everyone concerned and I hope that by the time you are reading this, we have a date in the diary and can look at how we can resolve this issue.

We have seen that people have been enjoying spending the long summer holidays and fine weather up at the recreation ground which is brilliant. Sadly, the table tennis equipment has taken a bit of a battering (has a dog been attempting to play?! It looks like bite marks...) so not only is the box broken, so are the bats and the second lot of balls we have provided! The trouble with this is, that a small minority of folk ruin it for others who actually want to play. I will source some new bats made of an alternative material and hopefully less resistant to this scale of damage in the future. I will get some more balls as well and replace the box they are stored in one last time. If they are damaged again, they will not be replaced as we can't keep spending public money on this.



In other playground news, thanks to a £373.26 grant from West Berkshire Council via our Ward Councillor, Carolyne Culver we have been able to purchase a couple of new litter bins. These are lidded bins which means litter cannot blow out of the bin and swirl around the playground, making it a much nicer place to be! As they have a lid, which requires a key to remove, the Council have thankfully agreed to entering into a contract with Triangle Management to empty these bins on a monthly basis (or more if needed). This means that neither me, nor Paul Finch need to don our rubber gloves again and empty them ourselves! Woohoo!

We have noticed that the pigeons have taken a fancy to perching above the new (ish) baby swings and leaving their mark so to speak... One seat is protected and clean (thanks Tracey and Graham!) and the other is on my list to sort out ASAP. Sorry little ones, I will get this sorted!

As we move towards the autumn, the Council's attention turns to budget setting, five year plans and the precept. We would be interested to hear your thoughts about future projects so we can investigate costs and consider them in the 2023 / 2024 budget. You can do this by speaking to any of the Councillors, or me, or pop along to a meeting and share your ideas. We'd love to hear from you.

We hope to see you at a meeting soon, we are back face to face in the School hall but we have the ability to hop back on Zoom if we need to.

Enjoy the edition,
Fen

Future Meeting Dates of the Parish Council



Date	Time	Location
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

Email: clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk

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Facebook: @eiparishcouncil

Twitter: @eastilsleypari1

Instagram: @eastilsleypc

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

Website: www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk



East Ilsley Parish Council Member Responsibilities as of September 2022:

Chairman: Cllr. Mike Pembroke

Vice Chairman: Cllr. Andrew Sharp

Allotment Officer: Cllr. Stephen Meadows

Common Land Officer: Cllr. Stephen Meadows

Playground Officer: Cllr. Mike Pembroke

Footpaths Officer: Cllr. Mike Pembroke

Pond Officer: Cllr. Nick Watkins

Traffic & Highways
Officer: Cllr. Mark Browne

Community Engagement
Officer: Cllr. Nick Watkins and Cllr. Andrew Sharp

Community Infrastructure
Officer: Cllr. Dominic Robertson & Cllr. Mark Browne

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

Update from Councillor Carolyn Culver

Dear Residents,

I hope you found my latest newsletter interesting. I won't repeat what was in it.



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

There is a public petition asking West Berkshire Council to make 'hedgehog highways' a condition for major planning applications. According to the 'State of Britain's Hedgehog's report, hedgehog numbers are down in rural areas by between 30% and 75% since 2000. If the council accepts the petition, developers of big new housing estates would be required to leave small holes in the bottom of fences so that hedgehogs can travel across the site. My friend Jill Hoblin, a wildlife campaigner from Winterbourne, started the public petition. Visit this link for more information and to sign the petition

tinyurl.com/yc2saa68

You will have seen the advert hanging from your bin about the new food waste collection scheme. The advert says that between 22 August and 31 October residents will receive a kitchen food waste caddy, an outside food waste caddy and a roll of compostable liners delivered to your door. For more information visit www.westberks.gov.uk/foodwaste

If anyone would like to help me water the orchard next to the allotments let me know! I am using watering cans and buckets because of the hosepipe ban.

There will be a public meeting about the cost of living crisis at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21 September at St John's Church in Newbury. The primary aim of the meeting will be to coordinate the community response to the crisis and develop a network of support hubs. These hubs would provide a warm and comfortable space for residents who are unable to heat their homes, and signpost people to where they can get more support. The meeting is being organised by my colleague Councillor Steve Masters and will be chaired by a member of the church community. All are welcome.

You will have seen lots of publicity for GreenFest by now. It is shaping up to be a very impressive event. The organisers are working extremely hard to make this a success. I will be there all day and speaking in the afternoon, so hopefully see you there - Hampstead Norreys on Saturday 10 September.

To report a problem to WBC - fly tipping, uncut verges, bins that need emptying, potholes etc - visit www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem If it's urgent call 01635 551111 or email customerservices@westberks.gov.uk If you are not happy with the response you receive please let me know.

Best wishes

Councillor Carolyn Culver
Ridgeway ward
Green Party group leader
West Berkshire Council

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GETTING SUPPORT DURING THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Your West Berkshire Councillor Carolyn Culver, and village volunteer co-ordinators who supported residents during the pandemic, understand the challenges facing residents as food, energy and housing costs increase. If you or people you know need support in these tough times there are local organisations that offer advice and assistance. Carolyn and the village volunteer co-ordinators hope you find this information useful. If they find any other useful information they will add it to the local village Facebook pages.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

A government fund administered by West Berkshire Council for residents experiencing hardship. The fund provides one-off payments to those most in need, to help with energy bills, food, clothing and housing costs. Visit www.westberks.gov.uk/householdsupportfund to check whether you are eligible.

WEST BERKSHIRE FOODBANK



Part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Call 01635 813390, email info@westberks.foodbank.org.uk or visit www.westberks.foodbank.org.uk

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

If you are overwhelmed with growing debt CAP's Newbury branch might be able to help. Visit www.capuk.org or www.capuk.org/contact-us

christians
against
poverty



COMMUNITY CAFE

A weekly 'pop up' café, held at the Starting Gate Pub on Brummell Road, Speen.

The café is hosted by local residents every Wednesday from 2-5pm.

speencommunitycafe@gmail.com



SOUP KITCHEN

The Soup Kitchen is open for a take away food and outreach service on Thursdays 6-7pm and outreach on Tuesdays 2-4pm at the Salvation Army Hall in Northcroft Lane, Newbury. They also provide a limited offering on Wednesdays 5.45-6.45pm and Saturdays 5-6pm at the Newbury Wharf. Visit www.newburysoupkitchen.org.uk or email enquire@newburysoupkitchen.org.uk



LOOSE ENDS

Loose Ends is a drop-centre in Newbury serving food to the homeless and vulnerable.

www.looseendsnewbury.org

admin@looseendsnewbury.org

Newbury Cricket Club, Northcroft Lane, Newbury RG14 1RS



COMMUNITY LARDERS

This membership scheme provides healthy, affordable food to the West Berkshire community which would otherwise be sent to landfill.

The nearest larder to Ridgeway ward is at the Waterside Centre, Waldegrave Place, Newbury RG14 1DS

8 BELLS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Eight Bells is a friendly, member-led, voluntary group, providing friendship, support, and a listening ear to people experiencing mental health issues in Newbury, Thatcham, and surrounding areas.

Email coordinator@eightbellsnewbury.co.uk or visit www.eightbellsnewbury.co.uk

8 Bells social events happen at Friends Meeting House, 1 Highfield Avenue, Newbury, RG14 5DS

Contact your West Berkshire Councillor Carolyn Culver via 07976 374146 or email carolyn.culver1@westberks.gov.uk if you need support from WBC. She can also put you in contact with your village's volunteer coordinator.

GreenFest 2022

GreenFest is finally making it's long-awaited, post-COVID comeback and we can assure you, it's not going to disappoint!

Still organised and run by volunteers and funded by our local communities, still looking to educate, delight and inspire - but this year, this popular BIG, GREEN, festival got BIGGER!

Here's 5 reasons why we think you need to be at GreenFest this September.

1. IT'S FREE!

It's not just the fact that there's no entrance fee. It's the whole shebang! With the exception of lifestyle stalls / food & drink, the zillions of activities and the expertise on offer is all.....well, as we said, FREE!

2. DE-CLUTTER YOUR HOME WITHOUT FILLING YOUR BIN

When was the last time you wore that tie...any tie?! How many paddling pools bit the dust this summer alone? Why are you still holding on to those felt tips pens that dried out years ago? We're not only giving you the chance to channel your Marie Kondo and get rid of the stuff cluttering up your cupboards - we're going to divert it from land fill.

Take a look at what we're collecting in our Waste Not, Want Not bins at GreenFest this year. You'll be surprised at how valuable your clutter can be - one man's trash and all that!

3. IT'S NOT JUST FOR GROWN UPS

Be you baby, toddler, tween or teen, there'll be plenty to sink your teeth into. Forest School, graffiti, crafting, constructing, lights, shopping.....the list goes on.

4. IT'S A BIT SHOWBIZ

We've had none other than Version 2 Lighting (lighting engineers for Strictly Come Dancing don't ya know!) working alongside Hampstead Norreys' own Trust for Sustainable Living, to create an immersive light and sound show, that will dazzle us and stir us in equal measure.

5. IT'LL HELP SAVE THE WORLD

Whenever we ask experts what we can do to make a real difference, the answer is always COMMUNICATE. Tell people what you've changed, what you plan to change, demand change where you see it's needed.

From choosing your electric car to picking the brains of our expert speakers and panellists, we hope that you'll leave GreenFest with the enthusiasm and determination to be part of the change we need to see and that you'll tell people about it!

Details:

- Time: 10am - 5.30pm
- Date: Saturday 10th September 2022
- Location: Spanning across the village from the Village Hall to the Manor Farm Courtyard, The Hampstead Norreys Community Shop and Orchard, St Mary's Church, The Good Life Hub and the Litten.
- Free Parking Available (follow the signs)
- Entry fee: Free
- Website: www.ourgreenfest.co.uk or search Facebook for "Greenfest"



SAT 10TH SEPT. 10AM-5.30PM
HAMPSTEAD NORREYS RG18 0TD

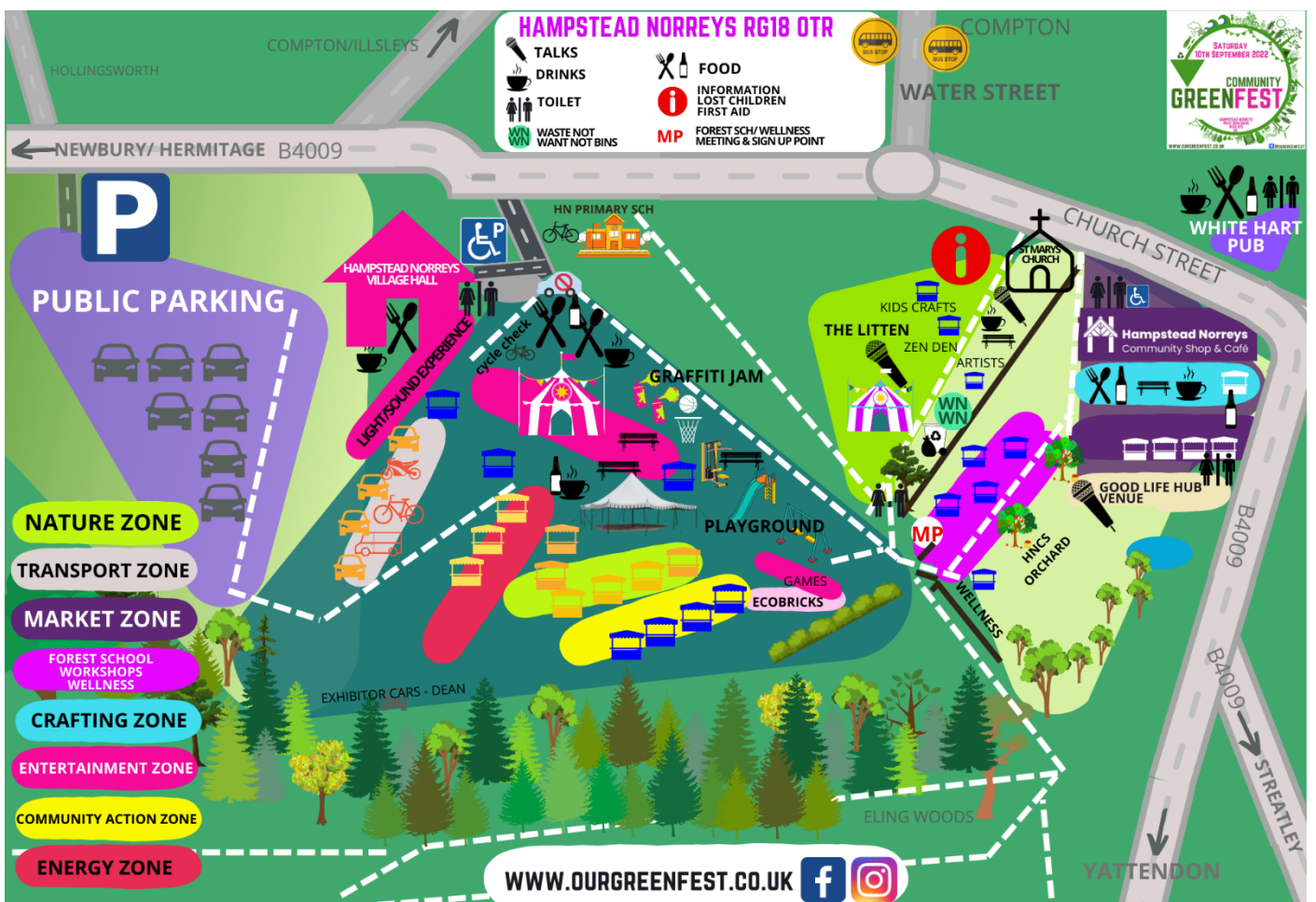
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SUSTAINABLE IDEAS FOR LIFE!
FREE FUN DAY!

FREE ACTIVITIES & ADVICE TRANSPORT NATURE WELLNESS ENERGY EV CARS TALKS LIFESTYLE IDEAS STALLS FOOD

AN EXAMPLE OF JUST A FEW OF THE STANDS IN OUR 6 FESTIVAL ZONES - EACH ONE HAS A FREE HANDS-ON FREE ACTIVITY TO TRY. AS WELL AS A MARKET OF OVER 40 STALLS, FOREST SCHOOL, IMMERSIVE LIGHT EXPERIENCE, FOOD & DRINK AND FREE ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY



Getting to GreenFest

Take the bus! Check out the slightly enhanced timetable for Saturday 10th September:

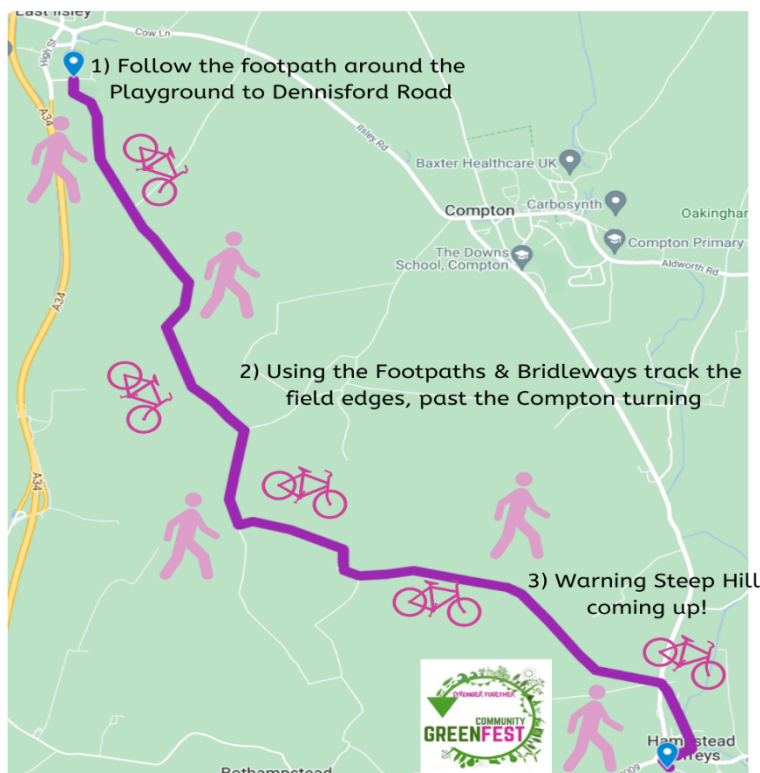


BUS TIMETABLE ON 10TH SEPTEMBER

	6A	6A	6B	6B	6	6B	6	6B	6	6B	6	6
NEWBURY RAIL STATION		0842	0850	0952	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1522		1807
NEWBURY WHARF BUS STATION (D)	0650	0850	0858	1000	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1615	1815
NEWBURY PARK WAY (P)	0652	0852	0900	1002	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1617	1817
SHAW CEMETERY			0907	1009	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	1624	1823
DONNINGTON, THE CASTLE INN	0656	0856										
CHIEVELEY, EAST LANE	0706	0906										
BEEDON, THE COACH PH	0710	0910										
HERMITAGE PO			0916	1018	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548	1633	1831
HAMPSTEAD NORREYS, WATER STREET	(0742)	(0949)	0924	1026	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1556	1641	1839
COMPTON, THE SWAN					1104		1304		1504		1649	1846
EAST ILSLEY, CHURCH HILL					1109		1309		1509		1654	1851
WEST ILSLEY, THE HARROW	0720	0920			1114		1314		1514		1659	

Note: the 6b is a Double Decker Bus put on for GreenFest. Due to the low bridge in Compton, it is unable to go further than Hampstead Norreys.

Walk or Cycle! Follow our handy map below and save fuel and money and get some exercise!



Getting to GreenFest via Pedal or human power is a doddle! Just use the footpath / bridleway network that joins East Ilsley with Hampstead Norreys. No roads, no fast cars, just quiet peaceful countryside. You can access the map on any smart device or computer by entering the link below. There is plenty of Bike Parking when you get there.

<https://bit.ly/3pJaKF6>

I'm case sensitive so type exactly as you see me!

SAY YES TO SECOND HAND SEPTEMBER

Take on the Second Hand September challenge and join a growing movement of people taking on the challenge of choosing second hand for the month of September.

Find unique, money-saving outfits that are new to you, whilst reducing the impact of fast fashion and raising money for a better and more equal world without poverty.

The challenge

- ✓ Shop only second hand for a month
- ✓ Reduce the impact of fast fashion
- ✓ Share your outfits on social media

Sign up today at this link: <https://actions.oxfam.org/great-britain/shs/sign-up-5/>

You will get an instant 20% discount code for Oxfam online shop sent to your inbox, tips and know-how from second hand style gurus and a chance of winning front row tickets to Oxfam's invite only 'Fashion Fighting poverty - a London Fashion Week event on 15th September 2022!



Share your style:

"Wearing all second hand clothes!! Featuring my favourite second hand trainers." Zara Lulli Ann, via Instagram

Share instructions

#SecondHandSeptember and tag **@OxfamGB**

"A more sustainable and feel-good way of shopping for new outfits"

St Mary's Church, East Ilsley

Letter from a Licensed Lay Minister



Wow! What a summer it has been with extreme temperatures in July and August and very little rain.

Apart from the weather, some of you may have been unfortunate enough to have been affected by the disruptions on the railways and at airports due to the heatwaves or overcrowding and may have had holiday plans changed at the last minute. I for one, had to change my rail journey back home from York, because there was a risk of high temperatures buckling the railway lines!

There have been changes in the Hermitage Team too, not caused by the heatwave, but by personal circumstances. Our Team Vicar, Revd Sue Webster, who has been with us for almost three years, retired in the middle of August to move with her husband, the Revd Robin Webster, to Bracknell where he has taken up the position of vicar of a parish there. Sue's contribution to the Hermitage Team has been very much valued and appreciated and we will miss her. We wish her a very happy retirement and a fruitful ministry for Robin.

Change is something many try to avoid. It brings us out of our comfort zone, but without change we don't move on and experience new things. School children will be moving up to different classes, schools, higher education or starting a career. It may seem strange at first, quite scary in fact, but beneficial and necessary in the development of the individual and we wish them well.

Whatever age we are, we ourselves change all the time. We may not notice, but God our Heavenly Father does. He loves each one of us and looks out for us all the time, yet He does not change. God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and He said these reassuring words, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' (Hebrews 13:5)

Enjoy a cooler September!

Blessings

Wendy Willoughby-Paul
Licensed Lay Minister



Due to the first Friday of the month in September still being 'school holidays' Little Angels will take place on **Friday 9th September**, at 10am at Hampstead Norreys Church. All little ones are welcome for Bible readings, music, and play! We'll be back to the usual 'first Friday of the month in October.

Sunday Services in East Ilsley - September / October / November 2022

Date	East Ilsley
Sunday 4 th September Trinity 12	9.30am Parish Communion
Sunday 11 th September Trinity 13	No Service here (9.30am - Parish Communion at Compton Church)
Sunday 18 th September Trinity 14	11.00am Pet Blessing Service - all pet's welcome!
Sunday 25 th September Trinity 15	No Service here (9.30am Parish Communion at Compton Church)
Sunday 2 nd October Trinity 16	9.30am Parish Communion
Sunday 9 th October Trinity 17	6.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise Service (Please bring items for donation to the West Berkshire Foodbank)
Sunday 16 th October Trinity 18	No Service here (9.30am - Parish Communion at Compton Church)
Sunday 23 rd October Last Sunday after Trinity	No Service here (9.30am - Parish Communion at Compton Church)
Sunday 30 th October All Saints Day	No Service here today (10.00am - Team Service at Hermitage Church - all are welcome) (3.00pm - Remembered with Love Service at Compton Church) (4.00pm - Remembered with Love Service at Hampstead Norreys Church) *Anyone who has lost someone and wishes to remember them with love at a special service can join us at Compton or Hampstead Norreys
Sunday 6 th November 3 Before Advent	9.30am Parish Communion
Sunday 13 th November Remembrance Sunday	No Service here (The Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Service will take place at Hampstead Norreys Church, including a parade, timings to be confirmed)
Sunday 20 th November Christ the King	11.00am All Age Praise
Sunday 27 th November Advent 1	No Service here (9.30am - Parish Communion at Compton Church)

Please note that the schedule for October and November is pending approval by the Parochial Church Committee. Any changes to the schedule will be advertised on our website (www.hermitage-team.org.uk) or via the posters on the Church and Parish Council noticeboards.

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

Zoom Log on:

Meeting ID: 852 8260 1395

Passcode: 093927



Time with God



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/hermitagetteam-youtube>

Online Service in the Team:

Wednesday Team Pilgrims / Online Meditation @ 7.30pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88029290241?pwd=NXNKSG0xYnB2RTI1ZWliankrU1VBUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 2929 0241

Passcode: 106973

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.

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Reverend Wayne is currently on long term sick leave. If you need to contact the Church or the Ministry Team please call 01635 228104 or 07467 611194 or email fenella@hermitage-team.org.uk. The Parish Office is open Monday to Thursday 9am to 11am.

RIDE + STRIDE
for Churches
10TH SEPT. 2022

HELP SAVE OUR CHURCH HERITAGE

Choose your own route and travel at your own pace – enjoy the day!

Cycle, ride or walk to help save our churches. Through sponsorship or a donation you will be supporting your local heritage

Contact: rideandstrideberks@gmail.com

Support Berkshire's churches by donating at www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust

Find out more at
www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk
Charity number: 288707

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Charity Number: 1119845
 NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST
Your. for. good.

The churches of Berkshire are worth saving for many future generations. One way you can help is by signing up for the annual Ride & Stride event and then please ask all your friends and family to sponsor you generously. Sponsor forms can be printed off via the Ride+Stride website: <https://ridestride.org/berkshire> . For JustGiving sponsorship please follow the detailed instructions in 'Guidelines' which can be found under the Ride+Stride drop down tab on this website.

Ride+Stride happens every year throughout the country. Our wonderful Berkshire supporters raised nearly £25,000 in 2021 - how can we improve on this for 2022?

St Peter's Woolhampton have won the Daphne Barnes-Phillips challenge cup for the past two years, which church will wrest this award from them?! This cup is given to the church raising most money through sponsorship and you can walk, jog, cycle, or ride round any number of churches anywhere you choose. We will have an updated list of participating churches, plus a few routes, on the BHCT website.

You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm on September 10th. Sign in at each church you visit; have a look round and enjoy refreshments. Do please take photos of your expedition and send them to me after the event, we will use the best ones on the BHCT website.

Prue Matchwick
prue.matchwick@gmail.com
Ride + Stride County Co-ordinator

**Upcoming
Events:**



The West Berkshire foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. Please bring your donations to the Harvest Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 9th October and we will deliver them to the Foodbank.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Current requirements:

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

KIDS LUNCHBOX ITEMS - NON-CHILLED

TINNED VEGETABLES - E.G. KIDNEY BEANS, SWEET CORN, CARROTS ETC.

TINNED MEAT / MEAT MEALS

INSTANT MASH

TIN OPENERS

SNACKS - CEREAL BARS / NUTS / DRIED FRUIT ETC.

WASHING-UP LIQUID

LOW ON STOCK

SHAVING FOAM

RAZORS - SHAVING

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

TINNED FRUIT

SPONGE PUDDINGS (NOT CHILLED)

TINNED TOMATOES

TINNED CUSTARD OR RICE PUDDING

POT NOODLE

PASTA SAUCE

COFFEE

MUG SHOTS

TINNED SOUP

UHT LONG LIFE MILK

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

PASTA - ALL TYPES

TOOTHPASTE

PORRIDGE

BAKED BEANS/TINNED SPAGHETTI

DOG & CAT FOOD

These lists might change between September and October but it gives you a good starting point.

We will advertise the current requirement lists widely in the village and across social networks to make sure we can help provide what they really need. Thank you for supporting!



Dear Everyone,

Thank you all, so much, for your kindness and good wishes as I leave for the adventure of retirement!

Thank you too for the gifts you gave me. It's been a very special three years living and working among you.



As some of you know Robin and I are moving to Bracknell so that Robin can take up the position of Vicar at Holy Trinity church. The church is situated in the middle of the town so life is going to be a little more 'urban' for us - I'm sure we will learn a lot and hopefully contribute as well!

May God bless you all in the coming months and maybe our paths will cross again - I shall not be that far away!

Sue
Revd Sue Webster

Aldworth Craft Group

Aldworth Craft Group

We will be in Aldworth village hall from

12th September 2022

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

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

Each session costs £2.50.

Autumn term dates:

September: 12th and 26th

October: 10th and 24th

November: 14th and 28th

December: 12th

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



East Ilsley Community Project Auction

Fundraising for the creation of a community centre in our village church.

We originally planned to hold a live auction, but in order to give people more opportunities to browse and bid the auction will take place online instead.

Please have a look at our items for auction. There's quite a variety, and we do have a few more to add, so we hope there is something to interest everyone.

The auction runs until approximately 21.00 on Sunday 11th September, the items will close ten minutes after the last bid. You can find it at this link: <https://auctionofpromises.com/EICP2022>

Items on offer include:

- ✚ ***Dyson cordless vacuum cleaner***
- ✚ ***East Ilsley Photographic Memories book***
- ✚ ***Tickets for Truck Festival 2023***
- ✚ ***Tickets for Newbury races***
- ✚ ***An evening of astronomy***
- ✚ ***Gin, beer and champagne***
- ✚ ***Round of golf***
- ✚ ***Morning on the gallops & breakfast with the trainer***
- ✚ ***Paintings of local views***
- ✚ ***Manicure/pedicure voucher***
- ✚ ***Tickets to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Wellington Country Park***
- ✚ ***Helicopter flight***
- ✚ ***3000 piece jigsaw puzzle***
- ✚ ***Berkshire Vale - collectable book (Cecil Aldin)***
- ✚ ***Woodchip***
- ✚ ***Fly a radio-controlled model aircraft***
- ✚ ***Limited edition framed prints***
- ✚ ***A Walters turkey***
- ✚ ***Drone photography session***
- ✚ ***Barber shop voucher***
- ✚ ***Antiquarian book***
- ✚ ***Limited edition plates with local views***
- ✚ ***Cakes***
- ✚ ***Commissioned pet portrait***
- ✚ ***Historic aerial photographs of East Ilsley***
- ✚ ***Ride in a combine harvester***
- ✚ ***Green oak chopping board by Marnie Moyle***



We are fundraising towards essential repairs to St Mary's, our Grade 1 listed parish church, and adapting the interior to include modern facilities and create space. It can then be used for a variety of events and activities as well as for worship. Concerts, exhibitions, playgroups, fitness classes, tabletop sales, you name it! It will be available to all and will benefit the whole community as we have no village hall. Now that church services are infrequent, let's keep this lovely historic building alive.

The Autumn Group



Autumn Group incorporating the Hobbies Club



It is amazing how our committee continues to rise to the challenge of maintaining a full diary with some wonderful and stimulating talks, practical sessions and demonstrations:

The Ikebana (Japanese Flower Arranging) session was thoroughly enjoyed by all and unearthed some amazing talent.

We followed that session with Decoupage which involved cutting out pictures, gluing them to an object and then coating the pictures and the object with layers of varnish.



We were blessed with perfect weather for one of our old favorites the Pony and Trap trip around the village which attracted a good turnout of excited members.



Following on from our presentation to the East Ilsley Parish Meeting on the group and its history we were offered the opportunity to do the same at the Compton Parish Meeting. Hopefully those present found it interesting.



This year we held the annual "Chairmans" Tea Party at a new venue so called it the Vice-Chairmans Tea Party. I think everyone really enjoyed it. Sorry, Joan - your place next year.

Our most recent speaker was from a local organisation called the Sebastian Trust. Quite frankly unknown to many of us, but what fantastic work they do with the aim of supporting critically ill children and their families from diagnosis, throughout illness and beyond; to be there for them ALWAYS.

Just to be different we decided to have a Fish & Chip Party during the height of the heat wave. This was a very enjoyable afternoon with almost a full turn out.

We had another one of those wild “arty” afternoons, this time Paint-Pouring which gave us a messy opportunity to learn a new abstract painting technique.



So, what do we have next on the programme?

30 th August	Birds of Prey	Ray Prior will bring a selection of his birds
6 th September	Musical Bingo	A 60's theme afternoon
13 th September	Games Afternoon	An afternoon of general indoor games
20 th September	Cake Decorating	Bring a cake and try your skills
27 th September	Skittles & Bingo	
4 th October	Dog Training	Lorraine, our local expert, is coming talk about various techniques
7 th October	Visit to the Dogs Trust	
11 th October	Autumn Flower Arranging	

As mentioned previously that for the benefit of all our members and anyone else you care to pop in we are running a “jigsaw library” where we have a growing stock that they can borrow a puzzle. This library will be open during normal club hours on a Tuesday.

We are open to all of any age, not just residents of Compton and 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

chairman@autumngroup.org

Joan, Vice Chairman

07818 292 322

joan@autumngroup.org

St Patrick's Church - East Ilsley

A reminder that Sunday Mass is once more being said at St Patrick's, Old Stanmore Road, at 11.15am. All are welcome. We suggest parking on the High Street to avoid congestion on Old Stanmore Road.

St Patrick's is served from East Hendred. See www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk Mgr Andrew Burnham is the Parish Priest and can be contacted on 01235 835038 or aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Mass is livestreamed from St Mary's, East Hendred and you can access it here:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/easthendred>



ILSLEY EVERGREENS

Hello everyone.

Our latest trip was on August 24th, when we went to the lovely coastal town of Swanage in Dorset. When we arrived it was a little misty over the hill tops, but after a short while, out came the sun and we all enjoyed a wonderful day by the seaside. Some of the group actually went for a paddle!!

Although these 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 remaining trips for 2022 are, on a Wednesday unless otherwise stated.

SEPTEMBER 3RD ~ SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING ~ Wilkins Centre, COMPTON. 10am until noon. Coffee and Cake only £1.

SEPTEMBER 9TH ~ (Friday) FAMILY PRIZE BINGO ~ Compton Village Hall. 7pm.

SEPTEMBER 21ST ~ STRATFORD ON AVON ~ with optional 1hr River Cruise.

SEPTEMBER 29TH ~ (Thursday) NEW THEATRE OXFORD. 2:30 pm Matinee "DREAMGIRLS" ~ Classis 60's Musical ~ 2 Tickets available @ £25 + Transport.

SEPTEMBER 30TH ~ (Friday) CORN EXCHANGE NEWBURY. 7:45 pm "CRIMES ON CENTRE COURT" ~ Comedy "Who done it" ~ 2 Tickets @ £19.50.

OCTOBER 11TH ~ (Tuesday) SALISBURY and MARKET (Tuesday)

NOVEMBER 16TH ~ New Theatre Oxford ~ Agatha Christie's Famous Murder Mystery ~ "THE MOUSETRAP" ~ 70th Anniversary Tour. Tickets £29 + Transport.

NOVEMBER 30TH ~ BRISTOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS ON OUR POSTERS (see next page)

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

Contact either: Julia - 01635 281597 or Tony - 07780 994297 to book your seat.

Thank You.

Tony Elliott ~ Secretary



COACH TRIP

TO

STRATFORD ON AVON

WITH OPTIONAL 1HR RIVER CRUISE

ON WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 21st

The coach will depart from:

West Ilsley bus stop at 9:00am

Compton bus stop at 9:10am

East Ilsley bus stop at 9:15am

Departing destination at 4:00pm

Call **JULIA** on **01635 281597** to book your
seat for only **£17**.

Arranged by

ILSLEY EVERGREENS



COACH TRIP

TO

SALISBURY

ON

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 11TH

The coach will depart from:

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Compton bus stop at 9:10am

East Ilsley bus stop at 9:15am

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FAMILY PRIZE BINGO



COMPTON VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Doors open: **7:00PM** Starts at: **7:30PM**

GENEROUS PRIZES

SUPERB RAFFLE

COME AND ENJOY THE BEST OF BINGO!

Refreshments available

From a garden office in East Ilsley to the Edinburgh Fringe...

In the last EIC we advertised the July performance of a locally penned play, **In Her Defence** as part of a journey to take it to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August. Well...we made it!

Sincerest thanks to all the residents, friends and families that helped us to achieve this ambition by coming to see the Fringe preview in July and supporting and encouraging us at every step.

The original play, written in lockdown in the garden office, was called **Evil Will Come** by Helen Saxton (written under the pen name Alexi Stonehouse) and was performed by the Compton Players in November 2021. We made some small modifications and gave it the new name, **In Her Defence**, and it was submitted to the Oxfordshire Drama Festival of one-act plays performed in June 2022 with the same cast. It was chosen as one of the three best plays to be repeated on the final night of the festival, where it won the Original Playwriting Award for best new play.

We had already decided to take it to the Edinburgh Fringe, rewriting part of the play so that it could be performed by just two players. Rehearsals ran through June and July, alongside trimming the set down enough so it could all be driven in one car the 400 miles to Scotland.



Photo Credit: EdinburghGuide.com /
Vivien Delvin

Opening 'night' was 22nd August and the **four star** reviews have been fantastic, with the *Edinburgh Guide* stating: *"The ending is so brilliantly clever it matches the dastardly denouement of 'The Murder of Roger Ackroyd' (voted 'best crime novel ever written') and the British Theatre Guide* praising the skilful writing and '*wicked twist*', and audience members saying: *'The acting performances, the writing and the direction of the piece were all excellent'*.

This will have been an experience like no other, unlikely to be repeated – but who knows? This could be just the start! I say that as I am writing this on behalf of Helen, Pete, Mel, Evie, and James, as they are still in Edinburgh as this magazine goes to print!

On behalf of *Dead Herring*, thanks again for supporting them on their adventure to get to the Edinburgh Fringe.

Rob Krewman

In Her Defence: Helen Saxton (writer), Pete Watt (director), Melanie Watt (stage manager), Evie and James Watt (assistant stage manager)



The Compton Players

Advance Notice!!

Compton Players Autumn Production will be

Happy Acres

By H. Connolly

In the Coronation Hall, Compton

26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th October 2022



It may be advertised as "A Quality Establishment" but Happy Acres health farm is far from that. The domineering Mrs Comley and her sidekick Sam, the old odd job man, are in charge of the worn out and tired buildings. Sam is running a moonshine whisky still from the garden shed. They both spend their time trying to relieve the clientele of pounds, not from their waists but from their wallets. Mrs Comley, in cahoots with Madame O, the struck-off hypnotist, allow the inmates to indulge in a spot of "harmless hypnotics". That is until all the booking forms get muddled up and the punters become not quite what they expected!

A fast paced, very funny comedy that all the family can enjoy.



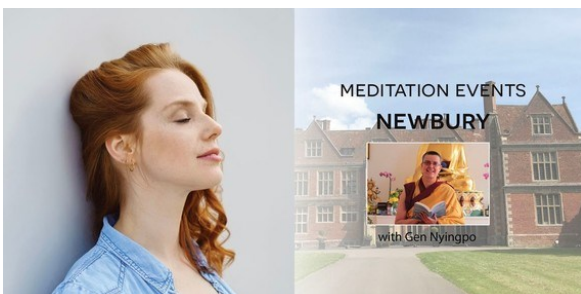
Shaw House Picnics



Enjoy a Shaw House picnic in our beautiful open grounds, the perfect opportunity to relax and dine, shaded by our ancient trees! Picnic hampers can be pre-ordered online and are available on most weekends during our public open days until the end of September. Each picnic basket is supplied with a waterproof blanket for you to borrow during your visit and comes with a set menu of locally produced food, all considerably packaged ready for you to take outside.

Picnics are £10 per person. For more information, to check dates and to book, please visit <https://buff.ly/3fb8VLz> Bookings will close the Wednesday before each available weekend.

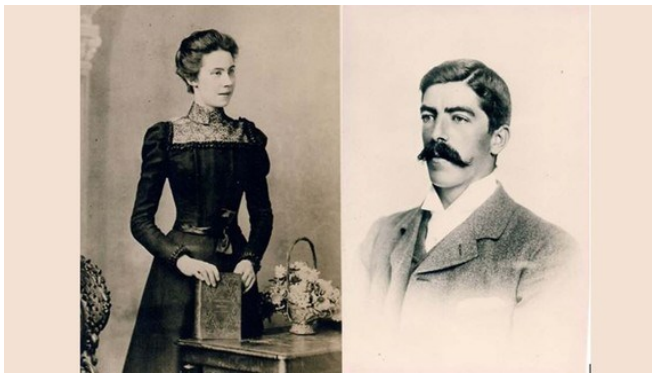
Mindfulness Toolkit



Training in basic mindfulness is a tool for managing our emotions and controlling our thoughts and feelings. During this talk you will learn about how meditation works, essential tools for meditation: concentration, mindfulness and alertness and how to overcome distraction

Thurs 15 Sep | Shaw House | 7.30-8.45pm | £10

In-Person Talk: Dressing Victorians and Edwardians in West Berkshire



In this talk, Alison Toplis will discuss women's fashion and also consider menswear and children's clothes, looking at ordinary people as well as those in elite society.

Outlining how both the local economic environment and wider events impacted on the clothing choices of people during this period, the talk will trace a fascinating path through sartorial histories, using photographs and surviving garments as well as written accounts.

Friday 16 September | Shaw House | Doors open 6.30pm | Talk 7pm | £15 per person (includes 125ml glass of Prosecco/Nozeco and Private View)

Workshops: From Drawing to Print



Find inspiration in the local environment in this printmaking course run over three consecutive mornings.

On the first day, you will gather information - using our drawings to make sense of what we see, interpreting the surroundings with various drawing methods, as well as collecting some objects to use on the prints. On the second day, we'll create the plates and seal them ready for printing on the third day. The third day will be all about printing

and you'll leave with a selection of single and multi-plate prints inspired by the workshop location.

Wed 21, Thurs 22, Fri 23 September | West Berkshire Museum | 10am - 12pm | £75

In-person talk: Developing Creative Artworks Using Local Inspiration



In 2021, Isabel Carmona received a grant from the Arts Council to develop her creative practice. As we were in the middle of the Covid lockdown when she started, her routine walks led her to various locations that she had not paid attention to before and inspired her to develop her artwork based on her surroundings. This talk follows the development of Isabel's work in

discovering the richness of information and inspiration so close to home. The talk will also explain the techniques used in creating the prints displayed in her exhibition currently at West Berkshire Museum.

Wed 14 Sept | West Berkshire Museum | 1 - 2pm | Free (donations welcome)



Flu/COVID vaccination clinics 2022/23

It's that time of year again! Our first flu/COVID vaccination clinics will be held in October 2022. If you are eligible, you will be offered a flu vaccination and we will aim to also offer a COVID Autumn booster (subject to delivery from suppliers) in the same appointment. Invites will be sent to eligible patients in 'waves' to manage booking demand. The first wave of invites will be sent in the next couple of weeks. Patients with a mobile number on their records will be sent a text with a link to book an appointment online (your mobile phone will need access to the internet). If we don't have your mobile number on file, now is the time to update us. If you don't have a mobile number registered with us, we will call you to book you in. If you receive a text but can't access the internet via your mobile phone, just give us a call. Please wait to be invited. We need to keep our telephone lines available for patients requiring medical help so please do not call us to chase your invite. All eligible patients will be invited. BE AWARE: The police have received reports of a scam involving patients being offered flu/covid vaccinations in exchange for a fee/bank details. If you have received a call you are unsure about, call the surgery for advice. The NHS will never ask you for your bank account/card details, ask you for your PIN number or banking password or arrive unannounced at your home to administer your flu/covid vaccine

Foodbank Community Collection Point

The Downland Practice (Chieveley site) has now become a community collection point for West Berks Foodbank. Our staff have been running a collection for the past few months and we are proud to now open up our collection point to the wider community. The collection basket is located in the front lobby (roadside) at Chieveley Surgery and we welcome your donations. Shopping lists of currently needed items, and leaflets on how to access foodbank support are situated next to the basket.

Abuse of NHS staff

There have been several patients behaving in an inappropriate manner towards the staff whilst using the pharmacy, practice telephone and text messaging facilities. Behaving in an inappropriate manner towards our staff is not to be tolerated. We have now placed up NHS posters across both sites to remind patients to behave when using NHS services at the downland practice. This is still an issue at the practice, patients who misbehave towards any of our staff will be given a warning letter, where appropriate then the Police will be informed, this may end up with the patient receiving a Public Order Offence and being removed from the Downland Practice List.

Paramedic

Mike Essery joined the team back in January 2022. Mike is seeing patients who have urgent on the day demands, if it is appropriate then the patient will be handed over the care of the Duty Doctor. This will allow the practice to eventually free up some GP time so that we can offer more routine GP appointments to our patients. Mike has been well received by many of the patients he has seen to date.

Change GP Requests

We are getting several change GP requests; this is where the patient's named GP is requested to be changed for another GP. Please be aware that if the GP you request already has a full list of patients, then you will be allocated to a GP who has gaps in their patient list. This then reduces a GP having too many patients on their list and reduces their patients from having to wait longer to see them for a routine appointment. From time to time the GP lists are amended

so that the spread of patients is equal across the GP's who work at the Practice. A GP who works four days a week will have a patient list double that of a GP who works two days a week. The Practice always attempts to send patients a text to notify them of the change on their named GP, failing this an email will be sent, failing that then a letter will be sent out. Whilst we endeavour to action GP change requests within a four week period this can be longer due to large GP lists and GP annual leave.

Staff Changes

Barbara Howe the Clinical Pharmacist is left the team at the end of March 2022. She may still be about in the Downland Pharmacy for a few months as she has elected to undertake Pharmacy Locum Work. The Downland Practice are in the process of recruiting a new Clinical Pharmacist. A Clinical Pharmacist role is becoming more embedded at the surgery, they undertake medication reviews for patients and can see patients for chronic health disease reviews and some can deal with urgent on the day patients. This is freeing up GP time so that the GP's can see other patients with more complex needs that take longer than the standard 10-minute GP appointment. The Downland Practice has been successful in recruiting a new Pharmacist to run the Downland Pharmacy. Sharifah Khan currently works for Boots in Thatcham and is due to start in Mid July 2022.

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The Downland Practice PPG has been in operation for several years but in the last few months we have started to formalise this group more. We now have a Chairperson and a PPG Committee; this PPG Committee currently exists from the previous PPG members who are generally representatives of the Parish Councils. If any patient wishes to join the PPG then they are most welcome to email at pm.downland@nhs.net. PPG members will be sent out updates from the practice by email. The PPG are working on developing the PPG area of the Downland Practice website and will be looking to increase PPG Membership across the patient population.

Dr Curtis Update

Dr Curtis has now left the Downland Practice so that he can return to his medical studies in tropical diseases. Dr Curtis has been a GP Partner at the practice for over 10 years, he first arrived at the Downland Practice as a GP Registrar. Dr Curtis will be missed by his patients and team members at the practice. Dr Victoria Ashall will be taking over from Dr Curtis, Dr Ashall is a GP partner at another GP practice and is an experienced GP. There may be some changes in allocations of patients until her arrival in early November 2022.

The Downland Practice is now on Facebook! Follow us for news direct to your feed:

www.facebook.com/thedownlandpractice

**You might be able to
claim back your
healthcare travel
costs.**



Find out if you are eligible with the Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme leaflet

Did you know that patients and carers on low incomes can reclaim their travel costs for attending hospital appointments? You can submit your claim up to three months after the appointment date.

Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/help-with-healthcare-costs/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-https/> for more information or call 0118 322 7054

Looking after your sight

All our senses are precious, but sight is the sense people fear losing the most, yet many of us don't know how to look after our eyes.

It is recommended that everyone get their eyes tested at least once every two years, even if no vision problems have been noticed. An optometrist can often recognise the signs of an eye condition, or even an underlying health conditions, before you have noticed any changes in your vision. This early intervention can help save your sight. It is particularly important to think about this now, as the pandemic may have led to you not looking after the health of your eyes as much as usual. You may have missed your eye test, started smoking more heavily, gained weight, or spent more time on a screen and less time outside. All which can have negative effect on your eye health.

Although age is the biggest risk factor for many eye diseases, there are lots of steps you can take to look after your eyes now to help maintain good eye health over your lifetime.

Top tips for looking after our eyes

Get a regular eye test - Not just for yourself, but your children too. A recent survey by the College of Optometrists revealed 23% of parents had never taken their children for an eye test. You are never too old, or too young to have an eye examination.

Eat well - Studies show that what we eat can affect our vision. Foods recommended for eye health include broad leaf greens such as kale and spinach, brightly coloured fruit and veg such as corn, carrots, orange sweet peppers and oranges, Oily fish like salmon, tuna and mackerel, Broccoli and Eggs.

Maintain a healthy weight and move more - Being overweight and/or lack of exercise can affect not only our health generally, but the health of our eyes, raising the risk of developing some of the major causes of sight loss, such as diabetes or high blood pressure.

Stop Smoking - After ageing, smoking is the biggest risk factor for developing several of most common sight loss conditions.

Protect your eyes from the sun - Protecting your eyes from the sun is very important and should not be underestimated. Your sunglasses should have the CE mark on them which ensures that they are giving you the right level of ultraviolet protection. UV has an accumulative impact on our skin and our eyes. Children should be encouraged to spend time outdoors for healthy eye development, but don't forget hats and sunglasses to help protect their eyes for later life too!

If you are already living with Sight Loss there are lots of ways that Berkshire Vision can help you. Services range from sight loss support and befriending to a wide range of activities and sports. Visit www.berkshirevision or call 0118 987 2803 to find out more.



There is much to see on the society's new updated website.

We are gradually adding more and more valuable information, most recently, transcriptions of the 1911 census and the 1939 register... See who was living in your house in 1939!!

New content is being added all the time. The website contains loads of fascinating facts and details about the history of East Ilsley with more to come. Recently added is the War memorial with biographies of those named on it and selection from our significant collection of images of East Ilsley - lots more will be added later, as well as interesting pieces on Archaeology, the Millennium Green, the Pond, Pubs, and nearly three dozen articles from our past newsletters on a wide variety of subjects - visit the Resources page for more files.

Visit the website Today! You won't be disappointed. You may even be surprised.

A poster for a wedding show. The background is a soft-focus image of a couple in wedding attire. The text is overlaid in various fonts and sizes. At the top, it says 'supporting mind Andover' with a logo. Below that, 'WEDDING SHOW' in large, bold, white letters. Then, 'CATWALK, DEMONSTRATIONS, MUSIC, WORKSHOPS SPOTLIGHTING THE BEST WEDDING SUPPLIERS'. Followed by 'WELCOME DRINK & LICENSED BAR'. Then, 'TICKETS £5 FOR 4 PEOPLE INC GOODIE BAG AT WWW.THEWEDDING-BOOTH.CO.UK'. Below that, 'FRIDAY 23RD SEP' in large, bold, white letters. Then, '7:15PM - 10PM'. At the bottom left, 'BOMBAY SAPPHIRE LAVERSTOKE'. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo for 'The Wedding Booth' and the 'BOMBAY SAPPHIRE' logo with a crown icon.

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7:15PM - 10PM

**BOMBAY SAPPHIRE
LAVERSTOKE**

The Wedding Booth

BOMBAY SAPPHIRE

Supporting MIND Andover Charity

WEDDING SHOW at Bombay Sapphire Distillery Friday 23 September 2022 from 7:15pm. The Wedding Booth are supporting MIND Andover, registered charity 1039094 and bringing a Wedding Show to highlight many local suppliers at the beautiful Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery, Laverstoke Mill. With 25 unique suppliers we're excited to bring a different "celebration" vibe on Friday 23rd September from 7:15pm. A goodie bag for the bride/groom, a welcome drink for all and tastings awaits. Bombay Sapphire are opening their shop and bar to ensure this event is simply amazing. Tickets £5 (for bride/groom plus up to 3 guests with all proceeds going to MIND Andover who support across the whole of Hampshire) and are available from www.thewedding-booth.co.uk. Further information from The Wedding Booth, 5 High Street, Overton. T 01256 225417.

The Crown & Horns Pub

We would like to thank the community for the support received in 'saving our pergola' So far, we have had an amazing response to the petition and some lovely comments which have all been fed back to West Berkshire Planning.

Fancy Joining our amazing team here at the Crown and Horns?? We have vacancies available Front of House and waiting, along with Part time housekeeping assistant. Pop in or give us a call for more details



As autumn is almost upon us, we have our new food menu that be available shortly. There is plenty of tasty choices to choose from so book your table with us and let us know what you think, you won't be disappointed!



The Old Nags Bistro will be open for all your takeaway Pizza needs Every Thursday-Sunday until 9pm See our menu and order on 01635281545

Breakfast is back, we are open daily from 8am, Our all new breakfast menu is available, served 8am until 11am Monday-Sunday. Start your day the right way! Our tasty breakfast boxes are also available for takeaway, choose from, 2, 4 or 6 people. call us to order yours

The evergreens coffee morning is every Monday morning from 10am. Come down and meet old and new friends and enjoy a hot drink and snack. All welcome

Keep an eye on our what's on posters and Socials for all entertainment schedules. Live music will be on selected weekends throughout the season.

Halloween is almost upon us. Will you dare to join us for a Spooktacular night?? Keep an eye on our Facebook for more details shortly. We have lots planned for you and the family.



As our favourite season is fast approaching, dare we say it? 'Christmas', we have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure its even better than the last. Our Christmas day menu will be available soon and we are pleased we are already receiving bookings.



Santa will be returning for breakfast again this year, so don't miss out, date to be released shortly. Our full Christmas party nights schedule will be released shortly so again keep an eye on our posters in house and on our social pages. New Year's Eve will be a night you won't want to miss, more details soon.

Finally, we would like to take the time to wish all our amazing team members that are heading off to university the greatest of luck in your studies, you have all been amazing, we look forward to seeing you all soon over Christmas!

On behalf of the whole team, we would like to thank you all for the continued support!!

Sign up as a Community Navigator Volunteer



Do you have...

- a friendly nature?
- the ability to chat with people easily?
- good listening skills?
- knowledge of your local area?

You can make a difference to someone's life!

Our charity will reduce social isolation, throughout West Berkshire. Using volunteer Community Navigators, we support individuals' mental health and wellbeing by connecting them locally to community activities.



 **07985 404302**
for an informal chat

 **cs@eightbellsnewbury.co.uk**

Are you or someone you know feeling lonely or isolated?

We Can Help



If you or someone you know are over 18 and

- are at risk of loneliness and isolation or
- have a long term medical condition or
- are experiencing mental ill-health or
- have a physical or learning disability,

then please get in touch with us.

Our charity will help support people to connect with their local community through community activities and by making new friends and support networks. We will help to build confidence and encourage them to do things that will make them feel good and stay active for longer.



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Driving Miss Daisy, Didcot

Sean and Mum, reliving fond childhood memories with Driving Miss Daisy Didcot

"Situated at the mouth of Christchurch harbour this sandy spit of beach forms a barrier between the sea and this large natural harbour. There are great views both of the harbour itself and to the Isle of Wight and Needles across the Solent. The beach extends off the ancient headland of Hengistbury Head with the whole area designated a Site of Nature Conservation Interest. You can take a ferry from Christchurch or Mudeford Quay across the harbour entrance." - www.thebeachguide.co.uk

Is it any wonder that Sean Tucker, has such fond memories of the many trips his parents would take him on to Mudeford when he was growing up?

Sean came into our offices to enquire about day trips where he could take his Mum, who is now elderly and resides at Marlborough Court Retirement Village in Didcot.

As Sean's mum is living with dementia and a wheelchair user, he wasn't sure what possibilities were available to him.

Telling us the story of his trips to Mudeford, Sean was thrilled to learn that we could take them both there to reminisce their early family memories once more. He knew his mum would be delighted too.



On 27th of July last year they set off with our Co-Director and Companion Driver Terence for their long-awaited trip down memory lane.

Sean and his Mum were able to enjoy a 2.5 hour visit to the beach and a relaxing bite to eat, safe in the knowledge that Terence was waiting for them to return them home to Didcot.

Looking at their faces (and we got a thumbs-up) we know that this trip was priceless to them. They have gone on to enjoy many day trips with us since, including a visit to Bournemouth this Spring, accompanied by Companion Driver Steve this time, and they are planning many more.

Fascinating Fact:

Mudeford came to national prominence recently as the home to some of the most expensive beach huts in the country, fetching over £100,000. There are around 300 huts here many of which have residential status, unlike elsewhere

To book your own trip down memory lane, contact us today.

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Get close to nature and hunt down fairies in a Woodland or Secret Garden or stay in a 13th century coaching inn where the creaking floorboards and winding hallways are evocative of hundreds of years of visitors, some very notable!



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And if that's still not enough to entertain your little ones, Woodstock also has three play parks to choose from too.

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**Saturday 17th
September**

11 am to 1.45 pm at Cholsey Pavilion.


Bring along your broken item and a team of volunteers will try to help you mend it

Which volunteer skills are ✓ available* this month?

- | | |
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| ✓ bicycles | ✓ clothing and textiles |
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| ✓ laptops/computers | ✓ tool & knife sharpening |
| ✓ furniture | ✓ PAT testing |
| ✓ ultrasonic cleaning | ✓ mechanical problems |

* Subject to availability of volunteer specialists or equipment on the day.

www.cholseyrepaircafe.com

+ Cholsey Repair Cafe on Facebook 

We open at 11.00, finishing at 13.45, and early customers are able to enjoy light refreshments courtesy of the Cholsey Community Café, in the foyer next door.

Our service extends to surrounding villages, although we would be more than happy to see similar schemes coming into existence and will be happy to share our experiences with anyone wanting to set up their own repair café.

Sharpening of knives and tools has long been popular but we tackle a wide range of electrical and mechanical problems, broken toys, vacuum cleaners, food mixers and household paraphernalia. Particular recent successes have included an exercise treadmill and a microwave oven that required special internal fuses. We aim to reduce waste, believing that a lot of things aren't as broken as they look.

Maybe we'll see you next time, on Saturday 17th September: details can also be found at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com

Ian Wheeler
Co-ordinator

Concert

Sylvia Barnes and Sandy Stanage



**at the Cholsey Pavilion,
Saturday 10th September.**

**Doors 7.00 for 7.45. Advance tickets £10
(£12 at the door) from 01491 652295,
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Anyone who came to our first concert in October 2019 will remember Sandy Stanage, who generously filled a support spot and entranced our audience with his guitar playing and good humour. It was a foregone conclusion that he would be invited back—but we have managed to do even better than that, because Sandy will be performing alongside the legendary Sylvia Barnes at the Cholsey Pavilion on Saturday 10th September.

Sandy and Sylvia were both members of ground-breaking Scottish band Kentigern before pursuing different musical paths. Sylvia and her late husband Jim played in The Battlefield Band and were hugely popular in their own right until Jim's untimely death in 2004. In 2006, Sylvia was voted Scottish Singer of the Year.

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NEWBURY Station [T] ➡	0842	1022	1222	1422	1807
Newbury The Wharf [D]	0650	0850	1030	1230	1430	1615	1815
Newbury - Park Way [P]	0652	0852	1032	1232	1432	1617	1817
Donnington, The Castle Inn	0656	0856	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shaw Cemetery	.....	.....	1039	1239	1439	1624	1823
Chieveley, East Lane	0706	0906	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beedon, Coach PH	0710	0910	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hermitage Post Office	.....	.....	1048	1248	1448	1633	1831
Hampstead Norreys, Water Street	.....	.....	1056	1256	1456	1641	1839
Compton, High St, opp The Swan	.....	.....	1104	1304	1504	1649	1846
East Ilsley, Broad Street	1109	1309	1509	1654	1851
WEST ILSLEY, The Harrow PH	0720	0920	1114	1314	1514	1659

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SERVICE No.	6	6	6	6	6	6	6a	6a
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WEST ILSLEY, The Harrow PH	0722	0722	0930	1116	1316	1516	1701
East Ilsley, Broad Street	0727	0729	0937	1123	1323	1523	1707	1851
Compton, The Swan	0732	0734	0942	1128	1328	1528	.....	.....
Hampstead Norreys, Water Street	0742	0741	0949	1135	1335	1535	.....	.....
Hermitage Post Office	0750	0748	0956	1142	1342	1542	.....	.....
Beedon, Coach & Horses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1712	1856
Chieveley, East Lane	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1719	1901
Donnington, The Castle Inn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1728	1909
Shaw Cemetery	0800	0755	1003	1149	1349	1549	.....	.....
Newbury, Park Way [Q]	0805	0801	1009	1155	1355	1555	1733	1913
Newbury The Wharf [H]	0808	0802	1010	1156	1356	1556	1735	1914
Newbury Station ➡	1015	1201	1401	1917R
The Oaks	0814	0808
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