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WELCOME to the Summer Edition of the EIC- **Issue 95**



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East Ilsley Sheep Fair Weekend 2019

The weekend kicked off with the Disco on Friday night, the weather was perfect for sitting outside the tent and the kids had a great time playing with friends, running around in the open air and boogie-ing on down to Darren's Disco. His daughter did a fantastic job organising games for them too, especially popular was the 'paper throwing against the 'Mums', something the adults should participate in next time, looked like great fun.

It was good to see familiar faces there and whilst the kids were occupied the adults could relax and enjoy the bar organised by Paul Richardson & his merry band of helpers. The Chilli & Hot Dogs went down well especially when the evening got a little chilly later on (pardon the pun!)

As always, everyone involved in the Fete worked tirelessly and the committee are extremely grateful to all who lent a hand and gave their time over the weekend and would like to thank everyone who attended and supported us. There is a huge amount of work /preparation that goes on the week before the actual Fair and a special mention must go to Pete Goddard (Aka the Site Manager) who fetched and carried back and forth from the container everything we needed to set the field up and to Ian Wilson who prepared the meadow beforehand. A MASSIVE thank you to those of you who gave generous donations and sponsorship.

On Sunday, there was plenty going on from Tomahawk throwing and fire lighting skills from the Compton Scouts and their cubs also ran the BBQ brilliantly earning themselves some badges along the way. Erica had a high ol time running the Dog Show and the pooches were proudly wearing the rosettes around the field as the afternoon went on. Not even the rain could dampen the spirits and the Bottle Tombola and raffle were kept busy virtually all afternoon.

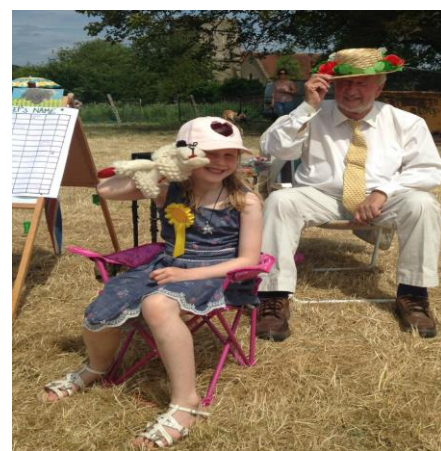
Earlier on the Saturday, the judges went round the village to make the hard decision on who had won the best decorated houses, there were some excellent efforts and the bottles of fizz were awarded jointly to The Saxton Browne and Chaillier families and the judges decided that for sheer effort alone to get his scarecrow up there, an extra bottle went to Seb Parfitt at The Barn.

The amount we have been able to donate changes each year; as it depends on the footfall over the weekend, but happily we are in a position to donate to the various charities and organisations around the village and also to the Scouts who contributed so much.

Making the fete happen is tough and without our 'regular' helpers, who pitch in each year, we could not manage, this year it was lovely to see some new faces 'helping out' and the committee greatly appreciated it, we do need help, so please think about volunteering, there is lots to do particularly the week beforehand, you don't need to be on the committee, but we need YOU, otherwise this great village 'get-together' will cease.

You're Sheep Fair Committee

Alan Harris, Paula Finch, Hayley Starr & Ali Allan



Neil Hatton & his granddaughter Molly, assisting the naming of the Sheep.

There were 74 registrations for the enormous toy sheep, the winner being Woolly the Sheep. Our thanks go to Deborah and Andrew for kindly donating the sheep.

Next Parish Council meeting is Monday 24th June 7:30pm at The Ilsleys School hall. (Tonight!)

East Ilsley Parish Council Needs You!

**East Ilsley
Parish Council**
Integrity
Accountability
Objectivity
Openness
Honesty
Selflessness
Leadership
Chairman

Do you have these qualities?

Can you commit to 6* evening meetings a year?

We are looking for a new Chairman, someone who can run the meetings, ensure that effective and legal decisions are taken and to be our public face of the council!

If you think this might be you, please contact the Parish Clerk on 07912 565665 or email clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk for more information.

Future Parish Council meetings are scheduled to take place **at The Ilsleys School hall** on:



Tuesday 16th July 2019
Tuesday 17th September 2019
Tuesday 19th November 2019
Tuesday 14th January 2020
Tuesday 10th March 2020



East Ilsley Parish Council

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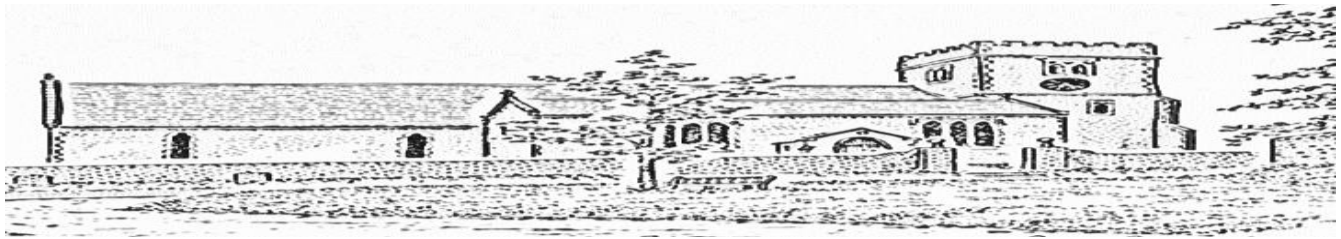
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Community Survey Results on the Future of St Mary's Church East Ilsley

A big 'thank you' to all those who completed the St Mary's Church questionnaires which were collected from you at the end of May. Of the 240 households in East Ilsley, 77 surveys were completed, the results of which are shown on the next page.

There were, of course, other proposals as to how we could raise enough funds to repair the structure and reconfigure the church building interior by turning it into a valued community asset. Suggestions included:

- A library and second-hand book service
- Art classes
- Baby and toddler groups
- Breakfast club (pre-school)
- Birthday and family events
- Gardening club
- Quiz nights
- Cake stall
- Scouts/guides/cubs
- Craft fairs
- Bell-ringers training



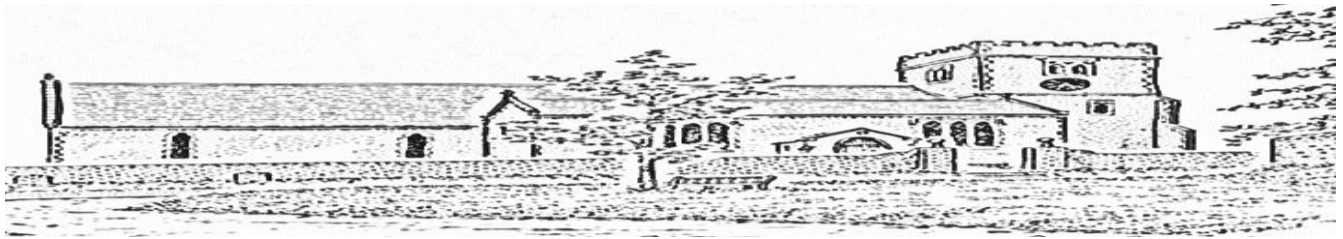
Due to the ancient building being grade 1 listed, any alterations would require special planning permissions and sensitive alterations to the interior, in order to retain its character and religious status.

There are some essential major issues to be overcome – we will need toilet facilities, a kitchen, improved heating, disabled access and parking spaces, while retaining the chancel and altar table for religious services.

Your responses have given our Parochial Church Council the support we need to attract grant funding, whilst in tandem; our village has the opportunity to raise money: however, we have started.

We intend to keep you, the residents and the Parish Council fully informed as we progress.

Should you wish to be involved with the exciting plans for the future use of St Mary's Church, please do contact any member of St Mary's Parochial Church Council, as shown on our Village Facebook page.



Survey Results on the Future of St Mary's Church East Ilsley Questionnaire

Is the continued presence of the church building an important feature within the village

yes / 70 no / 2 DNA / 5

East Ilsley has been without a community centre for some considerable time. Do you feel that a community centre would be of benefit to the village?

Yes / 76 no / 1 DNA / 0

If it were possible to create a community centre within a Re-Ordered church where a range of activities could be hosted, would any of the following be of potential interest?

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| • Fitness classes / yoga / Pilates etc | yes / 61 | no / 11 DNA / 5 |
| • After Hours Youth Centre | yes / 45 | no / 19 DNA / 13 |
| • Village Associations i.e. Evergreens, History Society | yes / 64 | no / 8 DNA / 5 |
| • Concerts / Cinema Club / Barn Dance etc | yes / 66 | no / 7 DNA / 4 |
| • Farmers / Produce Market | yes / 68 | no / 3 DNA / 6 |
| • Additional school class rooms | yes / 49 | no / 10 DNA / 18 |

To achieve the above significant funds will need to be raised or identified via grants. As part of a village fundraising initiative, do you think you would support some of the following ideas?

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| • Car Boot Sale | yes / 59 | no / 9 DNA / 9 |
| • Auction of Promises | yes / 53 | no / 8 DNA / 16 |
| • Organised Community Activities (i.e. walk, run, cycle) | yes / 54 | no / 9 DNA / 14 |
| • Beer Festival | yes / 50 | no / 15 DNA / 12 |
| • Flower Festival | yes / 66 | no / 4 DNA / 7 |
| • Dinner with celebrity speaker | yes / 44 | no / 17 DNA / 16 |

*DNA stands for "Did Not Answer"



The Rt Hon Richard Benyon MP

Member of Parliament for Newbury

In many ways it's been an eventful few weeks in Parliament but for me the most significant moment was on June 12 when the Government made the historic announcement that it will legislate to end our contribution to climate change by 2050. A really important step towards net zero, cementing the UK's position leading the world towards a low carbon future.

I met with the students on the SchoolStrike4climate in Newbury and I know that at least one student from the Downs – maybe many more – attended the national strike in London. She was less than complimentary about the debate in the House of Commons two weeks later but she should be encouraged by the level of cross-party support for change and the seriousness with which this 'emergency' is being viewed. And acted upon.

She asks the question that should be on all our lips: what can we do? Yes it's a big part to do with Government policy, tackling the big polluters like fossil fuels and diesel cars (no longer for sale from 2030 and not allowed on the road from 2045), but it's also to do with each one of us making lifestyle changes. Reducing single-use plastics is a challenge as Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall's War on Plastic showed so clearly but taxing plastic bags, banning stirrers, cotton buds and straws, and actioning initiatives like a bottle deposit scheme and the Refill scheme are steps in the right direction.

This needs to go hand in hand with support for the environment. I am a trustee of a charity called Plantlife, a charity working nationally and internationally to save threatened wild flowers, plants and fungi. It launched a road verges campaign back in 2013 to maximise the potential of our roadside verges. There are nearly 500,000 kms of rural road verge in the UK which, if managed correctly, can be home to over 700 species of wild flower, nearly 45% of our total flora – and a haven for a multitude of bees, butterflies, birds and bugs.

But verges are under considerable pressure. Residents of East Ilsley will know better more than most how overgrown vegetation can contribute to poor visibility and increased danger at busy road junctions, while a desire for roadsides to look neat and tidy do not help. However, this is one area where there might be a silver lining to the cloud of budget constraints. Cutting less costs less, especially when you factor in collection of grass clippings and, yes, litter. And cutting later can make a huge difference allowing time for plants to flower so that pollinators can work their magic and seeds can ripen and fall to the ground – improving the display every year. The verges between Compton and East Ilsley are living proof of this and it is good to see that West Berkshire Council is taking this seriously, only cutting rural verges twice a year, and trialling wildflower planting which will transform stretches of our roadside into ribbons of bio-diversity. You can check the interactive map to see which verges the Council is responsible for and feedback your views on whether you approve of leaving them uncut for longer in future.



From the Editor

Welcome to Summer Edition of the EIC

Woohoo! The Summer is here! - I have a lot to get through this edition, so let's just jump right into it.



West Ilsley Village Fete: - Don't forget to visit are sister village fete this summer.

Sunday 7th July

12pm - 4:30pm



Park:- As some of you on social media might be aware, the parish council are not going to rush the park, and are going to try and

make it the best village park in the country. 😊

So instead of rushing it with crummy equipment, they are holding out for maximum funds.

This summer is not looking likely. If you're like me and take your children for a run around most days in the summer holidays, so they don't get techy. I think we are all going to have to put are heads together in ways to make the play field fun. I have still not got the goals I wanted after being let down twice. I do have a 3rd lead for some, which is looking good.



Dog Bins:- If you find a dog bin that is full, please contact the Parish Council as soon as you can, so West Berks Council can be contacted to empty it. Thank you.

I know they have been getting rather full recently, which is great that everyone is picking up their poop, faster than it can be emptied. 😊



Dog Fouling:- While I still feel things are much improved from the winter, its curious there are still a lot of little pebble dashers about? I am pretty sure small poops still count as dog fouling, and I even had the joy of stepping in one of the little nuggets a few weeks ago.

They are also hard to see. If you can't pick them up because you have a bad back *CoughCough pretty please boot them out the way. I hate writing about this as it always makes me sound like such a tyrant. I do though, as its still one of the main village concerns and annoyances.



Footpaths:- The Parish council will be looking into purchasing a Brush cutter. If you would like to clear any of the paths near where you live that would be fine. You won't be arrested for criminal damage. 😎

Maybe we can have a village Competition for who has the best kept footpath near them.



Flowers:- It's really nice to see so many flowers round the village coming into fruition, specially the roses.



Deer:- Some of you may have noticed more deer about the village. I am not quite sure why that is, but there you go. You may even see them pop into your garden from time to time, if you're lucky. I wanted to mention this as I have freed two deer stuck in fences in so many weeks. I have never untangled a deer once in my life, so it was weird to do it twice in succession. It could have even been the same dippy little deer, hard to tell. If you do hear one screaming away near your house, good chance they have got stuck in a fence again, as when they get spooked they literally dive straight through hedges and fences not knowing they can get stuck. Oh boy do they make a racket when they shriek.



Annual Council Meeting:- I thought I would write a short bit as member of the public looking in on the meeting.

I would encourage all of you to attend at least 1 meeting in your life time living in the village. You really do matter, and the Parish Council really do want to hear your opinions, from whatever background you're from.

I had this crazy notion in my head before I attended my first meeting; it was going to be awkward and unwelcoming. That could not be further from the truth. All the councillors are very unique and different, and very approachable. We are lucky to have a core team like this, trying their best for the village.

The meeting itself was quite well attended, since it is the annual meeting, and a very impressive spread of sandwiches and wine was provided for everyone.



The 1st talk was by Hazel Sopp and Ann regarding adult social care in rural villages. If you are having a hard time getting about or anything in your day to day living is getting difficult out here in the village, please get into contact with West Berkshire Council, as they have host of schemes, agencies and groups that will be able to help and support you if you need it now, or in the future.

The 2nd talk was by Alisdair Cunningham regarding Greenfest that takes place on the 7th September 2019 at Hampstead Norreys. This does sound like an amazing event with so many good green initiative plans. Towards the end of his speech all I heard was “cycle paths” I got over excited and totally interrupted him. That truly would be amazing to have more cycle paths.

I am so sorry Alistair for interrupting. 🙊

Imagine if there was a cycle path that at least went to Compton, which was safe away from the road. Gives me the heebie jeebies every time I see a cyclist on there, as it's a fast and narrow road, and a lot of cars hammer along it.

The 3rd talk Ali Allen gave a talk on the history of the trust fund and how it was originally for a village hall. Interesting this sparked a lot of debate, and at the end of her talk, everyone seemed to agree that the village really, REALLY does need a community space of some kind.

Will the village Church and its super hero backers come to the rescue?

Only time will tell....



The 4th Talk, Brendan discussed the Park. He really does need more of your ideas and suggestion to what you want. Draw a picture of your ideal park if you want. I will start the ball rolling.

It would be great if there was a tarmac path round the edge of the park green for the time being. Least children could bike, skateboard, roller skate or scoot round, which I imagine would give them a lot of play time. There is not really anywhere safe or suitable to do that kind of stuff. I guess apart from Sunrise Hill maybe. It's not really close to most people though. Oh boy that is fun going down there on a scooter.



The 5th Talk Steve Coleman the village Flood Warden. Gave a serious talk on flooding in the village and how it is imperative that the pond is kept clear of silt, and the reeds are thinned out, so the river can flow well. I did get the impression if a chain reaction of poor flood management, combined with torrential weather, flooding might not be a maybe, but a certainty!

A few people might remember the Great East Ilsley floods of 2014, where the Army and Fire service had to come into the village, and pump the water out. (I am still hunting for pictures of this, if anyone has any, please email them to me) Steve has handed in his notice in, and is standing down as Flood Warden. So if you would like to be the new Flood Warden, please contact the Parish Council, and you will be herald as a village saint, if you can keep it protected from flooding.





Proposal's for St Mary's Church Questionnaire:- I am going to do my very best at trying to explain this. As I originally had a hard time trying to get my head round how an 800 year old Church, can become a usable indoor space for the community.

First off, the church is not going anywhere, I am pretty sure it's never getting knocked down and having houses built on it. Plus it has a grave yard and is a grade I listed building (The highest rated building of special interest grade). So it will not be disappearing, but..... It is not getting used an awful lot either.

The proposals for its long term use are listed on the pages 3 and 4. This is nothing new, the village has been crying out for a couple of decades now, for a community hall or indoor space of some kind. They did at one time get very, very close back in 2003-2005, to getting one built. They even got a lot of funding raised which is still in a trust fund to this day.

But, for whatever reason, the village at the time suddenly changed its mind on the whole idea, after years of working on getting one built.

I was not living here at the time, but I have read all the EIC that were published around that era, and talked to people who were living here when it all fizzled out.

As far as I can gather, interest weaned, and negativity of the project set in, and poisoned the enthusiasm for it.

Most village halls or indoor spaces do get very well used, and just because you might hear of the odd one that struggles (for whatever reason) does not mean this village's community centre will? No chance. We are one of the best villages in the world, and have some of the best people, so there is no need to seed the thoughts of doubt that it's a waste of money. Those people will probably be long gone from the village before it's built anyway.

So if there are any millionaires out there who want to help shortcut the fund raising (which could take while) the projects more than happy to take your money.

I know £250,000 sounds like a lot of money just to fix a roof (and it is) but it is going to have to be done at some point anyway. So there really isn't anyway round that. Once that is done. We only need £150,000 more (a bargain!) to update the indoor space to make it usable for all the things listed.

It will still be used as a church for worship, but other things as well.

Congregation is low, but service will always continue in some form, especially for Easter and Christmas services, which are very popular.

This is going to be an issue that will continue for years and years till some kind of community space is found, converted or built. So hopefully your all get behind the project and the events attached to it, and fingers crossed it gets completed.



Village Website:- It's been a while since I gave a update on this. It did get decided in the end, that to save confusion, the Parish Council website would be built upon, instead of starting a new one. The village clerk is doing a fine job of working her way round the old one, and improving it and adding important information in.

Things like: -

- When the next Parish Council meeting are
- The minutes of each Parish Council meeting (handy if you can't attend and want to know what was discussed)
- Current and archived issues of the East Ilsley Communicator (if you ever wanted to research anything from times gone by)
- Information on contact details for your Parish Councils
- Village plans
- Links to other village pages
- Report anti-social behaviour , fly tipping, dog fouling or road and footpath repairs

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Front Cover:- This Editions front cover is of Morgan Stuart, in the stocks, at the Sheep fair. Even the King makes an appearance.

Credits for the picture go to her Father Derek, who gave me his blessing in using it as the cover, and I am really pleased he sent it in. It seems an iconic picture of the 2019 Fair.



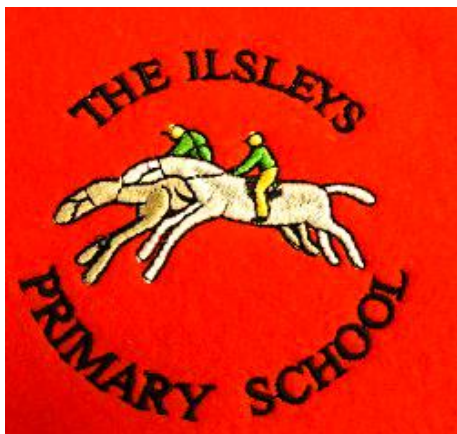
A special thank you to everybody that contributed putting this edition of the East Ilsley Communicator together.

Facebook Discussion:- The EIC publication will be posted, in colour, on the East Ilsley Freedom of Speech Facebook page.



Like before, if anyone would like to start a discussion or post pictures about the relevant events gone by this last few months, I would love to hear from you, or see any media you have accumulated.

Make a Note:- The Next Edition of the East Ilsley Communicator will be out Monday the 26th August 2019 – So I will need all entries for that edition in by 11pm Friday 23rd August 2019.



Hello from all of us here at The Ilsleys! We are all really enjoying our final half term at school and are keeping busy with lots of different end of term activities, including getting ready for the school production! The children have been very busy at home learning their lines and developing their acting skills ready for the performance.

In Arctic Class, children recently enjoyed a visit from a very big tractor! It came into the school car park and each of the children were allowed to get inside and sit in the driver's seat! They found out about how tractors operate and what farmers have to do.

In Pacific Class, children in Year 3 and 4 really enjoyed their recent visit to Ufton Court where they stayed over for the night! They did a range of different activities over two days, including map work and a Roman banquet! The children were allowed to get dressed up into different costumes and then afterwards played traditional Roman games.

In Atlantic Class, the children have been busy learning more about different leaders and governments. They are really looking forward to their upcoming trip to the Houses of Parliament as well as the Year 6 trip to PGL! They also enjoyed a recent Science Challenge Day, organised by the AWE, where they could organise their own investigations as well as learn about the PH scale and see liquid nitrogen!

Some Year 6 children from our school also recently took part in the Newbury District Swimming Gala! They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and did the school very proud. In addition to this, we recently had a visitor who prepared an interesting assembly about swimming safety for Drowning Prevention Week.

Our 'Moving Up' days will also be taking place in the near future. This is where each child gets to visit their new class and spend two days learning in those classrooms with their new teacher. It is also a great opportunity for the new Foundation Stage pupils to get to know the school and all the other children!

Please see below a piece of writing about a jungle scene, written by Gracie who is in Year 6:

Weak shards of sunlight filtered through the dense canopy, illuminating the winding forest trail. Hanging down from the thick branches of the towering trees, leaves every shade of green waved in the light breeze. Clumps of grass sprouted up around the curling roots and deep green moss heavily covered the trunks of the trees. Ferns and thorns hid in the deepest pits and shivered with every howl of the animals. Paw steps thudded and crunched over the leaves as each creature minded their own business. Branches creaked with the weight of the draping holly. Suddenly, the temperature dropped. The sun cooled and shadows danced in every hole. Howls stopped. Birds hushed. Silence. All that was heard was the drip, drip, drip of water trickling into the lake and the rustling of the leaves as a snake slithered over the cold grass. Hisses, as vicious as a rising current, were louder than thunder in the silence of the jungle. Trees shook with fear as the scales slid over its roots.



THE DOWNS SCHOOL

East Ilsley Communicator - July

By the time this issue of the Communicator goes to print, the exam season will be over for another year. I have been very impressed with how our students have conducted themselves during what has been a very busy time for them, and I now look forward to results day in August where we can celebrate their achievements with them.

Before then we have our Year 13 Leavers Ball and Year 11 prom to look forward to. Both are very enjoyable events and allow the students to spend an enjoyable evening together before they head off to university, apprenticeships, gap years or to employment. Many of those who have taken their GCSEs will return in September to the Sixth Form, so we look forward to seeing their familiar faces around school again.

Sporting wise, we have celebrated many achievements this term. We had fantastic results at the recent County Athletics Championship held in Reading, with students winning Gold in the hurdles, javelin and discus events, plus several Silver and Bronze medals achieved. The three Gold medalists have qualified for the forthcoming English Schools' Athletics Championships, and we wish them every success. A group of Year 7 students also attended the annual District Quad Kids Athletics competition at Park House in Newbury. Competing in a number of events including the 800m and the long jump, they came away delighted to have won the Bronze medal and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

This term we also have our sports days to look forward to, with a myriad of track and field events taking place and then our annual swimming gala. Hopefully the weather will have improved by then!

At The Downs School we invest heavily in our careers programme, ensuring our students leave us having made the right career choices for them whether that be higher education, apprenticeships or entering the world of work. Our 'After 18' day for Year 12 students took place in mid-June, and this year we were joined by local employers BMW Group, Cisco and Stryker alongside representatives from Sussex University and Gap 360 talking about their apprenticeship, further education and gap year opportunities.

We were also joined by 15 former students who are currently studying subjects as diverse as Law, Neuroscience and Psychology at University, completing apprenticeships or pursuing internships. They participated in a 'speedy careers' event with the Year 12s, a fun and interactive session where students spent three minutes with each alumni, with the opportunity to ask questions and hear about their experiences. From feedback after the event, we know that our current students found it reassuring to speak to those who have recent first-hand experience of the decision making process that starts in Sixth Form, and who are now successfully moving forward in either the next stage of their academic journey or starting their careers.

Several past students took the opportunity to contact us after the event to say how much they enjoyed the chance to be back at their old school, with one writing: "One thing I wished I knew at school was just how great the people at The Downs School are. It's incredible how many teachers have your best interests at heart, so listen to them and trust them."

At The Downs School we work hard to help our students develop into well-rounded young adults, who are able to venture into a rapidly changing world with confidence and determination. To read comments like that from former students who appreciate all the hard work put in by my staff and senior leadership team makes me incredibly proud.

Chris Prosser – Headteacher

Royal British Legion Compton, Ilsleys & Norreys – an update



Here are some dates for your diaries;

East Ilsley Fete Sunday 2nd June 2019 – our Branch will have a stand at the fete staffed by members who will have information about the RBL's charitable work and advice on how to join. You will also be able to play the game of "Hook the Duck" with prizes for winners.

75th D Day Anniversary & 50th Anniversary of the Start of N Ireland Operations Supper 6.45pm on Tuesday 4 June – we will be commemorating these two landmark anniversaries at a supper to be held at 6.45pm on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at the East Ilsley Swan. You don't have to be a member to attend but wish to remember those who served and made sacrifices. If you would like to attend please contact David Norbury tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com.

Compton Fete Saturday 6th July 2019 - our Branch will once again have a stand at the fete staffed by members who will have information about the RBL's charitable work and advice on how to join. You will also be able to play the game of "Hook the Duck" with prizes for winners.

Poppy Appeal Lunch 2019 – Foinavon Compton Saturday 2nd November 2019 – we are delighted to announce that this now annual event to launch the Poppy Appeal will have as its guest speaker this year Sir Mark Waller, former Lord Justice of Appeal and Intelligence Services Commissioner. We are greatly looking forward to hearing what this distinguished gentleman has to say to us. The Poppy Appeal gets fantastic support locally and our lunch will be held at the Foinavon on Saturday 2nd November 2019. Timings will be to gather at 12noon for lunch at 12.45 pm. The price per head will be £20 for a two course lunch with table wine. Anyone wishing to attend and support this very worthwhile cause should please book through David Norbury tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com you.

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service 10th November 2019 Aldworth – this year this branch event will be in Aldworth. The parade will form up outside the Bell Inn at 1030am and march to St Mary's Church where the service will commence around the War Memorial which is situated on the outside wall at 1055am. The service will then continue inside.

Membership - we are a growing organisation and would welcome you as a member. You do not have to be ex services (or a senior citizen!) to join the RBL but only supportive of the charity's objectives of looking after the serving and ex-serving community. The membership annual subscription is small at £17. To join, please contact one of the undersigned. Steve Allison tel 07812 991013 email steveallison1888@aol.com or David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com – thank you.



East Ilsley 100 years ago (extracts from Newbury Weekly News)

1st May 1919

BAPTIST CHURCH. In the beautiful weather of Good Friday successful meetings were held in the Baptist Church on the occasion of the anniversary. Mr. J. Bond (of Reading) made a generous appeal to the friends of the mother church to pay a visit to East Ilsley; as a consequence a large number were motored over in a capacious bus, whilst many cycled. At each service the sanctuary was crowded. The afternoon sermon was preached by the Rev. R. G. Fairbairn, B.A. (pastor of mother church), and a short and beautiful dedication service was conducted for the village pastor's little con. A public tea followed, many sitting outside, the church being full. The evening meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Bond, a constant friend and helper of the village causes; addresses were given by Rev. R. G. Fairbairn B.A., Pastor Arthur W. Shears, and the late Pastor, Mr. B. Josey. Altogether it was a record anniversary.

DOUBLE WEDDING – On Easter Monday the two eldest daughters of ex Police Sergeant Cross of Sunny Brae, were married at the Parish Church. Great interest was taken in this unique event, the church being nearly full. The eldest daughter, Eva Rose, was wedded to Sam Holmes of East Woodhay, and the younger, Elsie May, to Norman G. Elliott of East Ilsley. The brides who arrived at the church with their father, were dressed in cream dresses, white shoes and stockings, and they wore wreaths and veils and carried bouquets of choice narcissi and daffodils, they were attended by five bridesmaids, Ella, Maud, Nina, and Lucy, sisters of the brides and Norma Jones, who were dressed in blue and white and carried bouquets. Mr. Holmes' best man was George Holmes, brother, and Mr. Elliott's was Geo. Harper, cousin. The service which was choral was conducted by the rector, the Rev. Canon Whitham. Mrs. W. J. East presided at the organ and played the wedding march whilst the register was being signed. At the conclusion a merry peal of bells was rung. A reception was afterwards held at the Old Schoolroom, where the happy quartette received the congratulations of numerous relations and friends. About 50 sat down to breakfast. The presents received were both numerous and useful.

8th May 1919

A meeting was held at the Old School on Monday evening for the purpose of affording discussion as to the form the village war memorial should take. About 50 parishioners attended, and the Rector presided. Five proposals were put to the meeting, and a show of hands taken on each. They were (1) a village hall, (2) a recreation ground, (3) a stained glass window in the church, (4) a new bell in the church tower, (5) a memorial cross. Each proposal was discussed separately. The show of hands resulted in a majority in favour of the new hall. a committee composed of the Rector, Messrs Field, Hibbert, and Goddard, Mesdames Eagles and H Pearce and Miss E. Lowe were appointed to consider ways and means of raising the necessary money. It is understood that a marble tablet is to be placed in the church with the names and regiments of the 20 men, natives of the parish, who have rendered the supreme sacrifice. There is also a proposal to erect a tablet in the village chapel.

5th June 1919

RESIGNATION – Mr Joseph Booker relieving officer and collector for 32 years, has intimated his intention to resign on September 30th owing to age and indifferent health. The Guardians accepted the decision with regret, and recommended the addition of eight years' service so that he can obtain a full pension.

Eric Saxton

Village Picture Quiz – The Answers

Unfortunately we could not award a prize because no one handed in an answer sheet, although we suspect there were many discussions taking place in many homes around the village.

The answers to the quiz set in the last issue of the communicator are as follows

1. The wrought iron gate at Florence Cottage
2. The corner of Puzzle Meadow
3. The steps of Wheatsheaf House
4. Kennet House Stables
5. The outer door of the Church
6. Window at The Hall
7. Gate of Kennet House
8. Railings outside School House
9. Wall near the bottom of Church Hill
10. Gable on the Former Star
11. Front Door of Hobland House
12. The corner opposite the church at the entrance of the alleyway.



Take this list with you on a walk round the village, and check out the answers.

Why not take your own 'Puzzle Picture' of some feature (visible from the road) for the next EIC!!



Autumn Group incorporating the Hobbies Club



Autumn Club News

Recent Events

In May the Members took part in a successful plant swop – just in time for spring planting. June saw a large audience watching a fashion show put on by Edinburgh Woollen Mill, and also in June Steve from East Ilsley gave a fascinating account of his experiences using metal detectors, with lots of artefacts to look at.

Future Activities

- July 2nd. Pony and Trap Rides
July 9th. Chairman's Garden Party. (Pat's Garden, 1.00pm.)
July 23rd. "Show and Tell"
July 30th. Pottery Painting



The Handy bus



Hopefully you are all aware of the Downland Volunteer Group, the DVG, which has been in existence since the early eighties. It was set up to help residents in the Downland villages who had problems attending appointments at the hospitals in our area, the surgeries and dentists. We have a team of some 40 volunteer drivers using their own cars to drive the patients to their appointments.

In recent years we have also managed the day to day running of the Handy bus service by recruiting volunteer drivers for this vehicle and scheduling trips mainly to the Newbury shops but also to Wantage. The Handy bus was owned and maintained by the West Berks Council. As part of their re-structuring and cost saving plans they have requested that the local charities, like the DVG, take over full control of the Handy bus service. From the beginning of April the DVG will be fully responsible for the servicing, maintenance, safety checks plus tax and insurance of the vehicle. It will become our property and we are expected to fulfil our obligations to the Community Transport Services.

This twelve seater Mercedes bus makes schedule trips on certain days from the main villages in the area. Whilst it is ideal for older residents, anyone can travel on the Handy bus, although it is not equipped to carry children. It is particularly useful for anyone temporarily incapacitated and unable to drive or carry shopping. For just £3.00 return the passengers are driven to Newbury, either Sainsbury's or Tesco's, the driver will load up their shopping and will even carry it to their front door. The difference between the Handy bus and a normal bus service is that you would need to book yourself on to it in advance- a bit like a taxi service! Bus passes cannot be used on the Handy bus.

We believe many more people could benefit from the Handy bus service. We need to increase passenger numbers and we will not raise the £3.00 fare this year and hope that with grants and sponsorship the Handy bus service will be a non-profit but self-financing operation in the near future. To book yourself a trip simply phone the Handy bus coordinator on 07437 543 098 to find out when we are in your village, at what time you will be collected and what time you can expect to be home.



News from Carolyn Culver, your West Berkshire councillor

The biggest challenge facing us is climate change, and I'm pleased to report that there is now cross-party consensus at the council that we need to announce a climate emergency and come up with a plan to reduce our carbon footprint to zero by 2030. There is a growing number of councils around the country making the same commitment. Green councillors have submitted a motion for the next council meeting on 2 July to oppose Heathrow expansion. A third runway is not compatible with tackling climate change.

I would like to see our council collect a wider variety of plastics - like Reading and Oxford councils - and I will keep campaigning about this. In the meantime, I am doing what I can to make a difference. I am collecting crisp packets and bread packaging for recycling by a company called TerraCycle. If you would like to participate, please put these items in the green bin on my driveway at 1 Forge Cottages, Abingdon Road.

I visited West Berkshire Brewery recently, which is in our ward, to find out more about this growing business and, no, I didn't get any freebies! I also visited Beeswax Dyson, who own the land between East Ilsley and Compton, to find out about their important work planting hedges, maintaining wildflower field margins, and providing habitat for stone curlew and barn owls. I'm working with the council to identify verges and green spaces where we can encourage wildflower growth in the future. If there are any verges or green space that you are concerned about because they have been cut too early, or which you think would make a good spot for wildflowers to be sown, let me know. As we all know, insect populations are crashing in this country and we need pollinators!

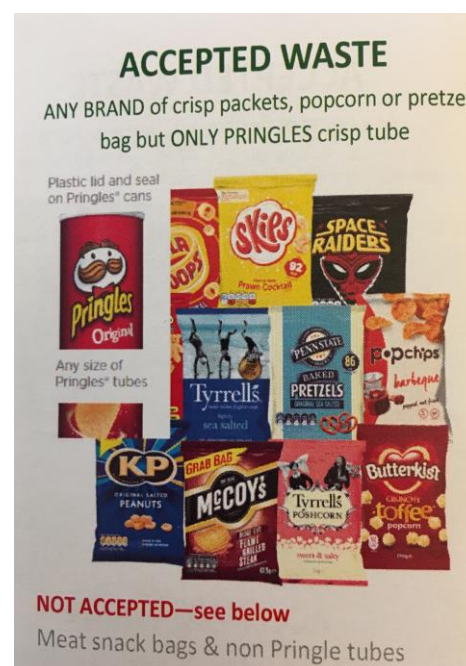
I am on the Western Area Planning Committee and the Planning Advisory Group, and will be taking every opportunity to make a case for more social and affordable housing, so that people aren't priced out of living in this area, and development that is more sustainable from an environmental and wildlife perspective.

Well done to the organisers of the Sheep Fair and disco, and all the people who volunteered to help. I was pleased to win a coconut! West Ilsley fete is on Sunday 7 July, and GreenFest - an event to promote environmentally friendly living - is in Hampstead Norreys on Saturday 7 September. There is an advert for the latter in this edition of the Communicator.

You can report fly tipping, unemptied bins, pot holes and so on by searching for 'West Berkshire Report a Problem' on the internet or visiting www.fixmystreet.com If it's urgent please email customerservices@westberks.gov.uk or call 01635 551111. If you are not happy with the response you get please contact me. I have received lots of enquiries from concerned residents about a wide range of issues since I was elected last month.

I hope you have a good summer!

Best wishes Carolyn - Councillor for Ridgeway ward
Carolyn.culver1@westberks.gov.uk - (m) 07976 374146



**A FREE FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE ALL THINGS SUSTAINABLE.
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IF YOU CAN GET INVOLVED PLEASE GET INTOUCH - YOU CAN ALSO VISIT OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE OR EMAIL HNCSHOP@YAHOO.CO.UK



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WWW.COMMUNITYGREENFEST.WEBBLY.COM

Election results for Ridgeway

District Election 2019 - Thursday, 2nd May, 2019

For further information, please contact:

Clare Ockwell - Electoral Services Officer

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Ridgeway - results

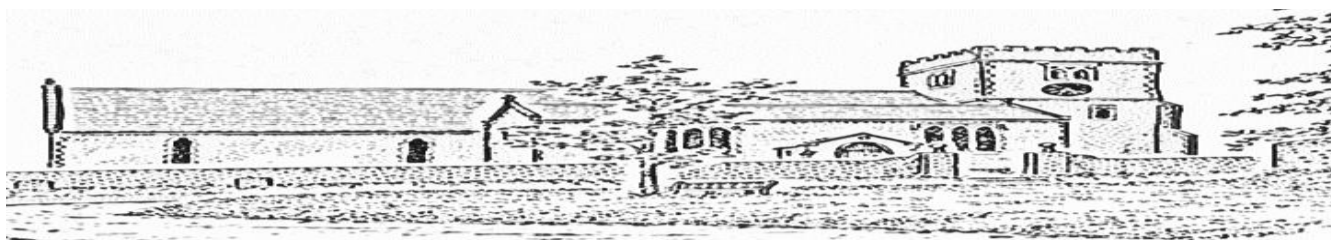
| Election Candidate | Party | Votes | % | |
|--|------------------------|-------|-----|----------------|
|  Carolyne Lindsey Culver | Green Party | 917 | 62% | Elected |
|  Virginia Anne Von Celsing | Conservative Party | 458 | 31% | Not elected |
|  Michael Phillip Bernard Palmer | UK Independence (UKIP) | 73 | 5% | Not elected |
|  Charlotte Therese Blackman | Labour Party | 33 | 2% | Not elected |

Voting Summary

| Details | Number |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Seats | 1 |
| Total votes | 1481 |
| Electorate | 3155 |
| Number of ballot papers issued | 1483 |
| Number of ballot papers rejected | 2 |
| Turnout | 47% |

Share of the votes (%)

Carolyne Lindsey Culver 62% Elected



St Mary's Church

Services at St. Marys Church for July 2019 / August 2019

| Date | East Ilsley |
|---|---|
| Sunday 30 th June 2019 - (Trinity 2) | 10.00am – Team Service at East Ilsley This is the only service in the team today |
| Sunday 7 th July 2019 - (Trinity 3) | 9.30am – Parish Communion (CW) |
| Sunday 14 th July 2019 - (Trinity 4) | No Service here today |
| Sunday 21 st July 2019 - (Trinity 5) | 11.00am – Morning Worship |
| Sunday 28 th July 2019 - (Trinity 6) | No Service here today |
| Sunday 4 th August – (Trinity 7) | 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) |
| Sunday 18 th August - (Trinity 9) | 11.00am Morning Worship |

Save the Date:

Thursday 18th July 2019

Downland Filling Station – 7.30pm – Hampstead Norreys Village Hall (Speaker to be Announced)

Sunday 21st July 2019

Newbury Deanery Deaf Church – 3.00pm – St Nicholas Church in Newbury

Sunday 18th August 2019

Newbury Deanery Deaf Church – 3.00pm – St Nicholas Church in Newbury

There is no Downland Filling Station in August.

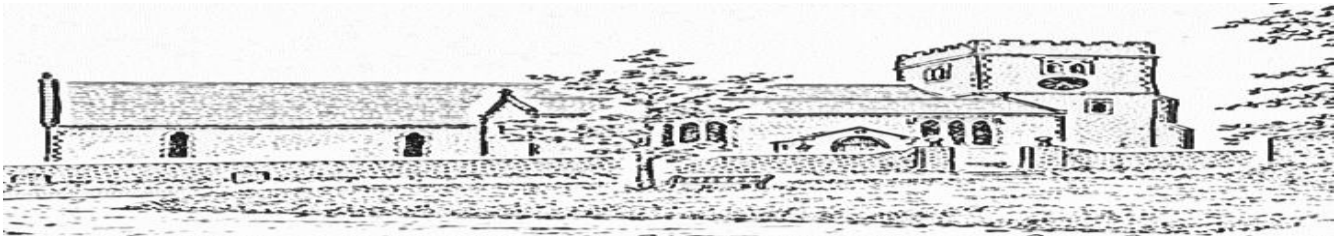
www.hermitage-team.org.uk

The Hermitage Team of Churches website covers all services and events from Compton and East Ilsley Church, along with Hampstead Norreys, Yattendon, Frilsham, Hermitage and Cold Ash. It is regularly updated so please visit and have a look at what is going on. If you would like to get married in one of our beautiful churches, or to be Baptised please visit the site and click on the application forms. The Team Administrator will be in touch with you.



@hermteamministry

The Hermitage Team of Churches are now on Facebook! Like our page to receive all services and events from East Ilsley Church, along with Compton, Hampstead Norreys, Yattendon, Frilsham, Hermitage and Cold Ash. If you would like anything posting to the Team page please get in touch with the Team Administrator.



Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a prayer initiative launched by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and led by the Church of England for evangelisation held between Ascension and Pentecost. 2019 is its 4th year and is now established in 85 countries with people praying the Lord's Prayer as its theme.

The Hermitage team of churches has taken part each year and this year held a session in Cold Ash church on Prayer and Paint, in Hampstead Norreys church on Prayer through Movement and Dance using The Lord's Prayer, The Gloria, and a lively hymn as shown in the picture and a reflective time of Meditation interspersed with Taize music in Frilsham church.

Hermitage Team Ministry



Musings from the Vicar's Desk - Revd Wayne Lautenbach

Soon after his arrival as the new Diocesan Bishop of Oxford, The Right Revd Steven Croft started a process of consultation in order to develop a new Vision and direction for the Diocese of Oxford that would challenge us as a church and to be more relevant and accessible to the people we serve.

Before I was asked to become your Interim Priest-in-Charge in July 2018, and then you're Team Rector earlier this year, I spent a lot of time reading and understanding his motivation behind this new Vision and direction. For those who have not heard about this, I would like to put in a nutshell, what it is all about and how we, as a Team of seven individual churches are seeking to make this a reality in the areas that we cover.



Bishop Steven's vision is "to be a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world." We need to become a more Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous Church. But what does this mean, in our everyday life?

The need to be a "More Christ like Church for the world's sake" I feel is especially needed today where we are so caught up in our own lives and thoughts of our neighbours or neighbourliness are not readily achieved or lost completely. As I go around the various villages and communities, I come across people who are crying out to be listened to, loved and accepted. This is the very purpose that God the Father sent his Son, Jesus into the world. It is so simple to say, yet so difficult to live out.

The three words that Bishop Steven uses to develop this Vision for the Diocese challenge us to look at how we interact with the world are:

To be more CONTEMPLATIVE; this is about making time to dwell, to be with God in all he has given us. Our lives, our families, the creation around us, all those things that we take for granted – the basics in life – food, clothing, housing, the air we breathe. The list goes on. To open this dialogue with God can be a very powerful tool to becoming more content and being able to meet the needs of those around us.

To be more COMPASSIONATE; this is about seeing the needs in others and in society, to bring out in us the very human nature of God. We read in scripture in the well know verse, John 3 verse 16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

To be more COURAGEOUS; this is when we put the other two attributes into action.

Where we are prepared to do something to make the lives of others more bearable despite the consequences to us.

I could spend more time on these, but I would like to leave you with these thoughts and this prayer as you prepare for your summer holidays.

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May God bless us all.

Wayne Lautenbach
(Hermitage Team Rector)



Musings from a Licenced Lay Minister

Few people can have missed seeing pictures of the Notre Dame in Paris on fire as it was widely featured on newspapers and television. Soon after the media was carrying stories of the plans to restore the cathedral and the wealthy business men volunteering funds to pay for this. The coverage inspired a 'Thought for the Day' on Radio 4. The speaker reflected on the message given by the very visible presence of cathedrals and churches in cities, towns and villages reminding us that there is more to life than everyday toil and pointing us towards things spiritual.



Through the ages cathedrals and churches have received their share of mishaps due to fire, war or just time. There have been repairs and rebuilds. I found myself wondering if one of our village churches collapsed, would it be rebuilt? Should it be rebuilt? Some local villages have chapels which are no longer places of worship and find a new use as homes or business premises. New churches meet in schools and community halls and thrive. In fact it is worth remembering that the church is really the people not the building. Perhaps the church is better without the distraction of a building which may be old, expensive and difficult to maintain and often not really suited to its needs. Frankly historic church buildings are frequently a burden to their present congregations. Christians are called to follow Christ who described himself as having nowhere to lay his head and spent his ministry walking from place to place, teaching and meeting people anywhere and everywhere.

Personally I love visiting old churches and am fascinated by the variety and history to be found in them. Glancing at the visitors' book in Compton church, I can see others also enjoy visiting. The address column shows some are from overseas, Ireland, California, South Africa and Latvia appear. Perhaps we are not such an insular backwater! The comments column is enlightening; appreciation of the building is common, but also that it is open (during the day) to anyone who wishes to drop in. For some it is a place of memory and family association where weddings, christenings and funerals are celebrated. One at least recorded thanks for a place to pray. Is it possible for a place to be hallowed by use and does this account for the atmosphere of peace many find in an empty church?

Sadly not all churches can be left open due to fears of vandalism and theft. Perhaps the village church, like the village pub, is going to become rare. May I suggest, if you find one open and empty, you go in and sit in silence for five minutes or so. You may hear in the silence echoes of past worshippers or the quiet voice of God.

Cathy Hawkins (Licensed Lay Minister)



WEST ISLEY

Dog Show

at the Summer Fête

West Isley Recreation Ground

Sunday 7th July 2019

- ▶ Rosettes & prizes for winners
- ▶ Rally Obedience Demonstration with Benji & Sarah Maisey, 4th in Crufts Rally Obedience 2018
- ▶ "Have a go" under Sarah Maisey's guidance - *it's free!*
- ▶ Family doggie competition – £1 per family with prizes for the winner and runners up

- ▶ "Booking In" for the Dog Show starts at 11.45
- ▶ Judging begins at 12.30 with Puppies
- ▶ Get a Doggie Competition Form at the same time
- ▶ Timings are indicative, so apologies in advance if they slip!
- ▶ The weather may require a change in the programme (too hot/too wet etc.)

Entry Fee:
£2 Per Class



12:30
Puppies 3-18 months



12:45
Golden Oldies 7 & older



13:00
Junior Handlers aged 7-14



13:15
Rescued



**Benji and Sarah
at Crufts 2018**



**Judging
resumes at 14:40**



14:40
Sausage Scoffer



14:55
Best Pals



15:10
Prettiest Girl



15:25
Handsome Boy

13.40 - 14.25
Rally Obedience
with Benji and Sarah
"Have a go"
You, your dog & Sarah

For more details, contact Penny Waghorn at penny.wag@btinternet.com or call 07961 117210



Ilsley Under Fives

Make New Friends

We are a small and friendly toddlers group run completely by parents in East and West Ilsely and surrounding villages.

Fun Activity

Wednesday during term time
from 9:45am to 11:45 at
West Ilsley village Hall

We run different activities each week from crafts and games to exciting trips out and would love to welcome some new parents/carers and little ones to join us.

Please email Jillian.hobbs@outlook.com for more information
or find us on Facebook at "Ilsley Under fives"

The flyer features a cartoon girl with brown hair, a red shirt, and blue skirt, holding a torch and waving. There are four photos: a group of children sitting on a purple mat, children playing in a snowy field, a child painting a red cone, and a child sitting on the grass. A guitar is also visible in the bottom right corner.



WI report May 2019

At the May meeting of the WI we were intrigued and amazed by the work of the charity REMAP. Kimble Earl told us about the volunteers who are passionate about helping people with disabilities or special needs to become more independent and

enjoy the things they want to do. They are part of the MakeAbility team. In 2017 Remap helped over 3000 people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and all the equipment and gadgets they made was given free. We were given information about an elderly wheelchair user who struggled to use a 'standard' ramp, an angler with Parkinsons which prevented him from pursuing his hobby safely, a young stroke patient who wanted to tie her hair into a pony tail using only one hand and an elderly gentleman who could not get tissues out of the box. There were many other examples given of the work done by the team of volunteer engineers. We took home a 'souvenir' of the evening too. This was a double-clothes peg to enable one-armed people to hang washing on the line. The solutions offered to so many people were many and various and all of them so simple and effective.

We had not heard of this charity before the meeting and yet it has been in existence since 1964 and helped thousands of people to enjoy a better quality of life. If you know of someone who would benefit from their help contact Remap Berkshire on 07790 127123 and be assured that the contact is confidential. For examples of their work visit www.MakeAbility.org.uk You will be amazed!!!!

WI report for June 2019

Hampstead Norreys W.I. enjoyed a hilarious evening with Joyce Meader at their June meeting. The talk was entitled the history of knitting 1800 to 1945. We had been told that Joyce was an entertaining and engaging speaker with a talent for making the past come alive. Nothing prepared us for such a hilarious evening. Who would have thought that such a subject could be SO funny (as well as informative)?

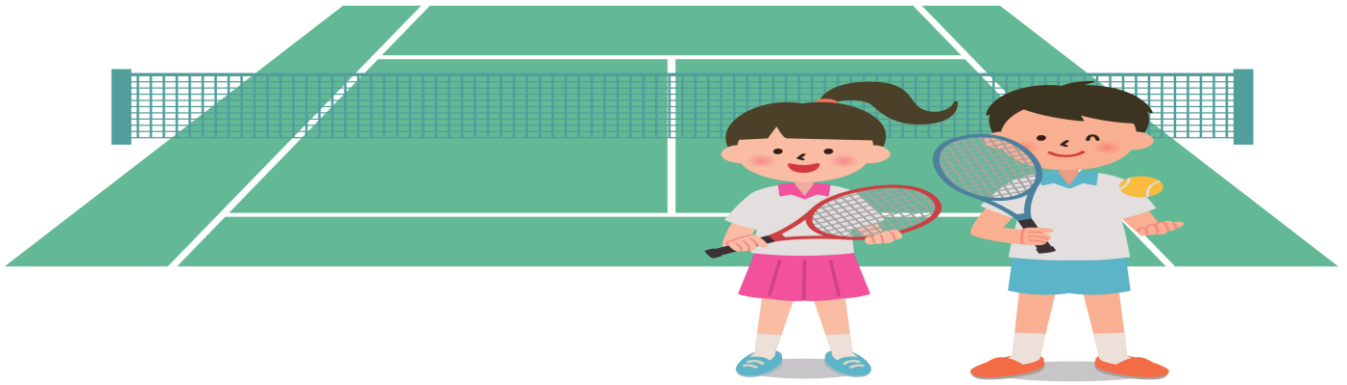
Joyce is an expert on historical knitting and an historical and vintage hand knitter for film, television, museums and re-enactors. Her collection of original knitting patterns, books and knitted items from the nineteenth to twenty-first centuries is wide-ranging and full of interest.

There was a time when every stylish girl had a woollen, knitted bathing suit. It was usually knitted several sizes too small to allow for stretching and was the height of fashion in the 1930s and 1940s. Anyone who had the misfortune to wear one will remember coming out of the sea with the dreaded costume being soggy and stretching below their knees!!

And it wasn't only your swimsuit that was knitted. From your best skirt suit and your shopping bag to the tea cosy, the bedclothes, the children's toys and even your stockings. There was nothing that couldn't be rustled up with a ball of yarn and a pair of needles. We were shown examples of clothes ranging from 19th Century shawls to 20th Century knitted underwear including everything except liberty bodices!!

When you mention knitting, people immediately think of that ghastly jumper their gran knitted. But, because of the trend for natural fibres and make-do- and-mend, knitting is enjoying a surge in popularity.

I'm not sure that we came away with a need to knit. But we will never look at knitting the same way again.



Yattendon and Frilsham Tennis Club – It's not all about tennis.

The Club is situated in a picturesque setting between the Village Hall and The Parish Church, with hedges and trees sheltering the two courts. From a social point of view, we are lucky to have our own Club room at the rear of The Hall and membership access to The Social Club adjacent to the courts.

With no support from the Parish or other Utilities, The Club is totally reliant on its members. Our unique position demands that we keep the hedges cut, especially the tall leylandii between the Hall and the Church, the grass surrounds regularly cut and the trees and brambles kept at bay. Weed killing and general tidy ups are carried out by member working parties, usually pre- season or before the village fete!

Each year the courts are pressure cleaned and every third year painted, but one large item dominates our small Club's finances; when will the courts need resurfacing? At the present time they are playing well, but we need to be ready to re-surface them within the next three years.

Apart from all the hard work, **we do play tennis**. Fun tournaments are held several times a year and the Club Championship Finals are played in September. Our teams play in the Newbury and Berkshire Leagues and the local League in the winter.

We are a friendly, social club, with Club nights every Wednesday evening and arranged games during the week and at weekends.

We would love to welcome new members, wherever you live, whatever your standard, to help us enjoy the game of tennis and maybe help with some of the associated maintenance chores!!

For details of membership please contact Club Membership on yftennisclub@gmail.com

Derek Brown

The Maintenance Man.



Aldworth Saturday Market

Come to chat and enjoy refreshment with friends. Table tennis and children's playground freely available.

ASM welcomes you EVERY Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon

Market details: 01635 578090

Aldworth events mailing list

Would you like to be notified of events taking place in Aldworth? Either at the church or at the village hall?(We won't share your email addresses with anyone else).

If you'd like to be emailed a handful of times a year when we're advertising a one-off event such as a barn dance, comedy night, race night; or an event at the church such as a concert, please do the following:

1. Please email events@aldworthvillage.org with **EVENTS YES PLEASE**
2. We are also on Facebook, so you can like / follow our Facebook page @aldworthevents

Thank you for your support with events we run in our village to keep our treasured facilities maintained to a good standard. – Ali



Afternoon Teas

St. Mary's Church, Aldworth

Start 5th June and then every Wednesday in

June, July & August

2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Delicious homemade cakes in the company of The Aldworth Giants

For further details and to book groups contact:

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All donations received for the equipment hiring will go too either Sheep Fair and/or Bonfire committee funds.

Contact Keith Pentecost Tel: 07985-797333 & 01635-281389 (East Ilsley)

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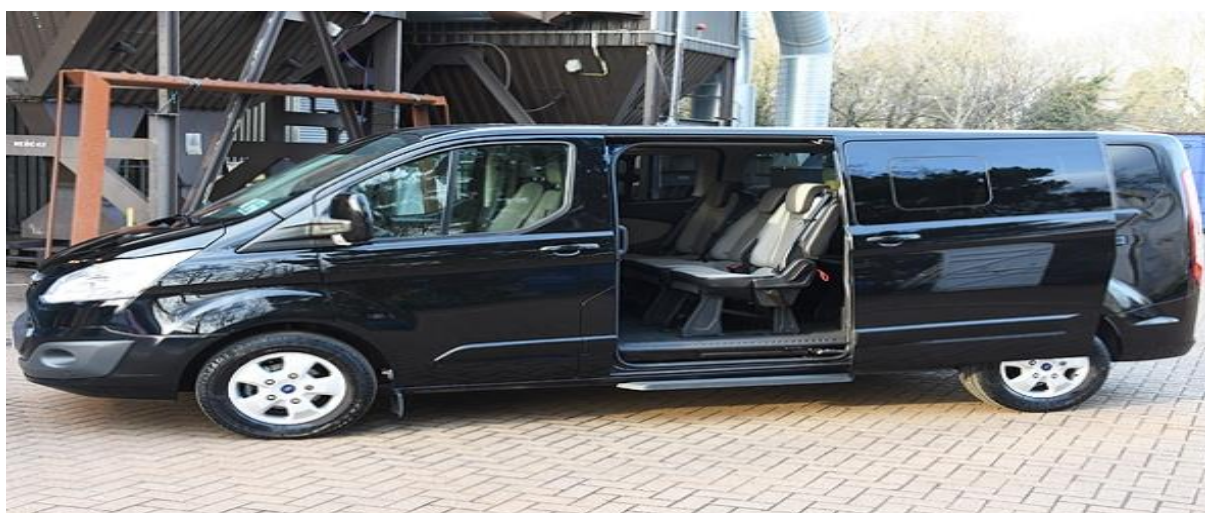


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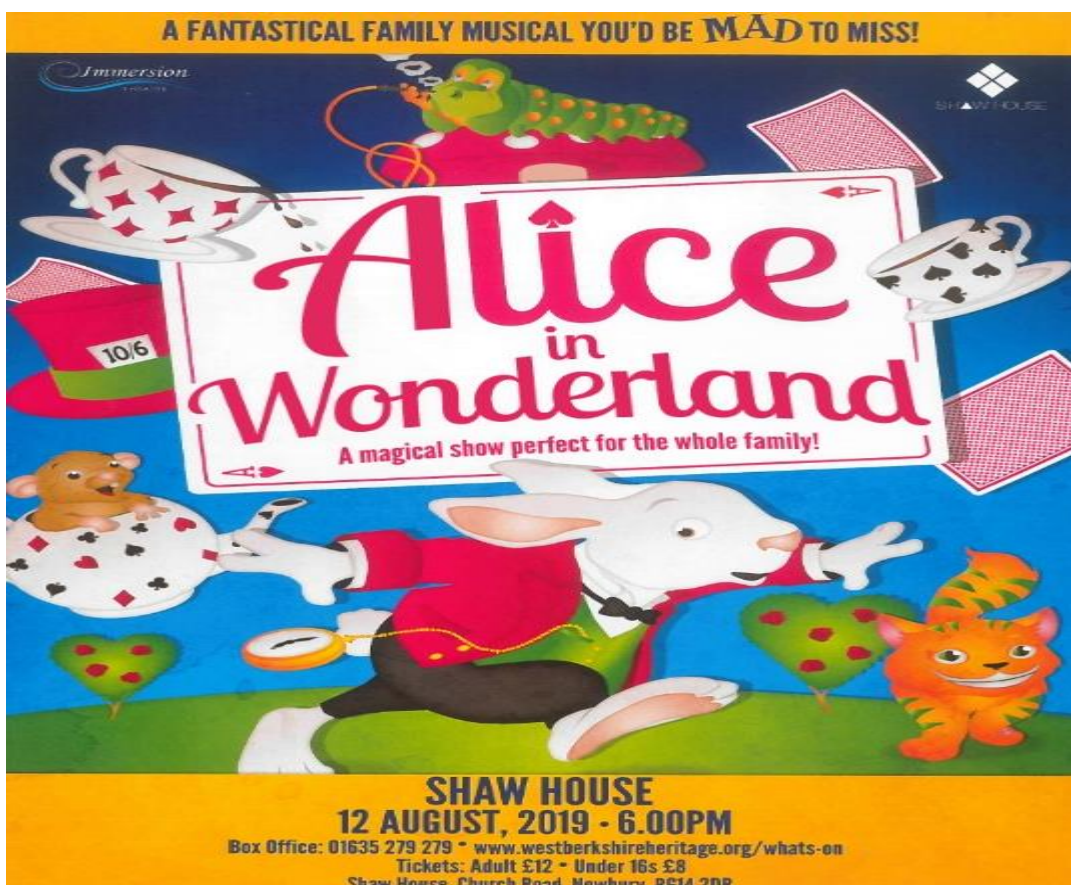
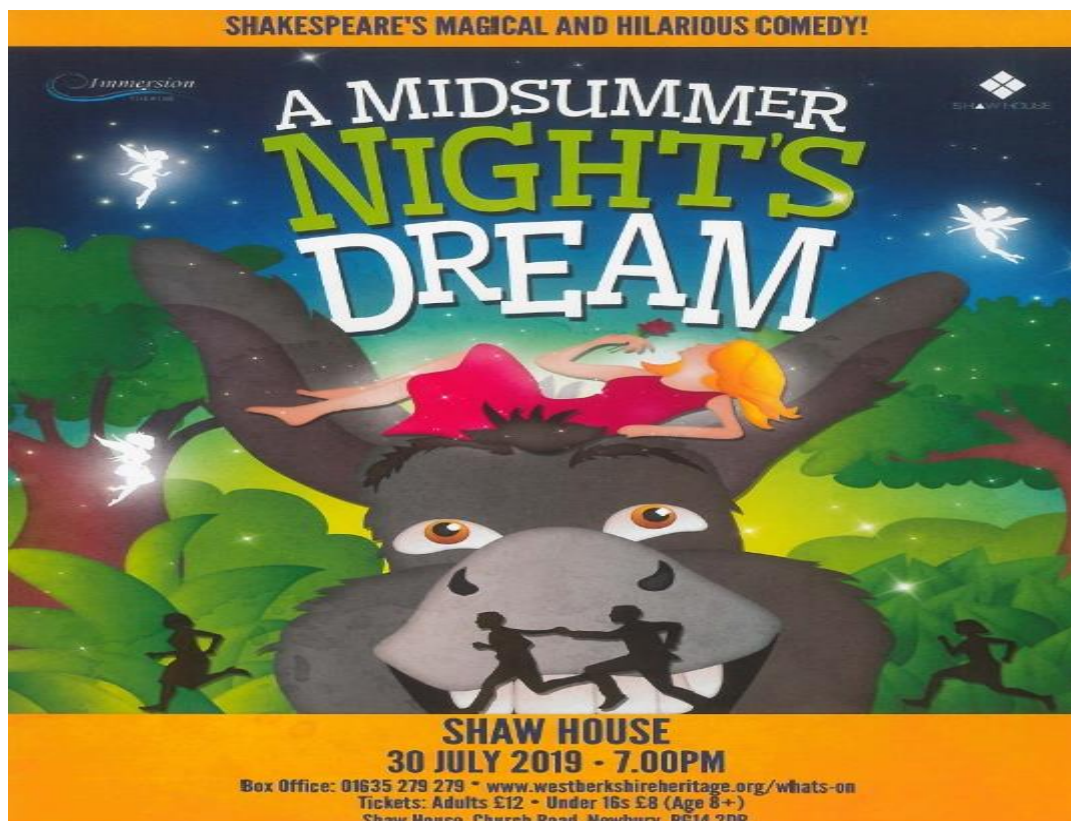
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ILSLEY EVERGREENS

NEWSLETTER JULY 2019

We have arranged the following trips for this year;

July 24th ~ Swanage

August 28th ~ Weston-Super -Mare

September 25th ~ Cardiff

October 23rd ~ Wells

December 3rd ~ Salisbury Christmas Market (Tuesday).

Please contact Julia on 281597 to book your seat.

Theatre Trips

Seats have been reserved for the following shows in 2019.

Tuesday ~ 29th October at 7:30pm.

Sixties Gold. Re-live the magic of the 60's with music from that memorable decade. Featuring; Herman's Hermits, The Merseybeats, Wayne Fontana and The Mindbenders, The Marmalade and Love Affair's Steve Ellis. A Night of Nostalgia! Tickets £36.25 plus £10 transport.

Wednesday ~ 18th December at 2:30pm.

Motown the Musical. Tells the thrilling tale of Berry Gordy who fought against the odds and made the music that made history. Featuring hits from; Diana Ross, The Jacksons, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, The Temptations and many more..... Tickets £35 plus £10 transport.

Please come along and see these shows. Book your tickets with me on 281997 or 07780 994297

Thank you for supporting the Ilsley Evergreens. - **Tony Elliott ~ Secretary**

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MONDAYS - SATURDAYS

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

MONDAYS - SATURDAYS

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

No service on Sundays or Public Holidays. For additional journeys between Chieveley and Newbury, see Service 5c. Tickets are inter-available.

Notes:

— Served when the College is in session

— Served when the College is not in session

➡ — Rail station nearby

R — Continues to the Rail Station if requested by passengers



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Hospital & GP Surgeries

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| West Berkshire Community Hospital | 01635 273300 |
| Royal Berkshire Hospital | 0118 3225111 |
| Radcliffe Infirmary | 01865 311188 |
| John Radcliffe | 01865 741166 |
| Downland Practice Chieveley | 01635 248251 |

Police

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| Thames Valley Police | 01865 841148 |
| Non Emergency | 101 |
| Crime Stoppers | 0800 555111 |

Schools

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| The Ilsleys Primary School | 01635 281225 |
| Ilsley Under Fives | 01635 281327 |
| The Downs Comprehensive School | 01635 27000 |

Utilities

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| British Telecommunications | Faults 151 | General 0118 957 5877 |
| Southern Water | Emergency 0845 7708090 | |
| Thames Water | Emergency 0845 9200800 | |
| Southern Electricity | Emergency 08000727282 or 105 | |

Village Agent Service - direct line 01635 581001

West Berkshire Citizens Advice Bureau

CAB helpline 0300 222 5941

To access the National Citizens Advice website for initial information, visit www.adviceguide.org.uk.

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Handybus Coordinator - Call: 07437 543 098 or 01635 578149

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