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East Ilsley Parish Council News - August 2019

We will be holding a Planning Meeting on Tuesday 27th August at 7:30pm (Tonight)



in the Swan Pub, in East Ilsley to discuss the proposed new Gallop for equestrian use on Churn Road. All are welcome to attend.

<https://www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Agenda-27-08-2019-Planning.pdf>

Village Household Survey Results:- Here is a link to the East Ilsley Website giving a detailed summary of the results.

I tried to condense them into the Communicator, but there just was not enough room. I encourage you all to have a look through them, as they are most interesting.

<https://www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk/village-survey-results/>



Re Ilsley Farm Barns, the councillors had a separate meeting with James Dawson and have decided to **not** change their position of 'No Objection' to WBC. Their reasons being:

Following on from the Councillors meeting on Wednesday 31st July with Beeswax Dyson to further discuss the proposed development of Ilsley Farm Barns it has been decided that they will **not** be amending their original decision of 'No Objection'. The Councillors were satisfied and pleased that many of the issues raised have been addressed, in particular the restriction on rolling doors to reduce the number of HGV vehicles and the amendment of opening hours. We continue to express our keenness to increase the length of the 30 mph zone up past the junction to maximise safety of residents and employees of the site and this includes the improvement of sight lines at the junction. We will continue to work closely on this development with Beeswax Dyson to ensure the amendments are adhered to.

The traffic data collection will be added to the new proposal.



Mystery of the missing baptism pool? Is there anyone in the village that likes a good case to solve? The Parish council is still trying to track down the Baptist pool that seems to have vanished from the Baptist chapel. There was never a request for it to be removed, so it should still be there? If you have any information, please contact the Parish Council.

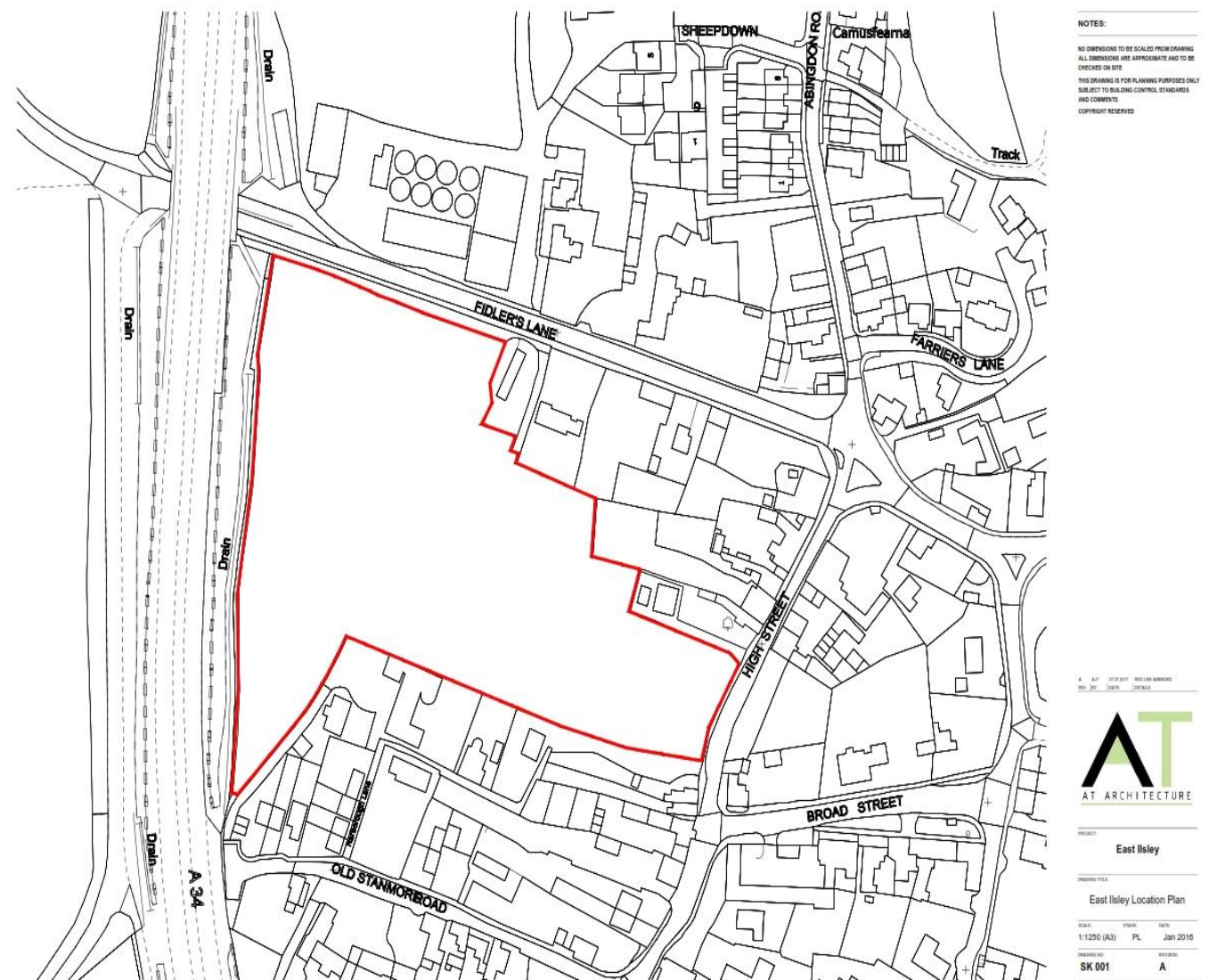


Flood Warden:- The Parish Council has found a flood warden! If you are on Facebook, you might have noticed the reposts of the 2014 floods (if not, just go to the village Facebook groups and search "floods") It really is very important that we have a dedicated Warden to monitor all flooding potential. Like I reiterated from the last edition, this is not a case of "if" the village will flood again, it's when! (if things are not kept a very close eye on)

Your Parish Council – Carolyne, Brendan, Andrew, Stephen, Tracey and Fenella

Planning Proposal

Join us for the next Parish Council Meeting on **17th September, 7.30pm** at the Ilsleys Primary School Hall where along with regular council business we will be joined by Mr William Main from Manor Oak Homes based in Northampton. We will be presented with a proposal for considering a site for approximately **10 houses with a mix of 2,3, & 4 bed houses**. These would be affordable housing and provided by an affordable housing provider. Location Map is attached. Please come along and listen to the presentation and you will have the opportunity to ask Will some questions.



**Next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 17th September 7:30pm at
The Ilsleys School hall.**

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



East Ilsley Parish Council

Keep in touch and up to date with all that is going on in the Parish Council in the following ways:



www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk

East Ilsley Parish Council



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Tales from your Parish Clerk



Hi everyone, I'm Fen, the relatively new Parish Clerk for East Ilsley Parish Council. I took this role over from the lovely Moira who left for pastures new on 1st May and I can't tell you how much I am enjoying this role!

For those of you who don't really know what I do, well, I hold two posts in this position, as Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. I am a professional officer, working for East Ilsley Parish Council serving your community. The health and well-being of your community is at the heart of everything I do. I advise the council on legal matters. I administer the council's finances. I organise the council's procedures. I gather information to help the council make decisions. I raise the profile of the council in the local community. I guide the council as it engages with its residents. I negotiate with other organisations. I implement the council's decisions. I manage the council's projects. Phew! It's been a lot to take in and a lot to take on board over the past 3 months.

In my former life I've worked at Vodafone as Marketing and PR Assistant, I've sold IT infrastructures to Schools and Universities all over the South of England, I've taught ICT and Computing to GCSE and A Level students at a school in Reading and worked in the Dispensary at Chieveley and Compton for the Downland Practice. Pretty varied skills and ones that I am finding I need to use daily in this job. Those of you that use the Church and the Primary School know that I am moonlighting at the same time as doing this job for the Hermitage Team Ministry as their Team Admin and Communications Executive and also as Clerk to the Governors and to be honest, it all melds into one role; community support. Something that I am passionate about and give 100% to.

Each day raises new issues, new challenges and new opportunities to engage with all of you and I am completely loving working alongside this dedicated team of volunteers who are striving to make East Ilsley a beautiful place to live, work and to just 'be' in.

I'd like to thank you all for welcoming me into your community. I have had some fantastic responses via social media on the work we are doing and some insightful and thought-provoking ideas on how we can improve which I take along to meetings regularly and discuss with the Councillors. I have had some excellent feedback on how the Parish Council's website is much improved and although there is a way to go to get it all sorted, I am working my way slowly through it. Please do visit there regularly, add it to your 'favourites' (www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk) as I'm adding new posts and information on an *almost* daily basis.

One thing that is new on our website is that we are striving to make it more accessible to all people. So, you will now find an accessible logo to the top left of the screen which will allow you to make changes to how you view the website. Whether you need larger text (or smaller), or to see it in greyscale, contrast or negative it is all there at a touch of a button. I've also added in a 'voice reader' to each of my posts so simply click on the 'Listen to Post' button at the top of *most* pages and the computer will read aloud the text on the screen for you. I'll be working on making it more accessible over the coming months and putting my IT Teacher skills to the test so if you have any great ideas, I'd love to hear from you. My skills have not yet allowed me to make this possible on attachments but bear with me, I am always trying out new things!

If you are on social media, we'd love you to follow us. Search for @eiparishcouncil on Facebook and hit 'like' and @eastilsleypari1 on Twitter to follow us and all the recommendations and notifications happening in and around our area.

Do come along to our Parish Council meetings. We talk about some important and exciting things to do with the village and the surrounding area (and sometimes there is wine and nibbles!). They are held on a Tuesday, 7:30pm in the School Hall. Date for this financial year are: 17th September, 19th November, 14th January and 10th March. They are on our website and on all the social media as well as the Parish Noticeboard so pop them in your diary and come up and say hi, it would be lovely to meet you. Occasionally there are ad hoc planning meetings so keep an eye out for those, it would be great to have your input. If you want to contact me directly you can find me via the @eiparishcouncil page on Facebook, via Twitter @eastilsleypari1 or a good old email to clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk. You can reach me on 01635 228104 or 07912 565665 if you prefer to speak in person. My working hours are Monday to Thursday, usually about 1pm to 3pm.

Thank you for the great welcome I have had, and I will continue to support and champion East Ilsley in all I do for you. – **Fen**

St Mary's in the Community/East Ilsley Community Project

In the last edition (Issue 95), you were promised that we would keep you advised of the progress we have made since the Village Survey results in late May.



Several residents have agreed to help co-ordinate our fund raising suggestions -Quiz Night, Car Boot, Farm Produce as examples. We were successful in our Waitrose (Newbury) Community Matters bid and received the highest total in June of £403, which, when match funded by The Good Exchange, will double.

Our second grant application was accepted by the John Lewis store (Newbury) for July and August and we are hopeful for another good grant (thanks to customer generosity). Our Tesco Grant Application is on hold until planning permission (a faculty) is approved to begin urgent window and roof repairs on the Church building. Our total funds raised to date is £26,000 thanks to individual gifts, grants and fund raising etc. Another stream of income comes from the Gift Aid scheme, whereby HMRC will refund 25p in each given £1 – provided the donor is a basic taxpayer. HMRC has also approved of our Charitable Status which means we can reclaim VAT on any works carried out on the Church Building.

One last point is that our funding agent, the Good Exchange, has matched our initial target of £5,000, which moves us onto the next grant level of £45,000 to be achieved by 2020. So, our plans for fund raising are progressing -but any support you can offer to help us organise and fund raise would be much appreciated.

We would like to thank all our generous supporters and who knows, you might even see some scaffolding around St Mary's.

Parochial Church Council

The Rt Hon Richard Benyon MP

Member of Parliament for Newbury

Back in February, the Fair Close Centre in Newbury was packed with people who had braved the miserable weather to come together to discuss how to tackle loneliness and social isolation across West Berkshire. There was real passion in the room, lots of good ideas and a combined desire to get something done. Since then, the challenge for all of us has been to build on the momentum and earlier this month, I was invited to see a particularly inspiring example in action. Under the energetic leadership of 'Captain Karen' from the Methodist church, the three churches in Lambourn had got together, along with East Garston Quakers, to take any older people who might not be going away on holiday this summer on a 'cruise' on the 'SS Lambourn Valley'. The Walwyn Hall was transformed with bunting and portholes and an action-packed itinerary was organised for the two-day trip to 'France' and 'Spain'. So many local groups, individuals and businesses contributed to the success of the day, helping in kind or in cash, a great example of community cooperation. I now have a Community Contacts page on my website and am happy to publicise any groups or initiatives if you email me the details richard@richardbenyon.com.

As I'm sure you are already aware, the Department for Transport finally gave the go-ahead for safety improvements on the A34. Works start next month and will include better signage on Gore Hill, improvements to the East Ilsley northbound slip road and to laybys north of Chieveley. This has been a long hard slog and I am delighted that something is finally being done. However, as anyone who uses this road will know, there is still more to do. The current works were seen through the financial prism of the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and I am working with England's Economic Heartland and with Transport for the South East as they look at the wider connectivity of the new route to make sure that our concerns about its impact are fully understood.

Lastly, a little plug for Greenfest, the sustainable living event being held in Hampstead Norreys on Saturday 7th September. Another fantastic example of a community-led event which promises to inform and inspire. And, yes, I am on the Q&A panel so come along and find out more!



From the Editor

Welcome to the End of Summer Edition of the EIC

As the summer holidays draw to a close, I am sure it will be sad for some of you, and for some, (stressed out parents) it can't come soon enough. I am very much looking forward to autumn and its events, Greenfest, Harvest festival, Halloween and maybe even some fireworks.

**Greenfest:- A FREE FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE ALL THINGS SUSTAINABLE
ON SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019 10AM-4PM
HOSTED BY HAMPSTEAD NORREYS**



Apples:- It's that time of year again where some apples are just about ready, and other types will need a month or so more. I am more than interested in trying some, and I know a few other people are too. So do let us all know if you're sharing or selling any.

Community Orchard and Wild Flower planting:-
The Parish Council & Trust Fund have agreed to pay towards this initiative.



Dog Bins:- Please do keep reporting in, if any of the bins do get full to the parish Council, so the Parish Clerk can keep requesting them to be emptied by West Berkshire Council. They have been a bit slow this summer. I assure you that is on their part, **not** the East Ilsley Parish Councils.

Dyson Business Park Development on Sunrise Hill:- I was going to write an article on this, but I will wait till the next edition to see how things have evolved more.



Dog Fouling:- At the start of the summer the fouling was terrible, I don't think I have seen it so bad, I was flicking 3-5 poops every walk I went on. Then all of a sudden for the last few weeks the paths have cleared up almost completely??? This happens every summer, every Christmas and every Easter holiday I notice. I have my theories to why this might be.

I know most of the wonderful dog walkers in the village do clear up their dogs mess. (And even help with the flicking) It's sad when the fair weather dog walkers are out and don't, due to them probably being out of the habit of clearing their mess up.



Village Website:- Please add the village website to your favourites or bookmarks, and keep up to date on key village information.

www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk



Front Cover:- This Editions front cover is up on Green Hams Lane, looking down on the village, on Sunday afternoon.



A special thank you to the Parish Clerk (**Fenella Woods**) for proof reading this edition for me. I guess you all know how bad my grammar and spelling can be some times. Hopefully this will continue, and less mistakes will be made.

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 28th October 2019 – So I will need all entries for that edition in by 11pm Friday 25th October 2019.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMPTON, ILSLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH AN UPDATE

Village Fetes – a thank you- a vote of thanks to all of you who attended the East Ilsley Fete on Sunday 2nd June and the Compton Fete on Saturday 6th July and visited our RBL stand to have some fun. A total of £236.65 was raised. The Officers and Members thank you all very much for being so generous to this worthwhile cause.

Poppy Appeal Lunch 2019 – 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 **The Right Honourable Sir Mark Waller**, a former Lord Justice of Appeal and Intelligence Services Commissioner who will give a short address “**Oversight of MI5 MI6 and GCHQ – the role of the judiciary**” 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 12:15 pm for lunch at 1 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 early through David Norbury tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com. Numbers will necessarily be limited and bookings will have to be taken on a first come first served basis.

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service 10th November 2019 Aldworth – this year the branch event will be in Aldworth. The parade will form up outside the Bell Inn at 10:30am and, led by Pipe Major Ian Knight, march to St Mary’s Church where the service will commence around the War Memorial, which is situated on the outside wall, at 10:55am. The service will then continue inside the Church. We are fortunate; and indeed proud, that this event has gained a reputation of being very well attended by RBL members, uniformed youth groups, parents, parishioners and supporters. The area around the war memorial is restricted and the Church has a limited capacity. We will do our best to give everyone attending the best experience that we can – with priority being given to the Youth Groups – but inevitably there may be a requirement for some standing.

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)

17th July 1919

PETTY SESSIONS – Friday 11th July before Mr. E.J. Wasey and Mr. H.C. La Grice, Frank Pocock of Easton was charged with stealing a bicycle valued £2 10s., the property of Mr. Charles Eacott of East Ilsley. He pleaded “not guilty”. Prosecutor stated that Pocock borrowed the bicycle on 5th April, and did not return it, in spite of repeated applications by letter. He heard that Pocock had sold the bicycle, so he went to Easton, and found that the bicycle had been sold to a blacksmith for 17s. 6d. James Radbourn stated that Pocock offered to sell the bicycle and he gave him 17s. 6d., for it. Defendant said he had no intention of stealing the bicycle; he did not realise the seriousness of the matter until he heard he was summoned. The Chairman told defendant that he had been a fool, but on account of his previous good character the Board had decided to deal leniently with him; he would be fined £3.

PEACE THANKSGIVING - Remnants of the old army, new armies, Special Constables, V.A.D., W.R.A.F., paraded at the Square on Sunday evening, the 6th inst., and marched to the village church to offer thanks to God for their safe deliverance and for a victorious peace. Many of the good old fighting regiments were represented, including our own county regiment which has fought in so many valiant fights and received the praise of our commanders. No less than 41 were on parade, and included men and women who had served with the following units: Royal Berks, Wilts, Hants, Devon, Warwicks., A.V.C., R.H.A., R.F.A., 9th Lancers., A.O.C., Dorsets, L.N., Lancs., Lincolns, Beds. R.A.S.C., Berks Yeomanry, West Kent, V.A.D. and W.R.A.F., and a good array of war medals and ribbons showed the good fighting qualities of those on parade. The arrangements were ably managed by R.S.M. Sneller A.O.C. met at the church door by the rector Rev. Canon Whitham, they quietly took their places in the pews allotted to them. The church was crowded and the hymns were rendered with great enthusiasm. The sermon also was listened to intently. After the service “Our Heroes” fell in and marched back to the Square where the dispersal took place.

23rd July 1919

On Saturday last, the day appointed for the celebrations of Peace, the anxieties and troubles of the past five years appeared to entirely vanish. Rejoicing was the order of the day. The first thing noticeable was the flag flying in the old church tower. It is some time since the flag has been seen owing to the breaking of the flag-staff, but it floated gaily in the breeze on Saturday. There were also numerous other flags and bunting about the village. During the afternoon, the children assembled at the school, several of the elder children in fancy dress. They formed up and marched round the village singing patriotic songs, and eventually arrived at the old schoolroom where they were entertained to a substantial tea. The church bells were now ringing a merry peal. At six o'clock a programme of sports was carried out in Mr. Lowe's meadow. The events included races for children of all ages, mile handicap, walking race, baby competitions and beauty show. Rain came and marred the pleasure of the sports, and the finale of the rejoicings, bonfire and fireworks was postponed until Monday night. On Monday, at 8.30 p.m., a fancy dress and comic dress masquerade paraded the village. Prizes were given for the best dresses in each class, and the rejoicings terminated with a bonfire and fireworks on Liddiard's Hill.

14th August 1919

GIRLS AND BOYS AT CRICKET.

An enjoyable cricket match was played at East Ilsley on Saturday, August 9th, between the girls and boys of East Ilsley School, and resulted in a win for the boys by two runs. Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. Risien. After the match the captains of both sides joined hands and with the Union Jack hoisted well, sang "Rule Britannia." Scores:

Girls. – M. Giles, capt. (b. Hibbert) 3. D. Stroud (not out) 0, P. Sneller (b. Hibbert) 0, C. E. Risien (b. Hibbert) 0, D. Eacott (b. Croft) 0, E. Stroud (b. C. Giles) 0, J. Warwick (b. Eagle) 0, M. Verncombe (b. Hibbert) 2, M. Eagle (b. Hibbert) 1, W. Fry (b. Eagle) 1, L. Welch (lbw) 8, A. Giles (lbw) 5, C. Hibbert (b. Hibbert) 8, A. Eacott (lbw) 15, H. Mills (b. Croft) 0, J. Pearce (b. Hibbert) 0 Total 43

Boys. – J. Merrell (c and B. Hibbert) 2, F. Eagle (b. Eacott) 4, B. Giles (b. Hibbert) 0, G. Matthews (b. Hibbert) 0, Joe Giles (b. Hibbert) 0, A. Beckett (b. Hibbert) 0, B. Risien (b. Eacott) 3, W. Hibbert (run out) 15, F. Field (lbw) 9, W. Risien (b. Hibbert) 0, C. Giles (run out) 2, W. Croft (b. Eacott) 8, K Vearncombe (b. Eacott) 0, John Giles (b. Eacott) 1, R. Mills (b. Eacott) 0, G. Beaborough (not out) 1. Total 45.



Autumn Group incorporating the Hobbies Club



Autumn Club News

Recent Events

Twenty two members recently sat down to a very enjoyable mid-summer lunch.

A representative of the Charity "Remap", which makes pieces of equipment tailored to the needs of an individual experiencing difficulty with certain tasks, gave a talk to the Group, explaining its work. As a result a volunteer engineer designed and made a tool to enable one member to open and close a window more easily.

The Group also experienced an impressive audio/visual presentation of the flora and fauna in and around the large garden of Malcolm Brownsword from West Hagbourne.

Forthcoming Activities

Aug	27 th	"Tech. Help" with Sharon.	Visit by Carolyn Culver.
Sept	3 rd .	Quiz	
	10 th	McMillan Tea	
	17 th	"Joan's Day" – a mystery activity.	
	24 th	TBA	
Oct.	1 st	Bingo	
	8 th	"Our Garden". A talk by Rita from Aldworth.	
	15 th	A talk, "What have insects ever done for us?"	

Meetings are in the Wilkins Centre, Compton, on Tuesdays, from 2.00 – 4.00pm.



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.

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES 2019

Tackling loneliness: a community response

Would you like to work with a charity to help empower rural communities in Berkshire?

Local charity Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB) is seeking new Trustees to help us continue our work of enhancing, empowering and strengthening rural communities in Berkshire.

We have over 45 years' experience in community development work and are an active member of the Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE). Our core mission is to enable communities in Berkshire to thrive by using our knowledge, skills and enterprise. Our vision is to strengthen, promote and empower communities.

We are seeking enthusiastic individuals that have an interest in working to improve community life in Berkshire to join our Board of Trustees. This is a non-remunerated post however out of pocket expenses are payable. We are particularly interested to hear from people that have skills and/or experience in marketing, PR, public speaking, fundraising or campaigning.

Your skills and experience will be put to use to making a lasting difference in your local communities. If you are retired or due to other circumstances have more time to dedicate then this could be the perfect role for you as we are a small team and do rely on volunteer support to help complete key task and finish jobs.

Alternatively if you have a busy working life then there are only a handful of, mostly evening, meetings to commit to attending a year in which you could share your expertise and provide guidance on important decisions.

Please e-mail admin@ccberks.org.uk or to find out more about us and our current projects please visit our website: www.ccberks.org.uk. To make an appointment for an informal conversation with our Chief Officer Tim please call us on 01189612000.

Support Our Work

If you would like to support our charity and shop on Amazon please consider shopping via the **AmazonSmile** platform – this is exactly the same as Amazon but has the added bonus of donating 0/5% of the value of your shopping to a charity. Once logged onto AmazonSmile please search for **Connecting Communities in Berkshire** and select us. You can find out more about how it works on their FAQs page. Many thanks.



Motor Neurone Disease

My name is Clive Jones, a retired priest living in Compton, and assisting in the Hermitage Team.



My wife dies 18 months ago from cancer – about which we hear a great deal, and for which there are numerous appeals for funds, - but very little is heard about **Motor Neurone Disease** and it's terrible effect on the individual and family.

In Compton we have a young man suffering from MND who is gradually getting weaker, and whom I visit each week with the Sacrament – and my mission is to make people aware of this illness, and to raise money for the **Motor Neurone Disease Association**.

My grandson mentioned sky diving recently, and I thought that this would be a great way of raising awareness of MND and funds for the association.

I am therefore going to Sky Dive on behalf of the **Motor Neurone Disease Association on Thursday, September 26th 2019**.

I appeal to you all to help me raise a large sum for the MND Association.

You can give either on Sponsor Forms in various places, or online:-

JustGiving Clive Jones – Sky Dive - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clive-jones10-skydive>

And it can be gift aided if you are a tax payer.

Thank you for your help and donations – and may those who are doing research find the cause of this illness, and the cure that is needed.



Reverend Clive takes to the Sky

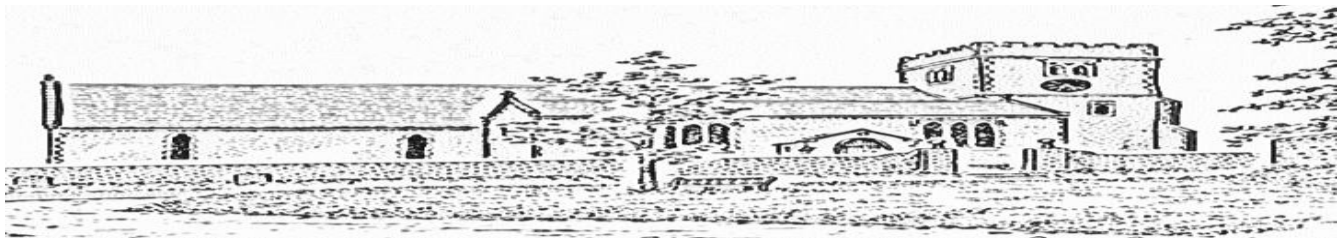
To honour the memory of Jonathan Edwards, a friend and parishioner of Compton Church who passed away on 20th July aged 47, Clive will be leaping from a plane at 15,000ft for his first sky dive at the grand age of 78.

Clive is raising money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association to help raise awareness of this illness and to fund vital research into finding a cure and supporting the families of those suffering.

You can sponsor Clive through his Just Giving page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clive-jones10-skydive

or ask Clive for a sponsorship form. Thank you for supporting him and the memory of Jonathan.



Appeal for the Repair of the Bells at St Mary's Hampstead Norreys

As many of you will be aware the bells at St Mary's have been silent for last two to three years. This is because they are now unsafe to ring and require significant repairs to be carried out prior to them being declared safe to ring once more. The total repair costs are estimated at about £60,000.

We have recently launched a fundraising project under the banner "Silent Knights" as the founders of the bells in the 17th century were members of the Knights family.

There are two elements to our fundraising – national and local. We are in the process of applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund and other national grant providers. Success in all these cases is greatly enhanced if good fundraising support is achieved locally. We would like to raise at least £2,500 from the local church community and by making a donation through the Good Exchange website the money will be match funded so we will receive twice the amount of the donation.

If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please make a donation using the following link:

<https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/16052/st-marys-church-hampstead-norreys/silent-knights>

We thank you and are grateful for your support.

If you have any questions please contact us at: bells@hampsteadnorreys.org.uk

St Mary's Bell Project Team

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 'Life Events' and select the correct 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.

Meet our new Team Vicar!

Reverend Sue Webster



Hello, my name is Reverend Sue Webster and I am delighted and privileged to become Hermitage Team Ministry's new Team Vicar from September 1st.

For the previous five years I was House for Duty priest within the Walbury Beacon Benefice, not so far away of course! I am excited to be moving into Hermitage Rectory during the late summer and look forward to getting lost (and occasionally finding my way!) around all the

beautiful village communities in the HTC Benefice.

Originally, I came from another beautiful part of the country – Malvern, in Worcestershire. After school I undertook nurse training in London. Later I studied for a degree in both Psychology and Sociology and then qualified as a teacher and taught Psychology to nursing undergraduates.

I was selected for ordination training in the early nineties and was ordained priest in 1995. After this I served in a variety of parishes, in the city of Worcester and in the countryside around Bredon Hill, near Pershore – still in Worcestershire.

I met my husband Robin at school and we've been married for (nearly) 40 years – where has the time gone? Robin works for the Diocese of Oxford as a Schools Advisor for the Diocesan Board for Education and is also Curate at St. Lawrence's Church, Hungerford. We have two adult children: Carly is Head Librarian at the University of the Arts in Norwich. She is married to Christopher and they have two sons, Jim who is 4 and Cameron who is nearly 3. After his work as a Computer Games Designer took him to St. Petersburg 3 years ago, our son Ben met and married Anastasia. They have just welcomed their first child, a daughter Kira, into the world.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all. I will be popping in to all the services over the coming months so do come and say hello!

Blessings

Revd. Sue Webster (Team Vicar)

Celebration Garden Tea Party – Cold Ash – 23rd June 2019

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with us in June. We raised £850 for Hermitage Church and the Cancer Care Trust. A big thank you to all those who helped to make the afternoon enjoyable and such fun! Thank you to Jean, who organised wonderful games for the children so they ran round the



garden, with not a phone in sight; to Bob for displaying his amazing wind sculptures made from recyclable material; to Beth for tending the plant stall; to Anne for bringing her beautiful handmade glass; to Roger and Peter, our kittens on the keys; to Angela, Jean and Margaret for their artistic display; to Jane and Manda for helping with the posies; to Alistair for his salesmanship with raffle; to Helen and James for gate management; and last, but not least, to Jane, Jenny and Vicky et al for the constant supply of drinks, delicious cakes and biscuits.

Thank you also to all friends and neighbours who supplied super cakes and biscuits in such variety. Very last, a big thank you to all the chaps who brought and organised the furniture, bunting and setting up of the event: Andrew, Chris, Ian and more!

Judith Denny



Services at St. Marys Church for September / October

Sunday 1 st September Trinity 11 	10.00am – Team Service Induction Service for Rev Sue Webster our new Team Vicar. All are welcome to join us for this special service. After the service (weather pending!) we will be holding a 'Bring your Own Picnic' in the Churchyard. Please bring your lunch, a blanket and folding chairs and lets welcome Reverend Sue to our Church Family in style!
Monday 2 nd September	11.00am – Home Communion @ Hildesley Court
Sunday 8 th September Trinity 12	No Service here today 9.30am – Parish Communion @ Compton Church
Sunday 15 th September Trinity 13 	11.00am – Pet Blessing Service A Service of the blessing of pets is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals, and for us to ask God's blessing on all that he has made
Sunday 22 nd September Trinity 14	No Service here today 9.30am – Parish Communion @ Compton Church
Sunday 29 th September Trinity 15 Michael & All Angels	No Service here today 9.30am – Parish Communion @ Compton Church
Sunday 6 th October Trinity 16	9.30am – Parish Communion (CW)
Monday 7 th October	11.00am – Home Communion @ Hildesley Court
Sunday 13 th October Trinity 17 Harvest Festival	No Morning Service here today 9.30am – Parish Communion @ Compton Church 5.00pm – Harvest Festival in the Church
Sunday 20 th October Trinity 18	11.00am – Morning Worship
Sunday 27 th October Last after Trinity Bible Sunday	No Service here today 9.30am – Parish Communion @ Compton Church

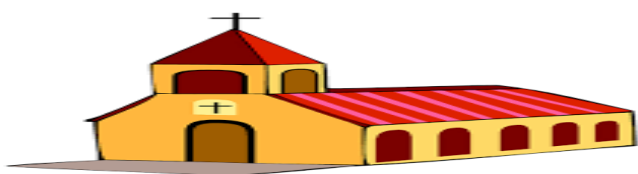
Save the Date:

Sunday 15th September 2019 - Newbury Deanery Deaf Church – 3.00pm – St. Nicholas Church, Newbury

Thursday 19th September 2019 - Downland Filling Station – 7.30pm – Hampstead Norreys Village Hall
 Katherine Ganlett: After the August break they are joined by the self-described “follower of Jesus, wife of a farmer and Hub Operations Manager for Westminster Theological Centre”. Katherine understands and has a passion for the rural community and will be sharing with us about her latest book.

Thursday 17th October 2019 - Downland Filling Station – 7.30pm – Hampstead Norreys Village Hall
 James Nickols "Living by Faith": After leading a church in London, James joined The Filling Station Trust and is now a Regional Director. He offers his knowledge and experience to support and encourage meetings across the South. Rooted in scripture and passionate about sharing God's word, James will both inform and inspire when he talks about "Living by Faith".

Sunday 20th October 2019 - Newbury Deanery Deaf Church – 3.00pm – St Nicholas Church in Newbury



St Patrick's Catholic Church East Ilsley

MASS EXODUS

I don't want to sound like an ice cream salesman telling everyone that 'dairy' is bad for you or a used car salesman telling everyone to travel by bus but my topic is so important that I'll take the risk. My summer reading this year has included a new book by Stephen Bullivant, *Mass Exodus*, (OUP 2019). It blazes a trail – which others are following – looking at the collapse of Catholic Mass-going on in Britain and America during the last fifty years. The focus on the West is crucial: similar books could be written about the Catholic Church growing like wild-fire in Africa, China, and other parts of the world. So, where are we now? In America only 15% of cradle Catholics claim to attend Mass weekly. In Britain it is only 13%. 35% of American cradle Catholics no longer tick the 'Catholic' box on forms and 37% of British cradle Catholics now would describe themselves as having 'no religion'. The rise of the 'nones' has been startling. In fact Professor Bullivant himself, nowadays a committed Catholic and Professor of Theology and the Sociology of Religion at St Mary's University, London, came to Oxford as an undergraduate as a 'none'. The book is disturbing and fascinating and what it describes would make sense to Christians other than Catholics. Anglicans, Methodists, Baptists: all have seen a fast diminishing membership.

In *Mass Exodus*, Bullivant does not offer any ways forward for his beleaguered co-religionists, though, as a believer and a sociologist, he is working on the topic. In a way, it is good to look at the collapse and see it for what it is. It is the collapse of a particular culture, a particular way of life. Millions still belong to this culture – even in the secular West – and, contrary to urban myth, scientists are just as likely to belong to it as they were a century ago. It's not that Christianity has been shown to be false. In fact it is more that people have ceased to pass it on routinely and share it on a family basis. Many children now are not baptised, nor brought up with 'the greatest story ever told', as we used to call it. It's just that church-going is no longer part of the warp and woof of everyday life as most people live it. We mustn't overstate the case: even as numbers fall, most people in this country would still describe themselves as 'Christian' and many would point to particular Christian values as important. Caring for those in need. Treating others as you would want to be treated yourself. The importance of individuals and their human rights. Is our culture 'going to hell in a handcart?' Probably. But we're no longer into 'group think'. Increasingly individuals make up their own minds on these issues, and many have decided conscientiously not to join the *Mass Exodus*.

Fr Andrew



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 July 2019

At the July meeting Tracy Waldron from the National Animal Welfare Trust spoke about the work done by the Berkshire branch of this charity at Trindledown Farm, Great Shefford. This is a rescue and rehoming centre specialising in the care of

elderly animals in their twilight years and no animals are ever put down. It is open to the public seven days a week and there is lots to see as all sorts of animals from varied backgrounds are rescued and rehomed. We were treated to stories of several of the animals and heard about their fascinating personalities ranging from tired dogs living in retirement to an escape artist dog that moved furniture to make a bid for freedom!!! The most famous resident is probably Rocco the chatty parrot who talked to the voice activated Alexa and ordered over sixty things from Amazon. These were only discovered when his owner went through her Amazon shopping list and discovered the list included lightbulbs, strawberries, bin bags broccoli and someone called Ryan!! The story went global. He is now a resident at Trindledown Farm and cannot be rehomed as he does not have a birth certificate. We were also very proud to learn that one of our members is a volunteer who was nominated Volunteer of the Year.

To find out more visit www.nawt.org.uk/centres/berkshire

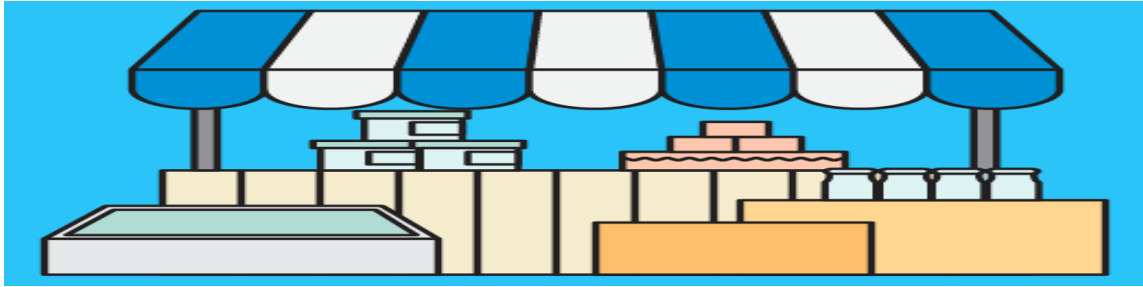
WI report for August 2019

HAMPSTEAD NORREYS WI spent a very enjoyable evening with members of Newbury Bowling Club in Victoria Park at their meeting in August. John Green, the club president, welcomed us and Heather Brown who had co-ordinated and organised the meeting arranged for us to be given tuition by club members.

The basics of the game were explained and the practicalities of holding, understanding the bias and how to throw the ball filled our heads. The time passed all too quickly and we came away with thoughts of taking up a new past-time and a respect for bowls and the players. It looks simple, but, it certainly is not. But, it is very enjoyable.



After trying to play we were treated to a ploughman's supper when we had the opportunity to socialise with the members as well as enjoy the tasty spread. We all agreed it was a fascinating evening and are really grateful to Newbury Bowling Club for giving us the opportunity to try something new.



Aldworth Saturday Market

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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





The Governing Board of the Federation of
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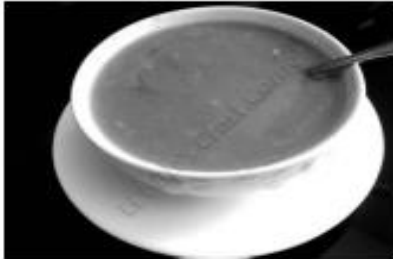
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Sunday, 13th October 2019



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meeting at Hampstead Norreys Village Hall



Walk/Lunch	£10.00
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Children	£ 5.00
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Everyone welcome - if you don't wish to walk please come for lunch at 12.00 noon.

Dogs are welcome but must be on a lead at all times

Prior booking by ticket is essential:



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or

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Information: **01635 201303**

All proceeds to Hampstead Norreys Village Hall Appeal

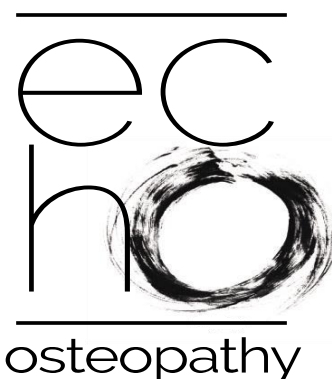


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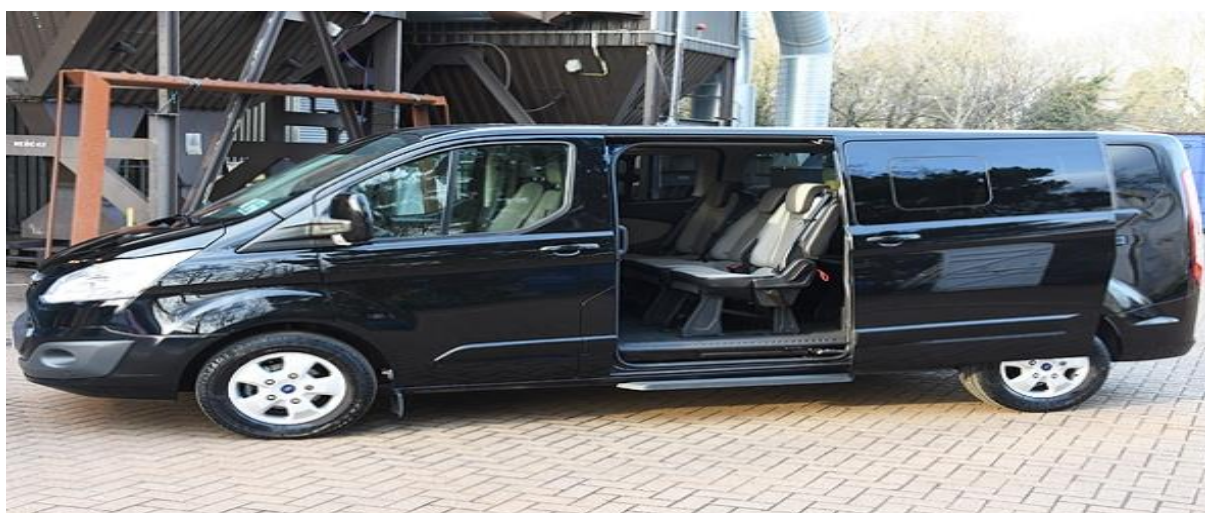


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NEWSLETTER August 2019

In June the Evergreens enjoyed a coach trip to Bradford-on-Avon where a trip on a narrow boat was a delightful way to spend an afternoon.

Our stalls at East Ilsley Sheep Fair and West Ilsley Fete were very successful as were the Bingo night and Afternoon Tea in June. The next Afternoon Tea is Saturday 17th August in the Wilkins Centre at Compton 2-4 pm

Future trips are
Weston-Super-Mare on **Wednesday August 28th**
Cardiff on Wednesday **September 25th**
Wells on Wednesday **October 23rd**
Salisbury Christmas Market **Tuesday December 3rd**

Please contact Julia on 281597 to book your seat.

Tony Elliott, our secretary, has been in hospital for several weeks. We all miss him and wish him a speedy recovery.

Julia Rockall— Chairman

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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

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SERVICE No.	6	6	6	6	6	6a	6a
WEST ILSLEY, The Harrow PH	0722	0930	1117	1317	1517	1702
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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
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