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## **East Ilsley Parish Council News - October 2019**

We will be creating a community orchard on the old allotments soon, thanks to funding from East Ilsley Parish Council, East Ilsley Trust Fund and West Berkshire Council. Steve Meadows and I have met one of WBC's tree experts who is helping guide us about the layout of the orchard and the mix of trees. The trees will improve the appearance of the land and will attract pollinators, which will benefit the allotments. It's 'National Tree Week' in the last week of November so that is when we hope to make a start. I will keep residents updated on Facebook.



The parish council and West Berkshire Council will also be funding some emergency kit to help us if/when we have flooding in the village. Altogether I've been able to secure £1,658 for East Ilsley from WBC.

On Monday 28 October WBC will be holding its first climate conference, to discuss how it can become carbon neutral by 2030. The council declared a climate emergency – like many other councils – in July, and are now committed to the 2030 deadline.

There will be a public engagement event about the future of the Institute site in Compton between 12.30pm and 8pm on Thursday 7 November at the Wilkins Centre behind Compton Village Hall. Up until recently the understanding was that there would be no more than 140 new homes built on the site, but the current owners Homes England and their consultants are proposing 250. I have spoken to the WBC planning officer dealing with this application, asking about the implications for traffic, the doctors' surgery and local schools. I will maintain contact with him throughout the process. Please take the opportunity to attend this event to find out more and give your views.



The parish council and I tried to get the speed limit over Sunrise Hill extended but WBC said no. I understand the parish council are going to give you more detail about this in their article.

Regarding salt bins, I've decided to leave this with the six parish councils in Ridgeway ward to resolve, because I'm being batted back and forth with no resolution in sight. I have come to the conclusion that I cannot solve this on my own. It needs to be the parish councils either paying

WBC to fill the bins, ordering salt from another source, or not filling them at all and leaving it up to residents to make their own arrangements (for example in Compton one cul-de-sac club together to buy their own salt). So sorry I haven't been able to solve this personally, but it's up to parish councils to decide what their policy is. I can't tell them what to do.

Happy Halloween and bonfire night. Remember to check for wildlife if you're setting fire to anything!

Best wishes

Councillor Carolyne Culver

Ridgeway ward

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**Flood Warden:-** We still desperately, desperately need a flood warden. The Parish Council thought they had found someone to replace the previous one, but it was not to be.

This is very urgent! I lot of you may have seen a lot of water rush into the village already this year in mid-September and mid-October. The likely hood of the village flooding if it we have a prolonged spell of rain is very high. We have already had warning this year. I can't really emphasis how important and serious this can be. I think back in 2014 due to the knock on effect of the flooding someone died!

If it does flood like it did in 2014, a lot of you won't be able to get out the village (or in) and you could also sustain water damage, and not always in the most obvious ways.

Sorry for the rant, (I do care) it's just very frustrating to watch a situation that you know can be avoided get worse.

Whoever takes over the Warden position, you won't be alone. I and other people in the village will help clear any reeds or water ways that need clearing, we just need someone with a bit of knowledge and motivation to organise the management of the flooding in the village.

Please can you contact the Parish Clerk - 07912565665 - [clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk)  
For more information.

**Your Parish Council – Brendan, Andrew, Stephen, Tracey, Francesca and Fenella**

**Next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm at The Ilsleys School hall.**



Homes England

## Public Engagement Event

Land at the Former Pirbright Insitute

Find out about Homes England's proposals for the future redevelopment of the site outlined in red below.



This is a drop-in event open to everyone and will take place at:

**Wilkins Centre, Compton Village Hall**  
Burrell Road, Compton

on  
**Thursday 7th November**

between  
**12:30 and ~~7:00pm~~ 8:00pm**

## East Ilsley Parish Council Needs You!

**East Ilsley  
Parish Council**  
Integrity  
Accountability  
Selflessness  
Leadership  
Objectivity  
Openness  
Honesty  
**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](mailto:clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk) for more information.

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



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk)

East Ilsley Parish Council



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[clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk)







## **East Ilsley Parish Council**

### **Tales from your Parish Council – Issue 97**

Welcome everybody to this latest edition of the EIC!

Since the last edition we find ourselves reminiscing on the blue skies and sunshine of summer whilst looking out of the window at dark, grey, rain filled clouds ever threatening to overflow. The central heating is back on, log burners are stocked with dry logs and kindling, and we are forever watchful of the pond and the weather forecasts!

With this in mind, and the view from my window today we'll start by telling you all about where we are with the pond. As you know, our duck pond plays several vital roles in East Ilsley village. It is of course home to several ducks and other pond species but primarily it is there to provide flood alleviation to the village. With heavy rainfall, various channels and water courses throughout the village use the pond as a place to deposit their collections of water which in turn should reduce the risk of flooding to premises and properties in the village. However, the rather enormous caveat to that is that it absolutely must 'work' and function in that fashion to do an effective job! This is a massive undertaking and one that we simply can't do on our own. We need cooperation from key stakeholders in the village (landowners etc.) and homeowners with 'Riparian Responsibilities' to the water courses. We also are in desperate need of a Flood Warden. Sadly, no one has come forward since Steve Coleman stepped down in May and with more rain on the way in the coming months, finding someone in the Village who can take on this role really is most pressing. If you think this might be for you or know of someone who would be interested, please contact the clerk at [clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk) and she will let you know what you need to do.

Several Parish Councillors and landowners met with Stuart Clark who is the Principle Engineer at West Berkshire Council in the Flood Management Department on 16<sup>th</sup> October down at the pond to look at what is most in need of doing to ensure it functions properly over the autumn and winter. Stuart will prepare a report which we hope to receive in time for our next Parish Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November so do add to your diary as we will discuss this in the meeting. One of our main problems seems to be the increase in silt in the pond which in turn has made the pond shallower resulting in it potentially overflowing into the road and surrounding areas. However, according to Stuart, this is not something that needs to be auctioned immediately so with his guidance we will make a start on clearing that next year which should give us a deeper pond, capable of coping with heavy rainfall and not overflowing. The next task will be to clear the reeds but the best time to do this is in July (according to the Pang Valley Flood Forum group) so we will also be ready to action that next year. What we can do now though is to clear the main gully that runs along Haydon Lane by the Old Rectory so we will make a plan for a 'Community Action Morning' where we can all don some wellies and get stuck in with some tea and cake as well. More information will follow on that shortly.

We don't want to dwell on the thought of floods, but we have received some good news from West Berkshire Council regarding some grant applications that our District Councillor Carolyn Culver put in for us. The first is that we have been awarded grant assistance for

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the purchase of our own 'Emergency Equipment'. This grant will enable us to buy some important pieces of kit that could help the village should we find ourselves in a situation. Kit like generators, pumps, emergency lighting, portable heaters, hi-vis jackets, first aid kits, gas burners and kettles and flasks will be purchased and kept in the village for use by all, when needed. We hope to have all this wrapped up in December and the team are working on obtaining quotes and suppliers to maximise our funding and stretch it as far as it can go. We have also been successful with our bid for the Community Orchard funding and our District Councillor will be working alongside us to work out where best for the trees to be placed. Look out for more information on both these developments on our website and social media. A huge thank you to Councillor Culver for putting these bids in for us and helping us move forward with these projects.

Councillor McGrath is moving forward with plans for the playground on the recreational ground. He now has a small army of volunteers that are helping him with grant applications and funding, and we are very grateful to all the volunteers who are giving up their time to help. He is keen to make our park amazing and there are lots of conversations with suppliers happening in the background. We hope to have things ready for the start of next summer, so things are really ramping up!

The Super Six Speed Squad are now all trained up and are working with West Berkshire Council on where best to start their data analysis. Once risk assessments have been carried out you should start to see the team out and about with their Happy / Sad face sign. They are now a rolling agenda item at all our Parish Council Meetings so do come along and hear about what they are getting up to.

One recent bit of news is that Councillor Sharp attended the Speed Limit Review meeting at West Berkshire Council Offices as the Cow Lane / Sunrise Hill 30mph zone request was on the agenda. Sadly, our request to increase the 30mph zone up to Sunrise Hill was rejected on the grounds of 'No more signs' are wanted in the countryside. We are very disappointed.

As a final note, please add our website to your 'favourites' bar [www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk) as we add posts, news, agendas and minutes on a regular basis. We now have a thriving Facebook page (@eiparishcouncil) so 'Like' us and get all the info there as well. We're on Twitter too, search for @eastilsleypari1 and you'll find us there too. You can also email Fen our Clerk who will pass on your comments, recommendations and queries at [clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk) and we look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.  
East Ilsley Parish Council

**Future meeting dates: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020.  
All at 7:30pm in The Ilsleys Primary School.**

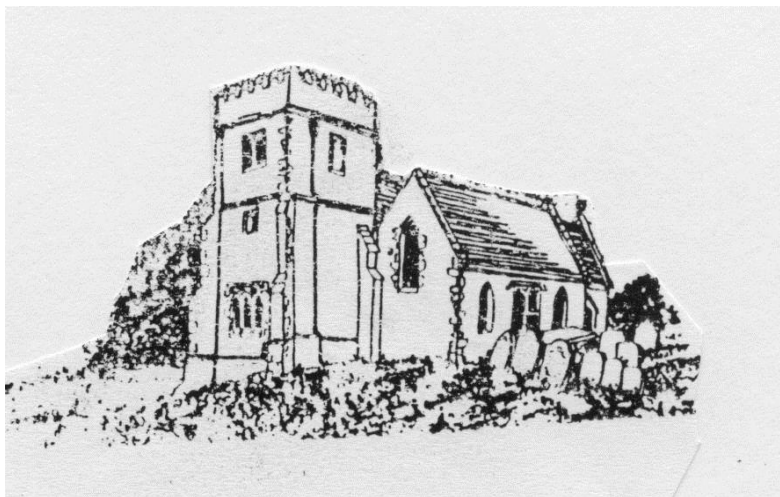
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## **St Mary's in the Community/East Ilsley Community Project**

Further to **Issue 96** Progress report, there are several new matters to let you be aware of. Concerning our fund raising efforts, we have just been advised that our Community Matters Grant bid with John Lewis ( Newbury) has been



concluded, resulting in a grant of £845.00 (thanks again to Customer Generosity) which, when match funded by the Good Exchange, will double. Our Tesco bid is still awaiting Planning Permission (a faculty) from the Oxford Diocese, before the Newbury store will consider promoting St Mary's Church Building in its bi- monthly token scheme. We are just about to apply to HMRC for the past 6 months of Gift Aid Rebate, which is from donations at our Services' collection plates.

So our current total raised stands at £27.000, and we are now planning to prioritise the essential works to the fabric of the building. These Grants cannot be used for maintenance but targeted towards ensuring the building is starting its conversion into a Community useable asset.

Electrical rewiring, heating system, toilet and kitchen facilities, disabled access, and reconfiguring the pew stalls are still to be tackled. Several Fund Raising schemes are being planned over the next 6 months, starting very shortly with a 'SWISH' sale of nearly new , but not needed clothes, kindly organised at Ian and Francesca Wilson's home 'Melcombe House', Stanmore Rd on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – there is more information in this Issue. A couple more events are planned for around Easter and we'll let you know the details in the next EIC.

We would appreciate any help in any way you could offer to keep the momentum going for Fund Raising for St Mary's in the Community.

The Church Notice Board has the contact details displayed at the approach to the Church entrance.

**Parochial Church Council.**

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## The Rt Hon Richard Benyon MP

### *Member of Parliament for Newbury*

#### **#GiveADayToPolicing**

MPs across the country were invited to **#GiveADayToPolicing** this summer and, amidst all the current chaos and confusion of the political scene, it was salutary to take a day out with the neighbourhood team in West Berkshire. The aim of the initiative was for MPs to see how day-to-day business is managed and how frontline officers respond to daily calls and challenges and, reporting to Newbury Police Station that morning, I was allocated to join PC Greg Jones and PC Shaun Bull for the day.

Over my years as MP I have been fortunate to go out several times with the police and, once again, I was really impressed with the professionalism shown by these two officers. Calls that day took us out to a traveller incursion, a domestic dispute, and a minor traffic incident in Hungerford High Street. I was impressed by how intelligently the officers handled some very sensitive issues.

The role of the local copper has changed out of all recognition. Our police are expected to take on community engagement and safety as well as law and order and public protection. In West Berkshire, for example, it is our local Superintendent Lindsey Finch who chairs the group working with our most vulnerable rough sleepers. The police are also part of the Homelessness Strategy Group and pop in regularly to Two Saints hostel, the Newbury Soup Kitchen and Loose Ends, as well as visiting schools and liaising with Parish Councils and other community bodies. TVP's Rural week of action in October saw an extra focus on crimes such as illegal coursing and stolen vehicles that plague rural areas such as the Berkshire downs, as well as a 'have your say' event in Compton, several firearms training sessions and a tool and tack security marking event.

The Government has pledged funding for 20,000 more police officers over the next three years and of the first tranche of these in 2020-2021, 183 new officers will be allocated to the Thames Valley force. This comes on top of the additional 209 officers and support staff funded by the increase in the Council Tax precept agreed in January.

Whereas the timing of the next general election is subject to much speculation but at the time of writing is as yet unknown, an election will definitely take place on 7 May 2020 for the next Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley. Anthony Stansfeld, the current PCC for this area, is standing down and candidates to take his place are due to be confirmed. There has been a lot of talk about the role of PCCs who now head up policing in around 40 areas across England and Wales. But, replacing the old police authorities, they are, if you like, our voice, acting as the link between the police and the public, and between the police and the Government, and have real power – deciding the precept and hiring and firing the Chief Constable.

I have wholeheartedly recommended **#GiveADayToPolicing** to all my colleagues.





## **From the Editor**

### **Welcome to the End of Autumn Edition of the EIC**

I do hope the Brexit merry-go-round is not getting you all too down? It's quite a sad thing to watch things become so divided and nothing getting sorted so we can all move on.

Whatever finally gets decided in the end, I would like to say on my part I am here to help in any way I can. (I know that resonates for most of the villages also) If we leave at the end of October (not looking likely now) or if it's in January (Probably another maybe) as a community it would be nice if we can all help each other out in any way, as who knows how it will effect things in the short & long term. I don't want to induce fear in anyway, but there could be shortages of food, medicine, fuel etc then again there might not be, its very hard to tell what will happen, best just to be ready for anything.



**Halloween:-** On Thursday when you're out trick or treating, please respect anyone who has not left their light on for you, or left a "No Trick or Treater" sign.

On the other hand leave your pumpkins out or something that lets us know its ok to knock. My house will have a plentiful supply of sweets and I hope to see you and the night is enjoyable without incident.

Also don't forget to enter the pumpkin competition by leaving your pumpkins at the pond. Remember to leave some contact details on the bottom, Email, mobile etc. Kim is looking forward to your entries, and you may get your pumpkins displayed on the pond.



**Fireworks:-** I have not heard that any event is going on in the village this year, which is a shame. The Firework display was always one of my favourite events. I would invite family round for a nice meal, then we would go out to the millennium field to enjoy a very impressive village fireworks display, and a good time was always had by all.

Last year's free event that was organised at the last minute, was really was not too bad. Even something like that would be great, and it's a good opportunity to raise funds for any causes or organisation.

If anybody would like to restart the event in future years to come, it would be very much appreciated.

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This all being said, **West Ilsley** are holding an event on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at their recreation field.

BBQ starts at **6:15pm** – Bonfire lit at **6:30pm** – Fireworks start **7pm**

**Christmas messages:-** Don't forget to send me in all your Christmas messages, and I will print them out in the next edition. By December 19<sup>th</sup> please.



**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](http://www.eastilsley-pc.gov.uk)



**Front Cover:-** This Editions front cover is of the village pond last year, on a rare sunny, frosty morning, with the Halloween decorations freshly displayed out.



A special thank you to the Parish Clerk (**Fenella Woods**) for proof reading this edition for me.

**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 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (dependant on printing and me not being away) – So I will need all entries for that edition in by 11pm Thursday 19th December 2019. Things are a little bit different for the Christmas edition, otherwise it would get delivered after Christmas and that just would not do.





### The over 80's Newbury Weekly News food parcels

I know a lot of people in the village, but don't live in village, so over the years I have lost touch with them, and some whom maybe over 80 and I don't know about them. If you want to receive a parcel please give me a call - **Mary Mc Clafferty** on **07760 137357**.

### **Introducing SID....More Than Just A Smiley Face!**

Do you think there is an issue with traffic speed in our village? If so, please tell us more and complete our short (2min) survey by following this link:

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/gdBBVoz8>

Over the summer a small team of villagers attended training with West Berkshire Council which means that we are now able to use SID ( a portable **Speed Indicator Device**) to assess the speed of traffic passing through East Ilsley. We've worked closely with East Ilsley Parish Council and West Berks Council to review one existing site for SID and explore possibilities for other places where SID could be deployed.

SID is the first step in a series of interventions which can be made by West Berks Council in areas where the speed of traffic is perceived to be a problem. Although SID will not enable us to issue penalty notices or 'catch' speeding drivers it will collect a lot of really useful information which will help us to identify if there is an issue with speeding traffic, where the speeding issues occur, what times of day speed issues are most likely and from where the speeding traffic originates.

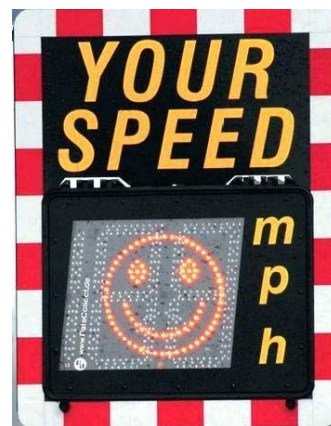
What else can we do right now?

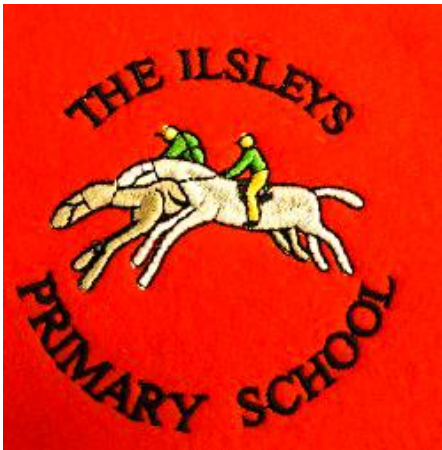
- We can report incidences of speeding traffic directly through West Berkshire Council's website and following the road safety links.
- We were advised during the training that homemade speed signs, although well intentioned, are actually not always helpful because motorists are actually using them to **AVOID** speeding charges in court. This happens because drivers claim they were confused by the additional signage, which doesn't have the correct permission or adhere to road safety legislation so, even where a speeding offence has occurred, it cannot be enforced.

You should see us out and about with SID very soon and we look forward to hearing from you!

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*(Speed Team East Ilsley Newbury)*





## **Hello from all of us here at The Ilsleys**

The Ilsleys have already had a busy but exciting start to the new academic year. The children (and teachers!) all had a wonderful summer break and are ready to learn in their new year groups and classes. It has also been a pleasure to welcome the new pupils to our school who look so smart in their uniforms and have settled in really well already.

At the beginning of the term, our school and Hampstead Norreys (who we are federated with) had a really special day. The Mini Marines came to visit and brought a huge obstacle course with them! The children all got to have a go on this as well as learning how to light their own camp fire and taking part in other problem solving challenges. It was a great opportunity for children to develop their inter-personal skills, particularly good communication and team work. We had a fantastic day - one we will all remember for a long time!

We have already visited some exciting places on school trips, including the Mary Rose in Portsmouth and The Charterhouse in London. This was part of Atlantic Class's topic on the Black Death. We got to visit a real life plague pit and as well as seeing a real skeleton which had been dug up just a few years ago. They explained to us how the skeleton's teeth were tested to find out where they would have lived in the country and also whether the Black Death was the cause of their death. It was! We also became doctors for the afternoon and tried to think of our own cures - some of the suggestions were very interesting indeed!

In other news, we were incredibly proud to achieve 100% again for Reading, Writing, SPAG and Mathematics in the end of Key Stage 2 assessments. Last year's Year 6s worked so hard and were a real credit to the school - we couldn't have been prouder of them! We were also really pleased of the results achieved at Hampstead Norreys - they secured 100% in Maths, 91% in SPAG and 91% for Reading.





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

**Poppy Appeal Lunch 2019 – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:steveallison1888@aol.com) or David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email [davidnorbury@btinternet.com](mailto:davidnorbury@btinternet.com) – **thank you.**

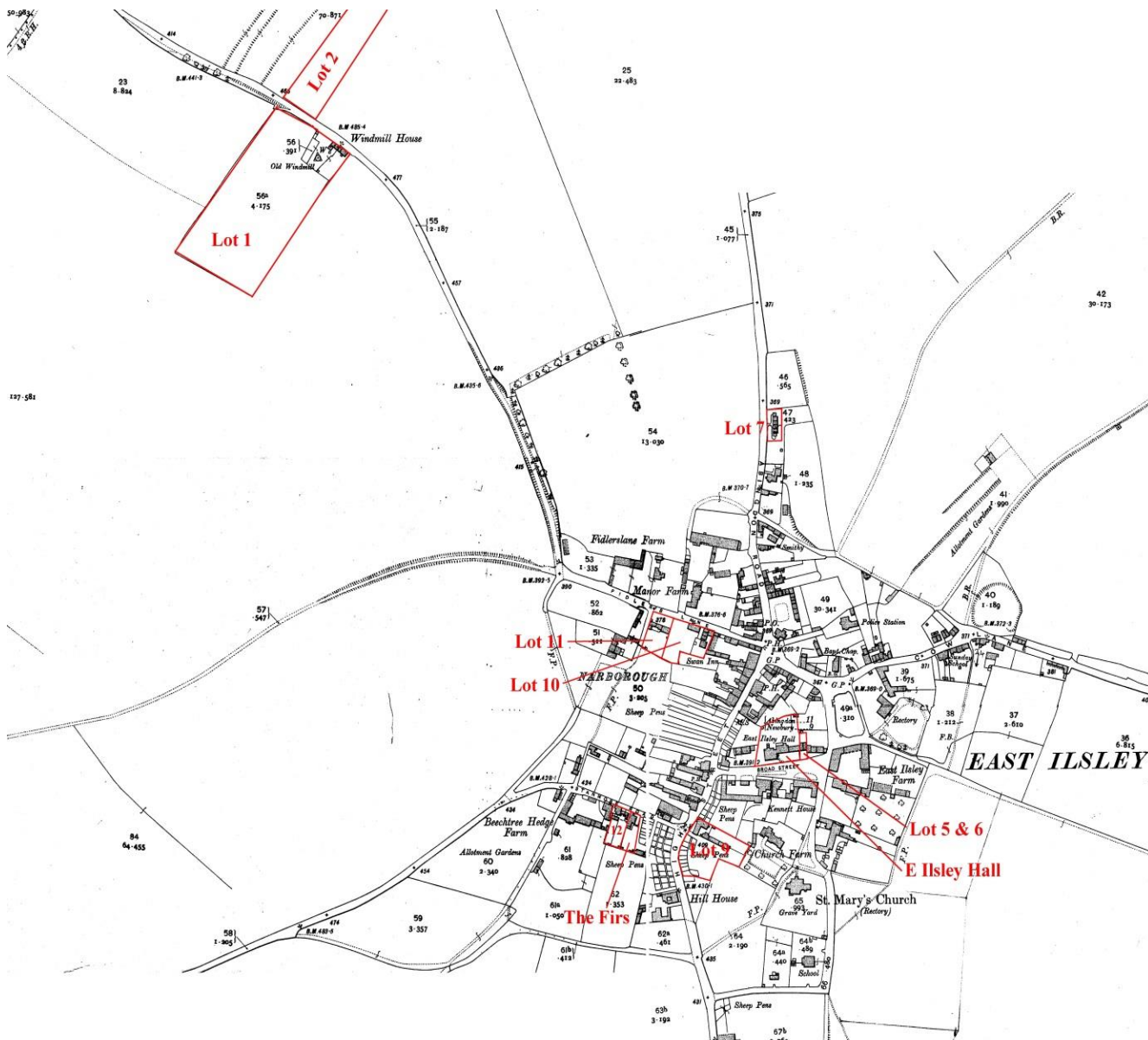


## East Ilsley 100 years ago (extracts from Newbury Weekly News)

**25<sup>th</sup> September 1919**

### IMPORTANT PROPERTY SALE AT ILSLEY

On Wednesday last, acting on the instructions of the trustees of the estate of the late Mr. W. H. Woodhouse, a sale by auction was held by Messrs. Dreweatt, [Watson and Barton], when various properties were submitted. A businesslike company assembled, and although not extraordinary large in numbers, it was soon evident that business would be transacted.



Lot 1. – Comprising a cottage, known as “Windmill House,” situate on the road from East to West Ilsley, and being the site of the old Windmill landmark, now unfortunately a ruin, together with 4½ acres of land, attracted several competitors, the bidding commencing at £150, and the lot being secured by Mr. Webb, of Reading, at a sum of £215.

Lot 2 – One and a half acres of arable ground, close to Lot 1. Was bought by the same buyer, at £30.

Lot 3. – A Freehold field, of 4½ acres of arable land in Blewbury Bottom, approached by a long bridle track, and having a tithe upon it of £1 19s. 6d., was bought by Mr. Bartholomew, at £50.



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Lot 4. – A small paddock on the outskirts of the village, occupying very high ground and on the top of a very steep incline, was bought by Mr. Booker for £42, and it seems to us that if there was a bargain sold at the sale, this was it.

Lot 5. – A two-bedroomed cottage and garden, was bought by Mr. Sneller for £62 10s.

Lot 6. – The adjoining cottage and garden was sold to Mr. Webb, at £100.

Lot 7.- A row of four very small cottages and gardens was secured by Mr. Henry Wilson, at £150.

Lot 9. – The fully licensed inn, known as “The Star,” with [pl-----] meadow used as part of the Fair Ground, created very considerable competition, being put up at £500 by Messrs. Strange, the tenants, and bidding did not cease until it was secured by Mr. Webb, of Reading.

Lot 10. – The small residence occupied by Mr. Booker, at a rent of £16 10s. together with a cottage, let at 3s. a week, and some stabling, of which the roof had fallen in, was bought by the tenant at £355.

Lot 11. – A row of three very picturesque half timbered and thatched cottages, producing a gross rental of £16 15s., and affording very restricted accomodation, were bought by Mr. Booker for £80.

Lot 12. – Three cottages known as “Trilby Cottages,” and “Melcombe House,” were bought by Mr. Wilson at £250, while lot 13, a small cottage on the Compton Rd., was sold to Mr. Barclay for £20.

For Lot 3, which comprised the most valuable part of the sale, viz., “The Hall,” there was no bid of any kind. This beautiful house, excellently built, which, although it has been empty for something like seven years, shows no ill-effects therefrom, seems to fail to attract anyone, and it is a loss to the village that this should be the case. The owners were disposed to accept a very small sum for this extremely nice house, together with the five cottages which go with the lot, and it is to be hoped, for the sake of the village, that the buyer will be found at an early date. It is to be sold at an absolute bargain, and to anyone whose inclinations draw them to country village life, we are inclined to believe there is no similar bargain going in the country in these times.

By instructions of Mrs. Larkin, another property, comprising the detached house known as “The Firs,” was also offered, but the biddings did not reach the reserve, and it was withdrawn, but was disposed of immediately after the auction.

A small cottage, situated in the centre of the village, occupied by Mr. Bartholomew, was also offered, and this realised £75.

The sale, which was conducted by Mr. Barton, took quite a short time to complete, and the result seems to go to show that there is life in Ilsley yet.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> October 1919

BAZAAR AND CONCERT. – The Baptists of East Ilsley and the district churches held their annual bazaar and concert on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The whole proceedings were a gratifying success. The sale was held in Mr. Baker’s showroom, transformed with colours in flags and flowers. Mrs. S. Brown, of Woodley, opened the sale. Mr. S. Brown made a pleasant speech. Rev. T. G. Fairbairn, B. A., and Mrs. Fairbairn, and Mr. E. Jackson, were present from Reading. A busy time followed, some of the stalls being cleared by tea-time. Much interest was taken in the various guessing competitions for a charming doll given by a friend and a beautiful cake made by Mrs. Hart, of Hampstead Norris. A silver tree made up of envelopes with silver coins was very successful the reading of the mottos and texts placed within was very amusing; the day closed realising a record sum. The following evening, a splendid programme was presented to a great audience. Miss Lowe and Mr. H. Wells were responsible for the orchestra (the unavoidable absence of Miss Lowe was much regreted). Which rendered some really fine and enjoyable music. It was composed of Mrs. East, Mrs. Hibbert, Mrs. H. Wells, Mrs. W. East, the Misses Baker, Mr. Herbert Wells, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Lowe. The songs by Mrs. Mrs. W. East, Miss M. Baker. Mr. Welch, were very pleasing, the humerous side was ably taken by a local friend, Mr. Pearce, who has undoubted gifts, and Mrs. Wilkins, stationmaster, of Hermitage, who is well-known as an accomplished humerist. The whole programme was a creditable performance and was greatly enjoyed. The results of the two days’ proceedings is well over £60.



# Autumn Group incorporating the Hobbies Club



## Autumn Club News

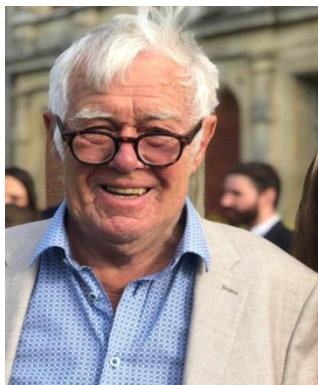
### Recent Meetings

At the beginning of October the Members were treated to an excellent talk on various aspects of gardening by Rita from Aldworth, and very appropriately, the following week there was a very knowledgeable entomologist giving a presentation entitled “Insects, whatever have they done for us?” An awful lot, it transpired!

### Forthcoming Activities

- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. Pumpkins – carving and painting.
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Making a Guy – plus Sparklers!
- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Harvest Lunch 1:00pm.
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Film ‘Grace of Monaco’
- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. Xmas pottery painting.
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Uno and Bingo.
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Antiques, with Rita. Bring an item for discussion.
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Xmas Lunch and Party.

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



### Join us for an illustrated talk by Richard Ingrams, former editor of Private Eye and The Oldie.

After a long and hectic career as editor of Private Eye and The Oldie Richard Ingrams pays a tribute to the cartoonists who have contributed so much to the success of his magazines.



They include his lifelong friend Willie Rushton as well as such favourites as Larry, Bill Tidy, Gerald Scarfe and Michael Heath whose most memorable gags will illustrate his talk.

**Extra Event** - Saturday 30th November at 7pm at Aldworth Village Hall.  
(Saturday 9th November event is SOLD OUT)

Tickets include wine and nibbles – £15 each

[events@aldworthvillage.org](http://events@aldworthvillage.org) or 07796 855 315

All proceeds will be split between Aldworth Church and Aldworth Village Hall.





## 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.



## **Motor Neurone Disease** **Sky Dive for Motor Neuron Disease**



It was a rather wet morning when I left my house at 6.30 a.m. on Thursday, September 26th to drive to Old Sarum, where the Sky Dive Company was situated. When I arrived at 7.45 a.m. the weather was beginning to clear, as had been predicted by the company in an email the evening before, and as the morning opened out, so the weather improved and the sun began to shine.

After booking in, we had to wait until we were called, to fit us out with the 'overall' and the various belts, straps, etc. that had to be worn. During this time Richard, my son, and his family arrived, together with Jonathan's parents, with two friends, his sister and her son, and a parishioner from one of the parishes in the Team.

When all who were 'diving' were kitted out, we were called to go through a rehearsal of how to leave the plane, and how to land, before waiting to be called for our flight. I was attached to a young man - Mac, who was very friendly and helpful with his advice. Eventually we went onto the plane, Mac and I leading the way. We sat on benches each side of the plane, with our legs on each side of the bench, making it easier to slide towards the door when the time came. While taking off, Mac tightened our straps, etc. as he was sitting directly behind me, and I was sitting in his lap, ready for our jump. We were 7 pairs in the plane, plus my photographer, the door opener, and the pilot. As I had volunteered to do the highest jump at 15,000 ft - we were the last to leave the plane. Our photographer was hanging onto the plane outside, filming us, as our legs came over the edge, until we jumped. The first mile was a free fall, when I am told, we fell at 123mph but I soon felt the tug of the parachute and we were able to float in the sky. It was an amazing feeling seeing the earth below - Mac pointed out the English Channel, the Isle of Wight, and immediately below us the layout of Old Sarum castle and the first cathedral, and a little further over Salisbury itself, with the cathedral looking like a toy building. The photographer at one point floated over to



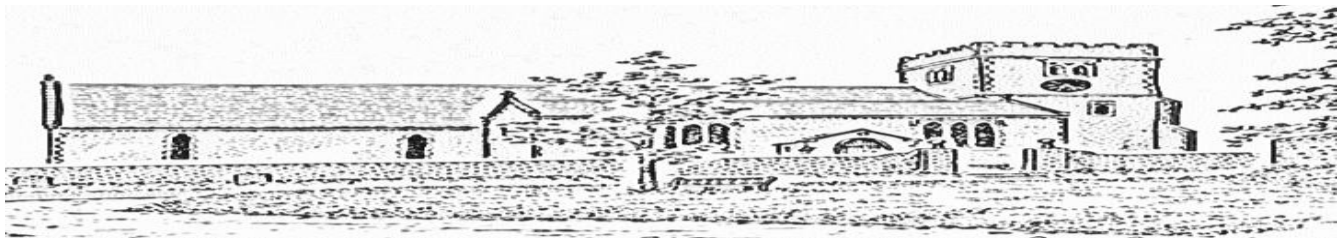
us and shook hands with us in mid air. Mac handed me the two control chords of the parachute and we were able to do the twists right and left. What struck me was how quiet it was - we could hear each other talking quite clearly. Eventually the time came to descend gradually, landing exactly in the marked circle on the ground.

What a fantastic experience it was - something I had never dreamt I would do - but it was well worth it, as not only have we been able to familiarise people with the work of the Motor Neuron Disease Association, but also have helped to raise money for its work - at present getting on for £7,000. It was an important way of thanking MND for the care they took of Jonathan and his family, and also to make it's work better known in our communities. The Appeal and the 'Just Giving Page' will close at the end of October.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for the money you contributed in sponsoring me for this Sky Dive in memory of Jonathan and for the MND Association. May those who are doing research into this terrible disease soon find the cause and the cure. God bless you all and thank you.

Clive Jones

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



## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT** **ST MARY'S CHURCH, EAST ILSLEY 2019**

**Thank you to those of you who have already contacted me to Sponsor days for the Lighting up of St Mary's this Christmas. I already have your details on my list and will be in touch soon to finalise your donation. It is very much appreciated.**

After the great response we received again last year for St Mary's Church East Ilsley to be externally illuminated throughout the Christmas Period, we would like to do it again this year. Your generosity last year helped pay the electricity bill and also some essential costs, repairs, etc. that are always need in such an old and lovely building.

The cost for the electricity required to light up the Church is minimum off £10.00 per day so it was suggested that we ask for sponsors for a day to help us keep the Church alive and lit from 1<sup>st</sup> December until 12<sup>th</sup> night, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If you would like to sponsor a day in memory of someone dear to you or a special event or even just to say Happy Christmas please contact me, either by email [Erica.smith800@btinternet.com](mailto:Erica.smith800@btinternet.com), or telephone on 280633. An A4 poster is put up for each day around the Church for the whole of the Christmas period showing the person donating, a personal message and who or what you are commemorating. If you would like a picture included, please send these to me as well and we will include it on the poster,

I am sure you have heard about the plan to make St Mary's a community church where it will be adapted to be suitable to run social events in the main part of the Church. The static pews will be removed, a toilet and kitchen installed and there are still some major repairs to be carried out. This would mean East Ilsley has a hall for social activities open to all. We have been busy raising money already and one of the stipulations to the grants we can receive is that the village is seen to be raising money too. With this in mind, at our last PCC meeting it was proposed that we ask for a small voluntary donation be included with your Christmas lights donations to go to this cause. It is not compulsory, but every bit helps and we quite understand if you do not or cannot do it.

The other good news this year is that you can now send your donations by BACS payment to St Mary's bank account although I will collect cash or cheques if you still prefer this way of paying.

The Bank Account details for the Nat West St Mary's bank account are as follows:

Sort Code: 60-15-07 Account No: 65368614.

Please let me know if you are paying this way and what amount for my spread sheet. I am lost without that!



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I am sure you will all agree that our Church illuminated for Christmas is a lovely sight at this special time of the year, bright and glowing each evening, looking over the village, especially as the Church is the centre point of the Christmas Celebration of Jesus's birth.

Thank you in anticipation of any help you can give to light up our Village Church at this beautiful time in the Church calendar and in doing so, we will be remembering those people and events special to you at the same time.



Erica and St Mary's Church East Ilsley, PCC

### **Follow us on Facebook, St Mary's Church East Ilsley**

We have received a request and a donation from Kay Sanderson for the Church lights to be lit on the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> November to celebrate All Souls Day. So when you see the Church lit up this is the reason. A lovely thought.

#### **The message to go up in the Church is:-**

:ALL SOULS DAY Remembering all those who have gone before us.

This is the day we remember and pray for those we loved who have passed over.

There will be a commemorative poster in St Mary's together with the Christmas donation posters when these go up.



### **PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION AT THE POND**

If you wish to enter the pumpkin carving competition, then please leave your creations by the pond by 6pm on the 31st for judging.

There will be prizes for the best children's and adult pumpkins. We will inform you of the results later in the evening.

You can also choose to leave your pumpkin at the pond to add to our decorations or take it home.

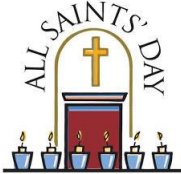




**Many Thanks from The Pond Lot**

We will also be decorating the pond for Christmas early this year, hoping it will all be up by the **1st December**, with another official switching on ceremony, with mince pies mulled wine etc. date yet to be confirmed.

**Kim - Pond Lady – 07748621031**



## Services at St. Marys Church for November / December

Date	East Ilsley
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2019 All Saints Day 	9.30am – Parish Communion (CW) At Compton Church: 8.00am – Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am – Family Service with a Baptism 3.00pm – Remembered with Love (a short service remembering those who have died but not forgotten)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 Remembrance Sunday 	No Service at East Ilsley Church At Compton Church: 9.30am – Parish Communion (CW) 10.45am – Remembrance Service at the War Memorial Please note the Royal British Legion Service this year is to be held at Aldworth Church at 10:50am
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 2 Before Advent	11.00am – Morning Worship At Compton Church: 9.30am – Parish Communion (CW) 6.00pm – Time with God
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 Christ the King 	No Service at East Ilsley At Compton Church: 9.30am – Parish Communion (CW)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 	9.30am – Parish Communion (CW) At Compton Church: 8.00am – Holy communion (BCP) 11.00am – Christingle Service with a Baptism
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 	6.00pm – Carols by Candlelight At Compton Church: 9.30am – Parish Communion (CW)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	No Service at East Ilsley At Compton Church:

 <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>9.30am – Parish Communion (CW) 6.00pm – Time with God</p>
<p>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</p>  <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i></p>	<p>11.00am – Crib and Carols At Compton Church: 9.30am – Parish Communion (CW) 6.00pm – Carol Service</p>
<p>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Christmas Eve</p>  <p><i>Oh Holy Night</i></p>	<p>No Service at East Ilsley At Compton Church: 3.00pm – Crib Service with 'No Rehearsal Nativity Play' – come dressed as your favourite Nativity character 11.15pm – Midnight Communion</p>
<p>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Christmas Day</p> 	<p>9.30am – Christmas Family Communion At Compton Church: 11.00am – Christmas Family Communion</p>
<p>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Christmas 1 / Low Sunday</p> 	<p>10.00am – Team Service at Yattendon Church All are welcome to join the whole team together – please note this is the only service in the team today.</p>

#### Hildesley Court Home Communion – Information

From November, the monthly home communion at 11am at Hildesley Court will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Next service, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Christmas Events In East Ilsley and Compton in December:

##### Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November

6.30pm Lighting the Christmas Tree      Foinavon Pub, Compton (Village Event)

##### Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December



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10.30am Christmas Coffee Morning The Hall, Broad Street, East Ilsley  
Hosted by Nick & Gilly Watkins

**Saturday, 14th December**

6.30pm Children's Christmas Story Foinavon Pub, Compton (Village Event)  
& Carols round the Tree

**Thursday 19th December**

7.30pm Carols & Readings round Foinavon Pub, Compton (Village Event)  
The Tree

**Friday, 20th December**

6.00pm Carols around East Ilsley Meet at the Bus Stop (Church Fundraising)

**Save the Date:**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Newbury Deanery Deaf Church – 3.00pm – St. Nicholas Church, Newbury

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

Downland Filling Station – 7.30pm – Hampstead Norreys Village Hall

Patrick Whitworth "The Light Shines in the Darkness"- Chairman of the SOMA UK charity, Canon of Bauchi diocese in Nigeria & prolific author, Patrick speaks at conferences across the UK & Europe. After retiring as Rector & Rural Dean of Bath, he & his wife have relocated to West Berkshire. We will end this season with Carols and a talk preparing hearts & minds for Christmas.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

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

There is no Filing Station in December.

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



**from the churches of  
St Mary, East Ilsley  
and St Mary & St Nicholas, Compton**

**The churches in East Ilsley and Compton are part of the Hermitage Team Ministry**

**Monthly Musing from the Vicar's Desk – Reverend Rob Wynford-Harris**

'Remember, RE-MEMBER'

I am writing this article in October – well before the much-advertised 31st October 'Leave' deadline, so have no way of knowing if, when this article is published, our nation will be more divided or less divided than it currently seems.

The month of November is one in which past conflicts and divisions are reflected upon and remembered yet somehow given a sense of coming together for healing, celebration and hope.

The 5th of November sees families and communities throughout Britain coming together not to celebrate and jeer at the failure of Guy Fawkes and co-conspirators to Murder King James I and to blow up the House of Lords in 1605; but rather, to delight in human creativity and shared experience through spectacular fireworks displays. If you attend such a display this year, you won't be asked what your faith is to gain entrance, nor what your political views or social background may be. 'Bonfire Night' crowds these days are wonderfully diverse, yet everyone seems to say 'Wow!' or to 'Oooh! And Ahh!' in unison.

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In Remembrance Sunday (this year on the 10th November) civil ceremonies and church services up and down the country we express sorrow at the loss of life in conflicts throughout the world ever since the first Armistice Day of World War 1. At such events we give thanks for all those, living and dead who have offered their lives in the service and defence of others. These services also remind us to be hopeful, yet vigilant against present and future voices which seek to divide and destroy. Often at these services, one-time-enemies stand side by side to honour each of their fallen. We come together not to re-open old wounds, but to share in present and future healing.

'Re-membering' isn't simply an act of reflection upon the past; it is a present gathering-together. It is a recognition of our common humanity in which we are all members, and it is a re-unification.

Isn't it striking that central to Christian life and worship there is an 'act of remembrance'? – The Eucharist or Holy Communion in which we recall and re-enact the Last Supper. Jesus instructed his disciples (and so us) to "Do this in remembrance of me". We come together as brothers and sisters to share Christ together through bread and wine. All are invited to remember in this way, regardless of race, creed, political view, sexual orientation or gender, because we are all one in Christ.

Jesus initiates this inclusive Communion just before his own death upon the cross. From that cross, with the voices of conflict and division, hatred and fear all around him, Jesus retaliates in startling fashion:

"Forgive them! For they do not know what they are doing"

On the cross Jesus becomes the antidote to all the evil, hatred and injustice perpetrated by humanity, - taking all that is wrong with us deep into himself and giving back nothing but Love Mercy and Forgiveness. In this way, Jesus Re-Members US, draws us together as uniquely created human individuals who are united in community, and each loved by God. 'Remember, Re-Member'

**Reverend Rob Wynford-Harris**

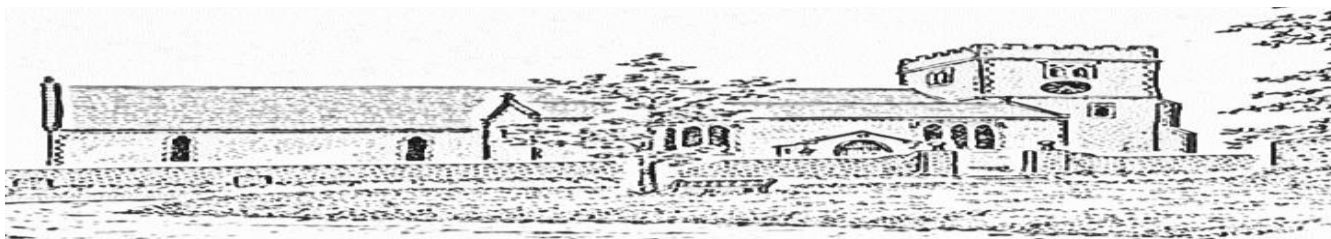
**Permission to Officiate, Hermitage Team Ministry**

## **[www.hermitage-team.org.uk](http://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.



## **Swift Couriers Christmas Toy Appeal 2019**

**St Mary's Church, together with The Swan and The Crown and Horns in East Ilsley are again collecting toys for the Swift 2019 West Berkshire Christmas Toy Appeal**



We all know that wonderful feeling of watching a child's face when they open their toys on Christmas morning. Unfortunately, there are many children in West Berkshire who will not receive anything unless we help them by giving a gift to the Swift Couriers Toy Appeal for distribution before Christmas. There will be collection boxes set up shortly in both Pubs and at St Mary's Church for any donations you would like to make. If you cannot deliver to any of these locations, contact Erica on 01635 280633 or 07763 908351 or email: [Erica.smith800@btinternet.com](mailto:Erica.smith800@btinternet.com) and we will arrange collection.

So please help bring a smile to a Local Child's Face this Christmas

- They need toys and games suitable for boys and girls from newborn right up to 19+
- Toys need to be new (not second hand) and NOT wrapped
- Look out for 'buy one get one free' and 'three for two' offers when shopping
- Don't forget that makeup and toiletries are great for teenagers!

Swift Couriers will collect from East Ilsley if we get a large amount of toys otherwise we will deliver to their collection points.

Thank you for your great contribution for Christmas 2018 and thanks in advance, East Ilsley, for your kindness, generosity and love in giving to this Appeal.





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## **Local Racehorse Trainer supports the Air Ambulance**

The sport of Kings versus Gentlemen came together in a very competitive but not altogether very serious golf tournament to raise money for the Thames Valley air ambulance.

The Geoffrey Deacon Racing Crew fielded nine teams from the golf and racing fraternity to take part in this fun second annual event.

The Compton racehorse trainer who runs the Geoffrey Deacon Racing Crew said "our £25 monthly membership offers many social events but this one is particularly rewarding."

"Knowing we are supporting the air ambulance and praying we never need them is vital to the horse racing community"

We were delighted Ruth Dunkin Head of Events for the charity presented a really informative talk to the players telling us "Over one third of our calls are to rural areas like here at this golf course and the Downs" she then explained the *what3words* app essential for people active outdoors?

Grand National winning Jockey Timmy Murphy then added a 'leg up' in the celebrity stakes by presenting trophies to winners and losers ahead of the auction.

Geoffrey summed up the event saying:

"It was just a great day of sunshine, sports, banter and benevolence for all taking part" Local businesses supported us with Tours of West Berks Brewery, premier tickets to Newbury racecourse, a six month membership to the Geoffrey Deacon racing Crew - these helped us reach an amazing amount of £1400 for the Air Ambulance!

Huge thanks to everyone involved. Next tournament is planned for **Friday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 2020!**

[www.geoffreydeacontraining.com/](http://www.geoffreydeacontraining.com/)

[www.tvairambulance.org.uk/](http://www.tvairambulance.org.uk/)



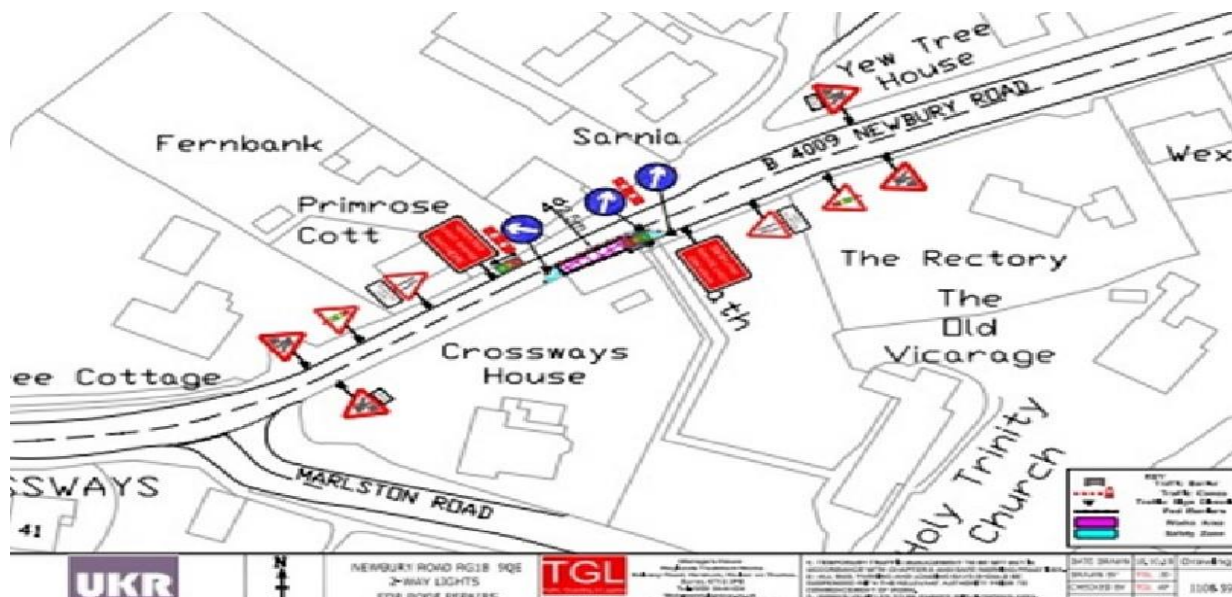
If you would like to join Geoffrey on the gallops to watch the racehorses working, then please Email [Geoffdeacon5@gmail.com](mailto:Geoffdeacon5@gmail.com) for dates and to reserve a place.

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**Mark Bowden, Alex Toomey, Timmy Murphy, Gary Huxley, Geoffrey Deacon**

## **Traffic Management near Holy Trinity Church in Hermitage – November 2019**

We would like to bring to your attention the planned 2 way temporary traffic signalling which is due to be installed in the coming weeks on the B4009 Newbury Road, Hermitage (RG18 9QE) just off Marlston Road as per attached plan. This is due to impact damage which has occurred to a property roof (Crossways) over hanging the road as pictured next to the church grounds, the signalling will be in place for 1 week to allow works to be carried out and likely to be installed from 4th November.







**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](mailto: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 September 2019**

#### **HAMPSTEAD NORREYS WI**

At the September meeting we were entertained by Jeff Rozelaar who was born into a Jewish family and raised in the East End of London. He regaled us with stories of life during the post-war era in the multicultural area of Stepney

(now Tower Hamlets). His talk, entitled Bagels and Bacon, reflected his memories of the smells of the bagel shop on one side of the road and those of the café that served full English breakfasts on the opposite side. We heard about his family and colourful characters from the area as well as anecdotes about humorous events of the time. It was a truly entertaining and informative evening.

The next meeting is an 'Open Evening' when you are all invited to join us to hear about the Great Train Robbery. It is a free event and we welcome you all (men and women). This will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 in Hampstead Norreys Village Hall.

### **WI report for October 2019**

#### **HAMPSTEAD NORREYS WI**

At the October meeting we welcomed members, family, friends and local villagers to our Open Meeting. Simon Williams gave an informative talk about the Great Train Robbery in 1963. As well as telling us about the characters involved, the planning and execution of the robbery he also had some humorous anecdotes and interesting theories.

It was lovely to see so many new faces and we hope that many of you will join us for future events. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November when Mike Hurst will be telling us about the history of some of our Christmas customs. So, ladies, if you are interested please come along to Hampstead Village Hall at 7 o'clock to meet members, hear the speaker and join us for refreshments. If you would like any further information please phone 01189842559.

## **Aldworth Craft Group Autumn dates and activities**

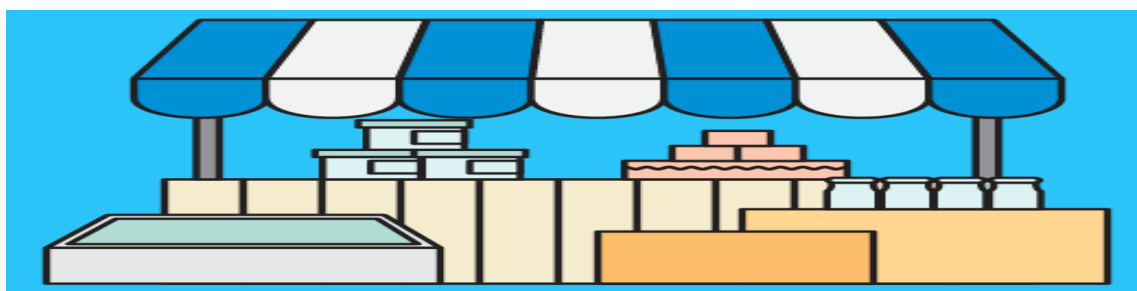
### **Aldworth Village Hall**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 10.00 to 12.00**

<b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Creating background card with shaving foam & inks. Die cutting and embossing.
<b>28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Further exploration of dies and embossing folders.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Knitting/Crocheting/Felting
<b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Decopatch and/or candle decorating (with paper serviettes)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Wreath making

We are a friendly group of people who like to have a go at different crafts, or revisit ones we have enjoyed so much we want to have another go! Each session costs £2.50.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Clare Beavis on 07879 565020 or Gill Wilding on 01635 578624. Alternatively, you can email [aacg20161@outlook.com](mailto:aacg20161@outlook.com)



## **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  
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### **Aldworth events mailing list**

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2. We are also on Facebook, so you can like / follow our Facebook page @aldworthevents

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Ali





**The Compton Players present**



# *Bothered & Bewildered*

A play by Gail Young

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# Rock Your Sax Off!

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7pm – 9.30pm

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Proceeds & donations in aid of All Saints Church &  
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Refreshments available during the interval



## Prepare your home for winter – energy efficiency grants and collective switching news from West Berkshire Council

### Heat the Home Counties Energy efficiency grants

A consortium of councils (Bracknell Forest, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Runnymede, Spelthorne and West Berkshire), in partnership with The HEAT Project and Happy Energy Solutions Ltd are working together to make homes healthier, warmer, and more energy efficient. Grants are available towards measures such as boiler upgrades, central heating systems, insulation, and renewable energy systems.

Central heating grants funded by the consortium's successful bid to the National Grid's Warm Homes Fund; are also available. These are for households who currently have no heating, such as open fires or plug in electric heaters, or those who wish to switch from electric storage heaters to a full radiator heating system. Grant funding can also be provided towards the cost of a new mains gas connection, or, in rural areas, the new heating system can be fuelled from LPG, and in some cases, by a ground source heat pump.

You may be eligible for a grant if your household income after tax, Council Tax and energy costs is less than £35,000 per year, or if someone in your household receives benefits. Residents looking to take advantage of any of these grants can call Heat the Home Counties on 01344 888930, or go to [www.heatthehomecounties.org.uk](http://www.heatthehomecounties.org.uk). All works are subject to survey, eligibility criteria and limited funding.

### West Berkshire Energy Switch - See if you can pay less for your energy bills

The West Berkshire Energy Switch is a free to join scheme which gives residents the chance to see if they can make savings on their fuel bills.

Since 2016, over 630 households have switched supplier through the scheme, saving over £144,000 between them. The recent May auction saw switchers saving an average of £174 on their annual bill.

A one day reverse auction will be held in October; with suppliers competing with their best offers, and the winning supplier/s then sending registrants their personalised offer for consideration. Auctions are held each year in February, May and October.

There is no obligation to switch. Sign up and see if you can save; to register or find out more, visit [www.westberks.gov.uk/communityswitch](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/communityswitch)

You will need to have your latest energy bill to hand, as you'll need the details during the registration process.

Registration and acceptance is open until 26<sup>th</sup> November, and offers will begin to go out from 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

West Berkshire residents without internet access should contact West Berkshire Council on 01635 503267 by 15<sup>th</sup> November to register. Remember to have your energy bill or annual statement to hand when you call.

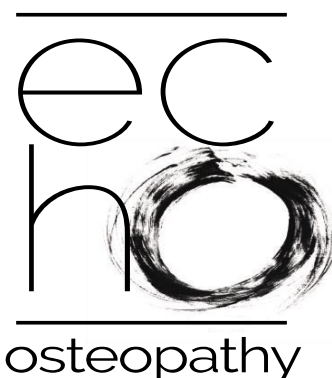


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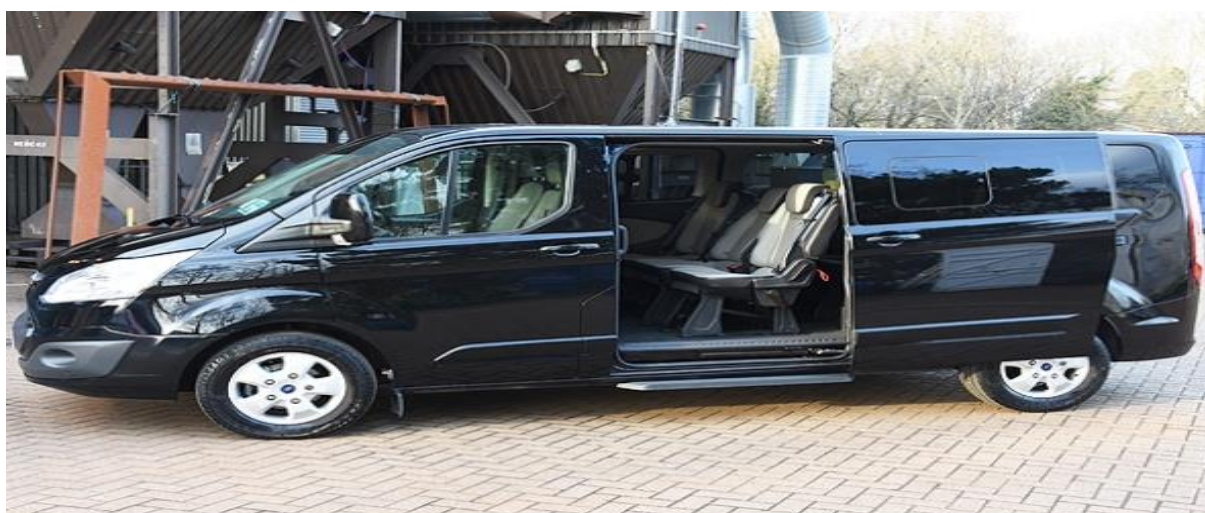
All donations received for the equipment hiring will go too either Sheep Fair and/or Bonfire committee funds.

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

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# ILSLEY EVERGREENS

**NEWSLETTER October 2019**

**Future trips** are ...Salisbury Christmas Market **Tuesday December 3rd**

Please contact Julia on 281597 to book your seat.

**Julia Rockall— Chairman**

## ***MEET THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS***



***CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA***

***2 TO 4 PM***

***SATURDAY 23rd November***

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***MEET THE ILSLEY EVERGREENS***





# DOWNLAND PRACTICE



## Patient Info Sheet Issue No: 004 (October 2019)

Welcome to the Downland Practice patient info sheet. The aim of this is to act as a communication link to all of our patients registered at the practice and to inform you of any changes occurring. This edition will concentrate on the following issues:

1. Friends and Family Test – Thank You
2. Flu Season 2019/20 Update
3. Stay Healthy this Winter
4. Patients behaviour on the telephone
5. Practice Appointments

### **Friends and Family Test (FFT)**

The FFT was introduced across the NHS in 2013 as a result of the Francis Report that had looked into NHS standards of care for patients. The FFT replies for the Downland Practice from April to September have numbered 1147, this figure is around 10% of our registered patients. The results of the FFT state that 95% of the patients of the Downland Practice would recommend the surgery to their friends and family. On behalf of the Downland Practice staff, please accept our thanks to all of the patients who have sent in comments for the FFT (mainly by text message).

### **Flu Season 2019/20 Update**

The flu season is well underway, we believe that this year the structure and approach to the flu clinics has been much smoother and less rushed. The practice do have flu clinics for patients to book into, but if for any reason patients cannot get in to see the practice nurse or HCA for a flu vaccination they can pop in and see the pharmacist at the Downland Pharmacy and have a flu vaccination with Sanjay Shah. If you are already entitled to a free NHS flu vaccination then the pharmacist will give you the flu vaccination free of charge.

### **Stay Healthy this Winter**

Winter will be here soon so the advice from the NHS is to follow the five ways to stay healthy this winter. Further information can be obtained from this link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/five-ways-to-stay-healthy-this-winter/>

- a. Banish winter tiredness – Get outdoors in natural daylight as much as possible, get a good night's sleep, de-stress with exercise or meditation, stress has been shown to make you feel tired. Wrap up well with a coat, hat, scarf and gloves to prevent you from getting cold.

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- b. Eat more fruit and veg – The dark and cold nights can make it tempting to fill up on unhealthy comfort food. Swap sugary treats for fruits such as clementine's, winter vegetables such as carrots, swede and parsnips can be roasted and mashed or made into soup for a comforting winter meal for the whole family.
  - c. Drink more milk – You are more likely to get a cold in winter so make your immune system stronger with milk and dairy products, Protein, Vitamins A and B12, Calcium (to keep bones strong) are all in dairy products. Use semi skimmed milk or skimmed milk and low fat yoghurts.
  - d. Try new activities for the whole family – Don't use the cold weather as an excuse not to get out, try a bracing winter walk on the beach or a local park. Physical exercise helps control your weight and boosts our immune system
  - e. Have a hearty breakfast – Winter is the perfect season for a bowl of porridge to start the day off, it also helps boost your intake of starchy foods and fibre. These food help give you energy and make you feel fuller for longer. Make your porridge with semi skimmed milk or skimmed milk or water, don't add sugar or salt, add a slice of banana or throw in some berries and other fruit for extra flavour, this will help you hit your five a day target for your intake of fruit and vegetables.

### **Patient's Behaviour on the Telephone**

All telephone calls are recorded at the Downland Practice, recently there have been some badly behaved patients who have been aggressive and bullying in their approach to the reception team. The reception team have been given training to deal with these patients, but patients who are overly abusive to staff will be reported to the police and may be removed from the practice list

### **Practice Appointments**

Please be punctual for your appointment at the Downland Practice. Patients that arrive late may be required to rebook their appointment at a later date. Please inform the practice if you are running late so our staff can make clinicians aware and aim to accommodate your appointment, where possible. At times the appointment system will be running late as patients can present with urgent conditions that need the Doctor or Nurse to spend more time with a patient due to their condition, this may involve transferring the patient to care outside of the Downland Practice (999 ambulance). Patients waiting in the waiting room for appointments will be informed of any delay. The Doctors operate a 'Sit and Wait' clinic, this clinic is the duty doctor's afternoon clinic and is used for on the day access. Patients may have to sit and wait whilst the doctor is dealing with their case load, patients attending this clinic may benefit from bringing a book or magazine whilst they wait to see the doctor in the waiting area.

# **NEWBURY THE WHARF - SHAW - HERMITAGE - HAMPSTEAD NORREYS - COMPTON - THE ILSLEYS**

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## **MONDAYS - SATURDAYS**

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<b>NEWBURY Station [T]</b> ➡	.....	0842	1022	1222	1422	.....	1807
<b>Newbury The Wharf [D]</b>	0650	0850	1030	1230	1430	1615	1815
<b>Newbury - Park Way [P]</b>	0652	0852	1032	1232	1432	1617	1817
<b>Donnington, The Castle Inn</b>	0657	0857	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Shaw Cemetery</b>	.....	.....	1040	1240	1440	1625	1825
<b>Chieveley, East Lane</b>	0707	0907	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Beedon, Coach PH</b>	0711	0911	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Hermitage Post Office</b>	.....	.....	1050	1250	1450	1635	1835
<b>Hampstead Norreys, Water Street</b>	.....	.....	1057	1257	1457	1642	1842
<b>Compton, High St, opp The Swan</b>	.....	.....	1105	1305	1505	1650	1850
<b>East Ilsley, Broad Street</b>	.....	.....	1109	1309	1509	1654	1854
<b>WEST ILSLEY, The Harrow PH</b>	0721	0925	1115	1315	1515	1700	.....

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<b>WEST ILSLEY, The Harrow PH</b>	0722	0930	1117	1317	1517	1702	.....
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<b>Compton, The Swan</b>	0732	0941	1128	1328	1528	.....	.....
<b>Hampstead Norrey, Water Street</b>	0741	0950	1137	1337	1537	.....	.....
<b>Hermitage Post Office</b>	0748	0958	1145	1345	1545	.....	.....
<b>Beedon, Coach &amp; Horses</b>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1721	1901
<b>Chieveley, East Lane</b>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1725	1905
<b>Donnington, The Castle Inn</b>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1729	1914
<b>Shaw Cemetery</b>	0756	1006	1153	1353	1553	.....	.....
<b>Newbury, Park Way [Q]</b>	0805	1012	1159	1359	1559	1733	1918
<b>Newbury The Wharf [H]</b>	0806	1013	1200	1400	1600	1735	1919
<b>Newbury Station ➡</b>	.....	1018	1205	1405	.....	.....	1922R
<b>The Oaks</b>	0816	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>NEWBURY College</b>	0818	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Tesco The Triangle</b>	0818	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Park House School, Monk's Lane</b>	0821	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Wash Common, Glendale Avenue</b>	0825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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

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District councillor for Ridgeway ward - West Berkshire Council

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### Hospital & GP Surgeries

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

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

### Schools

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

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**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](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk).

### **Downlands Area Handy Bus**

**Handybus Coordinator** - Call: 07437 543 098 or 01635 578149

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