

Islip Directory 2016

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Welcome to Islip

If you have recently moved to Islip, the Parish Council welcomes you to the village – we hope that you will be happy here. In these pages you will find a comprehensive list of Islip’s organisations, activities and amenities.

Although some of our residents have settled here in recent years, there are also families who have lived here for two or more generations. We like to think that we are a united community and we hope that you will want to play an active part in village life.

Roman remains have been found south of the village and a settlement developed here in Saxon times. It was at a point where the river Ray could be forded and it seems likely that a church was built then on higher ground overlooking the river. However, Islip’s main claim to fame is that it is the birthplace of Edward the Confessor, born here in about 1005. King Edward’s will stated: ‘I have given to Christ and to St Peter in Westminster the little town of Islippe wherein I was born with all the things that belong thereto’. So began the connection of Islip with Westminster Abbey – the church remains under the patronage of the Abbey and most of the farmland is still in the hands of the Church Commissioners.

Our parish church was badly damaged during the Civil War, when Cromwell’s troops won the Battle of Islip Bridge in 1645. The chancel was rebuilt in 1680 by Dr Robert South (Rector 1678–1716). In 1690 he built a rectory on a grand scale; this is at the lower end of The Walk. In 1710 Dr South founded the village school, which still bears his name. He also left bequests to found two charities, one to help with education, the other to relieve poverty; they still help the village today.

There have been several other notable Rectors of Islip. The most famous in Victorian times was William Buckland, Dean of Westminster, Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, and known as ‘the father of modern geology’. He is buried in Islip because he wanted to be buried on rock, of which we have plenty. St Nicholas’ Church today holds regular Sunday and weekday services, weddings, baptisms and funerals, as well as hosting occasional concerts and other special events.

In the past 25 years all our shops have closed. However, a well-stocked community shop, staffed by volunteers, now operates from the Village Hall. The Hall itself was substantially rebuilt to celebrate the new millennium and includes a modern sports pavilion. It has

become a hub of social activity in the village, and is also available for private functions and community events. Our continued support for these services is essential if they are to remain viable.

We are fortunate to have two historic public houses in Islip, The Swan Inn and the Red Lion. A number of other businesses thrive in the village.

Our playing field is large enough to have football and cricket pitches, and for young children we have a popular playground. There are two sets of allotments in the village and a network of footpaths, including the Oxfordshire Way, extends into the countryside. In summer 2006 Confessor's Walk was opened to mark the millennium of the birth of Edward the Confessor in Islip. This circular walk is approximately 2km long and starts in the Village Hall car park (where there is a map).

Islip is a village with a strong sense of history and of its links to the past. But it also looks to the future, with recent issues including high-speed broadband, housing projects and railway developments: we now have a regular train service to Oxford, Bicester and London. Above all, it is a vibrant, friendly community, every member of which has a part to play.



ISLIP DIRECTORY

Islip Directory is published by the Parish Council every 2 to 3 years as a service to the community. A copy is delivered to every household in the village, and to new residents when they move in. Please contact a Parish Councillor (listed on page 5) if you hear of any new residents arriving in the village and a copy of the Directory will be delivered to their door to welcome them.

Islip Parish Council

Islip is a friendly and thriving community, where residents do much to support each other and the various organisations and businesses that operate within our boundaries. But sometimes problems arise, or certain areas need special attention, and that's where the Parish Council comes in. Our aim is to help to improve the quality of life for Islip's residents by talking to you about your needs and wishes, and acting to prioritise the developments that mean the most to you.

The Parish Council is made up of seven Councillors, each with a specific area of responsibility (see the list opposite). Every Councillor proactively manages their area, proposing new initiatives and liaising with third parties where necessary to drive them forward or to solve problems. They are also the first point of contact for residents who have any concerns about these areas. The Councillors are supported by the Clerk, who organises the monthly meetings and deals with general correspondence.

Another important job that the Parish Council does is to look after the parish properties – including the playing field, the children's playground, the new burial ground off Mill Lane, the parish allotments and the Millennium Wood.

The Parish Council is funded by a levy on the Council Tax known as the 'precept'. For 2013-14 the amount of the precept was equivalent to an average of roughly £60 per household. The precept is spent on a mixture of ongoing commitments (such as grass-cutting contracts for the verges and greens) and one-off initiatives agreed by the Council (such as, in 2012, the replacement of the steps leading up to the churchyard from Church Lane).

The Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of every month (except August and December) at 7.30pm in the Terrace Room at the back of the Village Hall. Residents are very welcome to attend meetings and to propose items for discussion. Meeting agendas are posted beforehand on the village noticeboards and on the Islip website (www.islip.org.uk). Minutes from the meeting can be found in the same places, and we also publish a shortened summary of them in the parish newsletter. Please do come along and find out more about what we do!

Chairman

Peter Collins (petercollins1966@gmail.com): Parish Council Properties; Environment; Village Hall trustee *ex officio*

Vice-Chairman

Richard Venables (richard.venables1@btinternet.com): Strategic Planning; Church Commissioners Liaison; Village Hall

Parish Clerk (please contact in the first instance for all Parish Council business)

Les Dent (clerkislippc@hotmail.co.uk): Admin & correspondence; Info4Islip communications; Oxford Airport liaison

Councillors

Fiona Forbes (fhosking@hotmail.co.uk): Education; Communications; Public Transport

John Hopper (hopperbush@gmail.com): Traffic

Dee Nudds (dee.nudds2@gmail.com): Highways & Footpaths

Johanna Stephenson (johanna.stephenson@btopenworld.com): Burial Ground; Planning (with Mr Wiles)

Nathan Wiles (nathanwiles01@gmail.com): Railway Liaison; Planning (with Mrs Stephenson)

Michael Wilkinson (wilkimj@hotmail.com): Finance; Health; Security

District and County Councillor

Tim Hallchurch (377099/ 07802 202557)

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cllr.timothy.hallchurch@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

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John Howell MP

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Useful Information

EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE

The village email information service publicises events and local matters of interest. If you would like to be included or have any events you would like to publicise, please send details to info4islip@gmail.com

ISLIP VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.islip.org.uk

In addition to providing Parish Council and Village Hall news and general information about the village, the front page of the website also incorporates all the other village websites (Church, School, Surgery, Shop, etc.) and is a comprehensive guide to the village and a one-stop shop to its services and activities. Since its launch at the beginning of 2009, the site now gets over 500 'hits' a month and receives regular messages from ex-Islipians and potential visitors to the village from all over the world.

Future plans are to increase access to the site for all the smaller village organisations so that they can create and maintain their own pages.

Please email any updates, news or information to the web administrator: islipweb@btinternet.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Villagers are encouraged to report any incidents of crime or relevant information immediately to the Neighbourhood Watch contact for their area:

Bridget Tuffrey (371174) – Church Lane, The Rise
Theresa Nicolson (376276) – Wheatley Road
Richard Giles (373376) – The Walk, Lower High Street
Janet Nash (378312) – North Street
Jessica Brock (371537) – Kidlington Road
Jo Fulcher (374183) – Conyger Close
Tony Coggins (378798) – Hill Top Gardens
Ann Reynolds (373379) – Mill Street
Judith Black (841274) – Upper High Street

NEWSLETTER

The Three Parishes News is published by the St Nicholas, Islip PCC for the residents of Islip, Noke and Woodeaton, with support from Islip Parish Council. We aim to keep residents up to date with local news and events. Annual subscription to the newsletter is £6.00, although this is subject to review. If you would like to subscribe, please email to receive details of your local distributor. Our volunteers endeavour to deliver by the last day of the preceding month. A large print version is available on request.

We are happy to accept contributions of news, features, listings for events or advertisements. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity. Please send all copy to the editor, Joanna Matthews: islipnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk

Deadline for all submissions: Existing contributors and regular articles should be submitted by the 20th of the month before publication; new contributors, advertisers, etc. are asked to provide copy by the 15th of the month to allow for feedback.

Payment for advertising should be sent to Christopher Lowe, Islip PCC Treasurer, at Wooster Arms, The Walk, Islip, OX5 2SD (jcblowe@tiscali.co.uk/01865 379072). Cheques should be made payable to Islip PCC. Advertisements start at £20 per month for a full page (smallest size one-eighth page) with a discount for repeat insertions. Community advertisements are free, space permitting.

NOTICEBOARDS

There are 3 parish noticeboards. Non-commercial notices to be posted on the boards should be given to Brian and Janet Nash at Stanmore, North Street (378312).

POLICE

Dial 101 to contact the Neighbourhood Team at Kidlington Police Station. Regular neighbourhood updates are posted on their website: <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n429>

Islip residents may also register with Thames Valley Alert Community Messaging to receive relevant information via phone, text or email. <https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk>

Police Community Support Officers: Phil Owen and Ian Wilkins

WINTER BUDDY SCHEME

Set up by the Parish Council, this scheme pairs up elderly or disabled residents with a 'buddy' who will call on them in the event of bad weather to offer assistance – such as clearing snow and ice from paths, fetching shopping or prescriptions, etc. Anyone interested in joining the scheme or acting as a buddy should contact the Parish Council Clerk (clerkislippc@hotmail.co.uk).

Village Bye Laws

Dogs

Dogs must be kept on a lead in all parts of the village, including verges and the Playing Field. Dog owners are asked to pick up after their pets: there are 6 dog bins in the village and a bag dispenser in the Village Hall car park: .



Flyposting

Islip Parish Council is responsible for monitoring and discouraging flyposting within the village. (The PC has responsibility under Cherwell District Council to maintain the flyposting regulations of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and related legislation.) No flyposting is permitted anywhere along our streets. Telegraph poles are a favourite target for fly posters and we encourage all residents to remove any notices they might come across.

However, the PC recognises the need to advertise non-commercial events of a public nature: with PC approval, these announcements can be displayed at the four entrances to the village provided they do not exceed 4 by 3 foot, are not put up prior to two weeks before the event and are removed immediately afterwards.

Exceptionally, it might be appropriate to advertise semi-commercial events at these locations provided that a significant proportion of the proceeds is intended for charity or that the purpose is to promote public facilities within the village. In any case, anyone planning to arrange such events should first seek approval from the Parish Council of their intention to advertise in this manner (please email your proposal to the Parish Clerk: clerkislippc@hotmail.co.uk).

Calendar of Events

Islip is a hive of activity, with daily, weekly and monthly events throughout the year. These vary from one year to the next but certain events are regular features of the village calendar.

May

May Day: celebrations at Dr South's School, with maypole dancing and the Crowning of the May Queen.

May Market: organised by the Church on Cross Tree Green.

September/October

Harvest Festival: church service and Harvest Supper in the Village Hall.

November

Remembrance Sunday: ceremony at the war memorial with the Royal British Legion, followed by Service of Remembrance in church.

Bonfire Night: organised by the Village Hall on the playing field.

December

Three Parishes Christmas Fair in the Village Hall, with Noke and Woodeaton.

Village Carol Service: with participation from village organisations.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Community Café

Wednesday mornings in the Village Hall Terrace Room, 10.30–12.30. Coffee, tea, cake and light lunches (soup, sausage rolls, quiche etc.).

Free films

Shown monthly (except July and August), 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Details are given on the website and in the Parish Newsletter.

Seniors' lunches

Held monthly (usually on the last Wednesday of the month) in the Village Hall for Senior Citizens from Islip, Noke and Woodeaton. Currently £5 for two courses plus wine. Please look out for adverts in the Parish News. Contact Justin Stead (justinwstead@gmail.com/842356)

Islip Landmarks

There are a number of place names in and around Islip that are unmarked and at risk of being forgotten if they are not recorded somewhere. To that end, we have started compiling a list. If you know of others, please let us know so that they can be included in the next edition of the Directory.

AIDS FOOTPATH

The footpath connecting the playing field with Mill Street. This was present before The Rise was developed, and was a shortcut from Mill Street to the church and/or chapel. Its name may reflect its function as an access point to Mill Street at times of severe flooding, when it was used to get help to residents. The unnamed path behind the school serves a similar shortcut function between Bletchingdon and Kidlington Roads.

THE CAUSEY

The raised pavement in front of the Old Rectory wall at the bottom of The Walk. A causey is defined in the OED as a raised way on a mound across low wet bog or marsh. While the roadway (Mill Street) was a fouled route used for driving cattle, The Causey was used by pedestrians and protected by turnstiles.

CHAPEL YARD

The site of St Edward's Chapel, said to be where Edward the Confessor was baptised: at the north end of the High Street now occupied by Kidlington Joinery/Richard Ward and Fairlight.

THE COFFIN PATH

The footpath connecting Islip, just past the Glebe Allotments on Wheatley Road, with Noke, about a mile away across the fields. The path (also known as the 'Wake Path') got its name from those residents of Noke who paid their tithes to Islip church, who carried their dead across the field to bury them in Islip churchyard.

CROSS TREE GREEN

The green outside the churchyard gate at the top of The Walk. The 'Cross' presumably relates to the Calvary that was erected after the First World War - or there may have been a cross here in earlier times. There are two other 'greens' in the village: Lower Street Green

and the field to the south-east of the bridge. The latter was used by the Islip Football Team, which was founded by Robert Graves when he lived at World's End (Collice Street).

GREEN LANE

The right turning off Bletchingdon Road just north of the fuel depot, which eventually leads to Chipping Farm.

MILLENNIUM WOOD

Islip Millennium Wood was planted in 1999 to celebrate the forthcoming new millennium. It is sited on an area formerly used as village allotments, long since abandoned. Its position adjacent to the fieldpath leading to the River Cherwell provides an opportunity to view the village from the south while relaxing on one of the well-located benches.

THE LYNCH

The stretch of the River Cherwell, bordered by a wide, grassy path, reached by leaving Confessor's Walk at its southernmost point via the footpath to Water Eaton. This was a popular swimming place for village families as well as for day-trippers from Oxford until the 1970s. There were three separate bathing areas: for young children, for children aged about 10-13, and for adults.

THE STANK

The crossing of the Ray at the weir in Mill Street. 'Stank' is a Civil Engineering term that refers to a small coffer dam, especially one of timber made water-tight with clay. Such a structure might well have had a function at the confluence of the river during times of low rainfall to maintain activities such as navigation and fishing on the Ray.

THUNDERWELL HILL

The downhill stretch of Bletchingdon Road as it heads towards the A34 just beyond the northern boundary of the village.

WESTON BROOK

The tributary of the River Ray, now known as Gallos Brook, which runs under the hump in the road where Middle Street leaves the village on the eastern boundary.

WHITE LADY'S BRIDGE

The point where Kidlington Road crosses a ditch just before the bend in the road on the way to the A34 sliproad. The bridge is marked by white railings on either side of the road.

Church of St Nicholas

For over a thousand years the church building of St Nicholas has stood at the centre of the village as a witness to the Christian faith. In the 21st century it continues to host an active community of regular worshippers who seek to serve the village in various ways and enable the church to be the spiritual heart of the village. St Nicholas acts as a focal point for activities that bring the village together, whether these are during the major seasons of the Christian year (Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter) or other community celebrations and commemorations such as Harvest and Remembrance. It is there for anyone in the community wishing to mark a significant life event such as a baptism, wedding or funeral.

Islip is one of eight parishes in the Ray Valley Benefice incorporating Noke, Woodeaton, Oddington, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Merton, Piddington and Ambrosden. The Rector lives in Ambrosden and a part-time Associate Priest resident in Islip has particular pastoral responsibility for the three parishes of Islip, Noke and Woodeaton. However, a team of clergy and lay ministers seeks to work together to provide across the Benefice services that cannot be offered locally.

In Islip there is a regular pattern of Sunday worship as well as occasional midweek worship. People of all ages and stages of faith are welcome at any of the services but there are some services which are designed to be especially inclusive of children. Children's Church provides fun learning activities for primary-age children during one of the monthly Communion services at 10.30. At present there is no formal youth provision but we welcome young people and their contributions to our worship.

The pattern of services and other provision inevitably changes depending on the availability of ministers, so please do check in the Parish Newsletter for up-to-date details of what is going on.



Rector Revd Stephen Hayes
(rayvalleyoffice731@btinternet.com)

Associate Priest for Islip, Noke and Woodeaton
Revd Lucy Thirtle (379470)
Lucy is generally available 3 days a week
between 9am and 3pm

Church Wardens

David Hughes (377104)
Tony Esau (372544)

Parochial Church Council

Lay Chairman Wilf Stephenson (wilf.stephenson@btopenworld.com/
848331)

Treasurer Christopher Lowe (jcblowe@tiscali.co.uk/379072)

Secretary Sue Carter (susan.m.carter@btinternet.com/375491)

Teresa Carter (374909)
Jane Currie (371531)
Valerie Edwards (848771)
Alison Smith (848653)

Website: www.achurchnearyou.com/islip-st-nicholas

Dr South's Church of England (VA) Primary School

Founded in 1710 by the Rector of the Parish, Dr Robert South, the school benefits from a long heritage and is an integral part of the village community. Originally set up to prepare the poor man's child to earn his living, to be 'fit for an ordinary trade', Dr South's Primary School is now academically ambitious for its pupils. It aims to create a constructive and positive environment where effort, achievement, talent and creativity are recognised, nurtured and celebrated, and where every child is valued. There is great emphasis on extensive practical learning to complement the high academic standards, with children particularly enjoying outdoor learning at Forest School and cookery in the purpose-built children's kitchen in the Lin Cooper Practical Skills Building, built in memory of a former pupil.

The school's coat of arms, worn by pupils on their uniform, is taken from that attributed to King Edward the Confessor, who was born in Islip. It is described in heraldic language as *azure, a cross patonce between five martlets*. The inability of the martlet (the former name for the swift) to land is often seen to symbolise the constant quest for knowledge and learning. The *azure* (blue) colour signifies loyalty and truthfulness, and *or* (gold) symbolises generosity. The values represented reflect those of the modern school perfectly.

Headteacher Huw Morgan
Chair of Governors Tim Fox

Address: Bletchingdon Road, Islip OX5 2TQ
Telephone: 372323
Email: office.3655@dr-souths.oxon.sch.uk

Website: www.dr-souths.org

Foundation Stage Unit at Dr South's

The unit provides specialist care and education for children from the age of three through to five years.

It is housed in a modern purpose-built building with its own separate outdoor play area within the school grounds. To this excellent setting our early years trained members of staff bring valuable experience and great understanding of the individual needs of our youngest pupils. A wide range of toys and early-learning equipment enables the children to enjoy a great variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

Please refer to the School office for more details.

The Friends of Dr South's

The Friends of Dr South's is a parent association that organises social events and raises funds for the Sparkle Fund ('helping our children to shine'), which provides resources and activities to enrich the education of the children at the school. Parents and carers of current pupils are all members of the Friends and are encouraged to become actively involved to support the tremendous work of the staff. The Friends is run by a small committee and there are meetings once a term to which all parents/carers are welcome.

Regular events include a quiz night, Christmas Bazaar, Christmas tree sale, soup and jacket potato lunch, May Day celebrations and sports day. All village residents are warmly invited to these events.

Co-chairs Sophie Miller and Nicola Richardson
(drsouthsfriends@gmail.com / 07962 30392)

Islip Medical Practice

We offer a full range of medical services to patients living in Islip and the surrounding villages. Appointments should be booked in person, by telephone or online: routine appointments are always available within two working days and urgent problems will be seen within 24 hours.

Opening hours: 8am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The doctors work closely with the practice nursing team and district nursing team.

To register with us, please visit the Practice to ask for the relevant forms or download the forms from our website.

We look forward to meeting you.

Address: Islip Medical Practice, Bletchingdon Road, Islip, OX5 2TQ
Main phone line: 371666
District Nurses: 842615
Health visitor: 841976

Repeat prescription email address: disp.islipsurgery@nhs.net
Reception email address: islip.reception@nhs.net

For further information about the Practice please visit our website:
www.islipsurgery.org.uk

Islip Sports Association

The Sports Association looks after all matters concerning sport within the village, especially those involving the playing field. It also organises the mowing of the playing field. The sports clubs within the village are the Football Clubs (men's and junior), the Cricket Club and the Short Mat Bowls Club.

Sports Association Committee

Chair Andy Burrows (377435)
Pete Desmond (377681)
Carol Kershaw (376892)
Ron Stuart (847657)
Ian Tharby (375367)

JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

For boys and girls in school years 3 to 6. Takes place on the playing field most Friday afternoons in school term from 3.40 to 4.30pm. Football coaching sessions followed by short games. All abilities welcome.

Contact: Ron Stuart (847657/rongstuart@aol.com) – or just come along on a Friday afternoon to see what it's all about.

CRICKET CLUB

We have a 35-over match every Sunday afternoon from April to September. Newcomers of all standards are very welcome. Permanent all-weather net available on the playing field.

Contact: Rick Henshaw (07836 775251/rick.henshaw@btinternet.com) or Pete Desmond (377681)

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Newcomers of all standards, from complete beginners to experienced players, are very welcome!

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Village Hall (September to April)

Contact: Maurice Kershaw (376892) or Keith Milner (372283)

Islip Village Hall

The Village Hall is a registered charity managed by Trustees, a committee and a general manager. Its purpose is to provide the three parishes of Islip, Noke and Woodeaton with the facilities for social, intellectual and recreational activities. It is available for hire by individuals and organisations from the community and outside.

The facilities include a hall (the Main Hall) with stage and audio-visual equipment, a large meeting room (the Terrace Room) with audio-visual equipment including a wide-screen television, a smaller meeting room (the Parish Room) set out as a board room, and a kitchen and bar serving both the Main Hall and Terrace Room.

The Village Hall Committee organises a number of fundraising events throughout the year, including the village Bonfire Night on 5th November.

Village Hall Committee

Chair Richard Wale (richardl.wale@btinternet.com/841926)

Treasurer Chris Rippon (rippons@hotmail.co.uk)

Bookings Secretary Raffaella Zero (isliphallbookings@hotmail.com/
07979 492261)

Secretary Debbie Jones

Caretaker Phil Jackson (philipjjackson@btinternet.com/375183)

Anthony Dandridge (anthony.dandridge@aol.com)

Lindsay Stead

Wilf Stephenson

Islip Village Shop

Islip Village Shop is run entirely by volunteers, with profits ploughed back into the Communities of the Three Parishes (Islip, Noke and Woodeaton) each year. As well as supermarket goods, we stock many local products. These include eggs, bread and bread flour, meat, Islip honey, cheese, seasonal fruit and vegetables, preserves, marmalades, curds and chutneys, apple juice, rapeseed, truffle oils and toiletries made from lavender grown and distilled in the village.

Orders may be submitted by email or placed by phone or in person at the shop. Many orders can be ready for collection the same day, if ordered by midday. There is a free delivery service for Islip residents who are unable to come to the shop for reasons of age or health.

New volunteers are extremely welcome to join the team. It is a great way to get to know people in the Three Parishes and feel you are helping the community. Even if you don't feel like serving in the shop, there are many other tasks that need doing, in and out of shop opening hours, some of which can be done in your own home.

For more information please contact Maralynn, Shop Manager, by phone or by email: islipshop@googlemail.com/375715.

Opening hours

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 10am to 12 noon, 3 to 6pm

Wednesday: 3 to 6pm

Thursday: 9.30am to 12.30pm, 3 to 6pm

Saturday: 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Sunday: 3.30 to 5pm, April to September

Public Houses

THE RED LION

This historic coaching inn dates back to the mid-1700s. Bar, restaurant and function room at the rear with a traditional skittle alley.

Web: www.theredlionislip.co.uk
Tel: 375367

Opening times

Monday to Wednesday 12 noon to 3pm, 5 to 11pm
Thursday 9am to 3pm, 5 to 11pm
Friday & Saturday 12 noon to midnight
Sunday 12 noon to 10.30pm

Food

Monday to Thursday 12 noon to 2pm, 5 to 9pm
Friday & Saturday 12 noon to 9pm
Sunday 12 noon to 5pm

Special meals and deals every day; takeaway Fish & Fizz & Burgers available soon! Collection only

THE SWAN INN

Overlooking the River Ray, The Swan Inn offers countryside accommodation, which can be booked via 01865 37971, 07424 505679 or booking.com

Web: www.swan-islip.com

Other Village Amenities

ALLOTMENTS

Can be rented from either the Parish Council (contact Bridget Tuffrey, 371174) or the Glebe Allotments Association (contact Roy Newman, 376497).

BURIAL GROUND

Islip Burial Ground, a quiet and secluded spot on the corner of Mill Lane and Kidlington Road, is managed as a green cemetery on behalf of the Parish Council. All Islip residents have a right to be buried in the Burial Ground. For information, regulations, etc. contact the Parish Clerk.

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Opened in January 2009 next to the Village Hall, the children's play area contains an exciting array of equipment, including swings, climbing ropes, zip wire and Viking ship.

LITTER PICKING

Our streets are kept clean by a team of volunteers from the community. Anyone who feels able to help with this once a month should contact the Parish Clerk.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Operated by Oxfordshire County Council, free to library members, with easy access for those who find steps difficult.
Village Hall car park, alternative Mondays 2.30 to 3.30pm

PLAYING FIELD

The playing field hosts cricket and football matches, school sports, the annual village bonfire party and many other events. Dogs are permitted on the field, apart from the play area, but for public health reasons and as reflected in the bye-laws (see p. 8), it is essential that their owners keep them on leads and clear away any mess they make.

Public Transport

RAIL

Islip Station is on the Oxford to Bicester and Marylebone line. There is a direct service to London Marylebone and a connecting one, via Oxford, to London Paddington, as well as to Oxford Parkway, Bicester, High Wycombe and other stops on the Chiltern Line. There are eight trains per day in each direction on weekdays and Saturdays, with seven on Sundays. The line closed for upgrading from February 2014 but reopened between Oxford Parkway and Marylebone in October 2015. Further services to Bedford, Bletchley and Milton Keynes will follow, which may bring more trains to Islip.

The current timetable is on display at the station, on the village noticeboards, on the village website and in the Parish Newsletter.

Further information (including live arrival and departure boards) is available from National Rail Enquiries (08457 484950 or online at www.nationalrail.co.uk).

The Oxford-Bicester Rail Action Group (OBRAG), originally set up to oppose closure, remains to disseminate information and campaign to maintain and further improve the service. Full details, along with blog, are available at www.obrag.org.uk. The Chairman, Richard Povey, may be contacted via chairman@obrag.org.uk or rpoveyuk@gmail.com.

BUS

Buses run to Oxford (via Summertown) and Bicester on weekdays. Bus stops are situated outside the Red Lion and on Kidlington Road: the bus stops on request only. Buses back to Islip leave from St Giles, Oxford.

The current timetable is on display on the Red Lion noticeboard, in the Parish Newsletter and on the village website.

Walking & Cycling

FOOTPATHS

The Confessor's Walk is a waymarked path around the village, inaugurated in 2005 to celebrate the millennium of Edward the Confessor's birth in Islip. The best starting place is the Village Hall, where you will find a map next to the shop. A second map marking the walk can be found on Cross Tree Green, next to the Red Lion.

The Oxfordshire Way, a long-distance walk from Bourton-on-the-Water to Henley-on-Thames, passes through Islip and provides easy waymarked walking to Noke, Weston-on-the-Green, Kirtlington, Tackley and Beckley. Older maps have the path crossing the A34 – a suicidal mission – but a new route to the north is now marked on later editions and this is the one that is signposted.

For more energetic walkers, the Oxfordshire Way also connects to the Oxford Canal Walk at Pigeons Lock and thence to the Kidlington Circular Walk at Hampton Gay, from where you can walk back to Islip via Hampton Poyle.

From Collice Street, a pleasant path is signposted to Cutteslowe. A diversion from this path leads to Woodeaton (and thence to Noke, returning to Islip on the Oxfordshire Way).

About half a mile along Kidlington Road a footpath to the left takes you to the Hampton Poyle roundabout. Proceeding towards Hampton Poyle, there is almost immediately a cycle route to the left which leads on to the Kidlington circular walk, from St Mary's Church through Thrupp and Shipton-on-Cherwell along the Oxford Canal and then back to Hampton Poyle (and Islip) via Hampton Gay Church.

Visit the RSPB website to find a map of the walks across the Otmoor reserve and details of the birds you are likely to see and hear.

Apart from the Confessors Walk, an up-to-date OS map is essential for these walks. The Bing search engine's Maps section allows the option of viewing and printing off Ordnance Survey maps.

All Oxfordshire footpaths are now accessible via Oxfordshire County Council website: http://publicapps.oxfordshire.gov.uk/content/publicnet/council_services/environment_planning/countryside/Map/ROW/row.html

CYCLE ROUTES

Two recommended cycle routes pass through Islip:

1) Islip – Oddington – Charlton-on-Otmoor – Fencott – Murcott – Horton-cum-Studley – Beckley
(from Beckley you can divert to: Elsfield and Oxford; from Horton-cum-Studley you can divert to Worminghall – Ickford – Shabbington – Thame)

NB: The road back from Beckley to Islip is not a recommended cycle route and requires extreme care.

2) Islip – Bletchington – Kirtlington – Upper Heyford – Somerton – Duns Tew – Bloxham – Banbury

For more information on walks and rides, see the following web pages:

<http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/circularwalks>

<http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=9076>

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/walks-and-rides>

<http://www.walkinginoxfordshire.co.uk/index.php>



Classes, Clubs, Societies & Groups

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Tuesdays 10 to 11.30am in the Village Hall (term-time only). New-borns to 4 year-olds welcome.

Come and join us for playtime, tea and biscuits. We have baby toys, a slide, playtents, ride-on vehicles, a playshop and trolleys, babies and buggies, dressing-up clothes, megabloks, puzzles and play doh so there is something for everyone! At the end of the session we have singing time with live guitar accompaniment. Drop in whenever you want, or come every week – we'd love to see you.

Contact: Sophie Miller (07962 303921/miller.soph@gmail.com)

BALLET

An informal introduction to ballet training, which can be developed through the East Oxford School of Ballet, if wished. Adult ballet/conditioning class also planned.

Children's classes Mondays in the Village Hall, 3.30pm (ages 3½ to 5); 4pm (ages 5 to 6); 4.45pm (ages 6 to 7)

Web: www.eastoxfordballet.co.uk

Contact: Penny Cullerne-Bown, Principal, East Oxford School of Ballet (pcb@eastoxballet.co.uk/847747)

BRIDGE IN ISLIP

Relaxed and friendly two-hour sessions, with wine and nibbles.

Occasional supervised duplicate and teaching sessions.

Mondays (dates published in advance) in the Terrace Room, 6.30 to 8.30pm

Contact: Justin Stead (justinwstead@gmail.com/842356)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

30 minutes of fun singing for primary school-age children – action songs, rounds and singing in parts.

Thursdays in term-time, 5 to 5.30pm in church

Contact: Sophie Miller (07962 303921/miller.soph@gmail.com) or Lucy Thirtle (379470/ revlucy.islip@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY CHOIR

All sorts of music from show songs and gospel to folk and sacred music. No experience necessary – everyone welcome.

Alternate Wednesdays, either in the Village Hall or Dr South's School, 7.30 to 9pm

Contact: Johanna Stephenson (848331)

FINE ART

Painting on porcelain, a wonderful hobby creating beautiful lamps, plates, etc. Beginners welcome.

Workshops on Mondays, 10 to 1pm at the Old Stores, Church Square.

Contact: Sue Ellis (373414/sue.eina@yahoo.co.uk)

FOLK MUSIC

Informal folk sessions for musicians. All welcome.

1st Monday of the month in the Red Lion from 8.30pm

INTEGRATED YOGA AND MINDFULNESS

Suitable for both men and women, IYM is a safe, systematic yet dynamic form of Hatha yoga aimed at improved circulation, a light and strong body and mind in balance.

Mondays in the Village Hall, 7 to 8.30 pm

Contact: Hugh Poulton (hugh@yogaunlimited.co.uk/07896 198162)

ISLIP PELOTON

Regular informal cycle rides, usually starting early Saturday morning.

Contact Rod Nicolson (rod@nicolson.com/376276) to be put on the mailing list.

ISLIP VILLAGE ARCHIVE

In 2005 an exhibition of 1,000 years of Islip's history was staged as part of the celebrations of the millennium of the birth of Edward the Confessor. As a result of the interest generated in conserving and learning more about the village, an archive has been established in the Village Hall. Documents, photographs and some objects are now

stored in the archive room and a group meets regularly to share research and memories and to plan events.

Contact: Tony Coggins, Village Archivist (coggins.tony@gmail.com/378798)

ISLIP WILDLIFE CONSERVATION GROUP

Formed by a group of Islip residents with the aim of encouraging wildlife into the village, and practical conservation in and around Islip.

Contact: Jocelyne Bangham Hughes (373191), Justin Stead (842356), Alison Paine (ali@hinksey.plus.com) or Pippa Whitbread (375629)

JUNIOR YOUNG FARMERS

For young people aged 10 to 16. Our exciting programme is designed around what the members want to do. Young Farmers provides opportunities to learn and develop skills, and to take part in competitions with members from around the county and nationally. There are even opportunities for travel to Europe.

Alternate Thursdays, 6.30 to 7.30pm during term-time at Weston-on-the-Green Village Hall or at other locations depending on programme.

Web: www.ofyfc.org.uk/bicester

Club Leaders: Justin & Rachel Willoughby (justinparkfarm@hotmail.com)

KARATE

Try the classes for the first full month for free!

Tuesdays in the Village Hall, Lit' Dragons (3 to 6 years) 4.15 to 4.45pm; Beginner Karate 4.45 to 5.30pm; Advanced Martial Arts 5.30 to 6.30pm; Adult beginner mixed martial arts (MMA) 6.30 to 7.30pm.

Contact: Phil Patrick, Oxford Sport and Traditional Martial Arts (philpatrickis@yahoo.com/07915 661853)

MUSIC IN ISLIP

Music in Islip organises musical events in Islip in order to give young musicians a chance to perform and to benefit, when possible, the venues in which concerts are held. Musicians have performed in both St Nicholas' Church and Islip Village Hall. Past events have included

soloists from Welsh National Opera, Oxford Operatic Society, The Radcliffe Trio and several college choirs. Volunteers very welcome.

Contact: Justin Stead (842356) or Stephanie Sandell (378383)

OTMOOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Talks 1st Wednesday of September to December, February to April, 8pm in the Village Hall. Occasional outings in the summer.

Contact: Christopher Lowe (379072)

OTMOOR GARDEN SOCIETY

Otmoor Garden Society celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2016. This friendly local club has over 100 members and we meet on the 4th Tuesday of most months in Charlton on Otmoor, Murcott or Islip, according to the programme. We are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and have talks on a wide range of garden related topics. In addition, we have summer evening visits and subsidised coach trips. In 2016 we will have outings to Sissinghurst, Great Dixter and the Malvern Autumn Show. We also hold a Plant Sale every May.

Web: www.otmoorgardensociety.org.uk

Contact: Brian Eadle, Membership Secretary (331472/theadles@hotmail.com) or Alison Paine (ali@hinksey.plus.com)

PILATES

Advanced Pilates: 9.15 to 10.15 Monday and Friday mornings
Beginner/Intermediate Pilates: 10.20 to 11.20 Monday and Friday mornings; all classes are in the Village Hall.

Web: www.brookpilates.co.uk

Contact: Sarah Chambers (sarah@brookpilates.co.uk/07721093671)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (ISLIP AND OTMOOR BRANCH)

The branch has some 45 members and is always looking for more who support the ideals of the British Legion in providing help to past and present members of the Armed Forces and their families, and maintaining the traditions of Remembrance for their many acts of courage in conflicts. It is run by a small committee which meets four times a year and occasionally arranges fundraising events and

visits. If you would like to support us, please get in touch.

Chairman: Martin Pearce (378206)

Vice Chairman: Teresa Carter (374909)

ST NICHOLAS' BELL RINGERS

The tower and its ringers are affiliated to the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers and are part of the Bicester Branch. The bells are rung before the 10.30 service on most Sunday mornings. We also ring for weddings (by arrangement) and special services and events, as required. We practice on Tuesday evenings, from 7.30 to 9.00pm. Potential new ringers are welcome and should contact the Tower Captain, on the number below, for more information.

Tower Captain: Teresa Carter (374909)

Deputy Tower Captain: Kathryn Grant (373972)

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH CHOIR

The choir sings at the 10.30am service on the first and third Sundays of the month and at special services from time to time. New members are always very welcome. Practice Fridays, 6pm and before services

Contact: Christopher Lowe (379072/jcblowe@tiscali.co.uk)
or Ben Heffer (ben.heffer@ntlworld.com)

THURSDAY CLUB

Mainly over 60s but everyone is welcome. Talks, followed by tea, and occasional outings. Usually the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Terrace Room

Contact: Tony Coggins (378798)

UPHOLSTERY

Everybody welcome - beginners and experienced people alike. Thursdays in the Village Hall Terrace Room, 7 to 10 pm

Contact: Dinah Adams (511996/07974 698695/
dinah_zwanenberg@fasmail.fm)

VIRTUAL ORCHARD

There are many apple trees in gardens in Islip which make up Islip's 'Virtual Orchard'. Surplus apples are donated by owners and they are juiced, bottled, labelled and sold via the Village Shop. We organise a village apple pressing day in October using our own and borrowed juicing equipment. We also provide advice on e.g. apple identification and pruning. There are about 45 members making up the VO, with about 130 trees and nearly 40 different varieties. New members are very welcome.

Contact: Alison Paine (ali@hinksey.plus.com)

WEST COAST SWING

West Coast Swing classes for anyone 16+ with some partner dance experience, whether Jive, Salsa, Tango or Ballroom. No need to bring a partner.

Beginner, Improver/Intermediate and Beginner Review classes.
Tuesdays, 8 to 11pm in the Village Hall

Contact: Coralie Green (0776 360854) or Raffaella Zero (07979 492261)

YOGA

Yoga classes in Islip to suit all levels and ages. Dedicated, fully equipped yoga studio for small classes or one-to-one. Highly qualified and experienced teacher. Please call Zena Kidd-May to discuss all the wonderful benefits.

Contact: Zena Kidd-May (07930 373143. www.satyayoga.co.uk)



Goods & Services

All the businesses listed here operate in or from Islip; please see the Parish Newsletter, the village website and the Kidlington Advertiser for other local goods and services

ACUPUNCTURE

Traditional Chinese acupuncture focusing on physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. All enquiries welcome.

Miranda Ellis BSc(Hons) LicAc MBAcC (01865 372120/07900 421699)

ARCHITECT

House design, extensions, alterations and conversions in the Oxford area.

www.nicolarichardsonarchitects.com

Nicola Richardson (nicola@nicolarichardsonarchitects.com/07884 331216)

COAL MERCHANT

Coal and firewood; free delivery service.

Proprietor: Ken Maunder (372675)

DRIVING INSTRUCTION

Aspire to Drive

Pete Church (07980 585892)

DRIVING INSTRUCTION

Tony Higgs (372997/07746 224334)

DRUM TUITION

Beginners and intermediate; rock, RnB, jazz and funk styles.

Ian East (373268/ian.east@talktalk.net)

HOLIDAY BURROWS

Holiday boarding for guinea pigs and rabbits

www.HolidayBurrows.co.uk
Samuel Unwin (07840 720188)

ISLIP CLEANING SERVICES

Pick-up service for ironing available.
Linda Hall (849449)

ISLIP MOTORS LTD

MOT testing, servicing, repairs, electronic diagnosis, tyres supplied and fitted, air conditioning service.
Paul Bell (377700)

KIDLINGTON JOINERY

Purpose-made windows, doors and staircases.
www.kidlingtonjoinery.co.uk
Tim Ward (374880)

KIRTLINGTON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Local, reliable home and garden improvements/maintenance, domestic and commercial, one-off and regular.
www.kirtlingtonpropertymaintenance.com
Noel Price (noelprice@btinternet.com/01869 351619/07884 185171)

MATHS, PHYSICS AND COMPUTING TUITION

GCSE, A-Level, and undergraduate.
Ian East (373268/ian.east@talktalk.net)

MILTON & SWAN

Full range of general plumbing, tiling and bathroom fitting services.
07779 992115/miltonandswan@outlook.com/www.miltonandswan.com

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY

Papers delivered to your door by 6am.
P.A. Franklin (331378/07711 144847)

OXFORD HOMESTAY

Local homestay agent in Islip (organising host family accommodation for international visitors to Oxford). Contact us if you are interested in hosting students and professionals for short stays.

Madeline Dandridge (enquiry@oxfordhomestay.co.uk/07739116396)

OXFORD LIME MORTAR

Restoration and conservation of buildings using traditional lime products.
John Guest (373273)

PAINTING COMMISSIONS

Colin Tuffrey (371117)

PRESENT LOCKER

Super stylish gifts and decorative homeware delivered free to your door in Islip.

www.presentlocker.com

Fiona Forbes & Sarah Colebrooke

RICHARD WARD (OXFORD) LTD

Building contractor.

www.richardward-oxford.co.uk

(374880)

RICO'S PIZZA SHACK

Authentic hand-made pizza, cooked to order in a mobile wood-burning pizza oven. BBC Food & Farming awards 2011 finalists!

In Islip every Friday, 5 to 9.30pm (by the Bletchingdon Road entrance to the School).

www.ricospizzashack.com

TWO TAILS DOG WALKING

Dog walking and puppy visit services.

www.TwoTailsDogWalking.co.uk

Samuel Unwin (07840 720188)

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