

ILTON TALKING

June 2013

Provided by Ilton Parish Council

Summer Fete

On
Saturday 22nd June
In The
Merryfield Hall
2.15pm - 4.30pm

(Whilst we would have loved to hold the fete in the Church/Churchyard or on the green the lack of facilities and ever increasing traffic through the village means that it makes much more sense to have it in the village hall.)

2.15 - Fete opens
2.30 - Majorettes Demonstration
2.45 - Bingo
3.30 - More Bingo
4.30 - Fete Closes

Attractions:

New 2 U clothes, raffle, books, toys, homemade cakes, odds & ends, plants, water or wine?!, a variety of visiting stalls, refreshments including cream teas, cuddly toy treasure hunt and much more.

By the time you are reading this we may have already contacted you, but if we missed you, and you have something suitable for any of our stalls, please contact either Kate Cameron (55308), Dinah Harding (54230) or Jacqueline Bennett (54164)

Advanced notice of the Ilton Fun Show on Bank Holiday Monday - 26th August

We will once again be running the photographic class, and for this year the 4 classes are:

- Farm Machinery
- Farm Animals
- Farm Houses
- A Rural View

So, all of you budding photographers, get snapping over the next couple of months and you could walk away with 1st prize at the show. Further details nearer the time. Any enquiries please phone Jacqueline on 54164.

St Peter's Church is still standing but not standing still!

In a normal year we have to spend: -

£783 on Insurance

£842 on Running expenses

£554 on Electricity

Last year from donations, weddings, funerals and profits from events we managed to cover our costs.

This does not cover any repairs or maintenance and certainly not the dreaded "Parish Share" (paid to the diocese) for 2012 our quota was £3270

In 2013 we are required to have our electrical installation checked, an asbestos survey done, the lightning conductor tested and a window repaired. This could lead to an outlay of £1,000+

A lot of maintenance is done by volunteers – for which we are very grateful- but not all of this can be done at no cost.

As you can see from the figures St Peter's Church, Ilton is desperately short of money.

We are fighting to keep this ancient building in good order and fit for purpose as the villagers of Ilton have done for centuries before us.

Please could you donate **ANY** amount of money regularly or as a one off contribution. This can be for the general fund or given specifically to maintain the building.

For more information please ring Kate Cameron on 01460 55308

St Peter's Church - 2013 Calendar

We are also arranging the following for the coming year

26th July – Friday Classical Concert – Trio of Organ, Violin and Guitar

2nd August – Bingo in the village hall - Doors open 6:30 eyes down 7:30pm

26th August – Fun show and cream teas in the church. Categories to be advised later

30th November – Christmas coffee morning in the village hall. 10:30 to 12:30

13th December – Bingo in the village hall - Doors open 6:30 eyes down 7:30pm

If there are any changes we will advise you as soon as possible.

St Peters Bingo!

At

Merryfield Hall, Ilton

On

Friday 2nd August

Doors Open at 6.30pm, Eyes Down at 7.30pm

Join us for a fun evening in the village hall and win some lovely summer prizes. Books are £1.00 each, fliers are £1.00 each (playing two on the evening) and raffle tickets are 50p per strip. Refreshments will be served in the interval with all profits going towards the running costs of our church.

GREAT NIGHT OUT! GREAT PRIZES! GREAT FUN!

Due to popular demand (!) we are running the special promotional packs again:

PACKAGE 1 - £10.00 Includes 6 Books ~~ 4 strips of raffle tickets ~~ 2 Fliers

Plus A FREE cup of tea or coffee, 2 EXTRA strips of raffle tickets and a ticket into an exclusive prize draw

PACKAGE 2 - £5.00 Includes 3 books ~~ 2 strips of raffle tickets ~~ 1 Flier

Plus A FREE cup of tea or coffee, 1 EXTRA strip of raffle tickets and a ticket into an exclusive prize draw

You can obtain these packages from either Jacqueline Bennett on 54164 or Dinah Harding on 54230 and they are **ONLY** available until noon on Friday 2nd August.

ILTON YOUTH CLUB

We run on Monday evenings between 7 and 9pm in term time at Ilton Village Hall. We provide games, sports, crafts and activities for children aged between 8 and 16 years. We also run a tuck shop for members. The cost per child is £2.50 (siblings £1.50). Under 8's are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. All children are to be registered. The first session is free to new members. So come along and meet with friends and see what's on offer! Volunteers are very welcome and get a discount. For more information contact Kim on 55562 or June on 57164.

Merryfield Pre-School at Ilton

Merryfield Pre-School is situated within the grounds of St Mary & St Peter's School, Copse Lane, Ilton. We are open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

We Accept Nursery Grant funding and are registered with Ofsted.

To see our latest report, please visit the Ofsted website at www.ofsted.gov.uk.

For more information please contact –

Emma Adams (Supervisor_ 01460 53915 or Sharon Bell (Chairperson) – 01460 54723.

Mobile Library

Four more mobile libraries are now back in service, joining the two mobile libraries in Bridgwater and Wincanton currently serving communities around Somerset.

The four reinstated mobile libraries are based at Bridgwater, Taunton, Wells and Williton. They will call again at stops that were previously visited.

Stops currently made by the Bridgwater and Wincanton Mobile Libraries will not be affected.

Visits will be on a **Tuesday** at the following locations and will be every 4 weeks.

10.50 - 11.05-----Copse Lane

11.10 - 11.40-----Spurwells

Visits on Tuesdays - every 4 weeks 2013	2013	2013	2013
	9 July	3 Sept	
	6 August		

Visits will be on a **Wednesday** at the following location and will be every 4 weeks

2.30 - 2.40-----Wyndham Arms

Visits on Wednesdays - every 4 weeks 2013	2013	2013	2013
	10 July	4 Sept	30 Oct
	7 August	2 Oct	27 Nov

Visits will be on a **Wednesday** at the following location and will be every 4 weeks

12.20 - 12.35-----Merryfield Lane

12.40 - 12.50-----Spurwells H/B

1.00 - 1.25-----School

Visits on Wednesdays - every 4 weeks 2013	2013	2013	2013
	26 June	21 August	16 Oct
	24 July	18 Sept	13 Nov

For further details ring 0845 3459177

Or visit www.somerset.gov.uk where all routes and timetables for the mobile library service are listed.

Hedgerows and Grass verges

Whilst the local authority cut the hedgerows and verges along the roads only a few times each year, this is a reminder that householders do have a responsibility to ensure that the hedges and verges of their own properties do not cause an obstruction to the pavements footpaths or the highway.

It also helps to make the village look more tidy and pleasant.

If you feel that the highways has missed an area they are responsible for you can contact them on
0845 345 9155

**REMEMBER You are responsible for the grass verges
outside your land or property**

AUTUMN 2013 SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

will be on

29th September and 10th November, Remembrance Sunday

Hilary and the team will be serving their '**Full English**' breakfast from 9am.

Please **book in advance** by phoning **Hilary on 53531** and make sure that she is told of any special dietary needs at the time.

No increase in prices - £4.50 (£3.00 for small children).

All proceeds are for **Merryfield Hall** funds.

DOG MESS

There have been a large number of complaints about the amount of dog mess around the village that appears to be getting worse. This also includes reports of bags of dog mess being thrown into trees and hedges. Although the majority of dog owners are behaving responsibly by bagging and binning, the mess on the pavements indicate that there are some who are not.

There are a number of dog bins around the village which are emptied regularly by the council. These can be found near Spurwells, Merryfield lane, Rod lane and near the cemetery.

The Councils dog warden has been contacted about the problem and has put up signs around the village to remind dog owners of their responsibility. Extra patrols will also be made to monitor the situation.

Failure to clean up after your dog is a criminal offence. Anyone observed by the dog warden failing to clear up after their dog will be served with a fixed penalty notice or reported for a potential prosecution. If you are aware of specific individuals allowing their dog(s) to foul, please report them to the dog warden by calling 01935 462462.

MERRYFIELD HALL DIARY DATES

Friday, 25th October - Fish & Chip Evening in Merryfield Hall - £7.50

Price includes Fish & Chips, a dessert and tea / coffee.

More details in due course

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St Peter's Church

Wanted – Minute taker for committee meetings normally 4 times a year. No other duties required. Ask Kate 55308, Dinah 54230 or Jacqueline 54164 if you are interested



NEWS from PC Toni Lines

1. Thefts from sheds and outbuildings

We are actively targeting known criminals but we also want to raise awareness as thefts from outbuildings, sheds and garages, particularly in rural areas, can increase at this time of year.

What can you do to protect yourself?

- Put away all tools and equipment and lock up. Remember these tools could be used to break into your home.
- Mark your tools with your postcode and house number or the first two letters of your house name and place the details on www.immobilise.com. Or, permanently mark them by scratching or painting: this will also reduce their value to the thief.
- Don't leave ladders outside, or chain them up.
- Replace standard door hinges on sheds and outbuildings with strap hinges secured by coach bolts. Or, use security screws on existing hinges.
- Use good quality locks to secure your gates and doors. A tough pad bar (also called hasp and staple) fitted with a strong padlock and secured with coach bolts is the most effective way of securing a door.
- Fit up-and-over garage doors with a padlock with a hasp and staple on each side. Specialist locks for such doors are also available.
- Double garage doors with a rim latch should be supplemented with a mortice deadlock. If the garage is attached to the main building ensure that connecting doors are secure.
- Install outside security lighting operated by either movement sensor or photo electric cell (Dusk to Dawn light).
- Check that your household insurance covers theft from your garden and outbuildings.
- Fit a battery operated alarm. Speak your local crime prevention officer for advice.
- Fit a window grille and/or frosted window film to stop a thief seeing into your shed or garage. Chain tools, cycles and other valuable equipment together with a good quality chain and padlock.
- Photograph valuable and unusual garden ornaments and keep these in a secure place.

ILTON 60+ CHRISTMAS LUNCH

will be on Sunday, 15th December at 12.30pm

More details later in the year

Areas of responsibility and useful numbers

There have been a number of questions raised recently about areas of responsibility for repairs around the village and who problems should be reported to.

The following is intended as a guide to try and help.

The Parish Council has responsibility for some of the grass cutting around the village including the Recreation Ground, Church yard, Cemetery, Village Green. Also the recreation ground itself and Brook Common. Any issues with these areas can be reported to the Parish Clerk Sue Morley on 53378.

The District Council has a wide range of responsibilities such as Street Cleaning, Waste collection, Planning, Stray Dogs and fouling. More details can be found on their website at www.southsomerset.gov.uk or by contacting 01935 462462.

The County Council also has a wide range of responsibilities which include Highways, Pavements, Schools, Social Care, Libraries and Public Transport. More details can be found on their website at www.somerset.gov.uk or by contacting 0845 345 9166.

Local Councillor

Sue Steele is your District Councillor. She can be contacted on 01460281345, or via her website www.susansteele.co.uk

Your County Councillor is Christopher Le Hardy. He can be contacted on 07803 894992 clehardy@somerset.gov.uk

Parish Council

The Parish Council meets every month. An opportunity is usually made available for Parishioners questions between 7.30pm and 8.00pm. This is to enable members of the community to raise any issues that may concern them. The clerk is Ms Sue Morley who can be contacted on 01460-53378. See notice board for dates of meetings.

Merryfield Hall Bookings

The Merryfield Hall can be booked for various functions.

If you would like to hire the hall please contact , Jemma on 01460 55294 or 07889 960600 for further details.

Welcome

Welcome to the June 2013 issue of Ilton Talking.

If you have any information you would like to share with the rest of the Parish such as events or fundraising activities, please pass it to me and I will include it in the next issue which is due to be published Sept/Oct 2013 You can send it by e-mail- iltontalking@btinternet.com or by telephone-53382.

South Somerset District Council

Area North Office-
The Council Offices, Brympton Way,
Yeovil Somerset
BA20 2HT.
Telephone 01935 462462.

Fly Tipping

Fly tipping is on the increase around Ilton with rubbish being illegally dumped in areas such as Brook Common, The old railway halt and Frost lane among others.

People are being warned by South Somerset District Council to check out exactly where their waste is going if they pay a handyperson or company to take it away, or potentially face a fine of up to £5,000.

If you do employ someone to take your waste away you must make sure that they have a 'waste carrier's number'. You can call on the Environment Agency on 08708 506506 or visit their website.

Potentially if you don't check that they are authorised and they then dump your waste illegally, you could be found liable to a fine or a criminal record under fly tipping legislation.

Flytippers could be liable to a fine of up to £50,000, imprisonment and a criminal record. If caught

For more information and advice or to report flytipping please contact South Somerset District Council's Streetscene Enforcement on 01935 462462.

Friendship Club Programme 2013

Monday 8th July	Outing
Monday 12th August mining conscript	Speaker: Mr Stephen Sylvester: 'Life as a Bevin Boy' - a wartime coal
Monday 9th September	Speaker: Mr Brian Wright: 'West Country Witchcraft'
Monday 14th October	Speaker: Mrs Pauline Homeshaw: '10 Radio - Community Radio'
Monday 11th November	Meal out
Monday 9th December	Christmas celebrations

Normal start time is 2pm in Merryfield Hall

Where meetings are not being held in village hall commencement times will be published by the preceding month

Queries regarding this programme should be made to the Committee

The Nippy Bus Demand Responsive Service

The N6 Nippylink is a flexible demand responsive bus service which links Martock and Ilminster with the rural Parishes and communities within the area.

Passengers can travel from any Village within the area of the service to either Martock or Ilminster simply by phoning the booking line on **01935 823888**. The N6 service seamlessly connects with the N9 Yeovil Service and the N10 Taunton Service, giving passengers numerous travel options throughout the day.

Full details of times and destinations are available from Nippy Bus on 01935 823888

Coffee Pot

Do please come along to the Merryfield Hall for tea, coffee and biscuits and have a friendly chat with old and new friends. Next dates are:-

**Tues 25th June, 9th, 23rd July, 6th, 20th August.
From 10:30am to 12 noon**

For more information please contact Mrs Lock on 53142 or Dinah Harding on 54230.



Remember

When reporting a crime or an incident
Please call the following numbers:

101 or In case of emergency 999

CRIME STOPPERS on 0800 555 111 - Your call cannot be trace and you will not be asked your name

Further ways of contacting the police in your area;

By booking an appointment with your local neighbourhood team –**101**
Calling in to a beat surgery – local details are on the 'in your area' pages of our website
If you are deaf, deaf -blind, deafened, hard of hearing or speech impaired,

Emergency text number: **80999**

Non-emergency text number: **81003**

Non-emergency Textphone: **18001** followed by **0845 456 7000** or **101**

For more information and for more advice on all the above and much more

Please visit

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

New Vicar

As some of you know our 'church benefice' has been extended to include Hambridge which means that our vicar is now responsible for 8 parishes! (Ilton, Ashill, Donyatt, Horton, Broadway, Isle Abbots, Isle Brewers & Hambridge.) Because of this, the diocese has appointed another vicar (part time) to help Andrew with his duties so we would like to welcome Margaret Cranston to our parish as from Sept this year. She is being licensed in our church on Friday 6th September at 7pm and then there will be a social "welcoming" in the village hall, including refreshments. Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there.

Merryfield Hall

On the weekend of 24th - 26th May the village hall was completely repainted and looks so much better. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who took on the kitchen and main hall and it is thanks to you that our hall continues to look as good as it does. I would also like to thank the supporters of the 100 club whose money has gone to the necessary professional work that had to be done on the entrance hall, meeting room and toilets - I hope you agree that the money has been well spent. Over the summer holidays I hope there is an occasion for you to visit the hall. You'll be able to see that the hall is still looking good and over the past few years has had extra facilities added. If you are looking for somewhere to hold your special occasion, form a new club, need a meeting venue or hold a family party then the hall is the place to go! We are very competitive on hiring prices as well.

The Hall

£6.00 per hour for Ilton residents, £7.00 per hour for non Ilton residents and inclusive in this price is the main hall, tables and chairs for 100 people, central heating and lighting. (If you are a club and hire us for 26 weeks or more of the year then the hiring charge is reduced by £1.00)

The Kitchen

This has been fitted with a boiler giving a constant supply of hot water, has an industrial dish washer plus crockery and cutlery for 100. Dish cloths, tea towels & washing up liquid are also supplied. The kitchen is available at a cost of £1.00 per hour up to a maximum of £5.00

We also have contacts for a bar to take place at your event and caterers should you wish.

For other information, and photos, please see our facebook page. If you wish to make a booking please ring Jemma on 01460 – 55294

Thank you for your continued support
Jacqueline Bennett
(Chair)

St Peters Church "Open Afternoons"

Every Wednesday, 2 - 5 pm
from May 8th - September 25th

As most of you know, St Peters is a closed church except for services and a few events during the year, so this summer we are trying to address this by opening for an afternoon every week. You are welcome to explore the church, socialise with friends or reflect in quiet contemplation.

We are currently trying to plan a scheme for the re-ordering of the church - come up and see what changes we're trying to make, and how

Some history of both the church and village will be on display

Enjoy a homemade scone with jam & cream (£1.50) or a delicious piece of cake (£1.00) with a cup of tea or coffee (50p)

Books, Art & Plants will be available to purchase

Put your family name on our 'ancestry wall!'

Win a prize on our raffle
Any enquiries please phone Jacqueline on 54164

FOOTPATHS

Please close the gates.

There are a number of very pleasant walks around the village on public footpaths. Most of these are marked with posts. They are walked regularly to check if they are accessible and all the gates are in good order.

There have recently been complaints from landowners about gates being left open which could result in animals escaping from the fields and also dogs not being kept under control and frightening livestock.

If you find any problems with any of the footpaths, please contact The Parish Council.

St Peter's Church

Service Times

1st Sunday 11.00am – Morning Praise
2nd Sunday 8.00am - Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
3rd Sunday 11.00am - Parish Service
4th Sunday 11.00am - Holy Communion (Common Worship)

We look forward to seeing you at some or all of our services.
Everyone is welcome.

Andrew.The Revd Dr Andrew Tatham
The Rectory, Broadway
ILMINSTER, TA19 9RE
01460 52559

MERRYFIELD HALL 100 CLUB 2012/3

RECENT PRIZE WINNERS

May 2013

1st	£20	Ticket 40	Joan Blasdale
2nd	£15	Ticket 120	R Lawrence
3rd	£10	Ticket 77	Chris Lock

Unfortunately there has been insufficient take-up of 100 Club tickets this year to continue funding the fourth prize of £5.

The Draw is normally carried out at Friendship Club meetings

An Evening of Light Classical Music

At
St Peters Church, Ilton
On
Friday 26th July, 7.30pm

Mr John Simpson (on the organ) will be joined by rising talent "Thalia Duo" for an evening of light classical entertainment. Thalia duo are Alexandra Ennis & Sarah Patten who play the violin and guitar. Tickets are £6.00 per person and include wine and nibbles during the interval. Tickets are available from Kate Cameron (55308), Dinah Harding (54230) or Jacqueline Bennett (54164).

Meeting for the Re-Ordering (make-over) of St Peters

On
Monday 15th July, 7.30pm
At
St Peters Church, Ilton

Up until the early 1900's it was a fact that most people were expected to attend church which meant that it became a part of people's everyday life. Whole families attended Sunday services, children went to Sunday School and the majority of people were christened, married and buried in their local church. Most churches also had their own vicar! Because of this, churches were well attended and therefore well-funded. However, with the two world wars and subsequent rapid expansion of modern society, most rural churches now have a very moderate Sunday attendance, there are fewer and fewer Sunday Schools, a lot of couples choose to get married at their reception venue, a good proportion of us are cremated rather than buried and vicars are expected to run between 4 - 10 parishes!

Villages such as ours have felt the effects of 'modern society' with families having to move out of the village for one reason or another, factories, farms, shops etc closing down forcing people out of the village to find work. The heavy burden of both parents having to work to support their homes & family, & families scattered amongst the local area, we travel to be with them in our spare time, children visiting their mum or dad on weekends and so the story goes on.....

Consequently most of our lives are so busy these days that we don't know where the days go and have little time to do the things that our ancestors did. The church, unfortunately, is one of the casualties of modern society.

However, we all still like to think that living in a village means community life with a school, pub, shop and church amongst it's amenities and whilst we have lost one of these I'm sure we would all like to keep the other three! Our church is a small but pretty one and rich in its history and we would like to improve its facilities so that it can become an everyday part of people's lives again. Churches, cathedrals, chapels etc are having to diversify up and down the country and there's no reason why we can't plan to do the same. Our church will remain true to its origins but we could also encompass wider activities such as coffee mornings, mothers & toddlers, a small meeting place, a reading room amongst others and it is to this end that we are embarking on a major project this year to try to improve facilities in our church so that our services, and any other function we choose to put on, can be attended in relative comfort and warmth.

We would like to invite you to the church to hear, and visualise, what we would like to happen and then get your feedback over a cup of tea or coffee. So please join us on the 15th July for just over an hour and let us know what you think!

CONGRATULATIONS - Grade 8 Piano Exam

Our son James Tyrrell has just passed his Grade 8 Practical Piano exam

He started in March 2001 with a piano teacher in Shepton Beauchamp.

The exam took place on 28th March 2013 and the result came through by email within 2 weeks from ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal School of Music).

He has been offered University places at Imperial College London to do Theoretical Physics and Warwick University to do MORSE (Mathematics Operations Research in Statistics & Economics).

We both wish him well for the future.

Russell & Kathy Tyrrell

Ilton Village Facebook Group

Are you a private individual or small business based in Ilton?

Would you like to buy, sell, swap your unwanted items or advertise your small business for FREE?

You may be interested in joining our village Facebook Group!

- **Buy, Sell, Swap – Ilton, Somerset**

The group was established over a year ago, primarily for our village community and currently has over 150 members. Buying, selling, swapping, trading and sharing village information through the group can and should enable us to bring our community closer together online. As mentioned, use of the group is FREE and although we have no rules as such, we do ask that you take a quick look at the guidelines in the description, in order to maintain responsible and fair trading. Both of the administrators are based in the village and can be contacted via the group.

Village Agents

Village Agents are local people employed on a part-time basis to become trusted members of their communities and a valuable resource. They network extensively with Parish Councillors, Police Community Support Officers, social group organisers, transport providers, church groups, youth workers and others within their community. They receive 'referrals' from agencies and members of the community about people needing information or support.

Village Agents make home visits when necessary and provide high-quality information. They enable direct access to a wide range of services and use a secure electronic referral system. They may informally carry out a series of practical checks related to safety in the home (e.g. smoke alarms, falls prevention), benefit entitlement and energy efficiency. Visits are followed up when necessary by experts who will provide specialist information, advice and services, e.g. the fire service and social care. Village Agents identify unmet needs within their community and respond by initiating and supporting new social and healthy activities.

Your local Village Agent is –**Lisa Souster, Tel 07762 428481** or email lsouster@somersetccc.org.uk