

ILTON TALKING

September 2014

Provided by Ilton Parish Council

Merryfield Hall Sixties Evening

Join us in the *hall* to party and dance the night away at our “*Sixties Night*” on *Friday 10th October*. We’ll have a *disco* playing *sixties music* all night long, a *licensed bar* (supplied by Gemini Carnival Club), a *sixties buffet* and sixties dress/hair is optional!! The party starts at 7.30pm and finishes at midnight. Tickets, priced at £7.00 each, are available from Jemma Harris, 69, Copse Lane, Jacqueline Bennett, 3, Cottage Corner or Jackie Bridges, Broadacres, Cad Road. Your *ticket* also includes a *FREE entry into our raffle*. Look forward to seeing you there - it’s going to be a great night.

St Peters Church

Ilton’s Got Talent!

Join us for an entertaining evening at the Church on Friday 12 September where we are running a competition to find the best local talent! Over the years many of you have entertained us at different events so we know there is a lot of talent out there. If you can sing, dance, act, or perform as a comedian, magician or play an instrument then you can entertain!

If you think you’ve got what it takes please contact Kate Cameron on 55308, Dinah Harding on 54230 or Jacqueline Bennett on 54164 before the 8th September to enter.

There is a £25 prize for the winner of Iltons Got Talent!

The competition starts in the Church at 7.30pm. We will have a panel of four judges and their decision will be final. Cost is £5.00 on the door and this includes entrance, refreshments in the interval and entry in to our raffle of the evening. It promises to be a great nights entertainment so please join us and don’t miss out on the fun!

Recreation and Housing Development Open Weekend

Everyone is invited to come along to the Memorial hall on Saturday 30th August between 10am and 12 noon or Sunday 31st August between 9am and 11am for an open event to offer the opportunity to view the latest plans to improve recreational facilities and proposed housing development in Ilton and to invite views and comments from the community, We also hope to have Rob Parr’s (SSDC Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer) updated plan for the existing play area improvements on display.

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

Mobile Library

Dates for 2014 are shown below,

Due to cuts by **your** County Council the number of stops to Ilton has been reduced and the day and times have changed.

Please see the table below for further details

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

Merryfield Lane ---9.55 - 10.20

Spurwells -----10.25 - 10.45

Wyndham Arms --10.50 - 11.10

School -----11.15 - 11.40

Visits on Wednesdays - 2014 every 4 weeks 2014

10 September	5 November	31 December
8 October	3 December	

For further details ring 0845 3459177

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

St Peters Church - Remembrance Candles

We are selling candles for £1.00 each which we will light at our Christmas Carol Service (Sunday 21st December at 4pm) and each candle will be in memory of a loved one. Every candle will have a small piece of card with the relevant wording on it (eg: Mary Smith, Paul & Mary Smith, The Smith Family, The Children of South Africa or simply Mum - whoever means something to you.)

It would be lovely if you could come to our Carol Service this year and light your candle (about half way through) but if you can't make it we will light it for you.

St Peters is a pretty little Church and would look absolutely beautiful fully lit up so if you can help us - and keep someone's memory alive at the same time - *please* buy a candle.

Merryfield Hall

For those of you new to the village or just as a refresher please find below an update of the hall facilities:

Contacts - Jemma Harris (Bookings Secretary) on 01460 - 55294
Jacqueline Bennett (Chairperson) on 01460 - 54164

Merryfield Hall - Our hall is pleasantly situated in the centre of the village and overlooks green fields. The oak-floored main hall, measures 14.1m by 8.4m (46ft 3in by 27ft 6in) and will comfortably seat 80 for meals or 100 theatre style. A hearing loop has been installed in this room.

Meeting Room - A carpeted room ideal for meetings up to 6 people. A hearing loop has also been fitted in this room. (NB this may change in the near future but we will keep you posted!)

Prices - Main Hall - £6.00 per hour (Ilton Residents) or £7.00 per hour (Non Ilton Residents)
Meeting Room - £5.00 per hour (Ilton Residents) or £6.00 per hour (Non Ilton Residents)
Kitchen - £1.00 per hour up to a maximum of £5.00

All charges include electricity, heating, crockery & cutlery

Kitchen - Well equipped kitchen with crockery & cutlery for 100 people. The kitchen has an electric range cooker, 2 fridges, and both an industrial dishwasher (each cycle only taking 3 minutes) and an industrial waterboiler for hot drinks.

Disabled Facilities - A double entrance door to allow disabled facility leads to all the main rooms plus the ladies & gents. There is a disabled toilet with emergency alarm.

Car Park - Our car park has spaces for 14 vehicles and we have access to an overflow car park for another 30 cars.

Bar - The premises are not personally licensed but you are welcome to bring/supply your own alcohol (it's cheaper!!) but in this event you are legally prevented from making any charge to your guests. However, we also work with an organisation raising funds for their cause - Gemini Carnival Club. They will erect and man a bar for you at your event. The only charge is for the £25 license fee, (they will arrange the license.) They do not charge the organiser for their services but retain the profits from the sales. If you have any queries regarding this facility please contact Nigel on 01460 - 53848 or e-mail him at nig2332@aol.com.

Waste - All rubbish must be removed by the hirer.

Photocopying - We provide a photocopying service for A4 paper size at 6p per copy or 3p if you have your own paper.

Merryfield Hall

Your Special Event

If you would like to hold your special birthday, anniversary or any other occasion in the hall we can also help with the catering. Please see below for some sample menus;

Sample Menu Choices

All of these menus are inclusive of crockery, cutlery, serviettes, purchase of food and labour.

Menu 1

Sandwiches & Cake, £6.00 per head - Choice of 4 sandwiches, slice of cake and tea/coffee

Menu 2

Ploughmans Buffet, £6.50 per head - Bread, Butter, Cheese, Ham, Pork Pies, Pickle/Chutney, Salad, Spring Onion, Apple and Grapes.

Menu 3

Jacket Potato, £5.50 per head - Jacket potato with a choice of 3 fillings, salad and coleslaw

Menu 4

Finger Buffet, £9.00 per head - Choice of 3 sandwiches, mini pasties, scotch eggs, pork pies, cheese & pineapple, cocktail sausages, quiche, carrot, cucumber & pepper sticks and crisps.

Business Deals for September/October

Hire our meeting room (up to 6 people) for £15.00 for any half day. Hire includes water on the tables, flip chart and projector if required. If you would like tea/coffee provided please add £1.00 per person

Hire our main hall (up to 80 people) for £25 for any half day. Hire includes water on the tables, flip chart and projector if required.

Hire our main hall - up to 80 people- for a day and receive the following

Water on tables throughout the day

Flip Chart & Projector

Arrival tea/coffee

Mid morning tea/coffee & biscuits

Sandwich Lunch

Afternoon tea/coffee & cake

Cost; £10.00 per person

OR

Hire the main hall for the day with water for the tables, flip chart & projector, self service tea & coffee for £100. (Bring your own lunch!)

Your Wedding

Hiring the village hall for your special day will cost you £150.00 - this includes full use of the hall with its facilities from Fri 6pm - Sunday 12 noon. You can do the catering yourselves, hire outside caterers or once again we will try to help where possible - see sample menus below;

Sample Menu 1 - Afternoon High Tea - £15 per person

Sparkling fruit flavoured arrival drink

Plain & Fruit Scones (2 per person)

Cream

Strawberry & Raspberry Conserve

Fresh Strawberries

Choice of Sandwiches (Salmon, Cheese, Ham & Egg)

Selection of Cakes

Tea & Coffee

Sample Menu 2 - 3-Course Cold Buffet - £20 per person

Sparkling fruit flavoured arrival drink

Melon with Raspberry Coulis

Or

Prawn & Avocado

Cold Meat Salad

Strawberry Cheesecake

Or

Berry Pavlova

Tea & Coffee

We look forward to welcoming you to our hall.

Remembrance Sunday - 9th November

There will be no church services for our 8 parishes on this Sunday - instead there will be two 'Service of Remembrance,' one at the Hambridge War Memorial (9am) and one at the Broadway War Memorial (10.40am). Everyone from the 8 parishes - Hambridge, Isle Brewers, Isle Abbots, Ashill, Ilton, Broadway, Horton and Donyatt - are most welcome.

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.

Macmillan Cancer

Macmillan Cancer, supported by St Peters Church, will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 26th September at 10.30am - 12 noon. There will be tea, coffee & cake on offer as well as a couple of stalls to browse. There is no charge to come in and refreshments are by donations. All proceeds from the refreshments and stalls will go to Macmillan Cancer.

(If you have anything for a stall - books, jigsaws, odds & ends etc - please contact Dinah Harding on 54230 or Jacqueline Bennett on 54164. Similarly, if you bake a cake for us we would be very grateful.)

St Peters Church Christmas events

For our Christmas fund raisers this year we will be holding our usual Christmas coffee morning, the remembrance candles and a grand prize draw. We will be launching the candles and prize draw at the Macmillan coffee morning event and after that we will visit the village door-to-door and then attend other local events with them. The candles and prize draw are our big fund raisers this year so we hope you can support us in one of them. (Please note; we will not be running a Christmas Bingo this year.)

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. For details of dates for the Coffee Pot please contact below

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

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 September 2014 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 Nov/Dec 2014 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.



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

Merryfield Hall - Date for your diaries

Date for your diaries....on Friday 5th December we're having a Christmas Table_Top Evening from 6.30 onwards. We'll have stalls to browse, refreshments, raffle, christmas gift ideas and much more so look out for details nearer the time. (If you would like a stall on this evening - at a cost of £5 per table - please ring Jemma on 55294 or Jacqueline on 54164.)

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**

St Peters Christmas Draw

We will be running a Christmas raffle until Saturday 20th December. Tickets will cost 50p each with lots of Christmas prizes to be won. A Christmas Hamper, basket of fruit and Christmas dinner are among the prizes so far. The draw will take place at the Carol Service on Sunday 21st December though please note there will be no tickets on sale that day.

(If you can also contribute a prize for this draw please let us know, we would be very grateful.)

Merryfield Hall 100 Club

Recent winners are:

June 2014	£25	Ticket 25	Diane Atyeo
	£15	Ticket 58	Yvonne Poole
	£10	Ticket 99	Sue Gilmour
	£5	Ticket 70	Jane Yelland
July 2014	£25	Ticket 113	Margaret Andrews
	£15	Ticket 94	Gordon & Chris Smith
	£10	Ticket 16	Serena Lonton
	£5	Ticket 12	Dinah Harding
August 2014	£25	Ticket 95	Jeanette Bere
	£15	Ticket 30	Pat Hilton
	£10	Ticket 68	Bob Seward
	£5	Ticket 21	Alex Davison

Retirement of our Rector

Our Rector Andrew Tatham retires at the end of October.

All the villages in the benefice (8 of them) along with the clergy will celebrate his ministry with us at a leaving service in St Mary's Donyatt followed by a party in Donyatt village hall on Friday October 31st at 7pm.

We plan to give Andrew a leaving present that evening so if you would like to donate to that please ring me Kate Cameron on 01460 55308.

Flooding

With the end of summer and winter around the corner it is vital that anyone who has responsibility on their land to keep waterways and ditches clear ensure this is done. Apart from the difficulty of getting around, flooding causes misery for those people whose homes are affected by it. There are also problems caused by blocked road drains. Please report any blocked drains etc. to Somerset County Council on 0845 345 9166.

St Peter's Church

Service Times

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

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

St Peters Church - Harvest Festival/Lunch Sunday 19th October.

The Harvest Festival Service will be in the Church at 12 noon. It will be a short service where we give thanks for the harvests of the world, sing a couple of 'harvest' hymns and it also gives us an opportunity to give some food to others less fortunate than ourselves. The church will be decorated with flowers, fruit & vegetables, which always looks lovely, and if you would like to do a small flower arrangement/vase of flowers with some fruit or vegetables to have displayed in the Church please contact us. However, if you can't attend the Festival or Service but would like to donate some food (loaf of bread, canned foods, fruit, vegetables etc) the village hall will be open from 10am on that Sunday so please feel free to drop it in then. All the food collected this year will go to the Ilminster Food Bank.

The Harvest Lunch will be in Merryfield Hall at 1pm. It is a 2-course lunch of Cottage Pie with fresh vegetables (or a vegetarian option) followed by Apple Pie & Custard, then finished with a cup of tea or coffee. As most of you know the hall is not licensed but if you wish to bring a drink to go with your meal we will provide the glasses! Cost of the lunch is £6.00. To book your tickets please contact Kate Cameron on 55308, Dinah Harding on 54230 or Jacqueline Bennett on 54164. (This is a ticket only event.)

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.

Village Agent News

Hello everyone. This month I wanted to let you know about a local organisation Somerset Sight who work with people who are losing their vision across Somerset. Somerset Sight have a resource centre which has a huge range of gadgets to help people make everyday tasks easier to perform, from magnifying glasses that can change the colour of backgrounds and text, to pens that can tell you what colour your clothes are. Somerset Sight also have a mobile unit where equipment can be viewed and advice given. The charity also has an extensive audio library which they can post to members, if you are interested in viewing the library list or the resource centre catalogue, please call me.

Also, are you an unpaid carer for a family member or friend? Do you need some support or are you interested in joining a support group for carers where you can share concerns and experiences? If so, Compass Carers are there for you, aimed at supporting those who do the important role of caring for others. There is an estimated 58,000 carers in Somerset, yet only 10% of these are actually known about. Compass Carers is a service contracted by Somerset County Council and NHS Somerset to offer carers support through care support workers who can meet on a one-to-one basis, a dedicated telephone line, or helping to set up new carer support groups. Please get in touch with me for more details of this great organisation.

As we are heading into the winter month's these can be difficult times! Are you struggling with your heating costs! Are you aware of the Somerset Community Oil Scheme? This is a fantastic scheme set up by Community Council for Somerset that reduces the cost of your domestic heating oil. All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year. There are no hidden costs, by bringing communities throughout Somerset together and making the most of joint buying power, we can make savings and pass them directly to people like you whose fuel costs are high just because you use oil-fired central heating.

**Any information you may need, please contact me for a free confidential service.
My contact information is 07762428481**

Or lsousterva@somersetccc.org.uk

St Peters Church - News Update

We have applied to the Awards For All part of the National Lottery to help us to start the church renovation project. We have applied for the maximum amount of £10,000 which will restore the main entrance door and build a porch just inside it. We should know the results in the next four/five weeks so watch out on the notice boards around the village for more information.

The annual ride and stride is taking place on Saturday 13th September. Once again Mark & Jacqueline Bennett will visit the Churches if anyone would like to sponsor us. (Ride & Stride is a County event run by the Friends Of Somerset Churches & Chapels Charity. Members of every parish are invited to walk or cycle around their area visiting as many Churches as they can and getting sponsorship to do so. The money collected is then divided between our Church and the Friends Of ...charity. Every parish Church can submit an application to this charity for help towards any projects they may be undertaking.)

As a by-the-by, if you are interested in visiting local Churches this is an exceptional day to do so, as not only are most of the Churches open but there is usually someone there to help if you need to know any information.