

ILTON TALKING

March/April 2017

Provided by Ilton Parish Council

More News and events from Ilton

Welcome to the April issue of Ilton Talking. We will be publishing 3 editions a year with extra issues as required during the year. We rely on village groups and organizations submitting articles for the newsletter to make it interesting and inform the community about events that are happening in Ilton. So if you have anything you want to share with the village please forward it to the email address below before the following deadline dates for the forthcoming editions of Ilton Talking.

iltontalking@btinternet.com

Wed 9th August 2017, ready for delivery on 24th/25th August 2017

Wed 11th October 2017, ready for delivery on 26th/27th October 2017

Wed 21th March 2018, ready for delivery on the 7th/8th April 2018

We have to be strict about the deadlines for submitting articles due to printing timescales so if anyone misses the date, you will miss out for that edition!!

Ilton Merryfield Hall

Visit Ilton Merryfield hall Facebook page to find out the latest at the Village hall connect face book at

<https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=579478512085013>

Contact Jemma Harris (Bookings Secretary) on 01460 – 55294 for more detail on hiring the hall.

St Peters AGM – Sunday 30th April, 4pm (Doors open at 3.15)

Please come along to the Church on Sunday afternoon for an hour and join in our Annual General Meeting where you can:

- Meet our new Rector, if you haven't already
- See how the renovation project is going and hear about the next phase
- We would like to plan a couple of summer activities, what would you like us to put on for you?

We would very much like your input on this one.

- Take a stroll down memory lane – do you have any photographs you could share of a wedding or christening that took place in our Church? Or do you have any snaps of the Church in days gone by?

We'll have a mini exhibition of the Church from "yesterday", so please come and have a browse.

(Please ring me, Jacqueline, on 54164, if you have anything of interest for us.)

- Enjoy free tea & cake

So, come on up to the Church for an hour and join in the fun!!!

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

Recent Conservative County Council Cuts now mean there are no buses available on a Saturday

Doing it for a De-fib



A group of Ilton residents are raising money for a lifesaving De-fib for our community

We are holding an Easter Coffee morning On Saturday 1st April from 9:30- 12 noon at the Merryfield Hall.

Please join us for coffee, cake and stalls.

We would love to discuss “Doing it for a De-fib” with you

If you wish to donate on-line please go to justgiving.com and search “Ilton”

Or

You and put your donation in an envelope marked De-fib and give to Jemma Harris - 69 Copse Lane or Michael Carpenter – 3 Pennys Meade.

Thank you for your support

ILTON YOUTH CLUB

We run on Monday evenings between 7 and 8pm 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.

Ray Mullett

My name is Merve Slade (Shaver) and Ray was my dearest friend for 40 years and best man at my wedding. We first met on the ferry to the Isle of Man in 1967, both on our way to the TT races and remained friends ever since.

Many of you will have known Ray, who lived in Ilton all his life and will have been affected by his tragic death on the 22nd October 2016.

You may have come to know Ray through Haymans Bakery where he started his working life or perhaps from running the Boys club for many years, he also maintained the machinery at the cricket club. He may well have made a cake for you as this was one of his many talents. He also played skittles for the Bell in Ilminster and worked for many years at Phoenix Engineering in Chard.

We felt it would be fitting to have a lasting tribute to Ray in the form of a memorial bench that hopefully could be placed at the cricket ground. We are asking for anyone who would like to make a contribution towards the memorial bench to contact Nigel Hardwill, a friend of Rays on 01460 259028 or donations can be sent to him at 1 Spurwells Ilton. We are asking for all donations to reach us by **May 30th**. If you have and queries you can contact me on 07758698483. We will keep everyone informed of the progress of the memorial bench via the Ilton noticeboard and any surplus money will be donated to the Air Ambulance.

Many thanks in advance.

Merryfield Hall Spring Clean

Saturday 8th April, 10am

As most of you know, the Hall cannot afford a caretaker. Consequently, we ask you, as hirers, to leave the hall as you find it and we also have a lady that spruces the Hall once a week. But that doesn't give the Hall the thorough clean that it sometimes needs, so on Saturday 8th April we are having a spring clean!

If you can spare an hour or two to help us give the Hall a helping hand in staying as clean and tidy as you'd like to find it when you hire it, please join us for a while as "many hands make like work." We can all work together, having a natter as we go, and that way it won't feel like cleaning at all!! Cups of tea or coffee will help keep us going throughout the morning and for those that really work up an appetite there will be soup and sandwiches as well.

To join us just turn up during the morning – we will be very happy, and appreciative, to see you.

Community Speedwatch

A number of parishioners have been asking about setting up a community speed watch group in Ilton. There are a number of concerns about speeding along cad road despite the recent introduction of a 40 MPH limit and speeding drivers through the village.

If enough volunteers come forward it is hoped that training and equipment will be supplied to enable the community to monitor and slow down the traffic making the roads much safer.

If you are interested in helping, please contact - Sue Rainbow, Lilac Cottage, Cad Road, Ilton.
Tel: 01460 54098 or 07895470475.

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.

South Somerset District Council

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

Welcome

Welcome to the April 2017 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 e-mail-
iltontalking@btinternet.com.

Police Information

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

St Peter's Church

Service Times

1st Sunday – Holy Communion at 11am
2nd Sunday – Morning Praise at 11am
3rd Sunday – Holy Communion at 8.30am
4th Sunday – Parish Service at 11am

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

St Peters Update

First of all, we would like to thank all of you for filling in the questionnaire featured in the last edition of Ilton Talking. It has shown us that there is a desire to keep the Church in our village and given us a positive start to form filling!

The results of the survey were as follows:

387 questionnaires were delivered

266 responded and, for one reason or another, 121 chose not to complete it. (To have a 68% response rate is excellent, according to our advisers, so we were very pleased with this.)

249 thought there should be a Church in the Village whilst 17 did not.

Of the replies we received, 177 are Christians, 18 are 'Other,' 45 have no religion and 26 preferred not to say

When asked if anyone was prepared to help with events 77 said yes and 189 said no.

When asked if anyone thought that they would possibly hire the Church should all the renovations be complete, 115 said yes whilst 151 said no.

I talked to many of you on the way around and was overwhelmed by your support. Good things are starting to happen within the Church and there is a general buzz about the project. It is a real big shame that the Church cannot survive without diversifying but, with careful planning, and helpful assistance it will remain as one of the focal points of village life - which was the essence of most conversations that I had.

As I have mentioned, elsewhere in this newsletter, an up-date will be given at the AGM but just to let you know, we now have heat in the Church!! We are extremely grateful to an anonymous donor that gave us the money to be able to carry out this project and we were even more grateful at the Carol Service, when, for the first time in years, we didn't need to rush home to completely thaw out!!!

Merryfield Hall AGM. Friday 5th May, To be held in the Hall at 7.30pm.

I know, I know – not another AGM I hear you say!! But, actually, if you do decide to go to one they can be quite interesting!! You will hear how the Hall has progressed, whether or not it is financially stable, how the Hall interacts with village life and what may be happening in the future. On top of this you can enjoy a FREE social night out, meet people that you haven't before and learn how you can become involved in village life if you want to.

As ever, and not just in this village, committee members are hard to find these days. Some people think it is an arduous job, others think their homes or personal income can be at risk if they join a committee, some think it is boring whilst others think it can be left for someone else to do. BUT, none of these are true! The job, when shared between people takes up 2- 3 hours per month, if that, so there is nothing arduous about it. Gone are the days when personal income can be a worry (unless you deliberately fiddle the books!) and the other members of the committee plus insurance cover means that no-one's money is at risk. The job is far from boring – it is social, it enables you to make friends and lets you make a difference in villagers' lives knowing you are helping to run a much-needed community resource. Finally, if we all left it for someone else to do then there would be no community facilities for us to enjoy.

So please join us on this evening, come and meet friends, old and new, hear about the village Hall, enjoy some cheese and wine and decide if you can help us by joining our committee.

History Weekend

Ilton's History – Friday 28th April, 7.30pm. Merryfield Hall.

Take a walk around Ilton, the easy way!! Through old photographs and narration, we can take a stroll through time from the comfort of the village hall and see how Ilton used to be. You've heard of Wadham School and possibly seen the wonderful Wadham tombs in the Minster Church in Ilminster but did you know that the Wadham family lived here in our village? We hear the helicopters flying overhead, but how did the airfield fit into village life in the war? How has the landscape changed here? What did some of the houses look like in years gone by?

If any of this sparks your interest, then please join us for the evening. Tickets are £3.00 in advance (please ring 54164 to reserve yours) and £3.50 on the door. Refreshments will be available.

Iltons History – Saturday 29th April, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Please feel free to browse around some more Ilton photographs, newspaper cuttings, memorabilia and particularly photographs of people that have lived here, mainly from the 1960's onwards. Can you help to put a name to some of them?

Entrance is £1.00 on the door, no tickets necessary. Refreshments will be available.

**Keep your independence
at home with**



Easter Offer!

Careline gives that extra support to people who want to remain living at home independently for as long as possible while bringing peace of mind to their family and friends.

Do you...

- Live alone or sometimes feel at risk?
- Have elderly, frail or infirm dependents?
- Worry about their safety in an emergency?
- Want to help them maintain their independence?

Careline provides help at the touch of a button, which can be worn as a pendant or on a wrist strap, and dials through to our team 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

Through **Careline**, you can enjoy the independence of living in your own home, secure in the knowledge that emergency help or advice is available at your fingertips.

To celebrate Easter, for all new installations booked before 30th April through this advert, we will offer free set up and connection! Please quote this advert when you contact us.

We offer a free demonstration and if you are happy with it, our staff can fit the unit for you immediately.

Contact us on 01935 479815
careline@southsomerset.gov.uk
www.carelinesouthsomerset.co.uk

Initial connection/setup fee **£32.85***
Hire and monitoring **£3.84** per week

**waived if on certain benefits*

Spring Fayre and Shopping Evening



Friday 31st March
6-9pm
At Ilton Village Hall

Shake off those winter blues and join us in the village hall. Come browse a lovely range of stalls, including chocolates, crafts, handbags, books, raffle, plants, cakes and lots more.

Enjoy refreshments and a spring feeling social evening with friends.
All Welcome



Ilton Cricket Club



DID YOU KNOW YOUR VILLAGE HAS A CRICKET CLUB?

AND THAT WE RUN 4 SENIOR MEN'S TEAMS, AND A SENIOR LADIES TEAM?

DID YOU ALSO KNOW THAT WE PROVIDE JUNIOR CRICKET FOR 5-14 YEAR OLDS?

WE ALSO HAVE BAR FACILITIES, SKITTLE ALLEY AND A LARGE CLUB HOUSE FOR SOCIAL EVENTS.

FANCY A GAME THEN WHY NOT JOIN US?

DON'T PLAY CRICKET?

NOT A PROBLEM WE ALSO HAVE SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE.

For more information

Visit club website at: <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/iltoncricketclub>

Or email us at iltoncricketclub@gmail.com for more details

Find us on Facebook (Ilton Cricket Club) or Twitter @IltonCC)

OR COME AND FIND US AT THE CLUB HOUSE ON COPSE LANE OPPOSITE THE VILLAGE HALL

South Somerset residents help shape the future of the census

South Somerset has been specially selected as part of a large scale test of the census, run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

This is an exciting opportunity for local residents to help shape the census which will happen in 2021. Test day is 9 April 2017.

Randomly-selected households will be sent a letter beforehand with a unique access code to enable them to answer their test questionnaire online quickly and easily – it should take about 10 minutes.

There will be census officers working in the area in April and May, and online and telephone help will also be available.

Your participation is hugely valued by ONS. It will help develop an online census for 2021 that asks the right questions and gets the maximum response. The more successful the census test is in South Somerset, the more we benefit in future.

For more information on the 2017 Test: www.ons.gov.uk/census

New text number to combat rural crime - 81819

The Police are launching a new text service to help prevent and detect rural crime.

You can provide information and intelligence about suspected crime in your area by texting the Rural Crime Team on 81819.

No matter how small or insignificant people may think information is, it may be a vital piece of a jigsaw that helps the Police fill in the gaps and either prevent a crime or bring offenders to justice.

The number won't be monitored 24/7 but the team will be looking at it when they are on duty, so it shouldn't be used for reporting crimes, or anything which requires an immediate police attendance. In those circumstances please dial 999.

You can still pass on information via the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. They never ask your name or trace your call.