

ILTON TALKING February 2013

Provided by Ilton Parish Council

The Spring 2013 Sunday Breakfasts

will be on

24th February and 7th April

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.

The 2012 prices have been maintained - £4.50 (£3.00 for small children).

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

St Peters Bingo!

At

Merryfield Hall, Ilton

On

Friday 1st March

Doors Open at 6.30pm, Eyes Down at 7.30pm

Thank you to everyone that came to our Christmas Bingo, and, yes, we did cover our insurance costs with the two events held over that weekend so a very big thank you for your support. Due to the feedback we've had from that night we will be running three bingos this year (Fri 1st March, Friday 2nd August and Friday 13th December) with all profits going towards the running costs of our church.

GREAT NIGHT OUT! GREAT PRIZES! GREAT FUN!

SPECIAL OFFER FOR THE 1ST MARCH - AVOID THE QUEUES!!!

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 1st March.

MERRYFIELD HALL 100 CLUB 2012/3

RECENT PRIZE WINNERS

January 2013

1st	£20	Ticket 60	Janet & Helen, c/o Vi Smith
2nd	£15	Ticket 7	Chris Plaster
3rd	£10	Ticket 36	John Pemberton
4th	£5	Ticket 93	Kate King

The Draw is normally carried out at Friendship Club meetings

MERRYFIELD HALL 100 CLUB 2013/4

We are collecting the **new 100 Club** subscriptions in time for the draw in **March**, so the Hall Trustees will contact you about renewing your subscription for the new year. If you are not already a member, why not support the Hall and have the chance of **winning first prize** at the same time.

Subscription will still be **£12 for the year**, payable **before the March** draw - if possible, and to help the Trustees, please get in touch with **Hilary** or **Tony on 53531**.

Cheques payable to 'Merryfield Hall', please.

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
	19 March	14 May	9 July
	16 April	11 June	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
	20 March	15 May	10 July
	17 April	12 June	7 August

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
	6 March	1 May	26 June
	3 April	29 May	24 July

For further details ring 0845 3459177

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

Flooding

Following the recent wet weather which has caused a large amount of flooding sometimes in places it has never flooded before, it is vital that anyone who has responsibility on their land to keep waterways and ditches clear ensures this is done. Apart from the difficulty of getting around, flooding causes misery for those people who's homes are affected by it. Please report any blocked drains etc. to Somerset County Council on 0845 345 9166.



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.

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.

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.

Saturday June 22nd - Summer Fayre

We will be holding a summer fayre this year in and around the church (and possibly on the green) on the above date. Amongst other attractions we will be running clothes, books and toy stalls so if you have any items that you think are suitable, between now and June, please would you call us and we will collect.

Call Jacqueline on 54164, Dinah on 54230 or Kate on 55308. Thank you, in advance, for any help you can give.

Local Councillors

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

Your County Councillor is Derek Nelson. He can be contacted on 01458253864

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 February 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 May/June 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 11th March	Speaker: Dr Francis Burroughs: 'The Wonderful World of Glass'
Monday 8th April	Speaker: Mrs Jenny Peet: 'Tudor Times' including Food and Dress
Monday 13th May	Meal out
Monday 10th June	Speaker: Mr Welshman: 'Pets in a Pickle'
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

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 5th , 19th March, 2nd, 16th April.
From 10:30am to 12 noon**

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

Hand Bell Ringing

We are going to get a group together to ring hand bells.

There are 20 bells belonging to the Church.

If you would like to find out what is involved, Please contact:- Dinah on 54230.
A meeting will be arranged shortly

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



Remember

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

101

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

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

St Peter's Church AGM

The AGM for the Church will be on Monday 22nd April at 7:30 in the Church

This is the opportunity for all those on the Church electoral roll to vote for their Church Warden and officers for the next year. The electoral roll is due to be renewed this year - so if you want to be re-entered or to be included on the roll please contact Chris Lock 53142

MERRYFIELD HALL

INFORMATION FOR HIRERS OF THE HALL

BOOKING DEPOSITS

As agreed at the Trustees meeting on 25th April, new arrangements will take effect from Monday, 7th May 2012 requiring hirers to lodge a deposit of **£20 (twenty pounds)** with the Booking Secretary at the time of making a one-off booking, or series of bookings, to hire the Hall.

This principle was advertised in 'Ilton Talking' of **October 2011**, as well as other requirements to ensure the Hall is left neat and tidy.

A booking **will NOT be secured** until the deposit has been received.

This means that, if proposed bookings clash, the first to pay the deposit will secure the booking.

The deposit can be cash, or preferably a cheque made payable to Merryfield Hall, which will be handed back to the hirer once the Hall has been left undamaged, clean and tidy.

For bookings already made it would be advisable to lodge the deposit with the Hall committee as soon as possible.

PLEASE REMEMBER :

NO DEPOSIT = NO BOOKING = NO KEYS

MERRYFIELD HALL - INCREASE IN HIRE RATES

At the Trustees' meeting of 22nd January 2013 it was resolved that with effect from **1st April 2013** the hourly hire rates for Merryfield Hall **will be increased by £1**. This has been brought about by increased costs and the occasional instance of theft; for example, a large roll of paper hand towels.

Thus the rates from 1st April will be £6/hr for Ilton residents, £7/hr for hirers from outside the parish.

Merryfield Hall **News**

The Merryfield Hall committee are pleased to announce that they have, once again, acquired the 5-star food hygiene rating from Somerset County Council.

Merryfield Hall Bookings Clerk

If you would like to book the village hall for any of your celebrations then please ring Jemma on 01460 55294 or 07889 – 960600.

Can You Help?

If anyone has any spare tea towels that they would like to donate for use in the village hall we'd be very grateful! (Numbers seem to have depleted somewhat recently!!) Contact me Jacqueline on 54164 and I'll collect, thank you.

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

SECRETARIES WANTED!

Two of Iltons charities, the Wadhams Almshouses and Merryfield Hall, are looking for your help! If you are looking to become involved with the village in any way this could be for you.

The Wadhams Almshouse trust meets 3 or 4 times a year whilst the village hall committee meets 6 times.

The Wadhams trust is a small committee of 4 - 5 people and you would ideally be a member of that committee.

The hall committee has approx 6 - 8 members and although you would attend the meetings you would not necessarily have to join the committee (though it would be great if you did!!) Both charities would need you to take minutes at their meetings and send/receive any relevant mail - probably requiring 2-3 hours of your time per month, max.

If you can help we will be most grateful and look forward to hearing from you - in the first instance, please call Mark Bennett on 54164.