

ILTON TALKING

October 2012

Provided by Ilton Parish Council

Annual Christmas Party

Please see the back page of this issue of Ilton Talking for details of the Annual over 60s Christmas Party. Spaces are limited so please complete the form as soon as possible.

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.

Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 8th December Merryfield Hall, 10:30am – 12:30

Yes, Christmas is almost upon us once again so why not join us in the village hall for the start of the season! Enjoy some homemade mince pies with a cup of tea or coffee and then browse through some of the stalls. We'll have a gift stall, raffle, books, Tombola & an odds and ends stall to name a few so come on up for an hour or so - we'll look forward to seeing you.

Entry is free. Any enquiries, or for any contributions you may have for any of the stalls, please phone Chris on 53142. All proceeds go to St Peters Church.

New Recreation Facilities for Ilton

Please see page 12 for details on progress of the new recreation facilities. There is a small survey which we would like as many people as possible to complete and return to the addresses given. This will give the steering group an indication of which sports, the community would like to see included in the project. A clearer copy of the survey is attached near the back of this issue.

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.

MERRYFIELD HALL 100 CLUB 2012/3

RECENT PRIZE WINNERS

September 2012

1st	£20	Ticket 30	Michael & Hilary Proctor
2nd	£15	Ticket 122	Roger Wills
3rd	£10	Ticket 71	Jan Wrightson
4th	£5	Ticket 84	Mr & Mrs Munro

October 2012

1st	£20	Ticket 46	Chris Mundy
2nd	£15	Ticket 24	Jane Yelland
3rd	£10	Ticket 1	Primrose Carter
4th	£5	Ticket 32	Gwen Record

The Draw is normally carried out at Friendship Club meetings

Ilton Explorers

Wednesdays at 1.30pm until 3.30pm.

Play and have fun with your Ilton Explorers at the Merryfield hall every Wednesday and do something different each Wednesday of the month.

Suitable ages 0-5 years.

Further details from the Levels Children Centre 01458259146.

New Footpath For Ilton

As you all know, the long awaited completion of the footpath linking Merryfield lane to the village is under construction and will soon be completed. This is as result of a long campaign to complete the footpath by the Parish Council and members of the community.. This has been supported by our County Councillor Derek Nelson and will help make the road safer for pedestrians including the elderly and young children who use this road.

Open Letter from St Mary and St Peter's CE VC Primary School

Ilton Primary



I have been headteacher of our school for five years and during this time the staff and governors have worked incredibly hard to ensure that there is an excellent school serving your village. This has included changing your school to include all primary age children and federating with Shepton Beauchamp CE VC Primary School. It puts us in a much stronger position to do our best for the children. You may remember that in November 2010 we had an ofsted inspection that stated we were 'good with outstanding features' and we have gone on to make many more improvements since then.

At Ilton we have two classes. Oak class is for our older children and is taught by Darren Troake. Darren is a very experienced teacher who acts as my deputy when I am not on site. In the younger class (Ash Class) we have Seb Gawen who has just joined us. It is unusual to have two male teachers in a primary and we are so lucky that they are with us as they are both outstanding teachers.

As I write this (Tuesday 9th October) I am reflecting on the exciting and full day that the children have had in school. The day started with a violin lesson for Oak Class. This was taught by Helen Morgan a visiting music teacher. The children really look forward to this session and learn so much about music in general as well as learning to play an instrument. The rest of the morning was dedicated to the teaching of literacy and mathematics. As I walked around the classrooms there was a real buzz with all children engaged in their learning. I did not see any lesson that was below the grade of outstanding. Children were sorting shapes into sets, finding out about regular and irregular polygons, finding shapes in the environment, learning the sounds of letters, reading and writing and all with enthusiasm. Many of the children were being taught in small groups either by our teachers or by our teaching assistants. We have a highly skilled and dedicated team of teaching assistants who work with the children to ensure that they all make good progress. During the morning we had a visit from Father Geoff who told them a story from the bible during Collective Worship. Father Geoff visits us every Tuesday and during some weeks we also have a visit from Father Andrew.

The younger children always have a 'fruit break' in the morning. It is a good time to sit and share news and to talk about their learning. Today all the children managed to get out to play even though it was a wet day. They were all looking forward to going onto our new play equipment but it has rained since it has been completed! The new equipment has a range of activities for the children such as a slide, climbing wall, fireman's pole and a bridge.

A full afternoon followed the lunchtime with the older children learning Spanish and then finding out about another religion. (Yesterday, they were designing boats and then seeing if they would float- this was linked to their topic of pirates). In the younger class they were also learning about another religion and then had a science lesson sorting pictures of animals into different set linking to their topic of the farm. During the afternoon we had a visit from Angela Johnson who is one of our school governors. Angela spent the afternoon in the library listening to children read and talking to the children about their books. Both classes finished the afternoon with a story. However, that does not always mean the end of the school day. The children can stay to an after school club – At Ilton we run cheerleading and a stay and play club. Our children can also attend the book, drama or sewing club at Barrington or the sewing, zumbatonic or football club at Shepton. We will shortly be running a film club. The children do get a wide choice of activities.

I would like to say this is a fairly typical day but all days differ. The children enjoy a variety of PE, art, history geography lessons etc. However, the favourite seems to be Forest School. In this session the children learn to work with each other, become a team and develop good social skills. The lessons depend on the seasons and recently the children have been blackberry picking and one group made some delicious jam. On another day they may create home for insects, plant trees or flowers or look at life cycles of insects.

Looking ahead Ash Class are going to Coombe Farm for the day and have invited the children from Merryfield pre-school to join them. Oak Class are going to the theatre in Bristol to see The Lion King. They are really looking forward to this trip. In addition we have arranged two of the make up artists from the theatre to visit the children in school. Ash Class are also going to Bristol Zoo for a day in November.

Last week we held our Harvest Festival in St Peter's Church. The children sang beautifully as usual and are getting much better at speaking in public. We are having our Christingle Service on 3rd December at 9.00a.m. and our Carol service at 11.00a.m. on 21st December. Why don't you come along?

As a village you should be pleased that you have a thriving village school. Please come and visit us, I would be more than happy to show you around. Please contact me on 01460 52574. If I am not there someone will pass on the message. I am sure you will be surprised at what you see so please let everyone know how good we are. We would also be pleased to hear from anyone who can come in and help. Maybe you could hear children read, help them bake or play games with them. If you would like to support our school why don't you consider becoming a school governor? Give me a ring and I can explain what this would entail.

Please support your village school. The children are delightful, the staff hardworking and dedicated and our curriculum exciting and engaging. All our children are making good progress and they would love you to come and look at their work.

Karen Brooker
Headteacher

ILTON YOUTH CLUB

On the 24th of August June and I took the children to Crealy Adventure Park in Devon for the day. Despite the dreadful weather everyone had a great time looking at the animals and getting even wetter going on the rides.

Last term we had Richard Godden (the play bus driver)providing activities at youth club. These included making water rockets, flying hot air balloons, making hats and making catapults. June and I would like to thank the district council for funding these activities.

This term we are back to playing sports and we have also been making owl cushions and bags (which have proved popular) and had a casualty themed night where we made plaster casts for arms. I apologise to any parents who thought that their children had broken their arms at youth club and to any teachers who have been confronted with children trying to get out of P.E!!

Coming up will be a Halloween night. This will be the last youth club before we break up and be warned your children may get messy!!

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 2011/12	2012	2013	2013
	30 Oct	22 Jan	19 March
	27 Nov	19 Feb	16 April

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 2011/12	2012	2013	2013
	31 Oct	23 Jan	20 March
	28 Nov	20 Feb	17 April

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 2011/12	2012	2012	2013
	17 Oct	12 Dec	
	14 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.

Remembrance Sunday Service - 11th November

This special Sunday service, beginning at 10.40 am, is held at the War Memorial in the village of Broadway - this is a 7 parish service and last year over 300 people came to remember those who gave their lives for us. We are expecting the same support this year and hope you will join us if you can.

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



NEWS from PC Toni Lines

Recording your Property

The following advice may help the police to recover your property if you are unfortunate enough to suffer from burglary.

Photographs

- Photograph each item individually and as close-up as possible
- Place a ruler under each item to indicate the size
- Always take more than one photograph. Also with larger items take photographs at different angles
- Photograph the position of any maker's marks, damage or repairs
- Take photographs of your rooms and displays so that if items are stolen it will remind you of what has been taken
- Photograph in natural daylight; if using a flash avoid reflections

Protection

- Make sure you are adequately insured
- Obtain valuations with descriptions by a reputable antique dealer or auctioneer if you can afford it
- Keep receipts of recent purchases
- Remember your photographs and descriptions help to prove to your insurance company that your treasures are antiques
- Make a written inventory of your antiques with descriptions and measurements, either on the back of the photographs or in separate note books etc.

The last Autumn Sunday Breakfast

will be on

11th November, Remembrance Day

Hilary and the team will be serving Ilton's famous '**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 Spring prices have been maintained - **£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.

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 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 , Hilary on 53531 for further details.

Welcome

Welcome to the October 2012 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 January 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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB PROGRAMME

Programme of events 2012

12th November	Lunch at the Ashill pub
10th December	Christmas Buffet Lunch at Merryfield Hall at 12.30pm

The Friendship Club meets on the second Monday of each month, normally in Merryfield Hall at 2pm unless otherwise advised.

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 30th Oct, 13th ,27th Nov, 11th Dec.

For more information please contact Mrs Lock on 53142..

Christmas Carol Evening

At
St Peters Church
On
Friday 21st December, 4pm

This popular service will be held in the church and everyone is welcome. The church will be beautifully decorated with both flowers and candles, we'll enjoy a traditional service and there will be mince pies and a drink afterwards. (It would be lovely to have a Christmas tree but our funds won't allow - however, if you can help by donating a 'real' one or have a spare 'false' one then please let me know on 54164, it would be very much appreciated by everyone, I'm sure.)

St Peters Christmas Bingo!

At
Merryfield Hall
On
Friday 7th December
Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start

As a "one-off" special we will be running a bingo night! Prizes will include turkeys, crackers, biscuits, 'dinners', chocolates and, of course, a cuddly toy!!! Start your Christmas here and join us for some fun and games - you never know your luck!!!

(All proceeds will go towards paying the church insurance bill.)

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.

A 'Thank you' from MERRYFIELD HALL

This paragraph should have appeared in an earlier 'Ilton Talking' but was unfortunately overlooked - but by the contributor, not the editor, I hasten to add! The Trustees would like to thank Hill Farm Eggs for their invaluable help in the past with the supply of eggs for the Sunday breakfasts.

Belated thanks are also due to NS Precision and Cornerstone Garage, both of the Business Park, and Vowles tractor repairs in Ilminster for coming to the Hall's rescue in the Spring after the Hall's oil tank had been vandalised.

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

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

Christmas Candles

Lighting a candle at Christmas in memory of our loved ones began last year at the Carol Service and seemed to strike a chord with many of us, so this year we will be doing the same. There will, however, be a couple of changes as we iron out our teething problems!! Candles will be on sale from now until December 20th and will cost £1.00 each, (I seriously misjudged the price of candles last year!!) Instead of putting names under, or by, the candles they will be in a special service pamphlet created for the evening, (this will reduce the fire risk as well as the names falling off and hiding under the altar!!) Candles will be on sale at the Village Hall Craft Fayre, St Peters Christmas Bingo or the Church Coffee morning - alternatively, you can call me 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.

New Recreation Facilities for Ilton



Following the two public comment events for a new Ilton recreation field development and the redevelopment of the current recreation ground. Plans are now progressing and we need your help.

We are interested in hearing what type of sports you would like to see provided so we would like you to take this opportunity to let us know by completing the form below and returning to any of the addresses shown. There is also a larger copy attached to the back of this issue.

Thank you for your help

Ilton Village Sports Field Project

We are in the process of evaluating the need for a Village sports field and would like your input to ensure there is a requirement for new facilities in our village and that we meet that need.



Sport	Age Groups										Male	Female
	6 to 8	9 to 10	11 to 12	13 to 14	15 to 16	17 to 25	26 to 35	36 to 45	46 to 55	65+		
Football												
Tennis												
Netball												
Rugby												
Cricket												
Hockey												
Playground												
Other Sports												

Please indicate your age group and the sport you would play with an "X". You can put an "X" in as many sports as you would like to play.

When you have filled in the above form, please return it to any of the below addresses. The closing date for the survey is 4th November 2012.

If you would be interested in organising the running of any of the above sports we need to hear from you! Please ring Mark on 54164

Return Addresses:

3 Cottage Corner
Ilton

2 Bradleys
Ilton

The School House
Ilton

Dystleigh, Rod Lane
Ilton

Wyndham Arms
Ilton

Thank you for your input

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

A Photographic History Of Ilton **with High Tea**

At
Merryfield Hall, Ilton

Sunday 28th October, 3pm onwards

Take a stroll with us down memory lane and see what our village used to look like, hear some of the stories behind the pictures and compare some of the 'now & then' scenes that we have collected over the last few years.

Whether you live in the village, or used to live here, we think you'll be fascinated at some of the photos and look forward to sharing them with you - do you know where the old post office used to be?, according to the 1915 sale of Ilton properties, which was the largest farm in Ilton and which part of it disappeared during the war?, which building is reported to have been built by the Wadhams family?, what were the findings of a new set of trustees for the Whetstones Almshouses when they tried to make sense of what had been happening over the past 30 years?! For the answers to these, and many other questions, please join us at the village hall by booking your ticket on 01460 - 54164. (This is a ticketed event for catering purposes.)

We will start at 3pm and spend 45 mins - 1 hour looking at the photos and then enjoy a delicious high tea whilst chatting with old (and new!) friends remembering the good old days!

Cost per person: £6.00

ILTON CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, 10th November

at

Merryfield Hall 10.30am-2pm

Refreshments available. Details and table bookings from Sheila Funnell (01460-57309).

CHRISTMAS IS COMING !

For another year, again with the help of the Parish Council, the Ilton Friendship Club is hosting the Ilton parishioners' Annual Christmas party for the over-60s. Please come along and enjoy a two-course meal and a good natter with friends.

Book early because the numbers are limited and Ilton parishioners have first claim on places.

SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER 2012
12 for 12.30pm in Merryfield Hall

Please bring your own drink

£6.50 per person

We would like you to **choose your main course**

- (1) Beef & Yorkshire pudding (2) Turkey with bacon/sausage (3) Vegetarian

with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

..... and your dessert:

- (a) Apple pie (b) Lemon meringue (c) Pavlova (d) Trifle
(e) Christmas pudding (f) Chees& biscuits

with coffee / tea and chocolates

Please complete the form below and return it, together with the money, to:

1. Sheila Funnell - 28, Spurwells *or*

2. Hilary Miller - 'Dystlegh', Rod Lane

(Cheques payable to 'Ilton Friendship Club', please)

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Name	Main Course	Dessert	Amount paid

We hope you have an enjoyable time.