



# ILTON TALKING

## March 2014



Provided by Ilton Parish Council

### St Peters Easter Bingo

At  
Merryfield Hall, Ilton  
Wednesday 16th April  
7.30pm (doors open 6.30pm)

Join us for an evening of fun in the village hall and win some lovely spring prizes.

Books are £1.00 each, fliers are £1.00 each (playing two on the evening) and raffle tickets are 50p per strip.

Easter Hamper ~ Meat Dinners ~ Big Breakfasts ~ Plants ~ Chocs ~ Fruit Baskets ~  
Easter Eggs ~ and lots more!

Refreshments will be served in the interval.

All proceeds to St Peters Church, Ilton.

### 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. 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.

# 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.

Dates for 2014 are shown below,

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**

**2014**

15 April

10 June

5 August

13 May

8 July

2 September

---

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**

**2014**

16 April

11 June

6 August

14 May

9 July

3 September

---

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

12.10 - 12.35-----Merryfield Lane

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

1.00 - 1.25-----School

**Visits on Wednesdays -  
every 4 weeks 2013**

**2014**

2 April

28 May

23 July

30 April

25 June

20 August

---

For further details ring 0845 3459177

Or visit [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://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**

# Merryfield Hall AGM

Friday 4th April  
In the Village Hall  
2.30 - 4.30 (Tea & Cake) and 7.30pm (Cheese & Wine)

This is your annual chance to find out what has been happening in the hall for the past year and learn of any new plans that we have for the coming year. The hall continues to do well and consequently this 'event' is FREE OF CHARGE to you as it is our way of saying a big thank you for your continued support.

The aim of the afternoon/evening is to show off the hall, re-iterate what we can offer and just enjoy each others company. The AGM itself will be as informal as possible letting you know of our plans and ideas, reporting the financial situation and welcoming existing and any new members onto the committee - in all, lasting 15 - 20 minutes. (We appreciate that some of you don't want to come out at night but would still like to hear how we are doing and so, we have added an extra couple of hours in the afternoon, though this will NOT be the 'official' AGM.)

## 2.30 - 4.30

During the afternoon you can hear all of our plans, browse around the hall to see what's on offer, enter our FREE raffle and enjoy FREE tea and cake. (If you can help in any way, or wish to become a part of our committee, you can put your name down and we will make it official in the evening.)

## 7.30 onwards

The AGM, as described above, will take place first and afterwards we will enjoy a social evening. FREE cheese and wine will be on offer plus a chance to enter our FREE raffle. We do hope to see you there - as we've said it is our chance to say thank you.

(For those of you considering joining our committee and becoming a trustee, I wish to assure you that it is not an onerous task! We meet approx 6 times a year, ensuring that the hall runs within our charitable status for the benefit of our villagers, and we have trustee indemnity cover, which means that as long as we take care & act to the best of our abilities we are financially protected. We would welcome any new committee member who feels they can help in any way.)

Look out for your personal invitation coming through your letterbox nearer the time!

## Merryfield Hall 100 Club

We have just over 100 members in the 100 Club this year which is fantastic so we would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you for all your support - this will go a long way towards our planned projects.

Merryfield Hall Committee

## **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. A new bin has been provided in Copse Lane.

The Parish Council requests that due to the obvious health hazards associated with dog mess that dogs are not taken into the Village recreation field and the Cemetery near the School. Also there has been an increase in the amount of dog mess in the Churchyard recently. This is a public footpath so dogs cannot be banned, but owners still have a responsibility to pick up the mess and either put it in the dog bins provided around the village or take it home. Please do not decorate the trees and hedgerows with bags of poo.

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](http://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](http://www.somerset.gov.uk) or by contacting 0845 345 9166.

## **Singing Group**

Curry Rivel Monthly Sing: songs in glorious harmony - pop, folk, African, gospel - taught by ear. Leader Catherine Mowat, all welcome.  
First Friday each month, 7.45pm - 9.45pm Old School Room Curry Rivel (by the parish Church) £5, £3 concessions. For more info call 01458 250655 or visit <http://singfromtheheart.wordpress.com>

## **Local Councillor**

Sue Steele is your District Councillor. She can be contacted on 01460281345, or via her website [www.susansteele.co.uk](http://www.susansteele.co.uk)

Your County Councillor is Christopher Le Hardy. He can be contacted on 07803 894992  
[clehardy@somerset.gov.uk](mailto: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 March 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 July 2014 You can send it by e-mail- [iltontalking@btinternet.com](mailto: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](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk)**

## **Date for your diaries**

Friday 3rd May - Rummage Sale in the Village Hall - 7.30pm onwards. Come and ‘rummage’ through ours, and any other table top seller, and see if you can find any bargains. Refreshments, raffle, bargains, social evening - it’s all here for you in the hall so come and enjoy! (If you are interested in having a table top, they will be free of charge but perhaps you would consider a small donation if you do well.) We have 6 spaces so it’s first come, first served.)

If you have anything that you think would be suitable for our sale please contact Jacqueline on 54164 or Jemma on 55294.

## **Churchyard**

Our Churchyard is what is known as a "Closed Churchyard." In 1956 it was noted that there was no longer any room for burials to take place within our Church grounds. When this happens, the responsibility for it, and any other cemetery opened in the village, falls upon the Parish Council. The cutting of the grass, positioning of headstones, footpaths, falling debris, state of the trees etc all become a part of the Parish Councils’ remit. We do try to help when we can by organising ‘Churchyard Tidy Up Days’ but with fewer people than ever to call on for this type of work it is becoming increasingly difficult and as we are trying to concentrate on the re-ordering project, the presentation and responsibility will be mostly down to the parish council, at least for the next two years, so if you have any queries or concerns please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01460 - 53378 in the first instance.

## **Sunday Breakfast - 6th April In Merryfield Hall, 9 - 11am**

Wake up and start your Sunday morning with a delicious breakfast - cooked for you, served to you and no washing up afterwards!!



**Apple or Orange Juice**  
**Fried/Scrambled Egg**  
**Bacon**  
**Mushrooms**  
**Fried Bread**  
**Tomato**  
**Beans**  
**Sausage**



**Toast & Marmalade**

**Tea or Coffee**

**All for only £4.50 per person**

Just turn up on the morning, or, if you prefer, book a table and we'll reserve it for you. (To book, please call Jacqueline on 54164.) Let's, hopefully, enjoy a crisp spring morning and enjoy good food & good company

## **Ilton Over-60s Lunch**

By all accounts the village 'Over-60s Lunch' in Merryfield Hall on Sunday, 15th December last was a successful and sociable affair. The Lunch was organised and hosted by Ilton's Friendship Club, so a big 'Thank you' from the sixty-one diners to all the caterers and helpers that enabled the day to run fairly smoothly.

Although the Friendship Club organised this year's event, other groups have done the job in the past and all have been supported by an annual grant from the Parish Council. The grant enables some little 'extras' to be included, as well as keeping the price down to a reasonable level, so a 'Thank you' to the Council as well.

And so to December 2014 .....

## **Minute Clerk St Peter's PCC**

Can you spare a couple of hours every 3 months? We need someone to take the minutes at our meetings and print them up for us. We are prepared to pay £20.00 for each set of minutes so if you can help us please phone Jacqueline on 54164 or Dinah on 54230. Thank you.

# **Bank Holiday History Walks**

Are you interested in Iltons history? Want to know some information about some of the local sites and properties? Well then, May is the month for you!! I will be doing 4 walks around our village where we can look at old photographs and so compare the old and the new scenes, and as we travel along the routes I can relate any historical information that I've picked up over the years. Each walk is £2.50 per person with maximum numbers of 12. Walks are approx 2 hours each of which you will be walking, or standing, the whole time and whilst everyone is welcome please understand that you come at your own risk.

Any enquiries please phone 54164. Thank you.

## **Friday 2nd May, starting at 10.30pm, Village Green - Wadhams Castle**

This walk is the oldest part of Ilton. We will start on the green (opposite the pub) and walk down to Merryfield Lane taking in the old school houses, Drakes Farm, The Wyndham Arms, Ilton Court, The Old Chapel and the former Post Office. Then we shall proceed up Merryfield Lane taking in the Wadhams Almshouses and finally going onto the site of Merryfield House (Wadhams Castle), home to the Wadham family who founded a college at Oxford.

## **Saturday 3rd May, starting at 2.30pm, Frost Lane - Ilford**

Starting at the top of Frost Lane we'll take in the pretty cottages in this area before continuing out through Rod Lane. From Rod Lane we'll go on to Brook Green and then finally take the road around to Ilford - a hamlet of Ilton with 9 houses.

## **Sunday 4th May, starting at 2.30pm, Cottage Corner - Ashford**

We will start opposite the corner of Frost Lane on the main road through the village and take in Cottage Corner, Penny's Meade, Hillview Close, St Peters Close, 3 main farms associated with Ilton, the airfield, (views only!), and finally onto Ashford - another hamlet of Ilton.

## **Monday 20th May, starting at 2.30pm, Cad Road - Old Way**

Essentially this road for the best part of Iltons history was the industrial part of Ilton. Village life up until the early 1900's existed along this road with farmers, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, butchers, shops, glovers and more. We will start at the lay-by right at the start of the village and walk straight to the other end where the old toll gate used to be.

## **Flooding: Old Railway Bridge Site**

Following a long campaign, the County Council have finally agreed improvements to the drainage system at the site of the old railway bridge which will include new drainage pipes under the road. This should reduce the risk of flooding at this location in the future. Unfortunately the work will require the road to be closed while the pipes are laid, but due to the ongoing issues at Cemetery/New road in Ilminster work will be delayed until that problem is resolved and reopened again.

## **Flooding**

Following the recent wet winter it was vital that anyone who had responsibility on their land to keep waterways and ditches clear ensured this was done. Apart from the difficulty of getting around, flooding causes misery for those people whose homes are affected by it. There were also problems caused by blocked road drains. Please report any blocked drains etc. to Somerset County Council on 0845 345 9166.

## **Thankyou from St Peters**

The committee of St Peters would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has supported us in our efforts to get our re-ordering project off the ground. It is thanks to you that we have come this far and our Church has a chance of survival for the foreseeable future.

As most of you know, a couple of years ago the St Peters Church Committee decided to take on the challenge of up-dating our church and, although it seems to be taking a long time, we feel we are slowly beginning to get there!

### **During those two years we have:**

Carried on fund raising just to keep the Church standing

Had to sit down and work out how we can achieve a workable and practical solution in making our Church accessible to everyone. With villagers, architects and Diocesan help we are there - all but the finance!!

We have opened the church as much as we can through open afternoons, musical evenings and other fund raisers

Tidied and cleaned the church and we now have a regular rota to help us keep it this way

Welcomed more villagers to our harvest festival and Christmas services

Encouraged relationships with our school

### **So, where are we now?**

We have applied for our first grant of £20,000 to the lottery fund

Have welcomed an Ilton resident, Mr George Fox, as our project manager

Managed to negotiate a reduced Parish Share with the Diocese to help us with costs during the project

### **And going forward?**

By the time you are reading this we will have already held our AGM but if you missed it and feel you can help in any way or would like to join our committee please get in touch.

### **Who are we:**

The Revd. Dr. Andrew Tatham - 01460 52559 (Vicar)

Kate Cameron - 01460 55308 (Church Warden)

Dinah Harding - 01460 54230 (Treasurer)

Chris Lock - 01460 53142

Jacqueline Bennett - 01460 54164

(Whilst our church is closed most of the time we are always here should you wish to use the church, whether it's for private prayer, looking at our records or just to view the inside of our special building. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us if you need to use our church.)

## **Grey's Tai Chi Exercise Class**

Venue: Merryfield Hall Ilton

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Cost: - £4.00

**Over 14 Years only – No upper age limit!**

Find balance and relieve stress by applying gentle slow moving movements. All exercises are from a standing position – there is no mat work involved!

SHOES – Plimssoles are ideal, Trainers OK – No High Heels

If you require further details please contact 394186

## **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

O1460 52559

## **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

Hi, My name is Lisa Souster and I am your Village Agent, I have been working in this role since April 2013, signposting and referring people to services and organisations to improve their quality of life. I cover the parishes of; Donyatt, Horton, Broadway, Ashill, Ilton, West Hatch and Hatch Beauchamp, in the future we hope to cover more of the surrounding areas.

I am still looking for volunteers - How would **you** like to make a difference in someone's life? Contact the Elderly are looking for volunteers in this area, to volunteer to drive to and from a tea party, host a tea party or co-ordinate a group. The tea parties take place once a month on a Sunday Afternoon, and they give lonely isolated elderly men and women a chance to enjoy others company. Can you spare a little time! If so give me a ring for more details.

Regrettably I have been informed of a scam that is currently being used in Somerset where a message is left on your answer phone requesting that you call back either regarding someone you know or that you have won a cash prize. If the area code is either 0809, 0284 or 0876 from the UK you are advised not to call it as the 0809 code is located in the Dominican Republic. You will be put through to a long recorded message at a very high call-charge rate.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Think Jessica campaign ([www.thinkjessica.com](http://www.thinkjessica.com)) which is aimed at stopping Mass Marketing Fraud. There is an increase in lottery and prize draw scams where you are asked to send money in order to claim a prize. Some elderly and vulnerable people are receiving over 100 scam letters a day, in fact twenty pensioners in Devon were tricked into sending £350,000 to claim a non-existent prize draw windfall. If you are worried that you are receiving scam letters then please contact me.

Also, if anyone is worried about the cost of their energy bills, please call me to see if you are eligible for an Extra Winter Fuel grant.

Please contact me by telephone or e-mail or a home visit can be arranged. **All advice is free and completely confidential.**

**Please call Lisa Souster 07762428481 or [lsousterva@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:lsousterva@somersetccc.org.uk)**

## 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.