

# ILTON TALKING

## November 2013

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.

### Remembrance Sunday - 10th November

There will be no church services for our 8 parishes on this Sunday - instead there will be two 'Services 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.

### St Peter's Church - 2013 Calendar

We are arranging the following for the coming year

**30<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas coffee morning in the village hall. 10:30 to 12:30

**13<sup>th</sup> December** – Bingo in the village hall - Doors open 6:30 eyes down 7:30pm

If there are any changes we will advise you as soon as possible.

### St Peters Christmas Coffee Morning,

Saturday 30th November,  
Merryfield Hall,  
10.30am - 12 noon

Join us in the village hall and browse around our stalls - gifts, raffle, books, cards and lots more. For any enquiries or contributions towards our stalls please contact Chris Lock on 53142. Thank you.

# St Peters Christmas Bingo

At  
Merryfield Hall, Ilton  
On  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Doors Open at 6.30pm, Eyes Down at 7.30pm

Join us for a bit of fun in the village hall and who knows what you could go home with!

We will be playing 10 games and 2 Fliers  
Refreshments (after 5 games and 1 Flier) to include tea, coffee, coke, squash, mince pies and cake -  
everything 50p each.

Each book costs £1 (a book contains 10 games) and you can buy as many as you like.

Each flier costs £1

Prizes include fruit baskets, christmas chocolates & biscuits, meat dinners, big breakfasts, turkeys and  
lots more!

More great prizes on our raffle (50p per strip)

**GREAT NIGHT OUT! GREAT PRIZES! GREAT FUN!**

Due to popular demand (!) we are running the special promotional packs again:

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 chance to enter our fun "Irish  
Bingo" game!!

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 chance to enter our fun "Irish Bingo"  
game!!

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 13th December.

## "Light Up St Peters For Christmas"

Our Christmas Carol Service will be on Friday 20th December at 6pm and once again we will be  
lighting candles in memory of your loved ones. If you would like to buy a candle (£1.00 each) in  
memory of someone and light a candle in their name at this service, (or we will light it for you if you are  
unable to attend,) they are on sale from now until mid December.

You can ring me on 54164 or drop the money through 3, Cottage Corner with the names you'd like the  
candle to be lit for. Alternatively you can buy the candles at coffee pot meetings or the Christmas Coffee  
Morning on Sat 30th November.

# 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

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 2013 are shown below, Dates for 2014 are still unconfirmed, but should follow the same pattern.

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 - 2013**  
**every 4 weeks 2013**

26 November

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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 - 2013**  
**every 4 weeks 2013**

27 November

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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 - 2013**  
**every 4 weeks 2013**

13 Nov

11 December

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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**

## **AUTUMN 2013 SUNDAY BREAKFASTS**

The second Autumn 2013 Sunday Breakfasts

will be on

Remembrance Sunday, 10th November

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.

## **DOG MESS**

There have been complaints about dog mess in the cemetery. Please be considerate to others and do not let your dogs run free in this area. Please pick up and put dog mess in the bins provided throughout the village.

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](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.

### **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.

### **South Somerset District Council**

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

### **Welcome**

Welcome to the October 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 Feb 2014 You can send it by e-mail- [iltontalking@btinternet.com](mailto:iltontalking@btinternet.com) or by telephone-53382.

# **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 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

## **Village Hall Sales!**

Due to a de-cluttering of the hall we have the following for sale:

1 - 10 tressle tables @ £50.00 each. They are the old tables that the hall used before we purchased our new lighter, and more manageable ones, extremely well built and sturdy but very heavy. They are 8' long and 3' wide.

2 - Side plate, cup and saucer in white with a silver band around it. These are, once again, the old style crockery that we used to use and we have approx 20 of these sets. Each set is 50p.

3 - 2 waste bins, grey in colour with a roll top. £1.50 each.

4 - black buckets, ideal for car washing, gardening etc, 50p each.

You can view all of these items at the Christmas Table Top on Friday 15th November or by ringing Jacqueline on 54164 or Gemma on 55294.



### **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)

## **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.

## **Flooding**

With winter fast approaching 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.

## **Christmas Table Top Evening**

Friday 15th November

Merryfield Hall, 6.30 onwards

Join us in the hall and start your festive season with us. Browse our stalls, have a go on our raffle, write to Santa, enjoy some homemade refreshments and lots more.

**Win a Christmas hamper on our raffle**

**Find a unique present from some of our visiting table top sellers**

**Enjoy a delicious bowl of home-made vegetable soup with roll and butter or a cup of tea/coffee with a mince pie**

**If your child would like to write a letter to Santa they can be assured of a reply - a special post box will be in the hall (£1 per letter)**

**Special "sale" items from the village hall**

**Buy a home-made cake for that weekend treat!**

**Lots more**

All proceeds from this event will go towards village hall funds

## **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

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## **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.



## MERRYFIELD HALL 100 CLUB 2012/3

### RECENT PRIZE WINNERS

#### Oct 2013

1st	£20	Ticket 46	Chris Munday
2nd	£15	Ticket 116	Billy Vance
3rd	£10	Ticket 6	Peter Miller

Unfortunately there has been insufficient take-up of 100 Club tickets this year to continue funding the fourth prize of £5.

The Draw is normally carried out at Friendship Club meetings

### 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

Village Agents are local people employed on a part-time basis to become trusted members of their communities and a valuable resource. They network extensively with Parish Councillors, Police Community Support Officers, social group organisers, transport providers, church groups, youth workers and others within their community. They receive 'referrals' from agencies and members of the community about people needing information or support.

Village Agents make home visits when necessary and provide high-quality information. They enable direct access to a wide range of services and use a secure electronic referral system. They may informally carry out a series of practical checks related to safety in the home (e.g. smoke alarms, falls prevention), benefit entitlement and energy efficiency. Visits are followed up when necessary by experts who will provide specialist information, advice and services, e.g. the fire service and social care. Village Agents identify unmet needs within their community and respond by initiating and supporting new social and healthy activities.

Your local Village Agent is –**Lisa Souster, Tel 07762 428481** or email [lsouster@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:lsouster@somersetccc.org.uk)

## **ILTON YOUTH CLUB**

Yet again we have had a busy year. Our numbers have fluctuated between 10 and 28 children. Thank you to Nikki Board who came to youth club to make felt brooches with the children for Mother's Day. We have made magnets, cards, models, name plaques and pictures and played sports as well as singing karaoke! June Harris (youth club leader) had her special birthday which she celebrated with the children and shared cake. We also had fantastic weather this year for our day trip to Crealy in Devon. Six adults and twenty two children had a great time going on the rides (getting wet!) and seeing the animals. Yet again June and I would like to thank the children who were a credit to Ilton and their parents. We would also like to thank Tracy Welch who was a great help on the day and Ilton Parish Council for their grant towards funding the bus. In the next few months we will be making model bats for Halloween and of course we will be having our party with apple bobbing, scary face-painting and some messy games. Then as we near the festive season we will be doing some Christmas crafts and have our Christmas party and quiz. As mentioned earlier we have played sports and have been lucky to have had the use of the cricket field (when not used for matches). So June and I would also like to thank Ilton Cricket Club for kindly allowing us to use their field.

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.

## **St Mary & St Peter's CE VC Primary School**

### **HEAD TEACHER APPOINTMENT**

I am delighted to inform you that after two days of intensive interviewing we have appointed Mr Shaun Watson as our new Head Teacher.

Shaun is joining us from a Middle School in Dorset, where he was a senior teacher and then deputy head. He has a very clear vision of how to deliver excellence throughout all areas of the School environment in the small rural School setting with the experience and professional proof to back that vision up. I and the other governors are genuinely excited about this appointment, as we are in no doubt that under Shaun's leadership our Schools will be set on a path that will lead us to a very successful and sustainable future for both our Schools.

It was a unanimous decision to appoint Shaun and that was within a context of two other excellent candidates. Shaun will start with us in January 2014, and I look forward to welcoming him, with your help to our Schools.

Sheena Coate and Darren Troake will carry on in their roles of acting heads until Shaun joins us. The reason that we have been able, as Governors, to take our time in recruiting such an excellent candidate is purely down to the superb jobs that they have both done, and will still do in running our Schools for us until that time. I know that both Governors and parents are hugely grateful and proud of the jobs that they are doing, during this time.

Jessie Pattison  
Chair of Governors

# **Bonfires**

Following recent complaints about bonfires the following is advise from South Somerset District Council.

## **Domestic Bonfires**

If smoke from a bonfire causes a nuisance to others, we can serve an Abatement Notice requiring the nuisance to stop. Breach of an Abatement Notice is an offence.

Alternatives to bonfires include home composting and taking green waste to the nearest waste recycling centre. Bonfires are less likely to make smoke if only dry material is burned and the fire is quick and hot.

There are no local byelaws about bonfires. Our advice is that you should have bonfires only occasionally and at times and in weather conditions when the smoke is unlikely to cause nuisance to your neighbours. If you are going to have a bonfire, follow these simple rules:

- Think about composting as an alternative or taking your waste to a local recycling centre.
- Burn only dry materials
- Never burn general household rubbish, plastics, foam, treated wood or similar items
- Check no-one has any laundry drying in nearby gardens and remember that smoke can drift some way
- It is often a good idea to let your neighbours know if you planning to light a bonfire
- Don't have a fire late in the evening as the smoke tends to hang close to the ground.
- Have a quick, hot fire to reduce smoke emissions.
- Remember your personal safety and **never** use liquid fuels to get a fire going.

## **Commercial Bonfires**

Businesses must comply with the law on waste management in deciding how to dispose of their waste. It is generally unlawful to burn waste arising from a business, but there are some exemptions. Further advice should be sought from the Environment Agency.

Builders are legally allowed to burn vegetation cleared on a site. They cannot bring material from other sites to burn and general waste should not be burned along with it. Builders are encouraged to ensure that material is clean and dry and that all due care is taken to avoid nuisance to neighbours.

For demolition sites, it is usual for clean dry wood to be burned, but wood that has been painted, tarred or treated in some other way (and all other waste) must be taken away for proper disposal. It is an offence to burn material that emits dark smoke.

**For further details contact South Somerset District Council on 01935 462462**

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# 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.

**SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER 2013**  
**12 for 12.30pm in Merryfield Hall**

**Please bring your own drink**

**£6.00 per person**

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

- (1) Beef casserole                      (2) Turkey fricasse                      (3) Vegetarian

*with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables*

**..... and your dessert:**

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

*with coffee / tea and chocolates*

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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.**