



St Peter's Church

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As everyone will have heard by now St Peter's Ilton has had an architect's report revealing that the building is in a poor state and needs major building repairs in order to save this ancient building.

Our Parish church is now on Historic England's Churches at Risk Register; although this is a sad position to be in it should help us when raising money through grants.

This has been due to neglect of the building over the years due to lack of funds and also repairs have been made with incorrect materials for an historic building. Now the diocese has a committee who vet all the applications for repairs to prevent this misuse, called the Diocesan Advisory Committee

Our present position is that we are having a meeting (in the Church) on **OCTOBER 19th** at 6.30pm and inviting everyone to attend.

There will be our architect present to explain building repair needs, someone from the diocese to explain the future vision and use of the church and someone to give a short talk on the history of the building itself, chaired by the Rector.

We need a project team to work, with help from the diocese, to find money from grants and project manage the work.

Isle Brewers have achieved this for their church which was nearly falling down and it is very beautiful and now worth a visit.

SO PLEASE COME TO ST PETER'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19th at 6.30pm for this important meeting.

Merryfield Hall 100 Club

The 100 Club is a monthly draw with a chance to win £20, £15, £10 or £5. Its subscriptions of £12 yearly are due in March and these go towards funds and events for Merryfield Hall. This year's 100 Club draws started in April.

If you would like to continue or join the group you can either pay by cheque, cash or Standing Order. For further details telephone Marie 55601 or Jemma 55294.

We look forward to hearing from you.

June draw:

1st No.47 Peter Watts
2nd No.8 Barbara & Russell Hall
3rd No.57 Adele & Lewis Browning
4th No.62 Jan Easterbrook

July draw:

1st No.98 Amy Burke
2nd No.73 Chris Taylor
3rd No.41 Carol Chapman
4th Lyn Cousins

August draw:

1st No.109 Briony Carter
2nd No.107 Mr Westwood
3rd No.76 Mr & Mrs Bidgood
4th No.8 Mr & Mrs Hall

We've had a wonderful response this year and we can always allocate more numbers if needed. Well done to all and thank you for supporting the 100 Club.

It really does make difference.



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The Hall Trustees are: Emma Adams; Louise Atyeo; Jackie Bridges; Mark Cook; Jemma Harris; Pat Matravers; Marie Stratton-Baldwin; Lisa Taylor.

The Hall AGM

.... has been re-arranged for **Friday, 22nd October 2021** at 7.30pm. Refreshments should follow and will enable Trustees to give an overview of the Hall and its facilities, particularly for newcomers to the village who may consider becoming a Trustee. The Hall is Covid compliant.

Other Activity dates

..... see centre pages for extra detail

6th October Pilates (Wednesdays)
7th October Insanity fitness (Thursdays)
11th October Friendship Club (Monthly, 2nd Monday)
12th October Coffee Pot (Every 2 weeks)
15th October Carnival Bingo (Monthly, 3rd Friday)
22nd October **Merryfield Hall AGM** (See above)
25th October U3A Meeting (Monthly, 4th Monday)
1st November Youth Club (Mondays)
6th November Indoor Market (Monthly, 1st Saturday)

Hiring the Hall

..... as our world gradually opens up, you may wish to hire the Hall for your activities. If so, please contact the Bookings Secretary, **Jemma Harris** Telephone 55294, **or email:** jemma25harris@talktalk.net

Hourly Hiring rates (except where shown)

| Hirer \ Facility | Main Hall | Kitchen |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Ilton-based clubs and residents | £6 | £1/hr extra* |
| Hirers from outside Ilton | £7 | £1/hr extra* |
| All-day hire | As arranged | |

Charges based on minimum 2hrs hire.

***Kitchen - max charge £5**

A deposit will sometimes be payable

See Hall leaflet for Hiring Conditions

Parish Council Update

as at 26th September

Website

We are delighted to announce that we have a new website which went live a few weeks ago. Please see the following link: <https://iltonparishcouncil.co.uk/> On the site you will find minutes, agendas, accounts, dates and times of meetings, councillor information, planning applications and much more. Please get in touch if you have any suggestions.

Playing Field

Much has been happening on the Playing Field; the path is finished, the benches have been installed and the football pitch is ready for playing. Wild flowers will be sown in a few locations to attract bees and insects.

Grass Cutting

The Parish Council would like to thank all the willing volunteers who have been busy cutting the grass all summer. The village is looking lovely at the moment. So thank you everyone for your hard work.

Dog poo on the Playing Field

Unfortunately there are still some people using the Field who are not picking up after their dog. Dog waste can spread toxocarria which causes blindness in humans. Children are particularly at risk. So please ensure you bag up after your dog and place it in one of the bins provided or take it back home with you. We hope to have another dog waste bin at the Willow Road entrance to the Field very soon.

Dogs on lead

Most people are sticking to the dogs on lead rule which we feel is important because there are many people who are uncomfortable around dogs. The Field is a community area and must be open to all including those who may be afraid of dogs. So please do keep your dog on a lead. The Council considered a recent

suggestion to have a fenced off area for dogs to run free but it was felt that this could become contaminated with faeces if not everyone picks up after their dog, and this would be a potential health risk for our volunteer grass cutting team.

Brook Green

For those people who want to give their dog a good run off the lead, Brook Green is a large semi wild area with no livestock and no restrictions on dogs running free. It is close to the village at the end of Rod Lane. There are picnic benches, trees and a stream running through this lovely wooded common. Please use this area if you wish to exercise your dog off the lead.

War Memorial and Remembrance Day

Despite losing men in both the first and second world wars, Ilton has never had a War Memorial. This will now change. The Parish Council have commissioned a wooden War Memorial, helped by a donation from Larkfleet Homes. This will be placed on the Village Green in time for Remembrance Sunday in November. There will also be silhouettes and name plaques for all the men lost in both wars, plus the airmen lost just after the war who are buried in Ilton Cemetery. We are arranging a Service of Remembrance on the Village Green for **Sunday, 14th November** at 10.30am followed by 2 minutes silence at 11am, also on the village green.

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War Memorial Dedication Service

Grahame Mackenzie-Green adds that after 100 years or more Ilton will have a War Memorial. On **11th November** a service will be held at 10.30am to dedicate the Memorial followed by 2 minutes silence at 11am on the village green.

University of the Third Age

..... is coming to Ilton

The Chard, Ilminster and District U3A is open to all comers. It runs nearly 60 interest groups (see: Chard and Ilminster U3A website for full details.) The annual fee is £8.00

Group meetings are held in a variety of places: outdoors, members' homes and hired accommodation.

To cover the costs of supplying tea/coffee and biscuits, a 30p contribution is made each Meeting but when meetings are in hired accommodation, the additional shared cost of the hire fee is added to the 30p. Currently each meeting in Merryfield Hall costs 80p.

The **Life, the Universe and Everything Group** have recently moved into our village hall - here is a brief description of their presentations. The group has 25 members, but could take a few more. We cover many subjects: SCIENCE, RELIGION, HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY and a few others that are difficult to categorise. There is absolutely no need to know anything about these topics and there is no homework!

We have access to lots of marvellous material from the Internet most of which you will never discover on any TV platform. We welcome lots of discussion and laughter; and we learn plenty too. So if you are half curious about what's going on in this intriguing world of ours, why not give me a call or come along to any meeting in Merryfield Hall on the 4th Monday of each month for a taster session (except December & August) 10am -12noon. brianharperuk@gmail.com ; T: 01460-394128

Merryfield Messenger dates

We now plan four issues a year, with deadline dates 20th February, 20th May, 20th August and 20th November.

Please add the dates to your diaries.

Other Diary dates in Ilton

6th October **Pilates 9.15 to 10am**

Every Wednesday; for more detail contact Karen 07874321350

7th October **Insanity fitness 6-7pm**

Every Thursday 6-7pm

11th October **Friendship Club**

The Club is for over-50s and is held on the 2nd Monday of each month, doors open at 2.00pm. It is a social occasion where friends can meet for tea/coffee and cake and various activities, including occasional speakers.

12th October **Coffee Pot**

Coffee Pot returns for its fortnightly get-together in the Hall from 10.30am.

13th October **Pilates 9.15 to 10am**

See entry for 6th October

14th October **Insanity fitness 6-7pm**

See entry for 7th October

15th October **Generation Bingo**

Third Friday of every month in the Hall; doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

19th October **Meeting in St Peter's**

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20th October **Pilates 9.15 to 10am**

See entry for 6th October

21st October **Insanity fitness 6-7pm**

See entry for 7th October

22nd October **Merryfield Hall AGM**

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25th October **U3A Meeting**

See adjacent column

27th October **Pilates 9.15 to 10am**

See entry for 6th October

28th October **Insanity fitness 6-7pm**

See entry for 7th October

1st November **Youth Club**

Monday nights for over 8's 5pm-6pm
£2 per child

6th November **Indoor Market**

First Saturday of every month in the Hall from 10am to 12noon.

11th November **War Memorial Service**

14th November **Remembrance Service**