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St Peter's Church

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St Peter's Ilton is open again with the organ playing, bells ringing and services up and running. The north wall is drying after endless wet, and drainage all around the church into a French drain is about to happen.

Thanks to all who keep the churchyard so tidy and cared for.

The Restoration committee is applying to Grant Funders for financial help for the huge amount of money needed for the next repairs to floor and roof. These grant funders like to see that the applicants are trying to raise money, too, so there will be various events (Bingo, Quiz nights, B-B-Qs etc.) so please support these.

April 9th: Quiz Night in Merryfield Hall at 6pm; Ring Sonia Clarke for details on 394919

Other events will be advertised later in the village and 'Isle Valley News'. If anyone would like to support the 'Isle Valley News' (Price £5 per year) please ring Dinah Harding 54230 (monthly village and church news.)

The lovely oak cross which we saw on the Green for Remembrance Day as a memorial to our war dead is back to the Green for Easter.

We are having a service around the cross on Good Friday. This will be for the Last Hour before Jesus died on the cross 2pm until 3pm.

The long term plan for this cross is for it to be stored in the church between November and Easter each year. A Faculty has been applied for from the Diocese to allow us to do this. We await this permission.

Any help for decorating the church for **Easter Saturday, 16th April** would be lovely and

volunteers for the flower and cleaning rota too (only for 2 weeks).

May I as church warden thank the village for all the support and help you give to our beautiful ancient church. *Kate Cameron*

The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June

These are outline details of what Jacqueline and team plan to arrange over the Jubilee weekend. Unfortunately, there is no funding for villages or towns so it all has to be self-funded. We won't be running any fund raisers, but we will keep as much as possible at cost.

There could be more organisations putting on their own events, and updated details to the dates below, so keep an eye on Facebook for details. The next 'Messenger' should be out in time but, just in case, details will be on social media and in noticeboards.

Thursday 2nd - in the UK beacons will be lit throughout as many cities, towns and villages as possible and Ilton Parish Council will be lighting ours. It will be lit at 9.45pm on the field behind the Hall and cricket club.

Friday 3rd - there is a service taking place at Westminster Abbey for the Queen and anything Westminster Abbey can do, St Peter's can to!!! There will be a small service in our Church and, depending on the weather, modest refreshments afterwards.

Saturday 4th - The village over-'50s are invited to celebrate the Jubilee in Merryfield Hall with a delicious afternoon tea. Booking will be requested and should run from 3.30pm-5.30pm. Let me know if you are interested and we will keep you updated as time goes on. 01460-54164 or jak.bennett@btinternet.com

Sunday 5th - this is a national 'big lunch' day so we would like to encourage as many as possible to hold your own street party or join the picnic on the playing field. (see page 1)



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

Platinum Jubilee weekend in June

Monthly market as usual on **Saturday, 4th June** (10-12noon). Bacon rolls etc., drinks and a raffle.

On **Sunday 5th** the Parish Council has agreed to a 'Picnic in the Park' (playing field) where everyone brings their own food for one large 'Street Party'. The Hall will be open for toilets to be available.

Dressing in '50s clothing or even another decade of the Queen's reign was suggested.

More detail in next Messenger in May.

Ilton's Mobile Shop

'Poppies Pantry' is a mobile shop visiting the village hall car park every Tuesday morning from 10am-midday. They have stock of your essential items plus potatoes, milk, eggs and bread. If you can't get to the car park 'Poppy' will drop to your doorstep after midday or if you would like anything special please give her a ring on 07983 829471 or email poppies.pantry@aol.com, and she will be happy to make arrangements, where possible.

Hiring the Hall

If you wish to hire the Hall for your activities, 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

<https://iltonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Parish Clerk

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that a new Clerk has been appointed to take over from Sue Morley, who is retiring. Kim Larsson is our new Clerk. She lives in the village and is currently setting everything up with a view to taking over completely by April. Her email address is at the head of this column.

Dogs on the Playing Field

There was a lively discussion at the Parish Council meeting in February about a suggestion to ban dogs completely from the Playing Field because of the ongoing problem of people not picking up after their dog. Thank you to most people for keeping their dog on a lead in the Field. There have been several incidents of dogs running out of control and attacking other dogs, or frightening other walkers or children. So PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEAD ON THE FIELD AND PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

Games - Football etc

The football pitch is ready for use. The Parish Council is hoping someone will come forward to organise a team or teams for Ilton. There are nets available for the goals which can be put up if there is a match. The Parish Council can organise white lining and could line for an adult pitch or a junior pitch.

Brook Green

We remind everyone that Brook Green is there for everyone to enjoy. It is a great outdoor semi-wild space. People can picnic and dogs can be allowed to run freely. Please do ensure you pick up after your dog. There is a dog bin provided so please do use it.

Play Park

The damaged fencing has been replaced and notices remind people about CCTV in the area. Hopefully this will deter those who willfully destroyed the new fence. The Play Park is there for the children of the village to enjoy, so respect it and take care of it for all in Ilton.

Elections

There will be elections in May for the new unitary authority - Somerset Council - and also for the Parish Council. Any resident of Ilton who would like to contribute towards the work of the Parish Council is invited to come forward to stand for election. Nominations will be open shortly and will be advertised on the Parish Council notice board and on our website at: <https://iltonparishcouncil.co.uk/>



Cards and Fundraising

All of my fund raising this year will be for St Peter's Church, Ilton and the Ilminster History Society. I could do separate events for each organisation but every event takes volunteers and time, so I thought it would be easier to just divide the profits between them.

One of the fund raisers which will go on all year is the selling of cards from the reputable company of Flamingo Paperie (formerly Phoenix cards). I will have a stand at all my events or if you need a card in a hurry, please feel free to ring me and come and have a browse at what I've got.

Over the next couple of months, I will put a catalogue through your door and call back within 2-3 days. Please leave the order with the catalogue or, if you do not want any, then just leave the catalogue outside for me to collect. Many thanks -

Jacqueline Bennett, 01460-54164.

Merryfield Hall 100 Club

The 100 Club is a monthly draw with a chance to win £20, £15, £10 or £5. Money for next year's entries will be collected from now until the end of March. It's £12 per year with draws starting in April until March 2023. You can pay by cash, cheque or BAC.

For further details telephone Marie 55601 or Jemma 55294.

December draw:

1st No.13 Haley Wakeford
2nd No.33 Marie Morley
3rd No.46 Sophie Kelly
4th No.69 Linda Latham

The extra ten Christmas Prizes were:

Numbers: 2-Gem Vaux; 1-Anne Crow;
35-Vicki le Fort Berry; 34-Andrew Carter;
94-Emma Halman; 27-Nigel Bere;

44-Paula Adds; 78-Adele & Lewis Browning;
50-Dave Yard; 7-Ian Sherwood.

January draw:

1st No.92 Roger & Dawn Wills
2nd No.81 Richard Lock
3rd No.19 George & Ros Fox
4th No.77 Ryan Muxworthy

February draw:

1st No.96 Malcolm & Jenny Hine
2nd No.89 Pauline Sutton
3rd No.39 Sarah Justice
4th No.103 Ally Potter & Mark Bushby

The 2021/22 response has been really good, so well done to all and thank you for your support - it really does make a difference.

Pre-Jubilee Messenger deadline

The deadline for the next 'Merryfield Messenger', No.13, has to be a week earlier than usual - **13th May**.

The editor is away for a while and needs the copy earlier, please.

Merryfield Hall AGM

Merryfield Hall's AGM will be held on **Friday, April 29th at 7.30pm** followed by refreshments. New trustees are always welcome so why not consider joining us.

Regular Activities in Merryfield Hall

Pilates

Every **Wednesday 9.15 to 10am**; for more detail contact Karen 07874-321350

Insanity fitness

Every **Thursday 6-7pm**

Friendship Club

The Club is for over-50s and is held on the **second Monday of each month**; doors open at 2.00pm

Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot - **15th March**, then **fortnightly on Tuesdays** from 10.30am

Parish Council

Second Tuesday of the month 6.30pm

Indoor Markets in 2022

First Saturday of each month

Fundraising Bingo (see entry for 'Cards')

Last Wednesday afternoon each month in the Hall. Doors open 1.45, Eyes-down at 2.30pm) Packages available or pay on the door. Any enquiries please phone 54164

University of the Third Age (U3A)

Meets on **fourth Monday** of each month (except December & August) 10am-12noon. (See Messenger No.10 for more detail) brianharperuk@gmail.com; T: 01460-394128

Youth Club

Monday nights during term-time for the over-eights, 5pm-6pm; £2 per child