



St Peter's Church

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By the time you read this in the 'Merryfield Messenger' the church will be open so that services will be resumed as normal as we will have tidied and cleaned. We plan to make it welcoming with heating back on the North walls and connected again ready to use.

The Carol service is on **Sunday 12th December** at 6.30pm and please come and sing carols loudly and with joy.

Christmas Eve, **Friday 24th December** Midnight Mass (not at midnight) at 10.30pm. We will have bells ringing out to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We must not forget that the building is in need of much more repair work for which we have to raise the money which will take several months. Meanwhile we will make St Peter's as beautiful as we can and worship there as long as possible before the next building phase.

Kate Cameron

Distribution of the 'Messenger'

Email distribution of the 'Messenger' and updates reduces printing costs, paper waste and less walking to deliver! We asked a couple of years ago if you would accept/prefer updates, etc. via email and we had quite a good uptake. There are now quite a few new residents - welcome to Ilton! - so if you are happy to receive news via email please send your email address to jak.bennett@btinternet.com (I am the only one who sees your details and I **do not** pass them on.)

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.

September draw:

1st No.3 Joan Sherwood
2nd No.75 Margaret Voice
3rd No.39 Sarah Justice
4th No.72 Louise Carter

October draw:

1st No.63 Rachel Brown
2nd No.49 Linda Wilson
3rd No.114 Sandra Calvert
4th No.102 Jade Whiteway

November draw:

1st No.33 Marie Morley
2nd No.50 Dave Yard
3rd No.61 Molly Warmsley
4th No.80 Marian Offen

This year's response has been really good but 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; Adrian Stratton-Baldwin; Marie Stratton-Baldwin; Lisa Taylor.

Home Library Service

Did you know Somerset libraries offer a Home Library Service to individuals who cannot access the library due to ill health, mobility or caring reasons?

Our volunteers will choose and deliver books to you on a regular basis. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in volunteering or receiving this service please contact the **Home Library Manager** who will be happy to help you.

Contact T: **07814-079831** or
email: KJenssen@somerset.gov.uk

Ilton Cricket Club

Turkey Christmas Bingo!

Friday 10th December

Doors open 6.30pm, Eyes down 7.30pm
Bar open, raffle and a chance to win your Christmas dinner!

We may host a family Christmas Disco on Saturday 11th but this is not yet confirmed; watch social media for any updates.

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

as at 26th November

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

War Memorial

It was wonderful to see so many residents on Sunday 14th November for the Service of Remembrance at the new War Memorial. This is such a wonderful tribute to those who gave their lives in war, and after, for our country. It was also fantastic to welcome members of the armed forces, the Police and the St John's Ambulance and particularly the US Air Force representatives. Particular thanks must also go to Joseph Baker who played the Last Post and Reveille so hauntingly on his violin. Thanks, too, to Grahame Mackenzie-Green who made this all possible, to Ben Harms who carved the beautiful cross and to Larkfleet who donated £2,000 to the project. Sponsorship of the silhouette soldiers, breakfasts at the Village Hall and a collection on the day meant we raised £820 for the Royal British Legion. Many thanks to Jacqueline Bennett and her team of volunteers at the Village Hall.

The Playing Field

The planning application for the skate park has been approved. The next step is an application for funding to the lottery. A new dog bin has been approved by the District Council and should be in place at the cross-road of the footpath by mid December. The District Council's Dog

Warden has been out a number of times to encourage residents to pick up after their dogs and to keep the dogs on a lead. Thank you to everyone who does pick up and who walks their dog on a lead which ensures that the path can be enjoyed by everyone, including those residents who are nervous around dogs.

Brook Green

Don't forget that Brook Green is available for those who wish to give their dog more freedom to run. There is a dog bin available so please do use it.

Play Park

It is very sad to see so much damage to the new fence in the Play Park. This is a strong fence meant to last 25 years and the level of damage must have taken a very determined effort. There have also been reports of other anti-social behaviour in the Play Park. The Parish Council have been working with the District Council and the Police and are installing CCTV in the area. Hopefully this will deter those responsible for this criminal damage.

Santa's Sleigh

..... will be coming round the village to wish everyone a Happy Christmas on 23rd December.

Check Facebook soon for details.

A ring was found

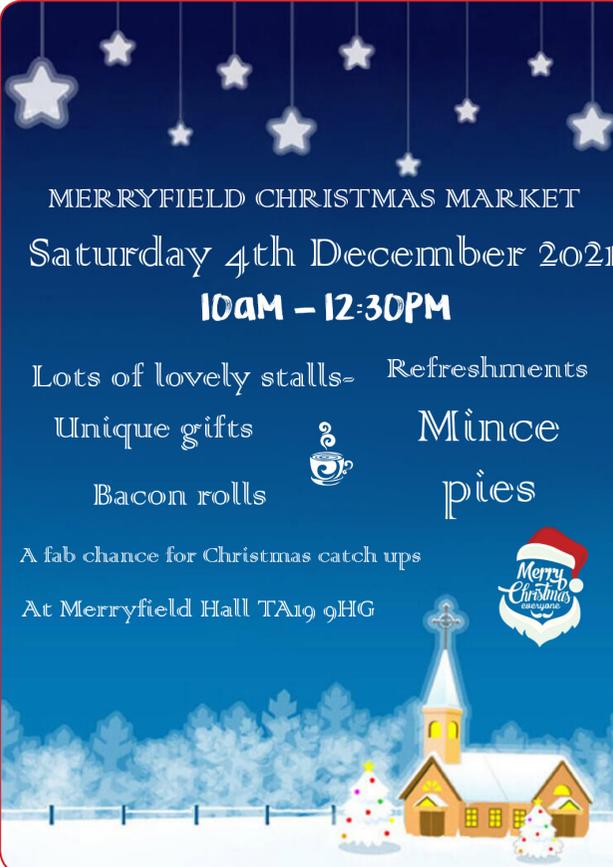
A ring was found in the Cottage Corner area of Ilton late October, early November.

If you have lost a ring please phone Peter on 07932-249140.

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 deadline dates to your diaries.



MERRYFIELD CHRISTMAS MARKET
Saturday 4th December 2021
10AM - 12:30PM

Lots of lovely stalls- Refreshments
Unique gifts ☕ Mince
Bacon rolls pies

A fab chance for Christmas catch ups
At Merryfield Hall TA19 9HG

Merry Christmas everyone!

The poster features a blue background with white stars at the top, a white fence, a snow-covered church with a steeple, and a decorated Christmas tree. A small Santa Claus icon is also present.

St Peter's Church

Tombola on Market Day

For those of you that haven't seen my plea (!), St Peter's Church are having a tombola stall at the Merryfield Market on **Saturday 4th December**.

If you have anything for our Christmas tombola (tin of soup, half dozen eggs, unwanted gifts, chocolates etc.) please ring me on 54164.

Either I will collect or could you leave on my doorstep at 3, Cottage Corner.

Please ensure that any 'vulnerable' items are in date.

Many thanks in advance and thank you to all those who have contributed - it is much appreciated.

Jacqueline Bennett

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 **2nd Monday of each month**; doors open at 2.00pm.

Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot returns on **7th December** for its fortnightly Tuesday meeting from 10.30am.

Parish Council

Second Tuesday of the month 6.30pm.

Indoor Markets in 2022

8th January 2022 then **1st Saturday** of each month.

Generation Bingo

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

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.