

Newsletter

Ilchester, Northover, Yeovilton, Podimore, The Mead,
Bridgehampton, Draycott, Limington, Speckington



Aug / Sept 2024



It's all about **YOU!**

Music on the Mound '24

Who are IDCA?

Ilchester & District Community Association (IDCA) is a registered charity which serves Ilchester, The Mead, Northover, Limington, Yeovilton, Podimore, Draycott, Bridgehampton & Speckington. We are a group of volunteers who organise annual events such as The Christmas Lantern Parade and the Easter Bunny Hunt. We also organise special occasions like Jubilee and Coronation celebrations. All the money raised goes back into the community in the form of funding the next celebration, this newsletter and donations to local community groups. Recently we supported an outdoors play area for Ilchester Primary school, large print books for Ilchester library and travel cost for Brownies and Rainbows.

WE WANT YOU to tell us what you want & how we can help your group. Do you belong to a group you want to tell us about? Perhaps you want to raise the profile of a local charity or event. Maybe you want to thank someone. If you want to tell us about it please email idcanewsletter@gmail.com. No word minimum. Keep it friendly and no politics. Cheers! Next issues deadline is Monday 21st October.

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Events for your calendar

Ilchester History Family day **Saturday 10th August**

Limington Sausage & Cider Sizzle **Saturday 7th September**

Buttercross Health Centre-meet the team **Saturday 14th September**

IDCA Craft & Home Produce Show **Saturday 5th October**

IDCA Flower, Produce & Craft Award Ceremony **Friday 25th October**

Halloween disco **Thursday 31st October**

Useful dates

Baby clinic	Thurs 15th Aug	Thurs 19th Sept	13.00-14.30 Tall Trees
Big Black bins (landfill)	Fri 16th Aug	Fri 6th Sept, Fri 27th Sept	
Big Green bins (garden waste)	Thurs 1st Aug, Thurs 15th Aug Fri 30th Aug	Fri 13th Sept, Fri 27th Sept, Fri 11th Oct	
Mobile library	Wed 28th Aug	Wed 25th Sept	14.25-14.55 West st/Pill Bridge Lane 15.05- 15.45 Ta- ranto Hill
Friends of St Mary coffee morning	Thurs 15th Aug	Thurs 19th Sept	St Mary, Limington 10.30
Diners club	Tues 6th Aug	Tues 3rd Sept, Tues 1st Oct	J. Stapleton 01935 841 247
Ilchester Parish Council meeting	Thurs 8th Aug	Thurs 12th Sept	19.30 Town Hall
Yeovilton and dis- trict Parish Council meeting		Tues 10th Sept	19.30 St Bartholo- mew's, Yeovilton

Town Hall Timetable

Activity	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Library (closed B. Holidays)	10.00-12.00		10.00-12.00		
Coffee morning			10.00-11.30		
Yoga		19.00-20.30	18.30-19.30		
Chair Yoga				11.30-12.30	
Pilates	18.00-19.00				
Boxercise	19.15-20.00				
Art class				14.00	
History group			14.00 (last of month)		
Knit & Knatter					10.00 (1 st of the month)
Anglers				20.00 (once a month)	
Ilch. Parish Council Meeting				19.30 (2 nd of the month)	
Ivelteenies			19.00 (1 st of the month)		

Coffee morning plus the care & share table

August	7th Ceme- tery Refur- bishment	14th Young Lives vs Cancer	21st School Trip Fund	28th The Shire	
September	4th RNA	11th History Group	18th Man Shed	25th Shoe Boxes	
October	2nd Young Lives vs Cancer	9th St Mary Major	16th Cadets	23rd St Mary Major	30th Rainbows & Brown- ies

You are very welcome to hire rooms in the Town Hall for events including private celebra-
tions. Please contact **Julie Stapleton: 01935 841 247, ittcaretaker@gmail.com**

Tall Trees Timetable

Activity	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Boogie Bunnies – Music & Movement	0915-1015 1030-1130	0915-1015 1030-1130		0915-1015 1030-1130	
Rainbows		1730-1830			
Little Acorns Parent & Toddler Group			0930-1100		
Aggies Walk & Talk		1330 – 1430			
Aggies Drop in			0830 – 1000 (Term time)		
Military Wives Choir			1900- 2100		
War Games Group				1900-2200	
Baby Clinic				1300-1430 (4 th Thurs)	
Lullaby's Baby Massage			1300 – 14.30 (book in ad- vance).		
Play Town Parties					1015-1130
Children's Disco or Entertainment					1900-2200 (Once a month)

Bar open to all: Thurs 19.00-23.00, Fri 19.00-00.00, Sat 13.00-00.00, Sun 13.00-22.30

Tall Trees is managed by the HMS Heron Central Amenities Fund and supported by the RN FPS Community Outreach Group and Community Development Worker. All are welcome, however there will be times when activities are not appropriate for civilians. Please contact **Gill Duke 01935 840 562, navypeople-psrnfpscent@mod.gov.uk** for details.

Ilchester Sports Field Pavilion

Activity	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri-Sat-Sun
Brownies (term time)	18.00-19.15				
Spinning w/ John		18.00-18.50		18.30-19.20	
Canine Capers			Dog agility 12.00-13.00 Socialisation 13.15-14.15		
Ilchester FC					Through-out the day

The Pavilion and Sports field is available for hire. This includes outdoors space and plenty of parking. Please contact Maxine: 07562 988 837 or ittclerk@gmail.com. Please check Ilchester Town Trust website for details

Ilchester Museum **FREE ENTRY**

August	Wed 7th Sat 10th Heritage day	Wed 14th	Wed 21st Sat 24th	Wed 28th	
September	Wed 4th Sat 7th	Wed 11th	Wed 18th Sat 21st	Wed 25th	
October	Wed 2nd Sat 5th	Wed 9th	Wed 15th	Wed 23rd	Wed 30th

Museum opening hours: Wed 10-16.00 & Sat 11-15.00.

Your home may be built on the site of a Roman Villa, perhaps you play football on an Iron Age 'oppidum' or walk past the Gaol site where the first person to talk about universal suffrage in Parliament was imprisoned. Ilchester has a very long gruesome history -find out some more. Come to the free museum and meet Faustina in her lead lined Roman coffin.



Buttercross Health Centre & Ilchester Surgery

OPEN DAY

Saturday 14th September 2024
Ilchester Town Hall
10:00 - 12:00

- Meet the Team
- Symphony Central Team
- Patient Participation Group
- Personalised Care Team
- Anima
- NHS App

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Do more
with the
NHS App!



 **Symphony**
Healthcare Services

Ilchester, Northover, Limington, Podimore and Yeovilton

Worship Matters

<i>Services</i>	SUMMER SERVICES		
Aug 4th	9.30am Benefice Churches Together Holy Communion St Peter, Podimore		
Aug 11th	9.30am Benefice Churches Together Holy Communion St Mary, Limington		
Aug 18th	9.30am Benefice Churches Together Morning Prayer St Mary Major, Ilchester		
Aug 25th	9.30am Benefice Churches Together Holy Communion St Peter Podimore		
<i>Services</i>	SMM Ilchester	St Peter Podimore	St Mary Limington
Sept 1st		11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
Sept 8th	9.30am Holy Communion		3pm Festival Service and Cream tea
Sept 15th	11.15am Morning Prayer and Baptism	9.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL	6pm Evening Prayer
Sept 22nd	11.15am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion
	St Andrew's @ 4pm Ilchester School (Infant Dept)		
Sept 29th	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Holy Communion	
Oct 6th		11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion

From the Rectory

Well, after the election it will be back to Parliament for everyone in September. One thing that will not have changed there will be all the shouting at each other during Prime Minister's Question Time. I do wonder what behaviour that models for children growing up; it is OK to shout at each other and never listen and understand other folks!?

If you have ever visited Wells Cathedral you may well have visited the large round room (50 feet/17 metres diameter) of the Chapter House attached to the Cathedral building. It is a vast echoing chamber with bench seats running all about its circumference. Here the Cathedral Chapter, at least 40 clerics from around the county would gather in days gone by to decide weighty matters. It is a place built for debate and decision just like the Houses of Parliament.

They, the Houses of Parliament, so the name suggests (Parliament, derived from 'to Parlen' [Middle English 1350-1400] to speak) are places in which to speak to one another. The chamber in the Commons however, unlike the Chapter House in Wells, is shaped to enable adversarial sides to face each other in verbal combat.

But the Chapter House in Wells is designed quite differently so folks can speak to one another and listen to what is being said. It is fascinating if you ever go there with a friend to sit opposite each other in one of the stone seats. If you speak, quite calmly you can be heard clear as day on the other side. However, should you stand forward a couple of paces and raise your voice your words find themselves echoed and disappeared into the high roof space, lost forever, never heard and frankly a waste of breath ever saying them in the first instance. I can't help but wonder if our society today needs some space in which we can listen and talk with each other in a calm manner, and with respect for difference of opinion.

Through listening I wonder too if we might find that difference; be it of opinion, colour, educational background, or outlook on life, is not something to be feared but celebrated! Rather than think differences cause our problems might it be that they bring gifts and skills that enable the big problems we face as a nation to be resolved – we need each other! Jesus sought to teach this to his followers when he described them as being like a body made of many parts. He emphasized that no one part was greater or loftier than another; eyes need hands and mouths need feet. More so the eye should celebrate the differences of the foot and appreciate them.

During the recent 80th anniversary of D-Day you could not fail to be reminded that it took the entire nation, the skills of every age and gender, working together to enable everything. I wonder what the children of today might achieve in the decades to come if what they saw modelled by adults about them was community that listens, respects differences, welcomes others abilities and skills?

Blessings

Bruce

Ilchester Community Primary School



Making learning irresistible for all

Infant Dept: 01935 840 328 **Junior Dept:** 01953 840 568

Email: office@ilchestercommunityprimary.com

This year has been a very busy year and we've had the privilege of having lots and lots of opportunities to learn, have fun and relax. An example of learning is when we did respect work shops with Yeovil Town Football Club and this shows one of our values kindness. An example of fun is when we went to Hooke Court; this was really fun and was a great experience for all the year 6s. An example of relaxing is when we did the lantern parade and when we made Christingles.

Author experience This term, we had a famous author come into our school, Emma Carroll. She told us all about how it is to be an author, she told us about all her books and her new book (Houdini Inheritance) . This was really cool and the people who went up to ask her a question got to shake her hand, the children who asked her a question showed great bravery and curiosity which is two of our school values.

Leavers assembly The leavers assembly was a lovely time and most of the parents cried. Some people got awards like:

The Heath Achievement/ Effort Cup- **Eliza Machin,**

The Determination Cup- **Maddie Brownhill,**

Helen Schott Reading Award- **Miles Carter,**

Celia Tanswell's Shining Star-**Zekhethy Shezi,**

The D'Arcy Sports Cup-**Dimitrious K,**

The Hammett Performer's Award-**Jacob P-W,**

The Poulton Artist of the Year Award- **Kiya Torr,**

Hutchinson Whole Heart Award-**Joey Simpson.**

We also had to say a memory that we remember from our time at school and we got a book and a year book.

Ilchester's got talent Ilchester's got talent has been a tradition for years at Ilchester school and it is one of the highlights of the year. The winner was Jhacey in class 4, 2nd place was Harry I in class 6 and some highly commended were Dimitnos + Harry both in class 10 and Jhacey in class 9. The people who wanted to participate had to audition and then the teachers had to decide between two acts and then they would perform in Ilchester's got talent. The children who performed showed amazing bravery.

Year 6 play The year six play was a really amazing performance and every child that performed put so much effort into it and made it a spectacular show. The name of the show was school-o-vision-song contest and each scene was made up of different people in the school community including: Teachers, PTA, Premises officers, Infants and the Year 6 leavers. All the year 6s performed incredibly and it was such a nice time as it was the last show all the year 6s will do together. Mr Clothier said that it was a very good show and that the characters were very likeable.

So our time at Ilchester school has been spectacular and it's been very enjoyable final year!!!

Written by 2 Yr 6 School Councillors



TEACHERS RACE! TEACHERS RACE! TEACHERS RACE!!

Sports day 2024: Thank you to the teachers for being such great sports! Ed.



With guiding, girls have fun, adventure and the space to discover their potential.

Wow what a few months it has been for Ilchester Rainbows and Brownies!

The Brownies had an evening at Ham Hill for a country walk activity, we looked at what leaves and sticks were around to match our activity! The following week we went to RNAS Yeovilton and had a look round a Merlin and the hanger, the girls loved it! We had a visit from Owl Obsession to help with a challenge badge we are working on. We went on a trip called "Day with the Tigers" at Dartmoor Zoo where we saw many different animals along with a lion, tiger and a jaguar where 2 of our Brownies made their promise - they all had a good day!

We have done some cooking and made Pitta Bread Pizza Pockets over the BBQ following by s'mores 😊

One of our Brownies that is leaving us to move to Guides ran a meeting about Girl Empowerment - she did amazing and this was the final part for her to achieve her Gold, the highest you can get in Brownies.

In Rainbows we went on a short walk around the area to see what we could see, we have done various other activities to complete many different badges so that our Rainbows moving to Brownies can achieve their Gold awards. We also did cooking and made Pitta Bread Pizza Pockets over the BBQ but having our s'mores on our last meeting of the term 😊

Both Rainbows and Brownies went on a trip to a regional event called GLOW24 in Bristol - between them they did abseiling, wall climbing, circus skills and an Army course to name a few. We also met the region Chief Commissioners who presented one of the Brownies her Silver award! We all had a lovely day too!

We are finishing off the term with a Division Event to see Inside Out 2 followed by a bowling party!

We are looking for new volunteers to join our growing units, both in Ilchester and surrounding areas - if you're interested in finding more out email laurawilliams@girlguidingsomerset.org.uk or look us up on Facebook Girlguiding Ilchester and Queen Camel to see what we have been up to.

Laura Williams
Leader in Charge and Wyndham District Commissioner



BEAVER LEADER NEEDED!

Beavers aged 6-8 yrs meet every Monday 1800-1930.
They **NEED A LEADER FROM SEPTEMBER**

**Are you ready to be that
Beaver Leader?**

Let's get stuck in!

DBS: this can be arranged; no fee,

Training : this can be done as you volunteer

Uniform: supplied



Motto: Fun and friends



Helping Beavers to earn badges whilst having fun



CONTACT: **JUNE EATON,**
GROUP SCOUT LEADER

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LENDINIAE EXPLORERS

Aged 14—18 years
Every Wednesday
19.00-21.00

Lendiniae.ESU@EastSomersetScouts.org.uk

At Lendiniae, we're just coming to the end of our Summer term. It's been a very busy few months, and we have been outside as much as possible. We've been canoeing on the River Parrett, building our team skills (and falling in!). We've been on a few hikes exploring the local area. Two of the routes we've done are East Coker to Ninesprings and Langport to Muchelney and back. We also joined up with one of the Yeovil Explorer Units, Givele, for a joint event up Ham Hill, which was very successful, and we look forward to doing it again soon.

We're almost coming to the end of our camping season, with one more in September. We kicked off the season with Cub Camp, where six of our explorers gave up their weekend to help it run smoothly. We're very proud of them for this selflessness, as the weekend was hard work in the heat, but they did a fantastic job, and we hope they'll help again next year. This was all done as part of the Young Leader Scheme, which is an award Explorers can earn through working with a younger section such as Squirrels (4-6), Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8 – 10^{1/2}) and Scouts (10^{1/2} – 14).

Our final camp of the season is just for Explorers, and the theme is 'Wild West', so the Explorers are working hard to come up with costumes and camp decorations to fit this theme. So far, ideas are around 'The Wild West Country'. We're excited to see what they'll come up with.

Our Explorers have worked incredibly hard on their awards this term. Our bronze Duke of Edinburgh team has completed their expedition, and the two girls have completely finished their awards; the two boys have almost finished. The four boys on our Silver DofE team have all nearly finished and are looking forward to their expedition in early August. We hope to award all eight at camp in September.

Overall, we have had a fantastic term but are looking forward to the well-deserved break summer will bring. Not everyone will be taking a break as several of our explorers will be undertaking the world challenge with their school, and we're looking forward to hearing about their adventure when we're back.

We're always looking for support at our unit. We're currently looking for a treasurer. The only requirements for this role are DBS Clearance (provided by the Unit) and a few modules of online training relevant to the role.

We're also looking for more leaders to help support us because a leader is sadly leaving us towards the end of the year. You don't need any previous connection to the unit to get involved. We welcome anyone looking to get involved in something new and branch out. You'll need a DBS Clearance (provided by the Unit) and a few mandatory training modules, such as Safety & Safeguarding and First Aid.

If you or a young person you know is interested in joining, please reach out to us at Lendiniae.ESU@EastSomersetScouts.org.uk K.

IDCA FETE AND FLOWER & PRODUCE FESTIVAL



Lucas, aged eight, and Bella, aged nine, were among children having fun at Ilchester Community Fete & Flower & Fresh Produce Festival in July. Lucas was a repeat winner at the coconut shy, while Bella was a star at archery. Army Cadets from Castle Cary and Wincanton were a huge help to Ilchester and District Community Association which staged the event. IDCA would like to thank those who joined us and the businesses who supported us:

London House, Tina's, Overt Locke, Nosh@27, Lion Gate, The Bull, The Dolphin, Ilchester Arms, The Garden Group (Brimsmore), Day Lewis Pharmacy Ilchester, Buffalicious Water Buffalo Farm, Tesco, AP Kitchen Solutions and Ilchester Cheese.



SAUSAGE & CIDER SIZZLE!!!

St Mary's Patronal Festival Saturday September 7th



St Marys, Limington 17.00-20.00 Ticket only

Adults £10, under 10s £5,

Tickets include 2 sizzling sausages & drinks

Tickets available from Sarah Coleman,
07963 011 369 wurzels@btinternet.com

Limington Village Cider, Soft drinks,
Hotdogs, Raffle

ELVIS IS BACK!!!



A tremendous effort by the Poppy Collectors, Churches, Schools, Shops and other Businesses in the Ilchester area, which includes Podimore, Yeovilton Village and Limington helped to raise the grand total for the 2023 Poppy Appeal of **£2,085.90**.

The Head of The Poppy Appeal Tamsin Fraser recently wrote and advised that the 2023 national appeal total had exceeded £50 million. This is an amazing sum and so a big thank you must go to everyone that helped and supported the 2023 poppy appeal.

As a result of your amazing fundraising efforts...

We have assisted a 35% increase in the number of beneficiaries and households that we support. The key to this was our Cost-of-Living Grants programme.

It is not lost on us that in 1921, we provided bread and coal to help those struggling in the aftermath of the First World War, and in 2023, we provided fuel and food vouchers, following the effects of the current economic climate. The basic need for food and warmth does not change, but we continue to work to make sure that our delivery evolves to meet the demands of modern life.

We are proud to say our response was quick and effective. During 2023, we supported almost 27,000 people in need of help in the UK and 59 countries across the world and awarded more than £18 million in grants to individuals

I will again be contacting the regular collectors to ask for their help again with this year's collection. However new collectors are always welcome. If you would like to help with this year's appeal then please contact me.

**Alan Stephens,
Poppy Appeal Honorary Organiser
01935 840 813**



**CRAFT & HOME
PRODUCE SHOW
2024**

**SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER
ILCHESTER**

**TROPHY AWARDS EVENING FRIDAY 25TH
OCTOBER**

**INFORMATION & ENTRY
FORM**

SECTION 1a: CRAFT-SOFT MATERIALS

Class		Class	
01	Knitwear	02	Crochet
03	Embroidery	04	Tapestry
05	Soft Toy	06	Cross Stitch
07	'Sewing Bee'		

SECTION 1b: CRAFT-HARD MATERIALS

Class		Class	
08	Wood	09	Pottery/Ceramic
10	'Up Cycle'	11	Glass
12	Handmade Jewelry	13	

SECTION 1c: CRAFT-PAPER & PAINT

Class		Class	
13	Paper Craft	14	Painting

SECTION 2: COOKERY

Class		Class	
15	1 Jar of Jam, max. 1lb	16	1 Jar of Chutney, max 1lb
17	1 Deep Filled Apple Pie, 8" Diameter	18	1 Decorated Cake, to be judged on decoration only
19	1 Victoria Sandwich, see recipe	20	1 Vegan Courgette Cake
21	1 Blackberry Tea Bread, see recipe	22	1 Gluten Free Loaf of Bread
23	1 Savoury Pastry		

SECTION 3: BEVERAGE

Class		Class	
24	Gin	25	Beer
26	Cider	27	Fruit Cordial

SECTION 4: PHOTOGRAPHY

Class		Class	
28	Close-Up	29	Summer
30	Village Life		

SECTION 5: YOUTH a. Preschool b. Infants c. Juniors d. Senior

Class		Class	
31	Lego, max 15cm in any direction	32	Young Inventor—Junk Modelling
33	Vegetable Creature, at least 90% veg, max 15cm in any direction	34	Drawing of a Dinosaur
35	3 Decorated Fairy Cakes, Judged on decoration only	36	Short Film, 'Superhero' saves the day', max 1 min long, email to idca234@gmail.com on, or before Fri 4/10

Class 19-Victoria Sponge recipe

2x 8" sandwich tins: 8oz margarine, 4 eggs, 8oz self raising flour, 8oz caster sugar, red jam to fill, icing sugar to dust.

Preheat oven 180°C, Gas Mark 4. Cream sugar and margarine. Add eggs. Add flour. Divide batter between sandwich tins. Bake until done and skewer comes out clean. Cool on rack. Fill with jam and dust with icing sugar.

Class 08-Blackberry Tea Bread recipe

1x2lb loaf: 12oz plain flour, 1 tsp mixed spice, 6oz margarine, 6oz caster sugar, 8oz blackberries (fresh or frozen), rind and juice of 1 lemon, 1tbsp black treacle, 2 eggs, 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda, 1 tbsp milk.

Preheat oven 180°C, Gas Mark 4. Mix dried ingredients and rub in margarine. Dissolve B. soda in milk. Add remaining ingredients to batter. Add milk. Beat well. Bake 45 mins. Reduce oven 150°C, Gas mark 2. Bake for further 30-45 mins until skewer comes out clean. Leave in tin for 15mins before cooling on rack.

ENTRY FORM CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW 5th Oct 2024

NAME

ADDRESS

..... **TEL NO**

If entrant is under 18: AGE.....

PARENTAL CONSENT (sign)

Exhibitors must indicate in which classes they intend to compete by placing an X in the appropriate spaces. Entry to each class is £1 except for under 18's, who enter for free.

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30
31a	32a	33a	34a	35a	36a
31b	32b	33b	34b	35b	36b
31c	32c	33c	34c	35c	36c
31d	32d	33d	34d	35d	36d

Total amount enclosed

Either post this form with relevant fee/s in the IDCA post box inside the Town Hall (or through the letterbox of the Town Hall when closed), or bring to the Town Hall, Ilchester between 18.00 and 20.00 on Tuesday 1st October 2024, the last day of registration, with the relevant fee/s.

Winner's names may be used on IDCA social media and in the IDCA newsletter. If you prefer your name NOT be included, please tick here:

RULES FOR ENTRY:

1. All exhibits must be made by the exhibitor
2. All entries for Section 1 Crafts and Section 4 Photography should not have been exhibited before in the IDCA Show.
3. Only one entry per class can be accepted per exhibitor
4. All entries for Section 4 Photography, must have been taken by the exhibitor. All photographs must be in colour and must not exceed 8" x 10". They may be mounted on card or unmounted. A title should be placed in the right lower corner of the exhibit.
5. Under 18s may enter any section for free. If under 18 please exhibit the entrants age on a piece of paper or card placed with the entry.
6. NO APPLICATION CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR ENTRY AFTER TUESDAY 1st October 2024. EACH ENTRY TO COST £1.
7. No person may enter a section if judged by a parent, sibling or spouse.
8. Approximate metric equivalents of measurements are acceptable.
9. UNLESS REQUESTED OTHERWISE ON REGISTRATION entries in the following sections will automatically be auctioned, the proceeds going to the Community Association; Section 2 Cookery, Section 3 Beverages
10. The Community Association cannot accept liability for the property of the exhibitors.
11. The judges may award the trophies and their decision is final.
12. The organisers shall have the right to modify or change any rules for the smooth running of the show, without notice.
13. The organisers shall have the right to close a class due to poor interest or to limit entries if over-subscribed.
14. All exhibitors must live within the area of benefit of the Community Association: ILCHESTER, NORTHOVER, LIMINGTON, PODIMORE, SPECKINGTON, BRIDGEHAMPTON, DRAYCOTT AND YEOVILTON.
15. Staging and exhibits may not be removed from the show until after the auction has started.
16. Entry forms may be posted into the IDCA post box inside the Town Hall (or through the letterbox of the Town Hall when closed) with the relevant entry fee/s, or brought to the LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION in the Town Hall, Ichester, between 6.00 and 8.00 pm on Tuesday 1st October 2024.

TIMETABLE Saturday 5th October

09.00-10.00	DOORS OPEN for staging of entries
10.00-11.00	Hall cleared for judging
11.00-12.00	Lunch
12.00-13.00	OPEN TO PUBLIC VIEWING
13.00	Auction of Produce

Visitor from America

Nearly 400 years after William Arnold left Ilchester for a new life in America descendant Tim Arnold returned to discover his roots.

Tim is the great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great grandson of William Arnold, a tailor, who was among the founding settlers of Rhode Island Colony, and of Providence, now the capital of the State of Rhode Island. William became one of the wealthiest people in Providence. He had good relations with the local Native Americans - the Narragansetts, wanting to deal justly with them, and pay for land. He, and his elder son, Benedict, learned the Narragansett language, and acted as interpreters. Later Benedict became Governor, of Rhode Island Colony. Among William's many descendants are former President George W Bush, and his father former President H W Bush.



Tim and his wife, Diane, were shown around the town by Gerry Masters - whose ancestors were living in Ilchester at the same time as William Arnold, and almost certainly knew him. The Arnolds learned much about the town's long history from Gerry, and from the Rev Bruce Faulkner who showed them the font in the parish church of St Mary Major where William Arnold would have been christened. The most poignant moment came when Bruce showed Tim and Diane the silver Communion chalice, which dates from 1573, 14 years before William Arnold was born.



William was a church warden at St Mary Major, and would have touched the chalice many times, particularly when taking Communion. A visibly moved Tim held the beautifully-engraved cup in his hands as sunlight streamed down from a window.

Tim had been in email contact with Bruce and Gerry for some months before his visit, and particularly asked to be able to attend one of the regular Wednesday morning coffee morning in the Town Hall, famously convivial events which raise money for different charities. By coincidence when he and Diane visited on May 22 Ilchester History Group was hosting. During the even Bruce presented Tim with a specially bound book containing all Gerry's articles on local history, published over many years in the newsletter.

No-one knows why William decided, at the age of 48, to start a new life in a strange and potentially dangerous country. His father, Nicholas, who died some years before William sailed, was also a tailor. He lived in Northover. Nicholas and his wife, Alice Gully, moved across the river into Ilchester before William was born. William sailed with his wife, Christian (born Christian Peak in Muchelney), sons Benedict and Stephen, daughters Elizabeth and Joanna, and nephews Francis and Thomas Hopkins from Yeovilton. Francis and Thomas's mother, Joanne, who was William's older sister, had married William Hopkins of Yeovilton but was dead by 1635, when the party left Ilchester. Years later Benedict recorded: "my father and his family Sett Sayle from Dartmouth in Old England, the first of May, friday &c. Arrived in New England June 24 Ano 1635." And that was the last the Arnolds saw of the old country until a day in May 389 years later. Tim and Diane live in Auburn, in the foothills of California's Sierra Nevada mountains, a very different landscape from the Somerset Levels and Moors. As he gave Gerry's hand a heartfelt shake at the end of the visit Tim said with feeling: "We will always treasure the days and moments." **TR**

Photos: Diana, Tim & Rev Bruce @ St Mary Major, Tim holding the chalice his ancestor once held, and Tim, Gerry & Diana



Back in the day

Ilchester's Part in the Monmouth or 'Pitchfork Rebellion'

The Monmouth Rebellion, also known as the Pitchfork Rebellion, or the West Country Rebellion, was an attempt to depose James II, who in February 1685 succeeded his brother Charles II as King of England, Scotland and Ireland.

A group of dissident Protestants led by James Scott, 1st Duke of Monmouth, the illegitimate son of Charles II, opposed James largely due to his Catholicism. Monmouth had fled to Holland after a previous attempt to assassinate Charles II had failed in 1683.

At the same time, grievances that were a combination of oppressive taxation, unfair land tenure, economic hardship and a lack of representation for the common folk, had been simmering for years and was exacerbated by practices of the ruling elite and poor harvests. Monmouth would have been aware of the general unrest and on 11th June 1685 he landed at Lyme Regis where he had widespread popular support, planning to take control of the area and march on London.

In the next few weeks, Monmouth's growing army of nonconformists, artisans and farm workers often armed with just pitchforks, fought a series of skirmishes with local militias and regular soldiers commanded by 2nd Earl of Feversham, and John Churchill. However, his recruits were unable to compete with the regular army and failed to capture the city of Bristol. The rebellion ended with his defeat at the Battle of Sedgemoor on 6 July 1685 by a royal army commanded by Feversham and Churchill.



During the "Bloody Assizes" that followed the collapse of the Monmouth Rebellion, Jeffreys prosecuted the rebels with ferocity, executing perhaps 180 to 200 persons and ordering hundreds of others to be sold into slavery in the colonies. At the same time, he profited by extorting money from the victims.

It was long believed that our Town Hall was where Judge Jeffreys held his assize and that he often stayed in the local hotel. Sadly, there is no proof that Judge Jeffreys ever came near Ilchester let alone presided over any court in the village.

Many years ago, I was asked to write a historical piece for the Western Gazette to help promote their advertising feature which was to be centred on Ilchester. The reporter covering the job was Torben Lee and he was fixated on the Monmouth Rebellion (Pitchfork Rebellion) and its links with our gaol and the notorious 'hanging judge', Judge Jeffreys, a cold, cruel man who meted out the most horrendous punishments. Unfortunately, when the newspaper was produced Torben Lee had used what could be described as 'poetic license' and had written that 285 Ilchester people had been sentenced to death by Judge Jeffreys which of course is nonsense.

Here are the names of the poor unfortunates from Ilchester that did meet a sad end at the hands of the infamous 'Hanging Judge Jeffreys'.

Osmond Barret Edward Burford David Langwell John Masters
John Mortimer John Stevens Robert Townsend.

Of course, many more Ilchester and Somerset folk were 'Transported'.

Monmouth was beheaded for Treason at Tower Hill on 15th July 1685.

After the Glorious Revolution of 1688 Judge Jeffreys was incarcerated in the Tower of London where he died in 1689 of Toxaemia. Right up until the 1930's the mothers of West Somerset controlled their unruly offspring by threatening to send for 'Judge Jeffreys. **MP**

THANK YOU!

The Dolphin Inn and Ilchester Men's FC raised a massive **£584** during their fundraising day 29th June. The money raised will be split between Ilchester FC and Sarcoma UK. The Dolphin are continuing to raise money for Sarcoma UK so please keep your eyes open for upcoming events.

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- Blood in either your poo or vomit

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Ilchester Parish Council met on 13th June and 11th July 2024. The Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall.

Police and Community issues

Traffic: The council are seeking volunteers for a “Truck Watch” to photograph and report large lorries which have no legitimate business coming through the village.

Website: The IPC website is www.ilchesterparishcouncil.gov.uk which we endeavour to keep up to date. If residents have any suggestions for information they would like to see on it, please contact our clerk.

Planning matters

The council noted planning applications from:

1 The Mead (24/01329/HOU),

10 Central Avenue (24/01311/HOU),

30 Kingshams (24/01130/COU), and councillors had no objections to these three.

The council heard complaints and concerns from residents of Hainbury Meadow that there are sections of the roads that have been left unfinished, building equipment left in piles, and open holes in the pavement. A letter has been sent to the developers – Vistry, and Somerset Council has expressed support and potential actions.

Allotments: Nothing to report.

Skate Park and Play Areas: Regular inspection reports continue with one issue noted where welding repair is required to a ramp. This is in hand.

Finances

The council agreed payments to the charities we support: Macmillan, St. Johns Ambulance, Air Ambulance, Citizens Advice Bureau, IDCA and St Mary Major PCC totalling £950.

The fingerpost sign on the corner of Limington Road and Church Street is to be taken down for restoration work, to be paid for by IPC and a grant applied for from CPRE Somerset.



Yeovilton & District Parish Council

YEOVILTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY 9th JULY 2024, AT ST MARYS CHURCH, LIMINGTON

For full minutes check Parish Council notice boards or yeoviltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Planning Matters: 22/00962/REM land adjoining Pilgrim's, Weir Lane. Reserved Matters for appearance, landscape, layout and scale. Following outline approval 19/01996/OUT for the erection of a dwelling - awaiting decision.

23/01879/OUT. Moonwinds Quarantine and Boarding Kennels, Limington Road, Ilchester. Outline application with all matters reserved save for access for the demolition of existing buildings, erection of 5 dwellings, creation of a new access and provision of associated infrastructure – awaiting decision.

23/03182/PAMB. Barn at Limington Road, Limington, BA22 8EJ. Prior approval notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house – awaiting decision. 2 20/02512/OUT. Land adjoining Pilgrims, Weir Lane, Yeovilton BA22 8EU. Application refused; appeal lodged.

23/03070/FUL. Higher Farm, Higher Farm Lane, Yeovilton, BA22 8JQ. Proposed renovation and sub division of existing listed farmhouse, demolition of outbuildings, conversion of barns into dwellings and erection of 2 new buildings (8 dwellings on site in total), alterations to access, creation of new garden curtilages and other ancillary works – objection lodged.

23/03143/LBC. Higher Farm, Higher Farm Lane, Podimore. BA22 8JQ. Proposed renovation and sub division of existing listed farmhouse into 2 dwellings and the conversion of the coach house to the rear – objection lodged.

23/01011/PAMB. Higher Farm, Higher Farm Lane, Podimore. BA22 8JQ. An appeal has been lodged in respect of the application decision on changing agricultural buildings into 5 dwellings. Application refused; appeal lodged.

24/00557/FUL. Three Acres, Limington Rd, BA22 8XL. Change of use of the existing building to provide overnight dog boarding accommodation, along with staff accommodation above, in association with day care facility. External alterations to the existing building (retrospective) – Objection lodged. It was noted by the committee that the proposed escape route was into an area which floods regularly, therefore this would be an inappropriate evacuation route. It was agreed that the PC would lodge an objection. It was noted that objections against planning applications by the PC did not seem to be considered in any depth by the council. AE to contact the planning officer to clarify the position of the PC

Other Correspondence: The committee was advised that correspondence had been received from West Camel Parish Council seeking our support against a planning application for a new service station, motel and farm shop. SH agreed to add our objection to this application

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th September, at St Bartholomew's Church, Yeovilton at 7.30pm.

An Ilchester Rendezvous by Juliet Calthrop

Chapter 3 continued

As dawn broke on the morning following the Harvest Ball, Tom picked the stray corn shafts from his clothing as he rose from his makeshift bed- a stack of corn crop left piled high from the harvest of the proceeding day. He dug deep into the pocket of his coarse trousers and pulled out a singed, chicken drumstick and a chunk of stale bread, which he had secreted there during the Harvest Ball festivities and feasting of the proceeding evening with the foresight of one used to fending for himself.

Gnawing on the hard, stale bread with his back teeth, he then intermittently switched to bite the white flesh from the burnt drumstick until his cheeks bulged with the food they contained. He then began the necessary process of mastication, resulting in food dribbling down his chin in an unsightly manner. Yet Tom cared not, being far out amongst the freshly harvested fields and away from any personage who might pass comment upon his rough manners, and especially Georgiana, before whom he would die of shame to exhibit such slovenly behaviour that would be sure to make clear to her the degradation of lavishing her affections upon him. Yet, Tom concluded that, as it was merely the harvest mice and woodcocks with whom he feasted, surely the formal manners of the dining room could be dispensed with on that particular occasion. Here, as if in tribute to the conclusion to which he had come, Tom let out an enormous burp, startling a wood pigeon who was picking at the insects amongst the stray straw, left cut but ungathered on the muddy furrows nearby.

Footpaths

Many thanks to those who help keep our footpaths clear. If anyone would like to volunteer on the 'Adopt a Path' or 'Somerset Strimmer' schemes they can get information from volunteering.somerset.gov.uk or phone 01823 358 250.

If anyone finds a problem with a footpath they can report it using the interactive map by following the link at somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway. This site enables you to report a problem or see if it has already been reported. You can also phone the council on 0300 123 22 24

For those of you with concerns about Limington footpaths feel free to contact limingtonfootpaths@gmail.com

Summer fruit, honey & hazelnut crumble

An Anglo-Saxon recipe taken from The British Museum Cookbook.

1kg/ 2.5lb mix of any summer fruits, eg blackberries, apples, elderberries,

Honey OR sugar, to taste

75g/3oz toasted hazelnuts

75g/3oz wholemeal OR wholewheat brown breadcrumbs

Heat the fruits with about an inch of water until soft, but not totally mushy.

Add honey OR sugar to taste (Anglo-Saxons would have only had honey).

Drain and save the excess liquid to serve with the finished pudding.

Chop the hazelnuts until they are almost as fine as the breadcrumbs, but not quite. Mix the dry ingredients together.

Spoon the fruit into an ovenproof dish. Cover with thick layer of the hazelnut and breadcrumb mix. Bake in a moderate oven (180°C, Gas Mark 4) for 20-30 mins or until the top is slightly crunchy and browned. Serve with cream or plain yoghurt and the warmed fruit juices.

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