

Newsletter

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



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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. Please contact idca234@gmail.com for any support requests.

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 email idcanewsletter@gmail.com. No word minimum. Keep it friendly and no politics. Cheers! **Next issues deadline is Monday 18th November.** Caroline

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Events for your calendar

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

Harvest Festival, St Mary Limington **Sunday 13th October**

Last car boot sale **Sunday 13th October**

Harvest Festival, St Mary Major, Ilchester **Sunday 20th October**

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

Halloween disco **Thursday 31st October**

Deadline for Shoe Box Appeal **Saturday 2nd November**

Remembrance Service **Sunday 10th November**

Lantern workshops **Sunday 17th & 24th November**

Lantern Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting **Friday 29th November**

Christmas Fair **Saturday 30th November**

Useful dates

Baby clinic	Thurs 24th Oct	Thurs 28th Nov	13.00-14.30 Tall Trees
Big Black bins (landfill)	Fri 18th Oct	Fri 8th Nov Fri 29th Nov	
Big Green bins (garden waste)	Thurs 10th Oct, Thurs 24th Oct	Thurs 7th Nov, Thurs 21st Nov, Thurs 5th Dec	
Mobile library	Wed 23rd Oct	Wed 20th Nov	14.25-14.55 West st/Pill Bridge Lane 15.05- 15.45 Ta- ranto Hill
Friends of St Mary coffee morning	Thurs 17th Oct	Thurs 21st Nov	St Mary, Limington 10.30
Diners club	Tues 1st Oct	Tues 5th Nov, Tues 3rd Dec	J. Stapleton 01935 841 247
Ilchester Parish Council meeting	Thurs 10th Oct	Thurs 14th Nov	19.30 Town Hall
Yeovilton and district Parish Council meeting		Tues 12th Nov	19.30 St Mary, Limington

Town Hall Timetable

Activity	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Library (closed B. Holidays)	10.00-12.00		10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	
Coffee morning			10.00-11.30		
Yoga		19.00-20.30	18.30-19.30	(beginners) 10.00	
Chair Yoga				11.30-12.30	
Pilates	18.00-19.00				
Boxercise	19.15-20.00				
Art Group				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				19.30 (2 nd of the month)	
Ivelteenies			19.00 (1st of the month)		

Coffee morning plus the care & share table

October	2nd Young Lives vs Cancer	9th St Mary Major/ Shoe Box Appeal	16th Cadets	23rd St Mary Major/ Shoe Box Appeal	30th Rainbows & Brown- ies
November	6th Air Am- bulance	13th Men Shed	20th History Group	27th St Peter Podimore	
December	4th St Peter Podimore	11th St Peter Podimore	18th Details to come	CHRISTMAS DAY!	

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		18.30-18.50		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

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.

Ilchester museum closes over the winter months but will open again at Easter. If you would like to volunteer please contact Ilchester Town Trust for more details. For those wanting to continue developing their local history knowledge the 'honesty' library at the Town Hall has a very wide selection of information you are very welcome to explore.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

October 31st

16.00 - 18.00

Ilchester Town Hall

Hot dogs & crafts

FANCY DRESS!!!

Ticket only: £5 in advance



Ilchester, Northover, Limington, Podimore and Yeovilton

Worship Matters

<i>Services</i>	SMM Ilchester	St Peter Podimore	St Mary Limington
Oct 6th		11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
Oct 13th	9.30am Holy Communion		11.15am HARVEST FESTIVAL
Oct 20th	11.15am HARVEST FESTIVAL	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evening Prayer
Oct 27th	11.15am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion
	St Andrew's @ 4pm Ilchester School (Infant Dept)		
Nov 3rd All Saints		11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
Nov 10th	REMEMBRANCE 10.15AM	REMEMBRANCE 3PM	REMEMBRANCE 10.45AM
Nov 17th	11.15am Morning Prayer and Baptism	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evening Prayer
Nov 24th	11.15am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion
	St Andrew's @ 4pm Ilchester School (Infant Dept)		
Dec 1st Advent		11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion

From the Rectory

Archaeology, so it is said 'is Rubbish'. In many ways that is true of course, visit any dig site and the folks working there will be seen searching out the broken bits and pieces thrown away or dropped by people from bygone ages. Archaeologists also love to find bones and foundations and even graffiti. And over the years our villages, with all the years of occupation have given much for folks to study and ponder about.

Some objects found are quite amazing, like the Roman mosaics in some Ilchester gardens. Some finds can be quite off putting like finding poo from hundreds of years ago. In each and every way these are the marks left by our forebears on the world in which they inhabited.

My job as a priest brings huge privileges, especially when it comes to taking baptisms and funerals. Baptism is of course an event filled with hope and anticipation of the life that will unfold for the precious little bundle presented to all.

A funeral is likewise a time of hope, hope in the resurrection life that comes through Jesus Christ for all who would take his offer to 'come follow me'. Funerals are also times that naturally look back over a life, with celebrations and sometimes regrets. Whichever it is I am always reminded that our span of years present us with the chance to leave a legacy, to make a mark on the world and the lives of those we encounter on the road of life.

There have been times when I have asked folks what they wished to say about their loved one they have struggled to think of anything out of the ordinary. Did they love those about them?, I ask. Did they look out for folks in need? Did they look after the village, help and support events? Well, yes they did this and that, comes the reply. Just the ordinary things, nothing special or amazing. In a age driven by celebrity and folks thinking they only amount to something if they do an amazing act it seems the 'ordinary' is not something to celebrate, or worse even think to do. However, it is the ordinary, the simple, the small that make the impact in any community.

It is these things that leave a lasting mark on the local community, on the world at large. This is precisely why Jesus calls all of us to 'love our neighbour as ourselves'!

Blessings

Bruce

Step into Christmas 2024

This year's Lantern Parade

will be Friday 29th November

6pm till 8pm

Look out for posters!

Village Christmas Tree light switch on, hot dogs
and Christmas stalls



Looking Ahead!

ST MARY MAJOR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

If you are a community group, or even a family that would like to take part in the 2024 Christmas Tree Festival, you can — it is easy.

You will need a tree to decorate along the theme of
'THE BEST GIFT OF ALL'.

Fill in and return the application form below, you will need to make a £5 donation towards the church's Christmas Charity Appeal for the 'Children's Society'.

We will then let you know the date to bring your tree along so we can 'festoon' the church once more this year.

ENTRY FORM

Name of person/business/organisation

Contact Address

Telephone Number

Email

Contact Name

Please return this form, with your £5 entry donation by **NOVEMBER 21st** to 'Ilchester Christmas Tree Festival, C/o Mrs S Mottram, 3 The High Street, Ilchester

We are sorry to say Lindy Scutchings passed away on Monday 23rd September 2024. The funeral will be held at Yeovil Crematorium on Friday 18th October at 2pm.

Family flowers only please.

Newsletter Delivery

Before the covid lockdowns this newsletter was delivered. This was paused during those very challenging times. Since then we have welcomed many more people to the area, Ilchester in particular. There's lots of things going on and support in our district, but the information can feel scattered. As editor I hope to bring useful information together - knowledge is power! Talking with people it is clear that our district has many different needs, and requests have been made for a variety of newsletter formats. As a result we are looking to start delivering again, but we need your help. If you are able to deliver to your street please get in touch. Perhaps you and your neighbours could share your road?

If you are able to volunteer a little of your very valuable time please email me: ldcanewsletter@gmail.com. Many, many thanks, Caroline

Youth club?

Did you know that almost 30% of Ilchester's population is 19 or under (2021, Census)? This is well above the nation average. But Ilchester doesn't have a youth club! We have 7 play parks in the parish, but only the skate park at the sports field for our youth. I recall my teens as being a time when I needed to spend time simply hanging out with my friends. If there was nothing to channel our abundance of energy mischief would be made. Looking back we were vulnerable to sinister characters. I grew up before the internet and social medias, as a result the scope for these characters was limited. Today it's very different.

There is funding available and together we can find a space. It's a conversation we can start with the Parish and County Council. Send an email, write a letter or attend a meeting. Make your voice heard! Caroline

Flu Vaccination Service

If it's coming to that time of year where you're googling 'flu vaccinations near me', don't worry we've got you covered. Here at Day Lewis Pharmacy, we want to help protect you and your family from seasonal illnesses such as flu. That's why we offer the NHS free flu vaccination service which helps to prevent the spread of this virus. Book your flu jab appointment with us today.

What is the free NHS flu vaccination service?

Every year during flu season (normally autumn or early winter), a free flu vaccination is offered on the NHS to those who are at higher risk of catching the virus. The flu can be a serious, sometimes life-threatening condition, that is spread through coughs and sneezes. It is therefore important to find a flu jab near you so you can protect yourself.

Private flu vaccination

If you are not eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination but would like to stay protected against the flu, we offer a private flu service. Book your Private Flu Vaccination at your local Day Lewis Pharmacy for only £19.99.

Why should I have a flu vaccine?

For many people, catching the flu can be very serious and potentially lead to hospitalisation or, in some cases, death. To protect yourself and those around you, you should get the vaccination every year. Having the flu jab:

- gives you the best protection against flu
- protects you against this year's strain of flu
- usually means milder symptoms for those who have been vaccinated but catch the virus
- helps protect you, your family and the most vulnerable in our communities it also lowers your risk of developing serious complications for those who are at high risk of catching the virus.

To book go on line www.daylewis.co.uk/pharmacy-services/flu-vaccination-service/

**Our local pharmacy– High Street Ilchester,
BA22 8NH, 01935 840 273**



Yeovil Men's Shed

is the camaraderie having a chat over a cuppa.

Yeovil men shed & community workshop is a member of the UK men shed association. We are a non-profit charitable organisation that offers a fully equipped woodworking workshop and support to individuals and groups in a friendly, safe, supportive environment in order to undertake projects, learn new skills, and transfer skills they may have to others. The social element is of benefit to all as

We undertake various community projects; recently repairing the barrel train planter on Pen Mill station with two new barrel carriages, constructing and delivering mud kitchen to a local pre-school. Also making 37 bird boxes for the Yeovil Community Rivers Trust, these are currently being installed around Sutton Bingham reservoir. Plus flat pack bird feeder stations for manor farm Lufton which the trainees assemble, it gives them such satisfaction and achievement value.

In order to showcase the work of our members and visitors we attend Sherborne Sunday market which is on the 3rd Sunday of the month April to December. In June, July and August we visit the street fayres and fetes of Hardington Mandeville, Marston Magna and Ilchester. Tesco Extra in Yeovil supports us letting us have a table to showcase our work at least twice a year near to Easter and Christmas. We have also booked for this year's Ilchester Christmas fayre.

The object of attending markets and events apart from raising funds to keep our workshop going is to spread the word about the National & local men-sheds. The benefits that individuals gain in their general wellbeing and mental health through the team work on larger projects, passing on specialist knowledge and from working with the special needs trainees. One of the best things is, there is always time for a cuppa a biscuit and a chat.

Special thanks to all at IDCA for the help and support re coffee mornings, summer fayre and the Christmas fayre

Alan Crook

Treasurer, Yeovil Men shed & community workshop
yeovilmenshed@outlook.com

Christmas gift ideas for the person who has everything

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON BUYING TEA TOWELS

ST. MARY'S LIMINGTON

It's easy to get excited about our new St. Mary's tea towels. Available in two unique designs, they're high quality and made in the UK. And at just £5 each, they're great value.

KEEP CALM AND KEEP SMILING...

HELP US SAVE OUR HISTORIC CHURCH

Every tea towel you buy helps us to maintain and repair our lovely church in Limington. So please, get in touch with one of our team and get a tea towel. Or two. Or three. Thank you.

Steve George 01935 840010	Sarah Coleman 01935 840639	Doreen Rushton 01935 840248
Rebecca Drury 01935 840832	Chris Sullivan 01935 840785	

Ilchester Town Trust
t-shirts, hoodies, sweaters
& mugs

All money raised will go back into Ilchester, including maintaining the sports field



Ilchester.org.uk

For Christmas cards, gift bags and decorations check out the **SALE** at London House, Ilchester.

Halloween decorations also available! Get yourself a bargain before it's gone.



Ilchester Youth FC

With the football season well underway keep up to date with fixtures and scores via Facebook

www.ilchesterfootballclub.co.uk

Thanks Eddie

Why did the chewing gum cross the road? It was stuck to the chicken's foot.

Where do bad rainbows go? To Prism. It's a light sentence but it gives them time to reflect.



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

Ilchester Rainbows and Brownies are back from their summer holidays and are already having lots of fun! At our first meeting back we helped to plant some trees with Chris and Sue from Ilchester Town Trust, the girls loved doing this! We followed this with an action-packed weekend at Mendip Activity centre for our County Camp. The Brownies stayed for two nights and Rainbows stayed for one night. There were over 200 other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from across Somerset in attendance – it was a great opportunity for our Rainbows and Brownies to mix and make new friends with girls from other units and sections. The Brownies took part in caving, archery and rock climbing. Whilst the Rainbows tried soft archery, axe throwing and tobogganing, with a few other activities in between!

Here are a few words about the weekend from the girls: “It was an amazing adventure! I loved all the activities, especially rock climbing and caving! I also loved to sit near the campfire and drink tea.”

“My favourite part (in the cave) was when the lights went off and I found a crystal.”

“I liked it when we all turned the lights off”

“I like that the water dries on the walls”

“The white stuff is called calcium, and it is precious”

“I liked it, apart from when the lights went off”

“I walked in the puddles that were deep”

“I enjoyed Archery because I got a bullseye!”

“I liked it when it was lunch time as well, the meals were lovely and filling!”

On Saturday evening we enjoyed a campfire with everyone. We sang songs together and watched as some of the leaders and girls were presented with awards. After the campfire we enjoyed some delicious hot chocolate before going to bed. On Sunday the Brownies tried rock climbing in the quarry. They all did so well, despite the wet weather. Some of the girls went really high,

with one going a little too high, which resulted in being rescued! For one of our Rainbows it was her first night away from home, she said “the weekend was really fun and really exciting. Tobogganing was the best. I enjoyed being in the bunk beds, I also enjoyed being with my friends more than usual.” What our parents said: “What a great experience you have given them – thank you!” “Thank you, the girls haven’t stopped talking about the different activities they did” “You’ve provided both my girls with experiences that are beyond our family unit, and they will remember them forever!” “They haven’t stopped talking about it – thank you so much!”

We all had such a fun weekend despite the wet weather, we aren’t sure who had more fun, the girls or the leaders! We are all so proud of how well the girls behaved, especially as, for some, it was their first time away with Brownies or away from home. The Brownies are now looking forward to their next sleepover in just a few weeks time!

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

Laura Williams Leader in Charge and Wyndham District Commissioner



[Girlguiding Ilchester and Queen Camel](#) to see what we have been up to.

BEAVER LEADER NEEDED!

Beavers aged 6-8 yrs meet every Monday 1800-1930.

Are you ready to be that Beaver Leader?

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: Rachel Graham GROUP SCOUT LEADER

gslwessex@gmail.com





LENDINIAE EXPLORERS

Aged 14—18 years
Every Wednesday
19.00-21.00

Lendiniae.ESU@EastSomersetScouts.org.uk

Since the last newsletter Lendiniae Explorers has had an incredibly busy summer. We have just returned from a camp. This is the main Explorer camp of the year in which explorers from across the county gather just outside of Taunton for a weekend of fun. This year, the theme was the Wild West, which the explorers interpreted as '**The Wild West Country**' and decided to dress up as Miners. They were very excited about this as it was a pun (Miners/Minors), and our explorers love their puns. They had a fantastic weekend that was packed full of activities, which included a slip & slide, line dancing workshop, human whack-a-mole with sponges and archery, to name a few. For this camp, we buddied up with another unit based over in Langport, and overall, all involved had a fantastic time. We're already looking forward to next year.

Over the summer, three of our explorers completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award with an expedition on Exmoor. They will complete the presentation soon, and hopefully, by the time this is published, we will have awarded this to them. These are not the only awards we are celebrating; we have had one of our lads complete his Platinum award, one of the highest awards in Explorer Scouts, and another complete his Platinum and Young Leader belt. We're also waiting on two of our new joiners to be awarded their Gold Award, which is the highest award in the scout section (Ages 10^{1/2} – 14).

Now that camping season has concluded, we are looking forward to what's next in the term. As the weather gets colder, we will be inside more, so we intend to make the most of the good weather whilst it lasts, with hikes planned by the explorers to explore the local area for the first half of the term before working on badge work through the winter.

We have a series of fundraising events planned. In October, we'll be supporting BHAM! Runners on their 10k Trail race by providing tea, coffee and cake at the end. We're also aiming to support Wessex Scout Group in running a bingo or two, coffee mornings, and hopefully a quiz night over the coming year.

We're always looking for more help and support with our unit, whether that be as a leader or a behind-the-scenes role. There is something for everyone, and it is a fantastic way to get involved in the community, not to mention an incredibly rewarding endeavor. You don't need previous scouting experience to get involved. If this feels like something you may be interested in or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us via email:

Lendiniae.ESU@EastSomersetScouts.org.uk

Scouts

The Group have spent several hours this last month tidying up the grounds surrounding the Headquarters. I would like to thank the Committee, parents & leaders for all their hard work. The result is lovely. We have just had our Annual AGM and thanks go to the parents and leaders for attending. The Beaver Section has lost their leaders as they have now joined the cub section, and so to save it 'folding' Rachel Graham our Scout leader and her sister Abi have stepped in to keep the section 'alive'. Thank you ladies. In the meantime, we are looking for a new beaver leader and section assistants to join. If you are interested, please give me a call. DBS clearance can be arranged with no expense to you.

The Cubs had a fantastic time camp at PGL Osmington Bay over 2 nights.

Congratulations go to Alison Bloomfield and Pete Graham who have both received a Chief Scouts recommendation. 4 Cubs received their Silver Award: Oliver Millin, Imogen McCann, Rosie Douglas and James Booth ...well done to you all. Emelia Churchill and Max McRory also received their silver award. Fantastic result.

Ritchie Scammells our Scout Leader has been presented with his 25-year Award & a merit award. A Scout leader also gained her 5 year certificate. We would like to thank Mr & Mrs Millin for sourcing and providing us with Rhesus equipment to help train our members in First Aid. Our Leaders are voluntary and put a lot of their time for our young members. **Thank you.** Also thank you to everyone who has helped and donated at our coffee mornings & Bingo evenings. If you would like to join us in either uniformed or non-uniformed role, please give me a call for further advice: June Eaton
GSL 07876 338499 GSLWessex@gmail.com



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Become a Poppy Appeal Volunteer

Interested in volunteering and supporting
our Armed Forces community?

Search rbl.org.uk/poppypappealvolunteer

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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**.

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

FOUND!!

Ilchester's long history means we never know what will turn up in the garden, or elsewhere, and we are delighted to report two discoveries.

Simon Jones found a 650-year old French "jetton" in the garden of his home in Priory Close. Jettons were a type of finely-minted coin-like metal counter, produced across Europe from the 13th to 18th centuries. They were used for calculations in book-keeping, and as gaming counters. Laura Beckwith, Somerset's Finds Officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme, has identified Simon's find as a 'Shield of



France ancient' type, dated to the 1380s and produced under King Charles VI. Priory Close is not far from where quays existed on the river Yeo centuries ago, and also not far from where Whitehall nunnery stood.

A workman digging a trench in the road outside the Ilchester Arms has discovered a tiny Roman coin, identified by Laura as a "nummus" from the reign of the Emperor Constantine. Laura dated it to 330-335AD. Our picture shows the coin in the finder's hand.

If you have unearthed something that you believe to be ancient Laura would love to hear from you. Email her at somerset.finds@swheritage.org.uk. And let us know too! T.R



Historic England

**Gentle
Reminder**

In 1976 Ilchester was given the historical category of Scheduled Monument. This is given to areas/ places which are of national importance. As a result significant parts of Ilchester have been given legal protection as an heritage asset. This is different to 'listed building' and there are different restrictions. For example **it is a criminal offence to metal detect** or to remove historical or archaeological items without Historic England's permission (and the land owner). The areas affected include Great Yard, Kingshams, The Sports field plus more. Check out the Historic England website and search for Ilchester. It's an interesting read.

Back in the day

Ilchester Mints.

Coins were used in ancient times, not perhaps for purchase but more as a way of storing wealth in an age of barter and a way that the current ruler could demonstrate his supremacy. With the coming of the Romans the use of coinage became more widespread, including the use of bronze in casting or striking the coins as well as gold and silver. Alfred, king of the West Saxons (Wessex) set up the system of “Burgs”, walled defensible towns, places it would be safe to set up mints. We now think of a mint as a building or place where coinage is minted, this was not necessarily so in the early times, it was usually where the **Moneyer** set up his workshop, not requiring any more space than a normal dwelling could provide, just a higher level of security for the dies issued by the King, and the silver needed, as all coinage was then silver. The term striking was quite literal as the obverse of the coin was inscribed on to the end of a metal bar called “the pile”, which was spiked into a wooden block and the reverse die was on the end of a short bar, the “trussel”. The silver blank was placed on the pile and the trussel was held in the hand or with tongs and struck a firm blow with a hammer. The Romans had made some coins by casting in moulds but the practice did not continue with the Saxons. Aethelstan, 925-940, Alfred’s grandson, prescribed a law that a single coinage should be current throughout the kingdom but unfortunately the coins did not always carry a mint mark, therefore the place of minting cannot be ascertained with any certainty. We have to wait until the reign of Edgar, 959-975, before the use of a mint mark became universal and coins can definitely be attributed to Ilchester. At around this time there were eleven mints in Somerset, in the most important towns; having so many, helped speed the circulation of the coinage. It was also an advantage and privilege for a town to have a mint as it would draw extra trade to the markets and businesses of the town. The name of the town and the name of the moneyer appeared on each coin struck, this was in effect a guarantee of genuineness of the coin and enabled the king to check on his moneyers. It is possible that a moneyer may have struck coins in more than one town, as there are instances where an Ilchester moneyer, with an unusual name, appears on coins minted in a less important town. Mints of Somerset were;- Axbridge, Bath, Bruton, Cadbury, Crewkerne, Ilchester, Langport, Milborne Port, Petherton, Taunton and Watchet, with Ilchester seeming to be the most prolific by far. This is perhaps explained by the size and importance of the town, with Bath with 178 burgesses, Ilchester with 107 and Taunton the next



largest with 64. In fact the figures show that Ilchester was among the twenty five largest towns in early England. In the three hundred plus years from Aethelstan's accession and 1250 when the last Ilchester coins were minted there had been sixty six moneyers. All would have

been important men, burgesses, men of property and wealth, tradesmen or guild members, men of some standing in the community. Some may have been agents of even more nationally important people. Names of moneyers during the eleventh century do throw up some names of earls and bishops, such as Godwine, during Cnut's reign, 1016-1035, the family name of the premier Earls of Wessex and of Harold II, later to be defeated by William the Conqueror, Wulfsige and Leofric, Earls and bishop Leofwine. There is no firm evidence that these are the people whose names appear on the coins but it is a distinct possibility. There was a short period at the end of Aethelraed II's reign and the beginning of Cnut's, around 1010-1018, when the Ilchester Moneyers operated at Cad-

bury. No doubt there was some local difficulties between the various factions or even the threat posed by Viking or Norse intrusions. It is during this period that many coins were handed over as "Danegeld", to be discovered hundreds



of years later in hoards, in the Scandinavian countries. From the period of Aethelstan 925, to the end of William II's reign the town name is given as contractions of Giflecester but with the accession of Henry I it changes to Ivelcestre and, or its contractions. This is not a large change if we remember that the Saxon G is pronounced like a Y, no doubt the name of the river also changed its spelling at this time, being known as the Ivel until quite modern times. The silver penny, as the only coin in circulation, presented problems in trade and could legitimately be cut into parts as payment, to this end coins bore a cross on the obverse, perhaps only a very small cross in the centre, this was to guide the cutter when splitting the coin into half-pennies and quarter-pennies. By the reign of Henry I (1100-1135), the standard of coins manufactured and in circulation had fallen drastically and the public were losing faith in the coinage with many being hacked to check that they were not cheap plated copies. 1112 Henry decreed that all coins produced had to be split on their edges to show that they were in fact silver. This led to even more problems and in 1124 at the "Winchester Assize of

the Moneyers” when all the moneyers in England were called in to account for their activities and some were mutilated, it is said they had their right hand and right testicle removed, as punishment for those who had misbehaved and a warning to those who had not. Elwine was Ilchester’s moneyer at the time of this assize but we have no information on whether he was one of those suffering the mutilation. Through the reigns of Stephen and Henry II coins continued to be minted, but 1180 no coins are recorded from an Ilchester mint. By the reign of Henry III the quality of all the country’s coinage was falling and in 1248 he decided on a reformation of English coinage. In October of that year he issued a warrant to the men and bailiffs of Ilchester to elect trustworthy officers for the mint. These officers were to assist in the reformation and were;-

Moneyers	Ierveis Gris. Hugo Le Rus. Stephanus Le Rus. Radulfus Fardien.
Keepers of the dies	Robertus Fromund. Henricus Le Cam. Rocelin Barnud. Walterus Witbred.
Weighers	Rogerus Le Norais. Thurb Aurifaber.
Clerk	Walterus Loue.

The first remodelling introduced the “long” cross to the coinage to help reduce the clipping and the last coins minted at Ilchester were these. In 1250 when enough of these long cross coins had been produced Henry called in all the dies and centralized the production of the coinage of the realm to the royal mints of London, and Canterbury and the ecclesiastical mints of Durham and Bury St Edmunds. The two moneyers Hugo, and Stephanus

Le Rus, whose marks appear on the last coins minted at Ilchester, are the only moneyers who can be given a place of work from documents of the period, which places their workshop as near where the Ilchester Arms is now situate. G.M.



Pg opposite Top: Aethelred II, The Unready 978– 1016 sliver crux penny, moneyer Leofsige, middle: Cnut 1016—1035 moneyer Godwine. This pg Henry III, moneyer Ierveis 1248-1250, British Museum



Ilchester Parish Council met on 8th August and 12th September 2024. The Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall.

Council Members

Council co-opted 2 new councillors on unanimous vote and has appointed Cllr Marie Grice as Finance representative and Cllr Steve Bomers as Planning representative.

Police and Community issues

Traffic

The council are pleased to report that Somerset Highways has installed delineator posts at Northover roundabout to slow traffic. Implementation of the 20mph zone is expected later this year.

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.

Crime

Ilchester crime statistics are relatively low and can be viewed under Wincanton Rural West here <https://www.police.uk/>

If you see or experience a crime, do report it on the same website.

Planning matters

The council had no new planning applications to review. There is some protected tree work to be carried out in West Street.

The council has followed up with Vistry Customer Services Director on behalf of residents of Hainbury Meadow, where sections of the roads have been left unfinished, building equipment left in piles, and open holes in the pavement. Some progress has been made and Council will continue to chase this.

Allotments

All allotments are currently spoken for. There is a waiting list for those interested.

Skate Park and Play Areas

Regular inspection reports continue with one issue noted where welding repair has now been completed.

Finances

The fingerpost sign on the corner of Limington Road and Church Street has been taken down, restored and put back, paid for by IPC with a grant to be applied for.

The cemetery wall on Limington Road requires repair. Council will be seeking quotes to conduct a survey of the wall and for subsequent repair work.



Yeovilton & District Parish Council

For full minutes check Parish Council notice boards or **yeoviltonparishcouncil.gov.uk** Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th November, at St Mary Church, Limington at 7.30pm.

As a gesture of community support and good neighbourliness, RNAS Yeovilton has historically offered to escort local residents from the village of Yeovilton across the airfield in the event that the exit road via Limington is impassable due to flooding. This service is offered on the understanding that it is subject to personnel and other resources being available to assist. The Parish Council understand and support our position; we have no legal requirement to assist. The times agreed on weekdays only, are: 0730 – 0900, 1430 – 1600, 1800 – 1900 (exceptionally). No requests for assistance outside of these hours will be entertained and are subject to operational requirements.

Nicky Moore, Yeovilton & District Parish Clerk

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- If traveling, inform someone of your route and estimated time of arrival
- Keep a blanket in your car and your phone charged.

Volunteers Needed



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For more information or to express your interest please contact Martin Rust, Chair of Trustees on 07841 433343 or martin.rust@gmail.com.

Ilchester Relief In Need & Education Charity

Ilchester Relief In Need & Education Charity (IRINEC) has its roots in the late 1300's with Robert Veel. IRINEC's role today is to support groups and individuals who live within the parish of Ilchester who require financial assistance for the 'improvement of life'. IRINEC also provides grants to students where there is a financial need. Students considered could be those in school, apprenticeships, college, or university. Financial support given in the past has been for transport costs, books, tools and field trips.

Please contact the clerk with a request to IRINEC – Mrs Elston, 07782251464, kayeelston@aol.co.uk

Cider & Sausage Sizzle Thanks!

Many thanks to everyone who supported, helped, cooked and performed at this annual family village event. We managed to raise £719 after expenses, which will go towards the running costs of St Mary, Limington. The church depends solely on events like this, and voluntary giving to keep it open for public worship plus the many community events held there. Thank you.

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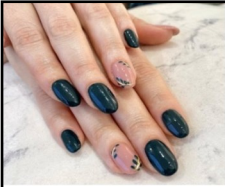
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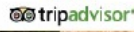
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