

Useful numbers

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St Mary, Limington	Church warden: John Langden	01935 851 099
St Peter, Podimore	Church warden: Ellen LeBrun	01935 841 618
Police Community Support Officers (Wincanton Rural West)	Beata Marcelino & Jacob Tailby	101 (non emergency) 999 (emergency) Or report online at www.police.uk
Samaritans		116 123
National Domestic Abuse Helpline		0808 2000 247

Newsletter

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



June/ July 2025



July 26th
Summer Fete
Plus, flower, craft and
produce show.
St Mary Major,
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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 ida234@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 12th July 2025.** Caroline

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Events for your calendar

Limington Dog Show **Sunday 1st June**

Phoenix Voices Choir, St Andrews (free) **Sunday 8th June**

England vs India 1st Test **Friday 20th June**

Longest day **Saturday 21st June**

Abseil Challenge **Sunday 29th June**

Flower, Produce, & Craft Show/ Fete **Saturday 26th July**

VJ 80th anniversary **Friday 15th August**

Useful dates

Big Black bins (landfill)	Fri 6th & 27th June	Fri 18th July,	
Ilchester Mead, Big Black bins	Tues 10th June	Tues 1st & 22nd	
Big Green bins (garden waste)	Thurs 5th & 19th June	Thurs 3rd, 17th & 31st July	
Ilchester Mead, Big Green bins	Tues 10th & 24th June	Tues 8th & 22nd July	
Mobile library	Wed 18th June	Wed 16th July	14.25-14.55 West st/Pill Bridge 15.05- 15.45 Taranto Hill
Friends of St Mary coffee morning	Thurs 19th June	Thurs 17th July	St Mary, Limington 10.30
Diners club	Tues 3rd June	Tues 1st July, Tues 5th Aug	J. Stapleton 01935 841 247
Ilchester Parish Council meeting	Thurs 12th June	Thurs 10th July	19.30 Town Hall
Yeovilton and district Parish Council		Tues 8th July	19.30 St Mary, Limington

Town Hall Timetable

Activity	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Library (not b.hols)	10.00-12.00		10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	
Zumba!	9.30				
Yoga		9.15 10.30 19.00-20.30	18.30-19.30	(beginners) 10.00	
Chair Yoga				11.30-12.30	
Pilates	18.00-19.00		18.30		
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 (1 st of the month)		

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

WED 10-11.30 Coffee morning plus the care & share table

June	4th Friends of Ilchester School	11th St Mary Major	18th IDCA	25th Ilchester school	
July	2nd Aggies	9th St Mary Major	16th Museum	23rd Wessex Scouts	30th Elizabeth
August	6th Cadets	13th Pure Gym	20th Brownies	27th St Giles Trust	

The Heritage Centre (Museum) open every Wednesday (10-15.00) and last Saturday (11-15.00) of the month. Enter via Town Hall

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Tall Trees Timetable					
Activity	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Boogie Bunnies – Music & Movement (booking required, term time only)	0915-1015 1030-1130	0915-1015 1030-1130		0915-1015 1030-1130	
Rainbows		1730-1830			
Aggies Coffee Drop in			0930— 1100		
Military Wives Choir			1900- 2100		
War Games Group				1900-2200	
Lullaby's Baby Massage		1300— 1430 (book in advance)			
Play Town Parties					1015-1130
Children's Disco or Entertainment					1900-2200 (Once a month)

Please contact **Gill Duke 01935 840 562**, navypeople-psrnfpscent@mod.gov.uk for details.

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.

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	
Ilchester FC					Through-out the day
Car Boot					SUNDAY 7.30 sellers 8.30 Buyers

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 Charity Car Boot

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Worship Matters

June 1st	MP 9.30am Podimore	HC 9.30am Chilthorne D	HC 11.15am Ilchester	
June 8th	HC 9.30am Yeovil Marsh	HC + Bap 11.15am Limington	St Andrew's Family @ 4pm Ilchester School (Infant Dept)	
June 15th	HC 9.30am Ilchester	MP 9.30am Limington	HC 11.15am Podimore	4pm Family Service Tintinhull
June 22nd	HC 9.30am Tintinhull	MP + Bap 11.15am Ilchester	EP 6pm Limington	
June 29th		HC 9.30am Chilthorne D	HC 11.15am Ilchester	

July 6th	MP 9.30am Podimore	HC 9.30am Chilthorne D	HC 11.15am Limington	
July 13th	HC 9.30am Yeovil Marsh	HC + Bap 11.15am Ilchester	St Andrew's Family @ 4pm Ilchester School (Infant Dept)	
July 20th	HC 9.30am Ilchester	MP 9.30am Limington	HC 11.15am Podimore	4pm Family Service Chilthorne D
July 27th	HC 9.30am Tintinhull			



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The site is currently overgrown. You will need suitable shoes and clothes. There is no Roman archaeology visible above ground, but is still an evocative site. Walks run under the old goal boundary wall.

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From the Rectory

2025 brings significant anniversaries – it is, of course 80 years since the end of the fighting in WWII with VE and VJ day. It is 60 years since Applewood Smoked cheese was developed in Ilchester at the old cheese factory; and isn't it great to see the present factory with its new 'Ilchester Cheese' livery! For 85 years RNAS Yeovilton has filled the skies of the area with sights and sounds from war time Seafires, to Sea Vixens, Phantoms, Harriers, Wessex, Sea King, Lynx, Merlin and Wildcat helicopters (which reminds me of the large memorial plaque placed in Ilchester church to Roger Bacon, born and educated in the village in the 1200s, who 'dreamt of and drew designs for carriages in the sky').

I wonder if you have had, or will have, a significant anniversary this year; maybe a birthday, an anniversary for work, maybe moving to the area, having retired, entered a relationship – or finished one. Anniversaries can be happy events or sad! Understandably, we are drawn to the good times and memories and steer clear of those memories which are filled with pain.

When it comes to remembering important events songs and music often feature for us. A piece of music or a song will take us back to the time when For example, I wonder what tune reminds you of leaving school, the music industry talks of the soundtrack of our years.

In the bible the Psalms are a collection of songs for remembering. They are songs of celebration as well as deep pain and anguish; very personal but often at the same time of the community. Through the joy and the pain these songs of remembering provide an insight into human experience, which seems to change little over the centuries, they give space to engage with our own emotions and they help with reflection on our experiences; reflection that gives birth to hope for today and tomorrow.

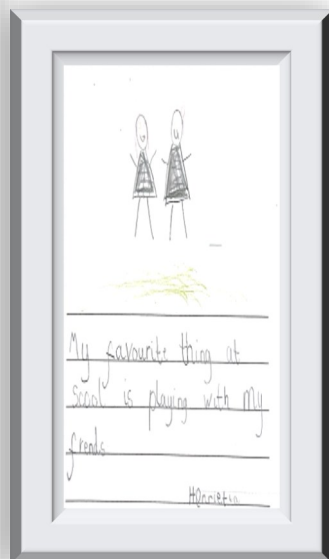
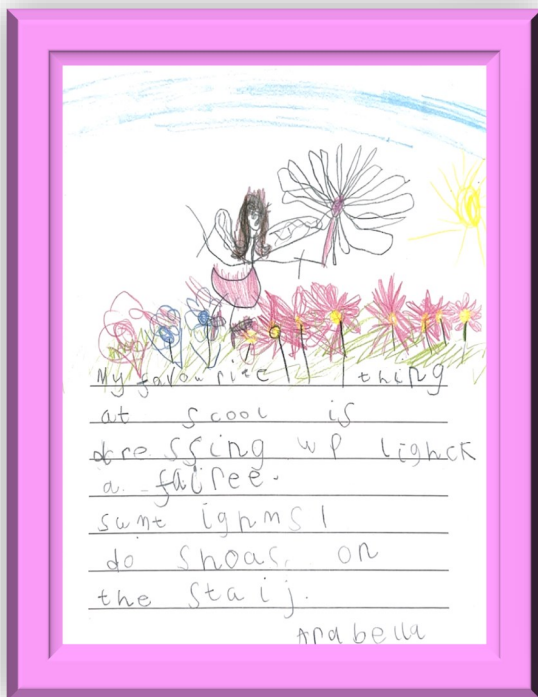
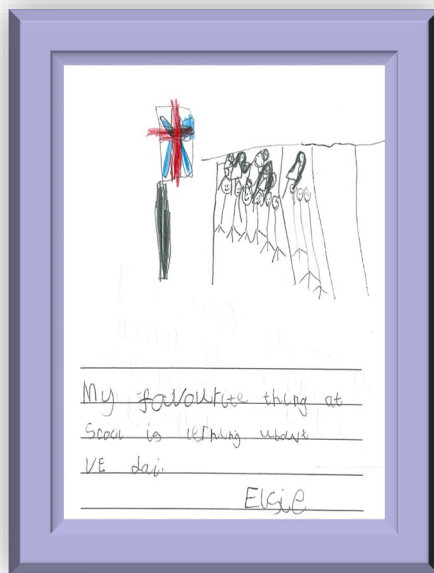
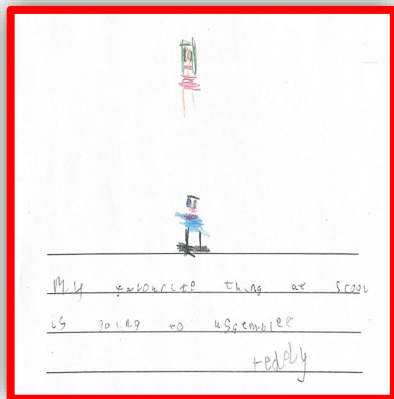
This 'having hope' might seem strange when the experience had is painful, however it is possible to gain hope out of even the most despairing situation – I'm sure that's where the phrase 'every cloud has a silver lining' derives from. Often the silver lining comes in the shape of a friend or neighbour, a kind word or simple helping hand. These are the seeds of hope in any situation!

So I wonder, if you know someone who is struggling might you be a silver lining, offer a kind word or give a simple gesture of help to them, be a bringer of hope that tomorrow may see less pain and more joy.

If you have a joyous anniversary this summer may you have a great celebration and your heart be filled with song!

Blessings **Bruce**

THE GALLERY My favourite thing at school is ...



Travel Vaccinations Clinic

Why do I need travel vaccinations?

If you plan to travel outside of the UK, you may need to book travel vaccinations to protect you against some of the serious diseases that can be found in other parts of the world.

While the routine NHS immunisation schedule protects against a number of diseases, it does not cover some infectious diseases that are found overseas.

You could be at a higher risk of certain illnesses if your travel plans involve visiting rural areas, staying in hostel accommodation, camping or backpacking.

You are also at a higher risk of infection, or complications as a result of developing a travel-related illness, if you have a pre-existing health condition.

Which vaccinations do we offer?

- Cholera
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Japanese Encephalitis
- Meningitis ACWY
- Rabies
- Tick borne encephalitis
- Typhoid
- Yellow fever

Certain countries require proof of vaccination before you enter or leave the country. This proof of vaccination should be documented on an International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP).

You should book your travel vaccinations **at least 6 to 8 weeks ahead** of your travel date. This is because some vaccines need to be administered in advance in order for the body to develop immunity. Certain vaccines may involve multiple doses that are given over a period of weeks or months.

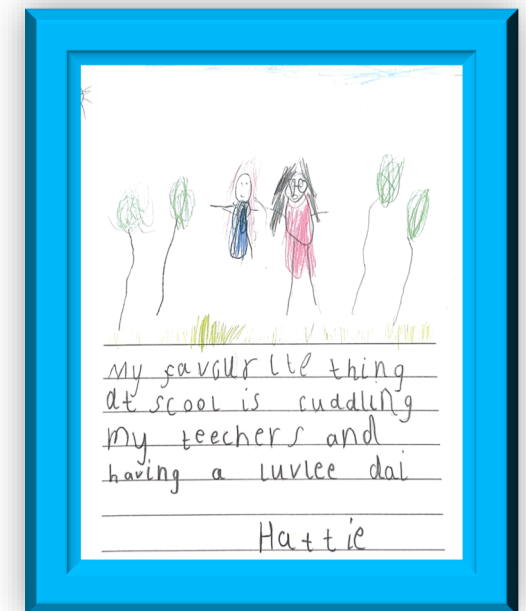
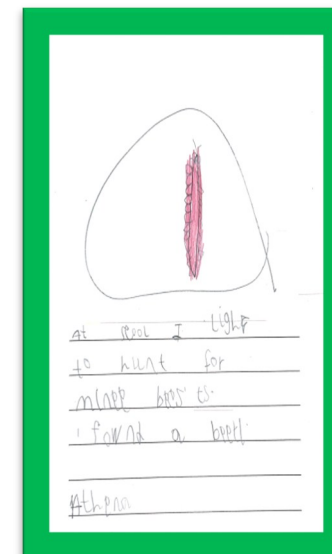
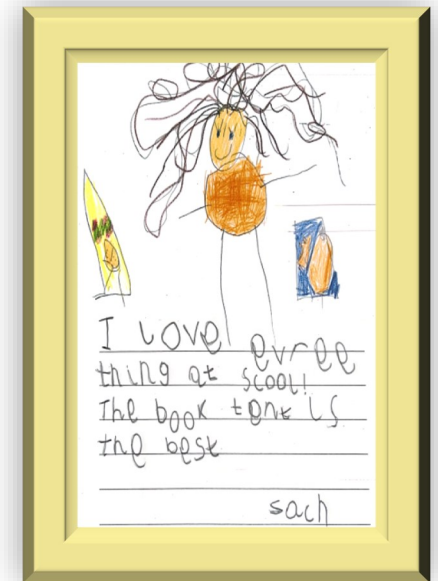
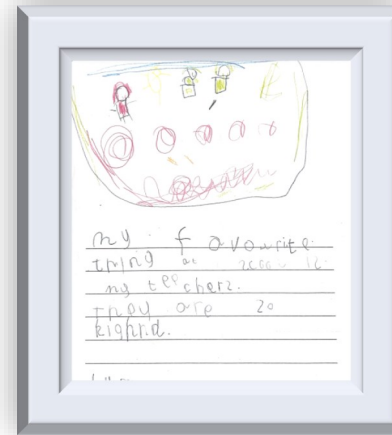
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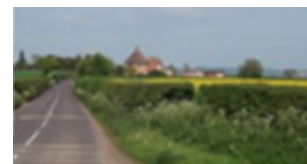
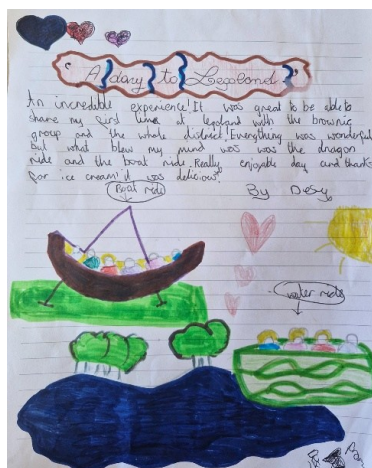


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Since we last did our little piece for the news letter we have completed our 2nd First Aid badge, which then helped both Rainbows and Brownies finish a theme award, with some of them receiving their Bronze or Silver Awards. We also gave out one Rainbow Gold out to a Rainbow who has completed all 6 Rainbow theme awards, jumped the rainbow over to Brownies to start her next adventure within Girlguiding.

I think the best thing the girls will have said we have done is go on a region trip to Legoland in Windsor, where it was a Takeover Day with few thousand Girlguiding members attending, with some traveling as far as Cornwall to go! Here are some words form some of the Rainbows and Brownies that attended...

"I really liked Legoland but didn't like the Dragon ride because of the corner. The little train was really fun because we got to go round and round, two times. It was all really fun!!" - Rosalie aged 6



Notice is hereby given in accordance with Sec on 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 that a vacancy has occurred on Yeovilton & District Parish Council. Please submit any request to be considered to become a parish councillor to the Parish Clerk (email address below). The Yeovilton & District Parish Council will proceed to fill the vacancy by co op on. **Closing date for applications is: Friday 20th June 2025**

Nicky Moore Clerk to the Parish Council Date of publica on: 21st May 2025
Email: clerk@yeoviltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Full minutes available on Parish notice boards and online. The next parish council meeting will be **8th July, 19.30 at St Mary, Limington**

Planning: Planning statement on behalf of Red Oak Taverns in support of it's planning application for erection of a four-bedroom dwelling on land adjacent to The Podymore Inn, utilising existing access off Podimore Road, with associated parking and landscaping, including reconfiguration of beer garden, children play area and car park of the public house.

Help shape Somerset's Flood Risk Management Strategy

Online survey: www.somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/comms/help-shape-somersets-flood-risk-management/ **Closing date: 26th June 2025**

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



Ilchester Parish Council met on 10th April and 8th May 2025. The Annual Parish Meeting was also held on 8th May.

A councillor has resigned and there is now a vacancy for a resident to apply.

Police and Community issues

Traffic

- Cllr Hall reported that the use of ANPR for truck watch is possible. A proposal needs to be presented to the police to take over automatic recording of the lorries travelling through the village. It was noted that the 20mph seems to be working and slowing the traffic through the village.

Planning matters

- Planning applications were reviewed for 1 Northover House, 40 Esmonde Drive, 7 West Street, The Elms and Trinity Barn (both High Street). Council had no comments to make.

Allotments

- There are vacancies for one full and three half plots at the time of writing.
- A new part for the faulty water pump has been ordered.

Skate Park and Play Areas

- The lease of land for the skate park from Ilchester Town Trust ended on 30th April. IPC has inspected, maintained and repaired the skate park for the past 20 years as a sports facility on ITT land. IPC resolved to not renew the lease in consultation with ITT. The park will hopefully reopen in due course.

Finances

- The cemetery wall on Limington Road requires urgent repair. Council has accepted quotes for the wall repair and for trees and shrubs that need attention.
- The market square car park is to be resurfaced and relined.

Minutes in full are available of parish notice boards & online.

The next parish council meeting will be Thursday 12th June, 19.30 at Ilchester Town Hall.

Since going back from the Easter Holidays, we have made a start on a local brownies challenge badge that they made to raise funds for their units. It is about the Past, Present and Future, we have started with the Past section – the girls brought in a board game that they played with the friends, then we headed outside and made some pet rocks and tie dyed some t-shirts. We will be continuing with this badge up to Spring Bank, so you may see signs of something we have done around Ilchester!

The last weekend of April 2 of our Rainbows took part in a county Sleepover at Puxton Park! We arrived Saturday evening and had our tea or either chicken nuggets and chips or a jacket potato with cheese and beans! After making our beds, we had time to use the soft play area and meet some new Rainbow friends. Before we went to bed, we had an evening walk around the park to see what animal they had, we saw llamas, alpacas and reindeers! On Sunday morning, once we had our breakfast and cereal, and packed our beds away we had an “Animal Encounter” this is where we met some of the animals and got to stroke them from a big rabbit to a snake! To say this was the 2 Rainbows 1st sleepover and one had only just us in January they both did amazing and enjoyed it so much!

For more information about how you can get involved in Girlguiding please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or email Laura Williams on laurawilliams@girlguidingsomerset.org.uk for more information.



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Wessex Scout Group



Group Lead Volunteer

We are already halfway through 2025, and we have had a spruce-up of our headquarters. This was done through Be-A-Saint day scheme by Leonardo's, and they have done a really brilliant job painting the outside and tidying inside the building. Thank you so much from all of us.

And thank you to our leaders for your input in this.

Coming up is camping season one, which I love, but have had to be happy with just visiting rather than camping. hope you all enjoy as much as I did over the years.

And it thrills me to let you know that as well as raising £289 from my birthday donations, I have also received a cheque for £289 from ASDA to match it, so now looking at a defib for scouting in Ilchester.

GSLWessex@Gmail.com

June Eaton

Beavers

After the easter break, our beaver colony are looking forward to their combined squirrel beaver camp being held at Huish Woods near Taunton in July. Now that the evenings are lighter and hopefully warmer, we can be outside more, exploring our local community and earning more badges. We have received some new Hi-Vis for the Beavers courtesy of Specsavers in Yeovil, so a big thank you to you.

Also, we have presented a bronze award and said goodbye to those moving up to cubs and gained a brand new beaver. We are all looking forward to the summer term.

Cubs

We have been working on several badges this term. We had a Chinese New Year evening for the world challenge badge, discussing Chinese culture and playing Chinese games. Before Easter, each cub planted a sunflower seed, and we are going to see how tall they grow. This was towards the environmental badge. We also had an evening for the communicator badge, which was great fun with activities such as Chinese whispers, lip reading and completing challenges without speaking.

Quite rightly, much praise has been given in the press/social media to Prince George for his impeccable social skills whilst talking to veterans; it is heart-warming, and we are proud to say, that our children were equally attentive and interested in the stories the Diners and wider community have to share.

Reception Outdoor Area

There is huge excitement across the Infant Department as diggers and trucks have rolled in and work has commenced on our amazing new Reception outdoor learning space. The children are mesmerised and are showing great curiosity as they check each day for changes. The grown-ups are equally keen to see the progress being made and are in awe of the quality of the products and workmanship.

There have been plans over several years to update the outdoor learning space but the budget has never before allowed for this. It has been incredible to see the plans develop over the last few months and we are looking forward to providing our children with a learning space where they can flourish and thrive.

We welcome visits to our school from prospective families, so, please, feel free to make an appointment and come to see us.

2025 Cumulative figures for Podimore Community Speedwatch

In 10 one-hour watches on the Podimore Road at 3 points;

1245 vehicles passed through Podimore

Equivalent to 124 vehicles per hour passing through

134 vehicles were driving in excess of 35 mph

Equivalent to 13 vehicles exceeding the speed limit per hour

11 % speeding ratio over 35 mph

Average speed of speeding vehicles = 40.9 mph

Highest recorded speed = 49 mph

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VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration

What a wonderful start to the summer term we have had here at Ilchester Community Primary School. This week it has been particularly poignant to walk around school and see all the preparations for VE Day happening in each department. It has been a thought-provoking week to look back and remember the past with a reminder to look to the future with hope.

We welcomed back the extremely talented paper artist Darrell Wakelam to ICPS. Darrell worked alongside the infant children to produce an amazing mural to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

We enjoyed a wonderful VE Day celebration on Thursday the 8th May. The children took part in a range of learning activities exploring the historic events that lead to VE Day. It is our belief that we have a responsibility to ensure that the sacrifice of all those heroes is never forgotten and their stories continue to be told.

The celebrations continued into the afternoon with songs, poems and, of course, some cake to mark the celebrations of that remarkable day. It was wonderful to see the children dressed in a sea of red, white and blue. We also took some time to remember all those who gave their lives during the conflict with a moment of silence where they children demonstrated great respect.

Some of our older children were invited to attend the community coffee morning at the Town Hall. The children did a brilliant job of serving tea and coffee to the community and enjoyed chatting to the residents.

A selection of our Year 5 and Year 6 children visited the Diners – they were incredibly helpful; preparing, serving and clearing the meals – an absolute credit to the school and their families.



We had a very cold walk around Yeovil, discovering the blue plaques and learning some history at the same time, and also a hike around Ilchester.

The time capsule evening was interesting as the cubs wrote something about themselves and what they may like to do when they are older. We are going to open it in 5 years, as some of them may be explorers by then!!

The cubs always enjoy a scout skills evening, and we did knife skills, knots and flint and steel, and we celebrated Mother's Day with a craft evening, making gifts for all our well-deserving mums.

One of the important tasks we started was planning towards the district cub camp, which is in June. The cubs came up with lots of ideas for the pirate theme.

Next term, we plan to be outside a lot more to make the most of the (hopefully) better weather.

Scouts

I started scouting when I was 5 years old at 1st Woodhall Scout Group in Pudsey, Leeds, West Yorkshire. While I was there, I went on my 1st Beaver camp, which was 2 nights away with the whole Scout Group and did a St George's Day Parade as well as Remembrance Parades.

In September 2019 is when I joined Wessex Beavers where I was able to continue my scouting journey. While I was in Beavers I continued to work on badges before Covid hit and then was doing it virtually with Hathi before I moved on to Wessex Cubs. In cubs, I did more camps and a sleepover at the Scout Hut, which was a Harry Potter theme. I have been on days out to Wookey Hole and Crealy, I achieved my Silver award before I moved to Scouts.

While I have been in Scouts I took part in a survival camp, did Fox Trophy which was where we was dropped off at a location that we only find out a few days before and had to use out map reading skills, put up our own tents and cook our meals but also work as a team. I went on a PGL camp and to JAWS Scout Camp. We have been bowling for our Christmas party and also visited RNAS Yeovilton to complete a badge.



I have now been in Scouting for 7 years and learn lots of different things, such as Archery and Axe Throwing, both soft and with the

real things! Knife work, whittling, making fires and cooking pancakes on it, survival skills. I have been on many hikes, both in the local area and around Ham Hill. In all of the sections, I have been able to join in with canoeing and paddleboarding on the river in Langport. I have learnt and done so much during my time, but most importantly, I have made some amazing friends!

By Logan Williams, A Wessex Scout.

Fundraising and Thank You's

As always, we'd like to thank the local community for their continuous and ongoing support. Our Easter Bingo raised just shy of £500, and our coffee morning in April raised £180; this money helps immensely to cover our bills, which means we can keep our subscription fees low and ensure scouting remains accessible to all. We couldn't do this without your support, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to Mr White, who kindly stepped up to the task and mowed the HQ grounds one Sunday when our regular grass cutter was out of action. All sections could utilise the rare bout of Sunshine thanks to your hard work, and we're very grateful.

As June mentioned, Leonardos recently came in as part of their Be-A-Saint day and spent the 28th of April getting stuck in doing DIY and other assorted tasks in our hut. Over the course of the day, the team managed to repaint the entire exterior of the hut, fix three exterior shutters, repair a step that was a little wobbly, repaint the corridor, and reorganise the kitchen, to name a few! They have done a superb job, and the Hut has never looked smarter.

Next on the agenda is to rebuild our fire pit into a more accessible rectangle as opposed to the current circle and concrete a shed base.

If you or someone you know would be up for the task, please let us know. All help is gratefully received, whether that's with a hammer or a pen. Help comes in many ways, and volunteering in any way, shape or form can be a very rewarding thing. You don't need to be a leader to support the scouts, there are plenty of behind-the-scenes roles such as DIY tasks, Fundraising



ence, and one Lendinae Explorer came home with 1st place in Clout, and the second came 2nd in Field. Another Explorer (Not Lendinae but formerly) on the Team came 1st in Field and 3rd in Target. We're very proud of them all regardless for earning places to represent the district at this event.

We're always looking for help and support with our unit, whether that be in a behind-the-scenes role or as a Leader; there is always something for everyone, and it is a fantastic way to get involved in the local community, not to mention an incredibly rewarding endeavour. You don't need any previous scouting experience to get involved. If this feels like something you may be interested in or you have any questions, please get in touch.

Lendinae.ESU@EastSomersetScouts.org.uk

Ilchester Relief In Need & Education Charity

Ilchester Relief In Need & Education Charity (IRINEC) is here to support groups and individuals who live within the parish of Ilchester and require financial assistance for the 'improvement of life'. IRINEC also provides grants to students, of any age, where there is a financial need. Students considered could be those in school, apprenticeships, college, or university. This can also include adult education. Financial support given in the past has been for transport costs, books, tools and field trips.

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Lendiniae ESU

At Lendiniae, we have had a very busy couple of months.

The Wessex Bingo, which we helped to run, raised just shy of £500, along with a Coffee Morning in the same week, which raised £180. Our portion of the funds raised will be used to purchase new Flint & Steel. Currently, we are re-searching which would be most suitable for our needs and hopefully by the time this is printed will have purchased them.

Awards have temporarily slowed down but haven't halted. We'd like to say a big well done to our Explorer who has just completed his Young Leader belt. He has worked exceptionally hard for this over the last couple of years by attending monthly training modules and weekly meetings with his Beaver Colony. He has run a series of activities with them, which we've been told were ace and enjoyed by all. As it's DofE expedition season, we have lots of Explorers out doing their Expeditions and hopefully by the next newsletter, we'll be handing out lots of certificates in both Bronze and Silver. Alongside this, we also have a Platinum award and a Diamond award waiting to be awarded. These awards are very similar to DofE but with a little bit extra, called the ICVs (International, Community and Values), where Explorers undertake two activities in two of the three options. Lately, we have been working with IDCA to deliver these newsletters, which support the Explorers in the community portion of the ICVS, and as such, we would like to say a big thank you to the IDCA team, who make this possible.

One of our Explorers was lucky enough to be one of two selected to represent our district and attend the Horse Guards Concert to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Overall, there were only five Explorers taken from the whole of Somerset, and we hear it was a fantastic experience for him. We also had three Explorers and three Leaders representing our District at the National Scout Archery Competition in Hertfordshire on the 9th – 11th of May. In this event, they participated in three events: Target, Clout and Field. Target, rather self-explanatory, involves shooting at a classic 60cm archery target from 20 yards. Clout is more medieval in style as it involves shooting on command into the air and aiming for a flag 100 yards away (harder than it may sound!), and field is akin to what Robin Hood may have done and involves placing a foot on a peg and aiming for a target but there may be a tree in the way which you have to lean around! Overall, it was a brilliant experi-



or being a Committee member, to name a few!

No scouting experience is required, and it's a good way to be social in a new area.

Fancy joining us?

If you or a young person you know would be interested in joining our group, please contact the Group Lead Volunteer, June Eaton, at GSLWessex@Gmail.com.

Scouting is for everyone, and there is always a role to suit you, whether you have prior experience or not. If you would like to know more about how you could get involved, please reach out.

Ladies' Smocks at Yeovilton



Ladies' smock is a beautiful wild flower, but it likes damp places so is not so common as it used to be. Imagine my delight in April to see quite a few plants growing on the boundary bank of Yeovilton Airfield on the Bridgehampton road. There are also one or two in Limington churchyard -another reason for us not to cut grass if we don't have to until much later in the year. Its beautiful name reflects its delicate appearance and colour.

Its other name is cuckoo flower, because it flowers just when cuckoos are returning. The leaves of ladies'

smock are the favourite food plant of the caterpillars of orange tip butterflies. Only the male adults have orange tips to their wings. The male in this picture by Bob Eade courtesy of Butterfly Conservation is sipping the nectar of a ladies' smock flower. TR



Limington In Leaf

Limington in Leaf, our local biodiversity project covering all of the Yeovilton & District parish along with neighbouring villages, is beginning to work on plans for the 2025/26 planting season.



There have been a few uncomfortable events in Limington recently. We're really keen for this to be a project that the whole community can get behind.

Tree planting has innumerable benefits. We're especially interested in reducing local flooding to keep our villages accessible in a rapidly destabilising climate, and planting trees is a fabulous way to do that. Trees also provide critical habitats, improve soil health, sequester carbon, reduce river pollution, and so much more.

We would love to know who in the parish would like to plant trees on their land, all the way from one tree in a private garden to multiple acres of woodland. Equally, if you're simply interested in helping to plant trees, we'd love to hear from you too!

We are typically able to provide trees for free through our work with fantastic charities or non-profit organizations such as the Woodland Trust and Reimagining the Levels. Once you're in touch, we can arrange to chat or visit your site and discuss your options!

Last year we planted around 250 trees in Limington and Draycott, taking our total close to 1,000. We are looking to build on this momentum over the next season and are exploring ways to expand our project to include other forms of enhancing biodiversity too. If you're looking to plant a wildflower meadow, for example, we may be able to provide free seeds or arrange for a group of volunteers to help prepare the site.

To visit our website and learn more about this community project, visit limingtoninleaf.uk or our Facebook page.

Email: contact@ashington-draycott.co.uk

We look forward to progressing this exciting project with you. – Peter Marsden

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ENTRY FORM FLOWER, CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW 2025

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Exhibitors must indicate in which classes they intend to compete by placing an X in the appropriate spaces. Please write A,B,C or D in categories 86, 87, 88, 89 and 90 to indicate age group of exhibitor. Please take care to tick the correct class numbers or your entry to that class may be inadmissible on the day due to space constraints.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90

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 6 and 8 pm on Tuesday 22nd July 2025, the last day of registration, with the relevant fee/s.

I.D.C.A. FLOWER, CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW 2025

SATURDAY 26TH JULY
ST MARY MAJOR
CHURCH AND
ILCHESTER TOWN HALL

INFORMATION & ENTRY FORM

SECTION 1: VEGETABLES (to be exhibited in the church)

Class		Class	
01	6 Runner Beans	02	3 Carrots
03	5 Shallots	04	3 Beetroot
05	1 Cucumber	06	6 New Potatoes
07	5 Tomatoes	08	3 Chilli Peppers
09	1 Courgette	10	1 Cabbage
11	6 French Beans	12	5 Radishes
13	3 Any Other Veg, same variety	14	Novelty - Longest Runner Bean
15	Novelty - Misshapen Vegeta-		

SECTION 2: FRUIT (to be exhibited in the church)

Class		Class	
16	6 Blueberries	17	6 Cherries
18	6 Gooseberries	19	6 Raspberries
20	6 Strawberries	21	3 Stalks Rhubarb
22	3 Apricots	23	3 Plums
24	3 Any Other Fruit, same variety	25	6 Any Other Cultivated Berries, same variety

SECTION 3: FLOWERS, CUT - all flowers to be displayed in a container (to be exhibited in the church)

Class		Class	
26	3 Chrysanthemums, Decorative	27	3 Chrysanthemums, Incurve
28	5 Asters	29	3 Dahlias, Decorative
30	3 Dahlias, Pompom	31	Delphinium, 3 Spikes
32	Lilies, 5 Blooms	33	Marigolds, 5 Blooms
34	1 Bouquet Sweet Peas, tied	35	1 Bouquet of Love-in-a-mist, tied
36	10 Stems of Lavender, tied	37	Gladioli, 3 Spikes
38	3 Roses, same variety	39	5 Other Flower, Same Variety
40	Novelty—Largest Diameter		

13. The judges may award the trophies and their decision is final.
14. The organisers shall have the right to modify or change any rules for the smooth running of the show, without notice.
15. The organisers shall have the right to close a class due to poor interest or to limit entries if over-subscribed.
16. All exhibitors must live within the area of benefit of the Community Association: ILCHESTER, NORTHOVER, LIMINGTON, PODIMORE, SPECKINGTON, BRIDGEHAMPTON, DRAYCOTT AND YEOVILTON.
17. Staging and exhibits may not be removed from the show until after the auction has started.
18. 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, Ilchester, between 6.00 and 8.00 pm on Tuesday 22nd July 2025.

TIMETABLE SATURDAY 26th JULY 2025

DOORS OPEN for staging of entries	9.00 – 10.00 am
Hall cleared for judging	10.00 – 11.00 am
Committee Admin	11.00 – Noon
OPEN to PUBLIC	Noon – 3.00 pm
Auction of Produce and Drawing of Raffle	3.00 – 3.30 pm
REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS AND STAGING	4.30 pm approx

Rules for Entry:

1. All exhibits must be grown, made by, or have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 3 months if pot plants, cacti or succulents.
2. Flowers for the classes 41 – 48 may be purchased.
3. All entries for Section 5 Crafts, Section 8 Photography or Section 9 Literature should not have been exhibited before in the IDCA Show.
4. Only one entry per class can be accepted per exhibitor, with the exception of Classes 13 and 15, providing they are not the same vegetable, or Class 24 and 25 providing they are not the same fruit or Class 39 providing they are not the same flower.
5. All entries for Section 8 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.
6. 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.
7. NO APPLICATION CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR ENTRY AFTER TUESDAY 22nd July 2025. Each entry to cost £1 (per class entered, with the exception of under 18's)
8. No person may enter a section if judged by a parent, sibling or spouse, with the exception of classes 14, 15, and 40 (novelty classes).
9. All fruit and vegetables, such as plums, tomatoes etc. should have stalks and calyx intact and must be fresh.
10. Approximate metric equivalents of measurements are acceptable.
11. UNLESS REQUESTED OTHERWISE ON REGISTRATION entries in the following sections will automatically be auctioned, the proceeds going to the Community Association; Section 1 Vegetables, Section 2 Fruit, Section 3 Cut Flowers, Section 6 Cookery, Section 7 Beverages
12. The Community Association cannot accept liability for the property of the exhibitors.

SECTION 4: FLORAL ART & POT PLANTS (to be exhibited in the church)

Class		Class	
41	Garden Gleanings, 2 ft Maximum Width	42	Miniature Arrangement in a teacup, saucer optional
43	5 Pressed Flowers, Attached to 10x10" Board	44	1 Hanging basket, max 12" width
45	"Just 5" - 5 Flowers and Foliage, No Accessories, Max 15"	46	Dried Flower Arrangement, Max 15" width
47	Foliage Portrait, attached to a max 12" by 9" board	48	Floral Dream Catcher, max 12" diameter
49	1 Cactus or Succulent in pot	50	1 Potted Plant

SECTION 5A: CRAFTS - SOFT MATERIALS (to be exhibited in the Town Hall)

Class		Class	
51	Knitwear	52	Crochet
53	Embroidery	54	Tapestry
55	Soft Toy	56	Cross Stitch
57	"Sewing Bee" - Clothing, Accessories, Home Furnishings etc.		

SECTION 5B: CRAFTS - HARD MATERIALS (to be exhibited in the Town Hall)

Class		Class	
58	Wood	59	Pottery/Ceramic
60	"Up Cycle"	61	Handmade Jewellery
62	Model or Sculpture, Max 12" in any direction		

SECTION 5C: CRAFTS - PAPER & PAINT (to be exhibited in the Town Hall)

Class		Class	
63	Paper Craft	64	Origami
65	Painting, Any Medium		

SECTION 6: COOKERY (to be exhibited in the Town Hall)

Class		Class	
66	1 Jar of Jam, Max. 1lb	67	1 Jar of Marmalade, Max. 1lb
68	1 Jar of Chutney, Max. 1lb	69	1 Jar Fruit Curd, Max. 1lb
70	1 Deep Filled Apple Pie, 8" Diameter	71	1 Decorated Cake, Judged on Decoration Only
72	1 Victoria Sandwich, See Recipe	73	1 Fruit Cake, See Recipe
74	1 Vegan Chocolate Cake	75	6 Gluten Free Scones

SECTION 7: BEVERAGE (to be exhibited in the Town Hall)

Class		Class	
76	Gin	77	Beer
78	Cider	79	Wine
80	Fruit Cordial		

SECTION 8: PHOTOGRAPHY - Photographs not to exceed 10" x 8" (to be exhibited in the Town Hall)

Class		Class	
81	Village Life	82	Animal Portrait
83	Countryside Landscape		

SECTION 9: LITERATURE (to be exhibited in the Town Hall)

Class		Class	
84	Poem, max 200 words	85	Short Story, max 1000 words

SECTION 10: YOUTH SECTION (to be exhibited in the Town Hall)

Class		Class	
86	Lego, Max. 15cm in Any Direction	87	Young Inventor, Prototype, Scale Model, or Annotated Diagram
88	Foliage Creature, Made from Nature, Max. 15cm in Any Direction	89	Drawing of a Dinosaur
90	3 Decorated Fairy Cakes, Judged on Decoration Only		

Section 10 classes to be marked with age group on entry form:

- A Pre-School (86A, 87A etc.)
 B Infant (86B, 87B etc.)
 C Junior (86C, 87C etc.)
 D Senior (86D, 87D etc.)

VICTORIA JAM SPONGE RECIPE (CLASS 72)

8 oz/225g margarine 4 large eggs
 2 tsp baking powder 8 oz/225g self-raising flour
 8 oz/225g caster sugar Red jam to fill
 Icing sugar to dust top

Heat oven to 180C/Gas 4. Grease and line two 20cm sandwich tins. Cream butter and sugar then beat in the eggs. Then fold in flour and baking powder. Divide between tins and bake for 25 mins. Cool for 5 mins then turn onto cooling rack. When completely cool use jam to sandwich the cakes and then dust with icing sugar.

FRUIT CAKE RECIPE (CLASS 73)

200g soft butter or vegetable spread 200g caster sugar
 4 eggs 200g plain flour
 50g ground almonds 1 orange, zested and juiced
 600g dried fruit 100g chopped pecans or almonds
 100g candied peel, chopped

Soak dried fruit in orange juice and zest overnight. Heat oven to 170C/Gas 3½. Grease and line a 20cm tin. Beat butter and sugar together until light and fluffy, whisk in the eggs one at a time, then fold in ground almonds and flour. Add a pinch of salt and fold in soaked fruit, nuts and candied peel. Spoon into tin, level and then bake for 1 hour, then turn oven down to 150C/Gas 2 and bake for further 2 hours (or until firm on top and pulling away from edges of pan). Cool in tin.