



# Newsletter 1

## 2023 - 24 Season



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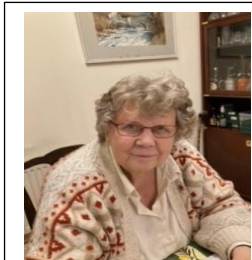
Although this first Newsletter of the 2023 – 24 season is much shorter than usual it most importantly gives the dates of Ilminster Literary Festival 2024. They are :

**Thursday May 30th to Thursday June 6th inclusive**

The committee is at work putting together a programme to attract and impress audiences at what will be the 8<sup>th</sup> ILF. We thought you might be interested to see who they are. They naturally hated the idea of having photos taken, but a glass or two of wine at the last planning meeting did the trick.



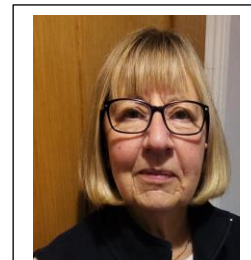
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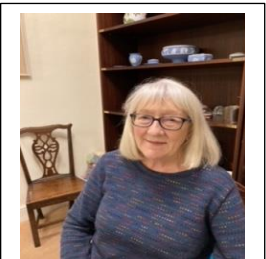
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Ian Munro



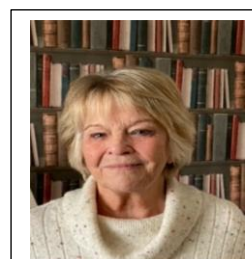
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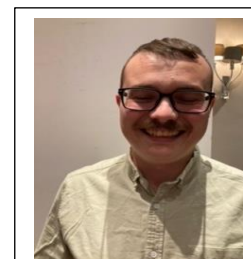
Elaine Cope



Ken Cooper



Sue Collard



Ben J-Hurford

Also involved : Jenny Chapman and Jo Tippet

The festival exists to promote the wider arts as well as literature. With that in mind we're currently talking with other arts organisations in the town with a view to broadening the appeal of ILF 2024 without detracting from the literary content. Conversations are at an early stage, but we'll update you through these newsletters if and as ideas develop.

*ILF - For Literature and Arts lovers everywhere*

## The Christmas Story in RENAISSANCE ART



**Monday 4th December at 2pm  
The Minster Rooms**

Court Barton, Ilminster, TA19 0DU

This talk tells the Christmas story through a selection of Italian and Northern European Renaissance paintings. It starts at the Annunciation and travels through the Visitation, the Nativity, the Adoration of the Magi, and ends with the Flight into Egypt. The beauty and rich Christian symbolism along with representations of artists and patrons adds to appreciating this period of art.

Mary Chisholm is a local architectural historian whose field crosses over into art history. She has given this talk previously to local parishes and looks forward to delivering it at The Minster Rooms in Ilminster.

Free admission, though donations welcome for church funds.

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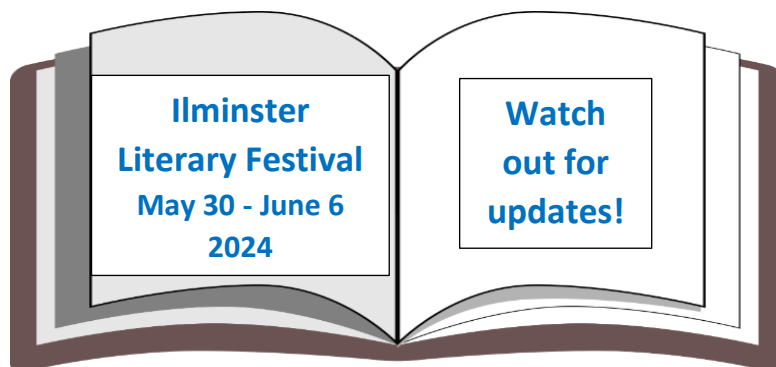
Reviews of any other books that you've read and enjoyed are welcomed for inclusion in future ILF newsletters, along with short articles on literary / arts subjects. Please e mail them to [ilminsterlitfest@gmail.com](mailto:ilminsterlitfest@gmail.com) – Thank you!

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*With All Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year  
from ILF*