

# THE **ROUNDAABOUT** CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"The damsel donned her kirtle sheen:  
The hall was dressed with holly green:  
Forth to the wood did merry-men go,  
To gather in the mistletoe.*

*The fire with well-dried logs supplied,  
Went roaring up the chimney wide,  
The huge hall-table's oaken face,  
Scrubbed till it shone, the day to grace".*

*Sir Walter Scott*



**DECEMBER 2014**



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Wootton and Dinder**

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**JANUARY ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS  
MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 9.00am**

## **ADVENT and the CHRISTMAS SEASON**

The Advent calendars are all started and the countdown to Christmas is beginning in earnest. Each year it seems to get busier and busier and the countdown starts earlier and earlier.

For some it is a countdown they enjoy, the decorations, the Christmas Carols in the shops and in our Churches, planning to see friends and family, to exchange presents and to eat too much. For others it is a time of sad memories and missing loved ones, or worrying how they are going to afford everything Christmas appears to demand - they just long for it to be over.

The advertisements on the television sell a perfect Christmas with families or couples all together round a lit fire smiling and laughing, a dream which only a few of the lucky ones can live up to. What the majority of the advertisements fail to do is to tell of a Christmas many years ago in a cold stable when Jesus, the hope of the world, was born.

In our Churches we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus and the hope we believe He brings. The details of all the various services are in this magazine and we would love as many people as possible to come and join us. Alternatively our churches are open during the day for you to have some time out, some quiet time; do take advantage of them and also we hope we will see you sometime over the Christmas season.

Wishing you all a Christ-filled Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

*Chris*

Everyone is welcome at any of our churches but if you are unable to come and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact me on 899061 or ask any minister or Churchwarden.

**Please join us to celebrate Christmas  
at these special Services**



**At St John the Baptist, Pilton**

7 <sup>th</sup> December	3.00pm Christingle Service*
21 <sup>st</sup> December	10.30am Decorating the Christmas Tree
21 <sup>st</sup> December	6.00pm Village Carol Service <b>in the Chapel</b>

***24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve***

11.30pm	Midnight Communion
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***25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day***

11.00am	Family Service
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**At St Mary the Virgin, Croscombe**

21 <sup>st</sup> December	10.30am Decorating the Christmas Tree
	4.00pm Christmas Carol Service

***25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day***

11.00am	Family Christmas Communion
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**At St Peter's, North Wootton**

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00pm Messy Church and Christmas Tree Decoration
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21 <sup>st</sup> December	6.00pm Christmas Carol Service
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***25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day***

9.30am	Family Christmas Communion
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**At St Michael and All Angels, Dinder**

14 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00pm Christingle Service*
21 <sup>st</sup> December	10.30am Decorating the Christmas Tree

***24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve***

4.00pm	Carol Service
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\*Come and make your own Christingle decorating an orange with a candle and sweets, then light it during a simple service

including singing some carols.



Children of all ages, their families and everyone  
are invited to  
a **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**  
on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
in **Pilton Parish Church at**  
**3.00pm**



else

or  
the following week on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
in **Dinder Church at 4.00pm.**

Helping to make the Christingles is fun and tasty  
and the lighted ones look lovely,  
however young or old you are.  
Supporting the work of The Children's Society.

### YOS

We had a perfect evening to walk to Croscombe School Forest School area in Ham Woods. It was fun walking in the dark and we all enjoyed the camp fire, S'mores and hot chocolate!

In December it is our Christmas party so please contact Becky or Sandra for more details. YOS is open to children of all parishes in year 6 upwards held on the first Sunday of each month 6.00pm-7.30pm. For further information please contact Sandra Kirkham 342221 or Becky Gilbert 676739.

### **PRAYER AND A PINT**

**is meeting again on MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December  
at Crossways Inn, North Wootton at 8.00pm**

We will share a brief act of worship using words reproduced by permission of the Iona Community followed by an optional open discussion stimulated by a recent visit to a workshop, 'Fear and Faith'.

Prayer and a Pint is on the second Monday of each month and everyone is very welcome. Contact Ted Sayer 890650 [ted.sayer@uwclub.net](mailto:ted.sayer@uwclub.net)

**St. Michael's Catholic Church, Park Rd, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BP**

invites everyone to come and join us  
at our Advent '**Welcome Back**' Mass  
on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.**

Followed by refreshments in the Parish Room.  
Tel.342587 for more details.

Our **Christmas Mass times** are: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6.30pm, Christmas Day Mass at 9am.

There will also be Mass on New Year's Day at 11.30am.

## PRAYER FOCUS

At this time of the year many of us are busy preparing for Christmas. Help us, God, to make time to celebrate the true spirit of the season. We know that for some this will be a difficult time, whether because they are facing loss or are anxious about the future for themselves or someone special to them. May we be generous as we share with others in our families, our neighbourhoods and in our world, remembering the various needs that are around us.

## BIBLE READINGS

7 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 40: 1-11	Mark 1: 1-8
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 52: 7-10	John 1: 1-14
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Luke 2: 1-20
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3	Luke 2: 15-21



**The Roundabout Team** would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2015.

**Please note: Early deadline for Roundabout on Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am.**

## ABOUT PEOPLE

We are glad to welcome new people to our villages. We hope that you settle happily and we look forward to seeing you at village events.

We send our good wishes and prayers to anyone who is unwell at the moment, whether you are at home or in hospital. We remember those receiving treatment and those awaiting the results of tests.

## Deaths

We are sad to record the death of **Bert Taylor** of Lower Westholme, Pilton on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Judith Hiscox**, a lifelong resident of Pilton until recently and remembered as a local midwife, died on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

We send our loving sympathy to their families and friends.

From **Barry and Ruth Vidler** in Littlehampton: we have settled in by the sea and we are enjoying decorating the house and designing and planting our garden.

We really do enjoy our visits to Croscombe and hearing all the news.

All our good wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.

**'Close Encounters with Animals'**

**Talk by Colonel John Blashford-Snell  
Pilton Village Hall in aid of the Royal British Legion, Pilton Branch  
at 7.00pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

Colonel John Blashford-Snell OBE is one of the world's most renowned explorers; he supports numerous charities, working with underprivileged youth in the UK. He undertakes countless community aid projects in remote parts of the world. His exploring career started in 1968 when he led a team to explore and make the first descent of the infamous Blue Nile. One of his main interests is the wild life he has encountered in the jungles and desolate places of his expeditions.

Tickets are £10– Tel. 01749 899136 or email [godfreygingell@gmail.com](mailto:godfreygingell@gmail.com)

**REMINDER - CHARITY AUCTION!**

**Support the Bhopal Medical Appeal  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm  
in the Old Pilton Working Men's Club.**

Lots of good things to bid for, so please support the Bhopal Medical Appeal on the night of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gas disaster. Payment can now also be made by card. If you can't come, you can leave a bid with me, or even bid on the night! Please contact me for details on 01749-899125 or email [bhopalfiona@gmail.com](mailto:bhopalfiona@gmail.com). Thank you.

*Fiona Case*

**POPPY APPEAL 2014 – CROSCOMBE, DINDER AND DULCOTE**

The Poppy Appeal in Croscombe, Dinder and Dulcote this year raised £950. Thank you, as ever, to the volunteer collectors and to those of you who, in this Centenary Year, gave so generously to enable the RBL to continue its important welfare work.

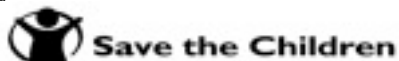
*Jenny Mitchell* Local Poppy Appeal Organiser



**The Allen family**, including newest addition Frankie Albert, would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the John Allen Memorial Pool Competition on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The winner was Joe Reilly (keeping it in the family!) and the grand total of £1064 was raised, which is being donated to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Special thanks must be given to Tracey Mapstone and Richard Young because quite simply the competition wouldn't happen without them. Also to Ann Cooper from the Working Men's Club who looked after us so well over the two days, and added over £300 to the total from a Bingo evening she organised at the Club.

Once again many, many thanks.

*Sheelagh Allen*



**Pilton and District Save the Children Group**

are delighted to announce that they will be hosting an  
**Evening of Christmas Music with the Abbey Singers**  
at the **Abbey House, Glastonbury**  
on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7 for 7.30pm**  
Tickets are £7 to include mulled wine and mince pies  
from Lysbeth Ballantine on 01749 676991

### **HARRIET SANDYS**

Invites you and your friends to  
“**Treasures from the Orient**”

Unusual Christmas Gifts from around the world.

The Barn at the Manor House, West Compton, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PB

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 – 5.00pm

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 – 5.00pm

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2.00 – 5.00pm

Also by appointment

[www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk](http://www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk) 01749 890582

### **NEWS FROM WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The children of West Pennard Primary School held a special ‘Agape’ Service of Remembrance on 11<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall, which was decorated with poppies designed and made by each child. The children led the service, which included hymns, World War One songs, readings, poetry and dance. The two-minute silence was impeccably observed and followed by a prayer written and read by pupil, Milan, aged 8 years. At the end of the service each pupil was given a mini tomato, as the sharing of food is a feature of ‘Agape’ services.  
*Helen Burchell* Headteacher

#### **Milan’s Prayer for Peace**

Peace is like transparent stones in the shape of a perfect arch,  
Peace is soft poppies all strawberry red in the warm earth,  
Peace is like gentle sparkling blue, thin raindrops,  
Peace is people getting along kindly,  
Peace is like waves clashing over the yellow, tiny, crunchy sand,  
Peace is the sunset above water,  
Peace is stillness everywhere,  
Peace is animals of any shape, any colour just playing,  
Peace is like praying, praying to God,  
Peace is caring, loving, sharing with everyone.

### **WHAT’S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE**

#### **December**

5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Village Hall Lunch Roast turkey and all the trimmings!

There may be spaces left - please check with Margaret Bancroft (674943)  
or Liz Hoare (670477)

Doors open at 12.30 pm



- 5<sup>th</sup> First Friday Bar in the Village Hall. from 7.30 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club Christmas Quiz Night  
and Raffle – The George Inn, Croscombe 8.00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Christingle service in the Church. 4.00pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Decorating the crib and the Christmas tree in the Church.  
With refreshments! 10.30 – 11.30am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Third Sunday Bar in the Village Hall. Coffee, drinks, festive nibbles and  
possibly a very special Christmas visitor! A chance to wish all your  
neighbours a very Happy Christmas. Do come along – everyone very  
welcome. from 12 noon
- 24<sup>th</sup> Traditional Christmas Carol Service in the Church. 4.00pm

### **DECEMBER DINDER & DULCOTE JOINT SUNDAY CLUB**


Where did 2014 go!! In December we have a variety of children's events:  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service 4.00pm in the Church. Children  
from all parishes are really welcome.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Decorating the Christmas tree and crib  
10.30-11.30am in Dinder Church, with refreshments.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 4.00pm Carol Service – this will be our  
traditional family Christmas service with carols and nativity scene.  
Do come early as this service is very popular! Further information  
from Becky Gilbert 676739.



### **DINDER VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

 Our last lunch for 2014 is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. This is our  
traditional Christmas Turkey Roast followed by a selection of delicious  
desserts, all for £5.50. Drinks are bought separately at the bar. Please  
pre-book by phoning either: Margaret Bancroft (674943) or Liz Hoare  
(670477). Please pay when you arrive. Doors open at 12.30pm and we start  
serving at 12.45pm. We look forward to seeing you all.

### **DINDER AND CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB**

Quiz Night and the Club's Christmas raffle on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at The  
George Inn, Croscombe, starting at 8.00pm. Teams of up to 4: £2.00 per  
person. Proceeds to the Club's funds. *Roy Thorne Hon Sec*

### **PILTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB LTD**

#### **Currently recruiting:**

**Working Manager** – day-to-day organising of small team, promoting and  
advertising venue, working within budgets, complying with licence and  
regulations etc, Microsoft Office skills required, report to Directors.

**Caterer:** preparing lunches, evening meals, buffets for parties, sports teams  
etc. Opportunity to build new business.

**Experienced Bar Staff:** working Club Bar evenings and weekends, good 'people skills', experience essential. Personal Licence an advantage.

**Apply in writing to**

The Chairman, Pilton Working Men's Club Ltd, c/o Glastonbury Festivals, Worthy Farm, Pilton BA4 4BY.

**Or apply by email,** for the attention of PWMC at [worthy@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk](mailto:worthy@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk).

Pay will be dependent on experience. Please specify the role for which you are applying and enclose a current CV and salary expectation. For further information please contact 01749 890540.

In the short term it may be necessary and advantageous to employ local people who would like some employment until permanent staff have been appointed. Anyone wishing temporary or permanent work in the village facility is welcome to apply as above or in person at the Village Hall by appointment.

Anyone capable of providing skittle and pool teams with food in the evenings will be especially welcome for December, likewise temporary bar staff.

**This venue is supported by Glastonbury Festivals Ltd.**

## **PILTON VILLAGE TRUST**

When you receive this there will be a new set of Trustees elected at the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. 22 nominations were received and 3 resolutions. The Constitution states that all Trustees have to resign but can be re-elected. They will be responsible for taking the Trust forward in the future.

The survey of village opinions is now completed and will have been analysed and presented at the Trust's AGM. A report will be produced and made available. There were over a hundred replies with some distinct trends in the opinions: in all age groups in relation to the Club (PWMC, Worthy room), there was a desire to create a better atmosphere, improve the décor and generally make the Club more welcoming and comfortable. A Working Group of the Trustees, led by Lucy Smith and non-Trustee members, has been looking at refurbishment ideas for the Club. It will take views from the survey onboard and is at the stage of putting forward some refurbishment proposals for discussion and resolution. The newly elected Trustees will consider these and also build on the survey in their future work. *Marilyn*

*Johnson*

## **NEWS about CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL**



We began our campaign to raise funds with a Grand Coffee Morning.

Sadly, our **Evening of Music and Magic on 6 December has had to be cancelled** - though postponed might be a better word - as the date caused problems for some of the participants. So look out for it in 2015.

We are working on a website for the Hall to keep everyone informed about progress as well as notices in Roundabout.



More events are being planned in the coming months and we hope that you will support us in any way that you can.



**Croscombe Village Hall Committee needs a Treasurer**, someone to write our cheques and keep us and our figures in order. We meet monthly in the Hall and would welcome anyone interested in playing an important role in our Village Hall Committee.

Please contact:

Nick Fowler, Chairman - 342012 or  
Miranda Spenlove-Brown, Secretary – 670884.

**VOLUNTEERS** – Croscombe Village Hall Management Committee needs you! We are starting our campaign to raise funds to update and improve our now 35-year-old Hall. Now that we have planning permission, it is “all hands to the pump” to raise nearly £100,000 in whatever ways we can through local funding, application for grants, etc. Please come and join us. Contact: Nick Fowler, Chairman, on 342012.

### **CROSCOMBE MOVIOLA**

For about five years Moviola has been providing films for evening cinema sessions in Croscombe Village Hall on a monthly basis. The arrangements are made and organisation carried out by some members of the Village Hall Committee. The profits are retained for Hall funds. As the Hall Committee now has the challenge of raising money for proposed improvements these film nights can make a significant contribution with **your** support.

The autumn programme has included two interesting Irish films: ‘Calvary’ and ‘Jimmy’s Hall’, and the hilarious romcom ‘Love Punch’.

In early December the acclaimed film ‘Belle’ will be shown on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Hall. Do come along and enjoy the film, the occasion, a drink and a mince pie. It is envisaged that we will have confirmation of our early 2015 programme of films by the 11<sup>th</sup> December and if so will publicise them on the night. If anyone has a suggestion for future showings please contact a member of the Hall Committee.

*Michael Hay*

### **EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB**

#### **The George Inn, Croscombe**

**Christmas Party Menu** (see it at [www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk))

Lunch: 2/3 courses £18.95/£21.95, Dinner: 2/3 courses £20.95/ £23.95

#### **Early Bird Offer**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Lunch: 2/3 courses £16.00/£20.00, Dinner: 2/3 courses £18.00/ £22.00

*All bookings must be made in advance*  
**Christmas Day: Open 11.00am – 2.00pm**  
**Boxing Day: Open 11.00am – 10.00pm**  
**The George's New Year's Eve Party**  
Live Music (free admission) Chinese-Thai Buffet Tickets £15  
**There is no Curry Night** this month

### **Pilton Working Men's Club**

**Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>** - An Evening with Rodney Allen  
Guitar/Vocal 8pm Free Door.

**Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>** - Worthy Farm Music Night  
with Nick Parker and The Jacques 8pm Free Door.

**Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>** - Sladest 8pm £5

Details from Andy 07734706257 and PWMC 890162

**Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Children's Christmas Party 2.30 - 5pm.

**Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Soulville Express 8pm £3.50.

**Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup>** The Vodka Jellies plus Special Guest Tickets  
£8.50 from Pete 07825323242, Eileen 890436 and PWMC 890162

Further details about events, please contact PWMC (Evenings 890162)

### **The Crown Inn, Pilton**

**Every Tuesday** – Quiz Night, free entry

**Every Wednesday** - Take-out night: Fish and Chips  
Chicken and Chips, Burgers, Curry etc.

**Every Saturday** – Free bottle of wine with every 2 juicy char-grilled steaks

**Every Sunday** – Great Roast Lunches straight from the oven, choice of meats  
Main Course £8.00, 2 courses £12.00

**Autumn/Winter Opening Hours:**

Monday closed except Bank Holidays

Tuesday – Thursday 6.00pm Friday to Sunday 12noon and 6.00pm

Watch out for our Christmas details

### **SMALL ADS**

**Give your garden a treat! 2 year old well-rotted horse manure** for sale by sack or load. 100% organic. Come and collect. Tel 01749 890582

**Garden Maintenance** – call Dave Williams on 01749 345446

**Domestic Electrician** – Fully Qualified. Rewires. Extra sockets or lighting alterations. Fault finding. Advice given. Quotations: Ian Lester on 01749 890769.

**Wanted: Old Petrol Lawnmowers or garden machinery:** Jim Talbot on 07779498812

**Home Service:** Windows Cleaned (regular or one-off), gutters cleared, paths cleaned, gardens tidied. Please ring Graham on 07966428415.

**Chantry Construction:** stone walling, drives, block paving, patios,

extensions, mini-digger and driver. Contact Paul Merrett 01373 836787 or 07855343388.

**Julie Bryant, Mobile Hairdressing** in the comfort of your home or mine. Fully qualified and experienced. Please call 07773 421737 or 01749 674792.

**Holiday let**, Stallance, West Looe, Cornwall. ¾ bedrooms, 3 baths, 100m from the sea with fantastic views to Looe Island. Ample car parking. Contact Veryan Graham, The George Inn, tel 342306 [www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk)

**Beauty Therapy** in the comfort of your own home: waxing, eyelash and eyebrow treatments, manicures, pedicures, shellacs and spray tanning. [Sophie.Smallwood@yahoo.com](mailto:Sophie.Smallwood@yahoo.com) or 07748338745

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**Jen's English Tuition** [www.jenstuition.co.uk](http://www.jenstuition.co.uk) Qualified English teacher: private classes in Wells and local area 07582192380 [jjtutoring@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jjtutoring@hotmail.co.uk)

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**Private Carer/Companion** – daily, weekly, respite, over-night or weekend care for elderly. Mature, kind and experienced local lady. Enquiries: 07852 515 037

**Save Money on your Utility Bills:** call Jude on 01749 899588 or 07950044259 for a free consultation.

**POP UP shop:** ladies' clothes, Christmas gifts, home accessories, jewellery. Weekends from November 8<sup>th</sup>. DR Carpets showroom, Evercreech Junction. Details email [nicky@roseandlyons.co.uk](mailto:nicky@roseandlyons.co.uk) or call 07483 118497.

**Christmas Trees** (Nordman's non-drop) Norway Spruce and Holly Wreaths on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2, Abbots Way, Pilton – 01749 890952

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### December

4 <sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens' Club Christmas Lunch.	12.30pm for 1.00pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: Honeymead	11.20am – 11.30am
The George Inn	11.35am – 11.45am
5 <sup>th</sup> Croscombe School Christmas Market at the School	2.00pm – 4.00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Dinder & Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night and Raffle	
The George Inn	8.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Globe Carnival Club Grand Christmas Bingo. Village Hall	7.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> W.I. Christmas Lunch	12.30pm for 1.00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Moviola Film Night. 'Belle' (12A).	
Tickets £6. Licensed Bar. Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Charter Market. Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00noon



15<sup>th</sup> OAP & Children's Fund: OAPs' Christmas Dinner.



Village Hall

7.00pm for 7.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> Decorating the Tree, St Mary's Church

10.30am

21<sup>st</sup> Carol Service. St. Mary's Church

4.00pm

### January

4<sup>th</sup> Dinder & Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night. The George Inn 8.00pm

10<sup>th</sup> Croscombe Village Orchestra

16<sup>th</sup> Croscombe Society Concert

### DINDER AND CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

Quiz Night and the Club's Christmas raffle to be drawn on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the George Inn, Croscombe, starting at 8.00pm. Teams of up to four: £2.00 per person. Proceeds to the Club's funds. *Roy Thorne* Hon Sec



### CROSCOMBE OAP and CHILDREN'S FUND

Thank you to everyone who supported the Harvest Auction. The grand sum of £757.50 was raised and an enjoyable night was had by all who attended.

Please note that the **OAP's Christmas Dinner** will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All

Croscombe OAPs (men 65, ladies 60) are welcome. Please phone Alison 345322, Martin 343126 or Imelda 343788 to book.

**\*\* The Children's Christmas Party planned for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December has been cancelled. \*\***

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10.30am** children are welcome to come and help to

**Decorate the Christmas Tree in the Church**

**CROSCOMBE VILLAGE STORES**

Christmas Turkeys and all the trimmings

A one-stop shop to cater for Christmas



**Croscombe Church of England Primary School**

**Christmas Market,**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December (2-4pm)**

The Christmas Market is held in school and has a variety of stalls to browse. It is a lovely festive event and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. For further information from Tiffany on 938384.



LOOK WE ARE BACK

**GLOBE CARNIVAL CLUB**  
**GRAND CHRISTMAS BINGO**

At  
**Croscombe Village Hall**  
on  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
JACKPOT HOUSE £100

**Doors open 7.00pm**  
**Eyes down 8.00pm**

First class prizes donated by local businesses and supporters of Globe C.C.  
Contact Wendy 01749 675877



**“CHRISTMAS AT CROSCOMBE”**  
**CHRISTMAS CHARTER MARKET NEWS**

The next market will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December between 10 a.m. – 12.00 noon in the Village Hall.

We are planning a *Christmas spectacular* with lots of lovely stalls including jewellery, cards and gifts, delicious homemade cakes and mouth-watering festive goodies, vintage lighting and furniture, books, handmade wreaths, garlands and decorations, handcrafted items and of course a raffle, refreshments and lovely handmade items from the children at Avalon School. Bring the children along to see Father Christmas and try their luck in the new ‘Kids Zone’.

Please come and support the market and help us to raise funds for our chosen charity this year - ‘The Avalon School Hydrotherapy Pool Appeal’.

We look forward to seeing you there. *Elaine Watson* (Market Co-ordinator)

**NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

**[www.croscombe-parish.co.uk](http://www.croscombe-parish.co.uk)**

**Village Parking** – many apologies for the delay in the housing questionnaire. By now you should have received a **car-parking questionnaire**. There have been many comments about poor parking in the village and we will use your views to put requests to Highways for measures to ensure that emergency vehicles and residents can move with ease in the village.

Disquiet has been expressed about the speed of vehicles turning off and approaching Long Street from the side roads and about parking close to and on road junctions. If you have views that you did not include in the questionnaire then please contact myself or any other councillor with your concerns, opinions or solutions! It would be helpful if we held an email address from you for future questionnaires. If you do use email and have not entered it on the Parking Questionnaire then please email any councillor who will add it to our village database.

We hope you all have an excellent Christmas and New Year!

**Next Meeting.** - 7.30 pm on December 10th in the Church Room. All are welcome.  
*Hilary Shergold*

**DECEMBER MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall  
Belle (12A) Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Period drama about the true story of Belle, the illegitimate mixed-race daughter of a Royal Navy Admiral, raised by her great uncle. All very intriguing for an aristocratic family in 18<sup>th</sup> century England. Very good cast, including Miranda Richardson and Tom Wilkinson.

Tickets: £6 available at the Door / Croscombe Village Stores

Doors open at 7.00pm Licensed Bar Programme commences at 7.30pm.

*Christine Walker Michael Hay*

**CROSCOMBE VILLAGE ORCHESTRA**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert on 10<sup>th</sup> January in the Village Hall, at 7.00pm.**

On January 15<sup>th</sup> 1975, a group of assorted musicians played together in the barn of the Old School House. On January 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 the Croscombe Village Orchestra will be putting on a Gala Concert to celebrate that anniversary.

Two former young members will be performing solos, Alice Bevan (flute) and Peter Sackett (viola). The programme includes the overture to 'Pirates of Penzance' (played in 1978), Haydn's Symphony 104 (2004) and Elgar's 'Enigma Variations' (2010).

Tickets will be available from December 16<sup>th</sup> at Croscombe Village Stores:

adults £5.00, under 14s £1.00. There will be a limited number available at the door. Refreshments in the interval.

*Jo Sackett* Secretary

**WHAT'S ON IN PILTON**

**December**

1 <sup>st</sup> History Group, 'Sacred Geometry' Village Hall	7.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bhopal Charity Auction, PWMC	7.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, Top Street Car Park	2.35 – 2.50pm
West Compton House	3.00 – 3.10pm
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> 'Treasures from the Orient' Sales (see notice)	
7 <sup>th</sup> Christingle Service, Parish Church	3.00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle Christmas Lunch	
12 <sup>th</sup> Royal British Legion Talk, Village Hall.	7.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> W.I. Christmas Celebration, Village Hall	7.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle Christmas Tea, PWMC	2.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Decorating the Tree, Parish Church	10.30am
21 <sup>st</sup> Village Carol Service at The Methodist Church	6.30pm



**Pilton Village History Group** held a very pleasant and productive members' evening in November when we discussed the work of the various sub groups and future meetings. In view of the fascinating information obtained from the archives and the World War 1 project we intend to make these the subject of the AGM in February.

Next meeting 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> December at the Village Hall when Tom Bree will be talking on Sacred Geometry. All welcome. Members £1 Visitors £2.

*Richard Raynsford*

**Decorating the Christmas Tree in the Parish Church.  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am.**

**Calling all children and grandchildren of Pilton, (Up to the age of 11)  
Christmas Party!!**

At the Village Hall **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 – 5.00 pm**

Father Christmas – Disco - Bouncy Castle - Party Food

Please phone Eileen on 890436 to confirm you'll be joining the fun.

Don't forget to bring a pre-wrapped present  
for Father Christmas to give your little one.

### **PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE**



Armchair travel, though not as good as the real thing, can come close when well presented as in Brian Smith's talk on his travels in S.E. Asia. We were almost scrabbling to peel the gold from sumptuous Burmese temples, smelling the perfumes of exotic fruits in colourful markets, recoiling in terror from the charnel house - that horrific memorial to the Killing Fields. Brian's wonderful images took us with him on his long fascinating journey into another world. Thank you! Glad you are re-booked for 2015!

“Schooldays” was totally different – hands-on memories. In Sandra's case ‘cane on hands’! Who would have thought she was a naughty girl!? Simpler days in the 1940s – no iPhone, iPad or even TV - but hopscotch, jacks, kiss touch and marbles down the gutter. As each member shared a memory it triggered a dozen more in each attentive head. Even the ‘naughty row’ began to contribute. They may have been simpler days but lasting friendships were formed. There was a real sense of community in the small local school – no 2000 pupil



Comprehensives or National Curriculum. Everyone found at least one teacher to love and one to loathe!

*EJ Howe*

## **DOWN AT THE CLUB**

My goodness!!!

Did you go to Halloween with Undercover?

Andy Reilly fronts the band - wonderful atmosphere; great music.

As you entered, the decorations hit you - black and orange balloons, cobwebs, and in the Club more – all the paraphernalia of Halloween.

Skeletons, spiders, ghouls and ghosts.

It was wonderful! AND .... there were some incredible costumes being worn as people turned up in fancy dress and face paint to celebrate Halloween.

We were there as a party of 7! We all enjoyed the music and one octogenarian even joined the others on the dance floor.

Sadly I missed Jo Burt but heard it was a great night.

Merry Christmas everybody!

For New Year's Eve the Vodka Jellies are coming back. Make a date. Come and enjoy the people, the music, and the dancing (after a drink or two). The acoustic nights on the last Friday of the month also continue.

*Marilyn Johnson*

## **ART WORK AT THE CROWN INN, PILTON**

In December, look out for some new artwork on the walls of the Crown Inn.

This time it is from the photography group Tripod.

Tripod was founded 20 years ago, the product of an evening class at Strode College.

*Steve Tofts*



## **GABRIEL'S COMMUNITY ORCHARD, PILTON**

The Orchard's volunteers have had a good year, pruning and tidying away unwanted brambles (not to forget the occasional bonfire) and, these last few months, have enjoyed picking the apples and producing over 250 bottles of juice. For those who do not know where the Orchard is, it can be found on the hillside above the A361 just to the west of the village - an easy walk from Parson's Batch directly across the A361 and then via the swing gate along the public footpath. Just turn left downhill to the Orchard after the second swing gate and enjoy the views and the space.

This Orchard is one of the village's public assets run by volunteers. If you enjoy working in the open air please join the volunteers who meet at the Orchard in the morning on the first Thursday of the month. Further details from Joe King (tel. 890357).

At this time of the year many people are searching for ideas for **Christmas Presents**; Gabriel's Orchard juice is perfect, at just £2.30 for a 75cl bottle, obtainable from Christine Davies (tel. 890009). It is also very tasty when mulled (with or without added alcohol) as an alternative to mulled wine. Have a go, it's delicious!

*Joe King and Christine Davies*

## **PILTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

**We wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year.**

**Grit/de-icing material.** SCC are replenishing many piles of grit and filling the grit bins around the village. The Chairman, Robert Kearle, and Councillor Dave Drew also hold bags of de-icing material for self-help use in the event of prolonged periods of snow and ice. Please note that these materials are for use on highway/footways and not for private use.

**Fingerposts.** At their last meeting Councillors thanked the ASBOs for completing the refurbishment of five fingerposts in our Parish during the last year.

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

*Jean Warry, Clerk*

### **THE CROSCOMBE SOCIETY**

At a well-attended AGM, difficulties with filling vacancies for Officers and Committee members were largely overcome, and the Society can now move on with new blood and fresh ideas.

Our thanks to Chris Howes for rounding off the evening with an absorbing description of the medical services covering the Glastonbury Festival.

At its first meeting the new Committee deferred decisions on possible projects until there is further information, and instead concentrated on social functions to counter the winter blues. The first will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, with a welcome return of Jonathan Weeks with Part Two of his musical "Blasts from the Past". A second event is planned for March. Fuller details on both in January "Roundabout". As ever, success depends on member support.

**Note:** A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and early payment would be most helpful to our new Treasurer.

*Tony Levien*

### **Croscombe WI**

Not the brightest of days, autumn is truly on its way, and numerous members

were absent for one reason or another.

We had our usual meeting, County News report, finance, correspondence, final arrangements for our Christmas dinner, (yes, it's not far away now!).

After this we had a young lady, called Liz Price, who gave us a talk on Parliamentary Outreach. I really could not believe such a young lady knew so much as to how our parliament was run. She started the talk with a quiz, to our surprise, but it was such a good way in getting us interested, involved and asking questions on the subject. Just one of the things we discovered was that Parliament is made up of House of Commons, House of Lords and the Monarchy. Twelve parties are represented in Parliament. One quarter of our representatives are women, still roughly the same as 1930! The afternoon went very quickly, and finished with home-made biscuits and tea.

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday in the month at 2pm – 4pm at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. You would be given a warm welcome, so come and join us.

*Lyn Manvill.*

### **Pilton Village W.I**

Our December meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall 7.30pm. This is our Christmas party night with food, carols and a festive quiz. Non-members are very welcome.

For further information please contact: Shirley 330722

*Shirley Watt*



for donations received from groups and individuals towards the production and costs of the magazine. They are much appreciated.

### **USED POSTAGE STAMPS**

Please remember to save all your used postage stamps from letters and parcels from now on and over the whole Christmas period for the various charities.

Croscombe stamps can be left at the Village Stores or at my home - Livadia, Fayreway, Croscombe. Many thanks.

*Janet Dowding*

And in Pilton, to support the work of the Air Ambulance, stamps can be left at Pilton Post Office in the Foyer of the Village Hall.

### **Updated contact details for Pilton Pre-school**

Email details for Pilton Pre-school are incorrect in the advert and should read: [preschool@piltonvillage.co.uk](mailto:preschool@piltonvillage.co.uk)

**I.T. for the Terrified** The Old Cowshed, Station Road, Cheddar. BS27 3AG. (Next to the War Memorial). Registered Charity No. 1130308

**New for December - Drop in sessions:** 1.30 - 2.00pm - for quick question **Workshops** (must be booked in advance):

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December:** 2.15 - 3.30pm: Workshop for iPads. £5.00

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December:** 2.15 - 3.30pm: Workshop for Tablets. . £5.00

Contact us on **01934.741751** or email **[itforheterrified@btconnect.com](mailto:itforheterrified@btconnect.com)** or check out **[www.itforheterrified.co.uk](http://www.itforheterrified.co.uk)**

We would like to wish our customers, trainers, visitors and any techis or technophobes a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

We will be closed for our Christmas break from 13<sup>th</sup> December and will reopen on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**Mid-Somerset NADFAS** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am: “Sing we Yule”.  
£6 Illustrated lecture, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ. Free parking.  
Information 01963 350 527.

**Mendip DFAS** 2<sup>nd</sup> December “**The Bayeux Tapestry: The World’s Oldest Comic Strip**”. A talk by Mrs. Eveline Eaton, BA(Hons), Courtauld, London University for Mendip DFAS. At the Westex Suite, Bath & West Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN, 10.30 for 11.00am. Details: [www.mdfas.org.uk](http://www.mdfas.org.uk). Guests welcome.

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**PILTON METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**



7<sup>th</sup> December Rev. Nick Lakin, Holy  
Communion 11.00am 14<sup>th</sup>  
December Mr A.

Pugh 11.00am  
21<sup>st</sup> December Rev. Nick Lakin, Rev E. Brightwell  
Village Carol Service

28<sup>th</sup> December Mr R. Haskins 6.00pm  
11.00am

Children are always welcome to join our Sunday School.  
Details from Jacquy 890701

**Morning Prayer in Croscombe Church**  
at 8.30am daily, on Monday to Saturday

**Morning Prayer in Pilton Church**  
at 9.00am on Wednesdays

**PARISH CHURCH SERVICES**

**DECEMBER 2014**

**7<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
3.00pm	Christingle Service	Pilton

**14<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Family Service	North Wootton
4.00pm	Christingle Service	Dinder

**21<sup>st</sup> December Advent 4**

4.00pm	Carol Service	Croscombe
6.00pm	Village Carol Service at the Methodist Church	Pilton
6.00pm	Carol Service	North Wootton

**24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

4.00pm	Carol Service	Dinder
11.30pm	Holy Communion	Pilton

**25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

9.30am	Family Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service	Pilton
11.00am	Family Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Family Communion	North Wootton

**28<sup>th</sup> December Christmas 1**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton

**4<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service	Pilton
11.00am	Family Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton