

# ROUNDABOUT

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



*" One month is past, another is begun,  
Since merry bells rang out the  
dying year,  
And buds of rearest green began to peer,  
As if impatient for a warmer sun,  
And though the distant hills are bleak  
and dun".*

FEBRUARY 2015

## **Parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder**

*All phone codes 01749 unless specified*

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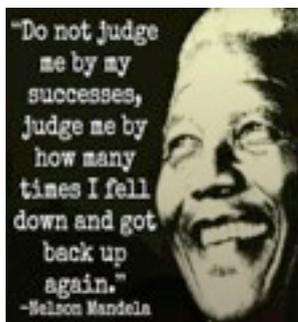
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## **KEEPING OUR GOOD INTENTIONS**

With Christmas and New Year behind us, how are your New Year resolutions going? Many of us make them with good intentions and look forward to the change in our lives that they might bring about over the coming months or maybe our lifetime.



We wake up on January 1<sup>st</sup> and are full of hope and determination yet for many of us our resolutions simply remain nothing more than just good intentions. We trip early and give up and little if anything changes in our lives.

For most these resolutions are broken within a week with only 8% of the population seeing them through.

I often wonder why we give up so easily, and I include myself in that statement. Very few achieve success on their first attempt. Behind great successes there are so often many failures. Success (as Nelson Mandela said so clearly) is down to not giving up, but by getting up again and again – as many times as necessary and starting again, considering other ways to accomplish our goals.

In writing to the Church in Philippi the Apostle Paul wrote: *but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on* (Phil 3:13b). I think these words can give hope to those of us who don't get it right first time, encouraging us to not allow past failures to cause us to give up.

Later this month, the Season of Lent will begin. For many it is a time for reflection, abstinence and starting again. Those resolutions that seemed so important at the end of January could be rekindled, if only for the days of Lent. However, you never know where it might lead and

this could be the year when your New Year Resolutions become more than just good intentions.

*Elaine Brightwell*

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

We praise God for the lives we enjoy here in safety and remember those threatened by danger in its various forms, thinking in particular of those whose lives have been turned upside down by terrorism. We continue to pray for those affected by the ebola epidemic and thank God for those who care for them, especially the medical teams who put themselves at risk.

## **BIBLE READINGS**

1 <sup>st</sup> February	Hebrews 2: 14-end	Luke 2: 22-40
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Colossians 1: 15-20	John : 1-14
15 <sup>th</sup> February	2 Kings 2: 1-12	Mark 9: 2-9
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Psalms 51: 1-18	John 8: 1-11
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	1 Peter 3: 18-end	Mark 1: 9-15

## **YOS**

In January we had a great evening of Skittles, Food and Christmas Crackers! We look forward to seeing you on **February 6<sup>th</sup>**.

YOS is open to children of all parishes in year 6 upwards. We meet in Dinder Village Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month 5.45pm-7.15pm. For further information please contact Sandra Kirkham 342221 or Becky Gilbert 676739.

## **Joint Sunday Club with Crocombe, Dinder & Dulcote Sunday Club**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
in the Church Room in Crocombe at 11.00am.**

**Prayer and a Pint  
is meeting again on **MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
at the **Crossways Inn, North Wootton at 8.00pm****

led by Revd Christine Butler.

Prayer and a Pint is an opportunity for discussion/learning in a relaxed atmosphere every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month and everyone is very welcome to come and join in.

At the January meeting thirteen of us learnt about Lectio Divina, 'Sacred Reading', which

is a way of meditating on scripture.  
Should you require any further details or information  
please contact Chris Butler 01749 899061  
butlerchristine19@gmail.com

## **ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT IN OUR CHURCHES**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our journey through Lent. It is an important season in the Church of England and traditionally is a time of fasting and penitence. This year Ash Wednesday falls on 18<sup>th</sup> February and there will be two Holy Communion Services in our Benefice: one in Pilton Church at 10.30am and one in Dinder Church at 7.30pm.

The name 'Ash Wednesday' comes from the practice of blessing ashes made from the palm branches which were blessed on Palm Sunday the previous year. The ashes are then put on the foreheads of communicants who would like it done, by marking them with the sign of the cross and saying the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". Ashes were used as a sign of grief in the Old Testament and are now used as an external sign of repentance as part of this service. They are a symbolic reminder of our journey through the solemnity of Lent to the joys of Easter. We shall be offering this opportunity in our churches this year as part of the Ash Wednesday Communion service; if you would rather not be anointed with ash please do still come for Communion.

For Lent this year we will be running a 5 week course based on the film 'The King's Speech'. Courses will start the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> February and are being offered as follows:

**Monday Evening Pilton:** 7.30pm at Benleigh House, the home of Philip and Gill Eavis, 890468

**Tuesday Evening Crocombe:** 7.30pm at Folley Bridge House, the home of Tony and Ann Williamson, 342919

**Tuesday or Wednesday daytime North Wootton:** further details from Tim and Felicity Wootton at Higher Farm, 890060

**Wednesday morning Dinder:** 11.00am at The Old Rectory, the home of Elizabeth Somerville, enquiries to 679468

We hope you will be able to join us; the four different times will hopefully mean that anyone wanting to attend will be able to do so. Please do not feel you can only attend the one in your village or that you have to go to the same

venue every week. It is a great opportunity to get to know some people from the other villages.

If you would like to attend, or to find out a few more details please contact Rev Chris or look out for sign-up sheets in the churches. It will be beneficial for you to have seen the DVD of 'The King's Speech' before starting the course (we will have some copies available to borrow).

*Chris Butler*

### **Bits from the Belfry**

Great news! We have nearly reached our target of £25,000 for the refurbishment of the bells in St Mary's Church, Croscombe. The Friends of St Mary's and the PCC would like to thank all the residents of Croscombe for their generosity which has made this possible.

The Sanctus bell has already been removed from the tower and taken to Taylor's of Loughborough for refurbishment. Work on the remaining six bells will start in March when the weather is a little warmer. This is because the work involves cleaning and repainting the steel and cast iron bell frame, which is better done when the weather is not too cold or damp.

Once work on the bells and tower has begun, the clock will be restored by Gillett and Johnson as the bells will be out of action for a time. It is expected that the work will take about two months to complete, and the bells will not be able to be rung during this period.

Since the regular Monday evening bell-ringing practices were resumed at Croscombe two and a half years ago the band has remained very enthusiastic. There are nine regular Croscombe ringers, all of whom are members of the Bath & Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. We also have three regular visitors from Wells. While the bells at Croscombe are out of action we will continue to hold weekly practices at nearby churches.

Once again the Friends of St Mary's and the PCC thank all those who have so generously donated to the restoration, both large and small amounts, and hope you will be pleased to hear the bells ringing out and the clock again chiming the hours for many more years to come.

*Church Wardens and Bell Ringers, Croscombe*

### **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.

### **Funerals**

The Funeral Service of **Doris Hardy** was held at The Seventh Day Adventist Church on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

A service for **Ian Davidson** of Croscombe was held at Mendip Crematorium on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

The cremated remains of **Edna Leonard** were interred in Pilton churchyard on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

We send our loving sympathy to the families and close friends of these people.

## **FRIENDS of ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE**

*'Friday Night is Music Night'*

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm in Croscombe Church Room**

We are delighted to invite you to the next in our series of popular music evenings. This month Terry is entertaining us with a programme of Brandenburg Concerto No.3 by Bach and Symphony No.6 by Beethoven. Programme notes will be supplied. Wine and tea/coffee and nibbles served after the music. The programme will last about 50 minutes.

Because space is limited, admittance is **by ticket only**. These are available from the Churchwardens (345405 or 345222) and are free to Friends, £3 to others.

### **AND - a Date for your Diary**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** A Concert of Music and Readings by the Choir of Wells Cathedral Junior School, in St Mary's Church, Croscombe. Details next month.



### **Open House at The Brambles, Pilton on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February to support Fairtrade Fortnight**

(Fairtrade Fortnight: 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> March) –

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am – 8.00 pm**

at Anthony & Hilary Austin's, The Brambles, Barrow Lane, Pilton. BA4 4BH

The new Spring/Summer catalogue will be available.

Also: **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 11.00 am – 12 noon North Wootton Cafe.**

Last Christmas, as a result of Traidcraft sales, I was able to send £100 to Christian Aid to support their appeal to deliver vital health care to mums and babies around the world. In Kenya alone 14,700 babies die in their first day of life. I have also been able to send £50 to Traidcraft's 'Fair Necessities Appeal'.

Traidcraft are hoping to holder farmers around and eat more.



raise £500,000 to help small-the world grow more, earn more

I hope to send a further

donation at the end of Fairtrade

Fortnight. Both appeals have attracted matched funding from the government, so all donations are doubled.

Do drop in for a coffee and bring a friend on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Phone: 01749 890561 or e-mail: [hilary.austin2@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.austin2@btinternet.com) for any enquiries.

*Hilary Austin*

### **Retirement of the Clerk to Pilton Parish Council**

Jean Warry will retire from the position of Parish Clerk in April. Jean has been Clerk for 36 years and has worked with nine chairmen and 45 councillors.

At the Parish Council meeting in January the Chairman offered his heartfelt thanks for Jean's hard work and dedication over the years and his gratitude for her guidance. Councillors offered personal thanks for her commitment and offered good wishes for the future whilst acknowledging that Jean's knowledge and experience will be difficult to replace.

### **Pilton Handbell Ringing Group**

We have had another successful season and now have 11 regular ringers which is the most we have ever had in the group. It does enable us to have more flexibility and also allows people to be ill!

Consequently we are not looking for new members at the moment. We were very busy in the week before Christmas performing at The Cyder Barn, Homechime House, The Glen, The Crown Inn and at the Village Carol Service. We raised £130 for the Connect Centre in Wells for their work with the homeless and disadvantaged. We would like to thank all of you who have supported us and for your nice comments. It is good to be appreciated.

*Margaret Wheat* on behalf of Pilton Handbell Ringing Group

### **Carol singing in Croscombe**

A wet but enjoyable December evening was spent carol-singing around Croscombe, raising £140 which was donated to Crisis at Christmas. Many thanks to all who joined in singing, and all who donated. *Mike Dowell*

## **‘A Child’s Christmas in Wales’, by Dylan Thomas**

On Christmas Eve youngsters from Croscombe and the surrounding area, gave us a delightful and timely short performance in the garden of Chantry House. One could almost smell the snow, and afterwards we were treated to mulled wine and hot mince pies, courtesy of Louise Tully and Emma Boot. Once again, well done to Nic Lacey for her vision and direction.

**Thank you** for generous donations to ‘Roundabout’ from the Croscombe Society and Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club.

### **CROSCOMBE PENSIONERS’ CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Christmas was truly kick-started with the annual pensioners’ dinner when about 80 of us gathered at the Croscombe Village Hall for an excellent turkey dinner followed by Christmas pudding.

Thanks must go to the committee and organisers of this event, to all the helpers, to Vervan and Peter for presenting such a good meal in such cramped (not for much longer, we hope) conditions, and to Alan Hooley who always entertains us so very suitably. The whole evening serves to remind us of just how special this village is.

*Eve Harris*

### **CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Croscombe Quiz and Congratulations to Jenny Mitchell who won the bottle of Champagne. £66 has been added to the Hall Redevelopment Fund.

Also, we would like to thank Dan Williams for persuading Tesco to donate their ex-display 8’ Christmas Tree and other decorations to our Village Hall.

*Alison Hodges* Croscombe Village Hall Committee

### **CROSCOMBE 100 CLUB**

The Croscombe Village Hall Committee say a big thank you to all contributors to the 100 Club. Thanks to your very generous support over the years the funds raised have helped enormously towards the ever ongoing maintenance of the Village Hall.

New members are always welcome. A subscription of £1 per month entitles you to be in the monthly draw of two prizes (£25 and £15) with the addition in June and December of an extra prize of £100.

If you would like to try your luck and join the 100 Club, please contact Gill Way on 344929. We wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2015.

### **USED POSTAGE STAMPS and PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS**

Please remember to save your used postage stamps and plastic milk bottle tops (red, green, blue etc) for the various charities. They are always grateful for your contributions. The stamps and tops can be left at the Village Stores or at my home - Livadia, Fayreway, Croscombe. (I would stress milk bottle tops as other sizes cannot be dealt with). Many thanks. *Janet Dowding*

**KNITTING FOR CHARITY**  
**Pilton Post Office Area**

Please feel free to pick up and start or continue to knit any squares available while waiting in the Post Office. Donations of wool appreciated.

**A CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT in aid of the Air Ambulance**

will be held on

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7.30pm**

**PILTON VILLAGE HALL**

Teams of 4, £2.50 EACH

To include a light Ploughman's Supper.

Please come along even if you are not in a team – we can make one up

**Olde English**  
**Afternoon Tea**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 3.00pm

**Pilton Village Hall** £6.50 per person

Treat yourselves and loved ones to a scrumptious afternoon tea of sandwiches, cakes, scones with cream and jam and endless cups of tea.

Tickets available until 28<sup>th</sup> February from Pilton Post Office or Sheila West, telephone 890448. Proceeds to Pilton Village WI



**March 26<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**and March 28<sup>th</sup>**

(Three nights this time!)

“Sudden Death at Thornbury Manor” by Chris Lewis and Carol Hutton in Pilton Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm. – drinks from the Club Bar.

Performance starts at 7.30pm.

This is a murder mystery drama written as a radio play for YOU to solve!! In addition there will be a two-course light supper served at tables of four.

Tickets at £8 per person inclusive of supper will be on sale from Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

at Pilton Post Office, the Club Bar and  
Sandra Howe on 01749 890 239 or [sandjhowe@shoplane.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:sandjhowe@shoplane.wanadoo.co.uk)  
Please come and take part in Pilton Players' new venture. You may discover  
hidden Sherlock talents or even a new Dr Watson!!!!

*Sandra Howe*

### **Advance Notice: Bhopal Charity**

Jumble Sale on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March in Pilton Village Hall, so please could you bear me in mind when you're Spring cleaning! I have some storage space and can collect if local, or you can deliver it on the day. More details next month. Any queries please call me on 899125. Thanks. *Fiona Case*

### **Croscombe & Dinder Frolics**

present

## **Puss In Boots**

A Limelight Panto

**in Croscombe Village Hall**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**7.30 pm (2.30pm Saturday Matinee)**

Tickets available from Croscombe Stores

**Adult £7, Concessions £6, Under 14's £5.**

(Cash or cheque only, please.)

### **NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Village Parking** – thank you for completing the questionnaire. If you still have not had it collected then could you 'post' it through any councillor's letter box or in the parish boxes in the Shop and The George.

The majority concerns expressed were cars blocking emergency vehicle access in Church Street and parking too close or on the pavement by the main bus stop. Highways have noted this and will be drawing up a plan to add road markings to address these issues.

Work is continuing on the Neighbourhood Plan with attention directed now to those green spaces that we want to protect for continued village use. Another area being investigated is facilities for our increasing elderly population. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your views.

**Next Meeting.** - 7.30 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> February in the Church Room. All are welcome.

*Hilary Shergold*

### **CROSCOMBE SOCIETY**

**Village Litter Pick - 10.00am. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

All welcome to help. Meet at the bus stop area near the George Inn. Some gloves, hi-vis jackets etc. provided, but please bring your own if you can. Thanks in anticipation.  
*Ian Baker*

### **PILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The **village litter pick** will take place on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. We will meet at the Village Hall Car Park at **9.00am** where hi-vis jackets and litter picking equipment will be distributed. It is a great opportunity to get the village looking good for Spring and a chance to chat over hot soup on return to the hall. Please join us.

**Parish Clerk position** – details at [www.piltonvillage.co.uk](http://www.piltonvillage.co.uk)

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

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

**Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>** The Bleedin Noses 8pm £5.00.

**Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>** Back to the Shack

Acoustic Evening 8.00pm £3.00

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

**The George Inn, Croscombe**  
**Now Open** 11am-11pm on weekends,  
11am - 3pm and 5pm – 12pm on Friday  
11am - 3pm and 6pm – 12pm nightly  
**Steak Night** every Wednesday. 2 for £22.95  
**Cycle Saturday** at 10am  
First and fifth Saturday every month.  
**MS Quiz League**  
Every Sunday at 8.00pm  
Teams of 5 wanted

## 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

**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.  $\frac{3}{4}$  bedrooms, 3 baths, 100m  
from the sea with fantastic views to Looe Island. Ample car parking. Contact  
Vernan Graham, The George Inn, tel 342306 [www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk)

**Fionna Roberts PCH; Classical Homeopath,** BA Hons, RSHom 15  
years experience. Clinics in East Pennard & Wells, 01749 890636,  
[fionna@fionnaroberts.co.uk](mailto:fionna@fionnaroberts.co.uk), [www.fionnaroberts.co.uk](http://www.fionnaroberts.co.uk)

**Lady Cleaner and General Helper available** in Pilton 01749 899404  
**Private Carer/Companion** – daily, weekly, respite, over-night or  
weekend care for elderly. Mature, kind and experienced local lady. Enquiries:  
07852 515 037

**Housekeeper wanted:** A trustworthy and hard-working person with experience, for 3 days per week. Large house near Pilton. Cleaning, ironing etc. References required £9.50 per hour. Tel 07905 000002.

**Holiday Cottage.** Centre of Wells. 1 Bed, 1 Bath. Sleeps 2. Dogs welcome. Contact Geraldine on 07799312373 or 01749899104.

[geraldine.hoy@live.co.uk](mailto:geraldine.hoy@live.co.uk).

**Solar Panel For Sale** new and unused PV monocrystalline 250w Axitec model AC-250M/156-60S black premium anodised aluminium frame size 1640x992x40mm. £285 inc local delivery. Ted Sayer 01749 890650 [ted.sayer@uwclub.net](mailto:ted.sayer@uwclub.net)

**Lost Cat** - Female Bengal (tabby-like) previous owners Bread Street, Pilton. Missing since October. We suspect she may have chosen new residence locally. Please contact Sasha or Charlie Moore if you know of her whereabouts (01749 890914).

**Pilton Parish Clerk position** – details at [www.piltonvillage.co.uk](http://www.piltonvillage.co.uk)

## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

### FEBRUARY – ALL EVENTS IN DINDER VILLAGE HALL

6<sup>th</sup> YOS – for children of all the parishes in Year 6 upwards. 5.45-7.15 pm

6<sup>th</sup> First Friday bar – open to all. from 7.30 pm

Dinder Village Hall Committee Meeting 7.30 pm

7	9 <sup>th</sup>	Dinder	Village	Forum	–
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for all residents of Dinder to discuss topical issues. 7.30

15<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday bar coffee, drink and chat. from 12 noon

20<sup>th</sup> Dinder Village Hall lunch – the first of the year from 12.30 pm

Ring Margaret (674943) or Jill (689112) to book.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Club, Croscombe Church Room 11.00am

### DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCH

Our first lunch this year will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. A choice of delicious home-cooked main courses and desserts all for £5.50. Drinks are bought separately at the bar. Please pre-book by phoning either : Margaret Bancroft [674943] or Jill Gibbons [689112]. Please pay when you arrive. Doors open at 12.30pm to start serving at 12.45pm. We look forward to seeing you all.

**DINDER & CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB**  
**List of Prizewinners in Christmas Draw 2014**

£50 voucher	S. Payne	£20 voucher	H. Thomas
Hamper	E. Armand	Hamper	P. Graham
Divinity Party	Queen G. Mills	Whisky	A. Ferris
Port	N. Apfelstedt	Sherry	D. Blyth
Perry	J. Newton	£10 voucher	L. Baker
Xmas cards etc.	J. Gould	Wine	H. Patch
Wine	Aircon Dave	Wine	G. Culpin
Wine	J. Hatcher	Wine	D. Frost
Chocolates	N. Apfelstedt	Chocolates	N. Manning
Chocolates	J. Dalby	Beer	C. Browning.
Biscuits	W. Eaton	Biscuits	C. Walker
Cheese biscuits	J. Newton	Xmas crackers	O. Austwick
Preserves	A. Mills	Preserves	D. Bobbett
Body treats	J. Gulley	Bath petals	L. Hay
Mince pies	S. Culpin	Xmas surprise selec.	J. Mills
Bacardi	D. Rogers	Xmas surprise selec.	L. Woolley
Vodka	E. Somerville & Terry		

Many thanks to everyone who supported this draw.

*Peter Bobbett Chairman & Promoter D & CCC*

**WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE**

**February**

7 <sup>th</sup> Litter Pick, meet near The George Inn	10.00am
11 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> W.I. Meeting. 'Tracing Family Trees'. Sue George. S.D.A. Hall	2.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens' Club. Fred Phelps – Comic Poet. S.D.A. Hall	2.15pm
19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Pantomime. 'Puss in Boots'. Village Hall	
(See separate notice for further information)	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dinder and Croscombe Sunday Clubs. Church Room	11.00am
25 <sup>th</sup> W.I. Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642)	
27 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: Honeymead	11.20am – 11.30am
The George Inn	11.35am – 11.45am
27 <sup>th</sup> Music Night, Church Room, (see details for tickets)	7.30pm

**March**

14 <sup>th</sup> Spring Charter Market. Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00noon
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**Croscombe, Dinder & Dulcote Joint Sunday Club**

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at Croscombe in the Church Room at 11am.**

Children under 3 years need to have an adult accompany them. Children from any parish are most welcome. For further information please contact Sandra Kirkham 342221 or Becky Gilbert 676739.

### **CROSCOMBE VILLAGE SHOW and FUN DAY**

Put it in your diary now! This year's Village Show and Fun Day (always the second Saturday of July) is **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY**. The Show Schedule is enclosed for Croscombe residents in this edition of the Roundabout so you have plenty of time to get sowing and planting, painting and knitting, cooking and bottling before the big day. We know there are lots of talented gardeners, cooks and handicrafters out there! You might win – you might not – it doesn't really matter. But by entering you will help ensure that the Hall will be full of interesting, tasty and beautiful things to be admired.

The programme, containing the Show Rules and how to enter, will be delivered to every household in Croscombe at the beginning of June.

*The Committee*

### **CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW**

#### **October**

Ian Davidson £25  
Chris Jackson £15

#### **November**

Ian North £25  
Peter Graham £15

#### **December**

Mrs Imelda North £100  
Tony Hodges £25  
Ralph Lintern £15

## **WHAT'S ON IN PILTON**

### **February**

2 <sup>nd</sup> History Group AGM, Village Hall	7.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, Crafts at Mid-Somerset Show, Sally Yeoman Cards and Games, PWMC	2.00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council, Village Hall	7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Glastonbury Festival and PC Meeting, Village Hall	6.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, Bingo, Audrey and Terry, PWMC	2.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Ramble, Village Hall Car Park	2.00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, Top Street Car Park	2.35 – 2.50pm
West Compton House	3.00 – 3.10pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Charity Quiz Night, Village Hall	7.30pm

The AGM of the **Pilton Village History Group** will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall followed by Part 2 of a talk by Adrian Pearse on East Pennard. Everyone welcome. Members £1 Visitors £2.

Richard Raynsford [richardraynsford@btinternet.com](mailto:richardraynsford@btinternet.com)

**Glastonbury Festival 2015 Limited will be meeting  
with Pilton Parish Council**

at Pilton Village Hall

on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00 pm.**

This meeting will also be open to residents of Pilton village but participation will be at the discretion of the Chairman.



**Pilton Ramblers'** first walk of the year will depart from the Village Hall Car Park at **2.00 pm** on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February** and you are welcome to come along. The choice of route will depend on the weather and the conditions under-foot

but the total distance walked will not exceed five miles.  
*John Wheat 890585*

**PILTON SHOW 5th/6th September**

Once again we would like to give everyone plenty of time to get started on entries for Pilton Flower Show, and so for Pilton residents a copy of the schedule is included in this month's Roundabout or phone 01749 890357.

The Flower Show is supported by several kind individuals and businesses who give sponsorship of between £20 and £50 which enables us to award prize money, rosettes and certificates. If there is anyone else who would like to help the Show in this way, please contact Chris King on 890357. We would be very grateful.

*Chris King*

**PILTON CALENDAR 2015**

Pilton Show printed a 2015 calendar consisting of prizewinning or highly commended entries in the Show's photographic sections. If you haven't already bought a copy, all Piltonians past and present should have a copy in their kitchen or beside the phone!

Contributions to the 2016 calendar are invited from all entrants to the photographic classes in Pilton Show. Pictures must be taken in Pilton, throughout the seasons, to fit the appropriate month. So start clicking now... further details to follow when schedule available. Sales benefit Show funds, from which profits are shared between village organisations, allocated by the grants committee after the AGM, for help with specific projects.

Calendars priced £5 are available from Pilton Post Office when open, or from Jenny de Gex (01749 890465 [jennydegex@btinternet.com](mailto:jennydegex@btinternet.com)) or Wendy Lynn (01749 890777 [wlynn34@gmail.com](mailto:wlynn34@gmail.com))

### **PILTON PEOPLE BOOK**

There are many new people in the village now who might perhaps be interested in the history of the place they have moved into. In 2012 an illustrated book (192 pages, 242 photos both b/w and colour) was published to mark the Diamond Jubilee, lightheartedly surveying the years 1952-2012 through the memories and recollections of village characters past and present. For newcomers and those who may have missed out first time around, this is still in print and available from Pilton Post Office when open, or from Jenny de Gex (01749 890465) Priced at £7.50 it is good value and a valid social history of an extraordinary place that we all love.

*Jenny de Gex*

### **BOLLYWOOD AND BELLY DANCING IN PILTON**

Would you like to get moving and shaking in 2015? Coming soon to Pilton Village Hall, Bollywood and belly dancing classes where you can enjoy keeping fit with fun at the same time. Classes are being planned now to start running on Monday evenings from March. Look out for dates and the taster session details in the March edition of Roundabout. I am particularly keen to hear from women aged 14 - 25 years who would like to attend Bollywood classes as it may be possible to subsidise the cost for this age group. An hour-long Bollywood class will be followed by an hour of belly dancing. (Attend either or both sessions.) Whatever your age, please contact me if you would like more details or if you want to put your name down for either session: e-mail [adelerobertson@aol.co.uk](mailto:adelerobertson@aol.co.uk) or tel. 890199. Please also contact me if you would be interested in attending or helping to get other dance sessions going in Pilton Village Hall.

*Adele Robertson, Pilton Village Trust*

### **PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE**

There proved to be very welcoming 'room at the inn' for the Happy Circle Christmas lunch held at The Lanes at West Coker. What a happy melding of Edwardian vicarage and modern accommodation and ideally suited to the diverse tastes of our membership. Talking of taste, what a satisfying lunch we sat down to in the beautifully prepared dining room. Traditional food cooked with just enough of the 'Pro celebrity chef' touch. Generally, lunch was voted a 'Len's Ten'. Our thanks to the organisers in the Club and, particularly, to the attentive and friendly hotel staff. We shall be back!

Our Christmas tea party variety! Sweet Christmas delightful Adelaide Brown Sydenham (piano), greeted prelude to the distribution happily received. There Cooper Christmas tea with sweetmeats. Thank you, Ann. Finally and fittingly, four lustily-rendered carols ushered in the Christmas season in a wholly appropriate atmosphere of peace and goodwill to all.



wasn't of the Boston music, provided by the (flute) and Claire members - a perfect of cards and presents, all followed a vintage Ann presents of satsumas and

Why not join us for similar goodies in 2015? We would love to see you!

*John Howe*

### **Croscombe WI**

Our December meeting is always our Christmas meal which this year, with no longer having our local Bull Terrier available, we had at Bowlsh House and only two members were unable to attend.

We commenced our meal heartedly singing decorated beautifully and



in the usual way by wholeheartedly singing 'Jerusalem'. The room was decorated beautifully and the meal was very good. We

had a short meeting, a 'Secret Santa' was passed around and lots of greetings and Christmas wishes were shared by all.

We meet in the Seventh Day Adventist Hall and new members are always more than welcome.

*Lyn Manvill*

### **FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Pylle Village Hall (The old School on A37)

**Hardy Perennials** – Don Everett

New members always welcome.

Our programme includes horticultural talks, garden visits, plant sales and social events.

Details from Janet (01749 331306) or Barbara (01749 960438)

November and December were busy months for us all at Croscombe School. At the beginning of November, three of our older children represented the school at the Primary Maths Festival at Wells Cathedral School. We were one of the smallest schools to take part and we were very pleased to come joint third out of twelve schools. We were especially proud when the Croscombe School team were the only school to answer one of the questions. Well done and what a good reflection on the teaching.

During the same week Chestnuts class had an amazing visit to a working quarry and the Earth Science Centre at Stoke St Michael. As well as a lot of fun, everyone, adults and children, had a day full of learning.

An important part of our education at Croscombe School is centred on helping others in all sorts of ways. During these two months we have supported lots of good causes:

Our Children in Need theme this year was 'Superheroes',

By popular request we had another 'Pyj-onesie day' to raise money towards the sponsorship of Abraham who lives in Ethiopia and is twelve years old now. As well as a Cake Stall and a Bring and Buy Stall, each class brought coins to cover an African animal,

A Christmas Jumper day, to support Save the Children made us realise how close Christmas was.

FOCS (Friends of Croscombe School) worked hard to make the Christmas Market very successful and other activities like easyfundraising, Clothes for a Cause and Christmas cards have helped school funds.

Outdoor activities such as Cross Country have been replaced by Dance and Archery.

We celebrated Christmas with Carols at the Cathedral, with members of Croscombe Senior Citizens' Club coming to us for tea and carol singing, with a Nativity tableau and carols and a service in Croscombe Church.

'Cinderella' at the Village Hall was very popular and we all enjoyed our Christmas Lunch and parties.

Now we are making a good start at the beginning of a new term and we are looking forward to visiting Bristol Zoo and the S.S. Great Britain.

## **WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

### **December News**

Our choir took part in the Wells Cathedral Carol Concert. Our infant classes also put on a delightful nativity play called 'Jesus' Christmas Party' which told the story of the birth of Jesus from the perspective of the innkeeper and his

wife, who were kept up all night with the visitors to their stable. Our juniors held a Carol Service in St Nicholas Church with Year 6 children taking on the key roles with due reverence. The 'Frozen' theme at our Christmas Fair was a great success and we were very grateful to the Friends of West Pennard School for their hard work. Our infants had their Christmas parties, our juniors danced away at their Christmas disco and the children were entertained by two theatre visits: the Image Musical Theatre performed 'Tom's Midnight Garden' and Tor Theatre produced 'Cinderella 2 – Buttons Bites Back'. On the last day of term the school gathered together for our Christmas Lunch...always a fitting end to the Autumn term.

### **Gifted and Talented Award Success**

During the second half of the autumn term West Pennard Primary School was successfully reaccredited with the NACE Challenge Award which recognises the school's excellent provision for children who are more able, gifted or talented (MA, G&T). We were successful in achieving the award four years ago and were delighted to achieve this success for the second time following a rigorous inspection at the end of November. The two assessors observed teaching across the school, talked to children, looked at books, interviewed staff and scrutinised a folder of evidence compiled by Mrs King, our MA, G&T coordinator. The full report is on our website. The summary states:

*'West Pennard is an outstanding school with a strong focus on the MA, G&T agenda. Since achieving the Challenge Award in 2010 the school has maintained exceptionally high standards, high levels of attainment and leaders have ensured the school is forward looking, focusing on learning and the progress of all pupils to achieve to the best of their ability. The staff members are committed, passionate and daring in their teaching, bringing fun and enjoyment to learning, which is clearly recognised and valued by the pupils.'*

We were delighted with the report which recognised the standards our children achieve, how we develop pupils' talents through enterprise and enrichment opportunities and the quality of our curriculum. Moreover, the strength of the staff team and quality of relationships between everyone in the school community were highlighted.

To our knowledge we are the only primary school to have this award in Somerset. We will be celebrating this milestone with a special assembly in the near future.

*Helen Burchell, Headteacher*

### **MENDIP DFAS**

3<sup>rd</sup> February **The Golden Age of Venetian Glass:** Mrs J Gardiner MA, will talk about stylistic development of Venetian glass from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Century, the material and techniques involved and the fashion for it

throughout Europe. The talk will be given to at the Bath & West Bar & Restaurant (formerly the Westex Suite), B & W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN, 10.30 for 11.00am. Details: [www.mdfas.org.uk](http://www.mdfas.org.uk). Guests welcome.

## **MID-SOMERSET NADFA**

17<sup>th</sup> February: The Limewood Sculptures of Renaissance Germany. Illustrated lectures, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, Tuesdays at 1100. Free parking. £6. Information 01963 350 527.

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Courses available for February:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am-12noon PHOTO MANAGEMENT.** Learn how download photos from your camera to your PC; organise; brighten; crop; edit; print; email etc. using a free download called Picasa.

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## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

1 <sup>st</sup> February	Miss A. Schiffer	11.00am
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev. D. Hills	11.00am
15 <sup>th</sup> February	United Service at the Parish Church	11.00am
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Mr R. Haskins	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

### FEBRUARY 2015

#### **1<sup>st</sup> February Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

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

#### **8<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Family Service	North Wootton
6.30pm	Evensong	Dinder

#### **15<sup>th</sup> February Sunday next before Lent**

9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	United Service	Pilton
11.00am	Morning Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe

#### **18<sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday**

10.30am	Holy Communion with ashing	Pilton
7.30pm	Holy Communion with ashing	Dinder

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> February Lent 1**

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

#### **1<sup>st</sup> March Lent 2**

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