

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 2016

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Please make sure that emails with items for *Roundabout* are acknowledged by one of the team within two days of sending them.

MARCH ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS

MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 9.00am

THOUGHTS FOR FEBRUARY

Now the weather has finally turned cold one of the pleasures for me is lighting my woodburner. It is still a real treat for me to sit watching the flames and smelling the wood smoke. There is something about a fire blazing away that gives real comfort as well as warmth.

As we face what could be the coldest month, I wonder what brings you comfort? Is it sitting in front of a blazing fire, or being outside on crisp sunny mornings and taking in the fresh (very fresh) air? Maybe it's looking forward to events planned for later in the year like weddings or a holiday. All of these are simple things but they all make a difference as to how we feel. We all need things that bring us comfort but maybe especially in the cold February days, when the days are short and the dark evenings long.

For some of us it is our faith that brings the greatest comfort. For many it is the time spent being together, sharing our experience and hopefully growing in our faith. Each year in our Benefice we run Lent groups; maybe that is something you enjoy each year and are looking forward to experiencing again, or maybe it might be something new you might fancy trying this year for the first time.

I can't guarantee each group will be sitting together in front of an open fire but what I can guarantee is a time of fellowship and sharing, a time to get to know people on a deeper level and a time to study God's word in depth. This year we will be studying the Lord's Prayer – a prayer that has given comfort to so many people over the years all over the world. It is not only a chance to look at that famous prayer in more depth but also to spend time together sharing our views and strengthening our relationships. So watch out for the information and sign-up sheets which will appear over the next few weeks and why not consider giving it a go this Lent.

Rev. Chris

PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for people around the world whose lives are difficult: we remember those who do not have sufficient resources, all refugees and those living in war-torn places of danger and unrest. In this country we continue to pray for those affected by flooding and bad weather.

BIBLE READINGS

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| 7 th February | 2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2 | Luke 9.28 – 36 |
| 10 th February | Joel 2. 1,2, 12 – 17 | John 8. 1 - 11 |
| 14 th February | Romans 10. 8b – 13 | Luke 4.1 - 13 |
| 21 st February | Philippians 3. 17 – 4.1 | Luke 13.31 – 35 |
| 28 th February | 1 Corinthians 10. 1 – 13 | Luke 13.1 - 9 |

ABOUT PEOPLE

We are glad to welcome new people to our villages. We hope that you settle happily and we look forward to meeting 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.

Baptism

We welcomed **Georgia Rose James** who was baptised in Dinder Church on Sunday 17th January.

Funerals

The funeral service of **John Gulley** was held in Croscombe Church on 18th December.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the families of **Rosamund Jackson** (nee Bond formerly of Pilton) and **Pauline Cross** of Croscombe.



Very many thanks to everyone who has offered so much help over the past weeks. I am extremely grateful for all the practical help and the lifts while I have been unable to drive. *Susan Green*

Thank You to the many people who have sent messages and those who have brought Reg to visit me. It is much appreciated. *Wendy Lynn*

ASH WEDNESDAY - 10th FEBRUARY

As we did last year we will be having two services where the 'imposition of ashes' will be available.

The name Ash Wednesday comes from the practice of making ashes from the palm crosses blessed on Palm Sunday the previous year. The ashes are then put on the foreheads of anyone who would like to take part, 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 in 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 marked with ash please do still come for communion.

The services will be 11.00am at Pilton and 7.30pm at North Wootton.

Chris Butler

Friends of St Mary's, Croscombe

'Friday Night is Music Night'

Friday 26th February 7.30 pm in Croscombe Church Room

Come and join a small group who gather to listen to a programme of music chosen by Terry McCarthy. The music varies from Big Band Swing to Bach Cantatas. The evening is very relaxed and we usually leave having learnt something new. This month Terry is donning his tights and lightening the winter gloom with a selection of popular ballet music. Programme notes are supplied, and wine and tea/coffee and nibbles are served after the music, which will last about an hour.

All are welcome and the evening is free to Friends, £3 to others.

EVENING CONCERT IN PILTON PARISH CHURCH

Saturday 5th March, 7.30pm

featuring soprano Rebekah Smith

Rebekah is currently in her final year of study as a soprano at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. Rebekah says, 'As the transition from full time student to professional musician draws closer, I am planning to share with you what I have learned. I will be hosting an evening recital at Pilton Parish Church, during which I will perform a varied selection of classic songs.' The recital takes place the evening before Mothering Sunday, so it's the perfect excuse to treat any Mother, Grandmother, or Daughter. Tickets @ £5 from Revd Chris Butler (899061), Susan Green (890524) or Pilton Post Office.

News from Pilton Handbell Ringing Group

At Christmas, the Pilton Handbell Ringing Group played at five different venues. At Torrwood Care Home in Wells, one of the residents was rather disappointed that we were Bellringers not Belly Dancers having misheard who was visiting! We also played at the Cyder Barn, West Pennard, for the Village Carol Service, at Homechime House in Wells and finally at The Crown. We raised money at the last two venues for this year's charity chosen by Hilary: The Bristol Methodist Centre, which does such admirable work for the homeless. This amounted to £200 after a generous donation for which we are all most grateful. Thanks to all who supported us.

Now the handbells are being sent off for maintenance thanks to the grant we were awarded recently by the Grants Committee of Pilton Show. Thank you so much for helping us to keep the set in good condition for the future.

Margaret Wheat on behalf of Pilton Handbell Ringing Group



News from Village Voices Community Choir

Our Christmas events raised £309 for the RUH Cancer Unit which is a fantastic amount. Thank you very much to all who supported us.

Our Carol Singing around the village on December 15th was not without incident, as three members managed to fall over in the dark, but we carried on resolutely and sang our hearts out, vowing that next year we must hold on tight to each other and bring better torches!

The first concert was at the Village Hall on December 17th and was a great success with the choir singing confidently and enthusiastically. There was a warm response from the capacity audience who joined in at every opportunity proving that THEY should join the choir.

Not everyone could come to the first rehearsal of the New Year, but even so 30 people did attend, including 9 new members, which was a really encouraging start to an exciting year ahead.

Thanks also to the Grants Committee of Pilton Show. With your help we have been able to purchase a much needed keyboard for the choir.

Emma Wheat 670266

PRAYER and a PINT

Due to the Lent groups Prayer and a Pint will not be happening in February or March.

Look out for further details in the future.

LENT GROUPS

This year we will be using one of the Pilgrim courses on the Lord's Prayer. For those of you who haven't heard of them they are a series of courses designed to help us think about our faith. The Lord's Prayer course is designed for those with faith or none to think through some of the issues around how we know and worship God, so anyone is welcome to attend.

Once more there will be four venues, one in each of our villages, so you can attend whichever one you want. It would be helpful to have numbers to ensure we have enough books so please either e-mail me or use one of the sign-up sheets in our churches. The cost of the books is just under £5 so if anyone would like to contribute by buying one of the books it would be most appreciated.

This is a six-week course so to enable us to complete all sessions before Easter we will be starting during the week of Ash Wednesday.

Monday evenings Pilton 7.30pm, beginning on Monday 8th February at Benleigh House, the home of Philip and Gill Eavis,

Tuesday mornings Dinder 11.00am beginning on 9th February at The Old Rectory, the home of Elizabeth Somerville.

Wednesday afternoons 2.00pm North Wootton:

February 10th, 17th and 24th at Swallows Roost, North Wootton, the home of Val Featherstone;

March 2nd, 9th, 16th at Higher Farm, North Wootton, the home of Tim and Felicity Wotton.

Thursday evenings 7.30pm Croscombe beginning on 11th February at Livadia, Fayreway, Croscombe, the home of David and Janet Dowding.

Thank you to all hosts and leaders for being willing to help.

Chris Butler 899061 butlerchristine19@gmail.com

INTERCESSIONS WORKSHOP

This will take place on Saturday 27th February between 10-12 (coffee from 9.30am). The workshop is aimed at anyone who currently leads intercessions at Church or who might like to in the future. It will be held in Dinder Village Hall.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
22nd February – 7th March

This year 'Open House' at The Brambles will follow Fairtrade Fortnight and be on Friday 18 March.

Traidcraft do not just sell Fairtrade produce but work alongside their producers listening to what they want and helping them to connect with their buyers. They also run a development programme to help small scale farmers and artisans. This Christmas through your support I have been able to send £400 to support this programme.

More details about 18th March in next month's Roundabout.

Traidcraft products always available from: Hilary Austin phone: 01749 890561 or e-mail: hilary.austin2@btinternet.com for any enquiries.

Summer Fayre and Songs of Praise
Sunday 24th July 2.00pm – 5.00 pm in Pilton Tithe Barn

Hosted by Pilton Churches Working Together

We appreciate that we have just been celebrating Christmas and now we are talking about a summer craft fayre but we wanted everyone to be able to put this date in their diary. We hope to make it a day of celebration with anyone who would like to sell their craft items or produce to be able to hire a table for £10. Cream teas will be available in the afternoon as well as a cake stall, plant stall, raffle and activities for children. The afternoon will culminate with Songs of Praise at 4.00 pm led by Shepton Town Band.

If you would like to book a table please phone either Hilary Austin on 01749 890561 e-mail: hilary.austin2@btinternet.com or Gill Eavis on 01749 890468 e-mail: philipeavis@btinternet.com All bookings should be made by the end of March.

Proceeds will be shared between Pilton Parish Church and Pilton Methodist Church.

YOS

This month we are going to the Pantomime! Some of our group are in the Croscombe Pantomime during half term. We will not meet on the first Sunday but meet in half term at the Panto!

YOS is open to children of all parishes in year 6 upwards. We usually meet in Dinder Village Hall on the 1st Sunday of each month 6.00pm-7.30pm. For further information please contact Sandra Kirkham 342221 or Becky Gilbert 676739.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

On Saturday 16th January we took 14 children to the annual Children's Festival at Wells Cathedral.

Our workshops this year included Water Aid, where we thought about how important water is and how we use it. At the Reflection area we made footprints on our journey through life, made paper boats to remember God's promise, lit candles to symbolise our good qualities, shaped pots out of Plasticine to hold God's love and made stars with our fingerprints to show that we are unique and special to God.

At the craft workshop we made a mobile using natural objects and in the storytelling area we learnt how telling the truth has consequences. We then tried some circus skills and had a look around a fire engine. At our last workshop we made candle holders and met Hetty and Betty, the chickens.

The Festival finished with a closing service and the Wells Cathedral Outreach Choir sang for us.

The children had a lovely day and I would like to thank all the adult helpers who made it possible for us to go.

Sandra Kirkham



Come and join us for the next Messy Church

In North Wootton Village Hall

on Saturday March 5th at 3.00pm

as we prepare for Mothering Sunday.

Children of all ages come, get messy and have fun!

MOTHERING SUNDAY, MARCH 6th

There will be special services in our parish churches to celebrate mothers, families and being part of the Christian family on Sunday 6th March at 9.30am at Dinder, and at 11.00am at Pilton, Croscombe and North Wootton.

There will be some of the traditions associated with Mothering Sunday, like Simnel Cake, and some new ideas. Everyone is part of our Church family so do come along whether or not you come with children.

BITS FROM THE BELFRY

Saturday 9th January was the date of the Bruton bell ringers' annual "Walk and Ring", which this year visited our Benefice. The day started at 9 am at Shepton Mallet, in torrential rain. The intrepid walkers reached Croscombe at 10 am, and made good use of our recently refurbished bells. After a very muddy hike to Pilton, the group enjoyed ringing the eight bells of St John the Baptist. A well earned lunch was enjoyed at The Crown, after which the group faced the longest leg of the day back to Shepton Mallet, again in torrential rain! Ringing on the eight bells of St Peter & Paul was followed by much deserved refreshments in a nearby teashop.

In English-style bell ringing the order of the bells is varied according to a predetermined "method" or pattern. On six bells there are many thousands of possible methods, many of which have not yet been named or even rung. On higher numbers of bells the number of possible methods is effectively infinite. Many methods are named after the place where they were first rung, for example Cambridge and Bristol.

On Friday 15th January a team of local ringers met at Croscombe and rang a quarter peal of 1296 changes of a previously unnamed method, which we have named "Croscombe Delight Minor".

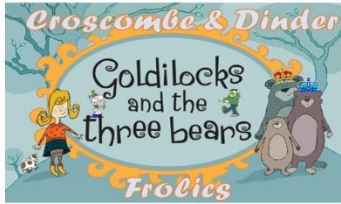
1. Terry Nicholls (Wanstrow)
2. Helen Brown (Croscombe)
3. Claire O'Mahony (Beckington)
4. Tim Phillips (West Cranmore)
5. Andy Mead (West Cranmore)
6. Ken Brown (Croscombe, Conductor)

The term "Delight" refers to the mathematical construction of the method, and "Minor" signifies that it was rung on six bells.

Ken Brown, Croscombe

PILTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

We have several allotment plots vacant, full and half-size, available for group or individual use. Anyone interested from the surrounding area please contact Freda 890345 for more information.



Croscombe and Dinder Frolics are happy to present our production for this year, and it promises to be another fun-filled show. **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** contains porridge (some), a good and bad fairy (what else?) , a Dotty Dame and surprise encounters (plenty).....Oh yes it does!

Thursday 18th — Saturday 20th February
at Croscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm
with a Saturday matinee at 2pm.

Ticket prices remain at £7 adults, £6 Concessions, and £5 under 14's. We have not raised these for 5 years, so do come along and support us.

Tickets this year will be on sale on Saturday 6th and Saturday 13th February at the shop on Long Street. You can order tickets by calling Eve (343194) or Howard (342693).

DRUMMERS ARE MOVING TO CROSCOMBE

Local community drumming group MENDIP ALL DRUMMERS, who for ten years have held their regular Wednesday morning practice meetings at Hillmead Community Hall in Shepton Mallet, will instead find a new home at Croscombe Village Hall, following a decision by the owners, Aster Communities, to close Hillmead Hall for use by external organisations from Friday 5th February.

Mendip All Drummers are delighted to be relocating to Croscombe, and look forward to welcoming anyone interested, to come along on any Wednesday morning to meet us, see what we get up to, chat over coffee or tea and maybe have a go on a dundun or djembe African hand drum. Further information about the group can be found online at www.mendipalldrumpers.btck.co.uk

Charles Johnson, chairperson 07881304609 / 01749 890019
Wendy Easton, facilitator

EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB

Pilton Working Men's Club

Every Wednesday – Lunch – 12noon – 2.00pm

Every Friday – Steak Night (except 12th February) from 7.00 – 9.00pm

Every Sunday – Sunday Carvery – 12noon – 2.00pm

Saturday 6th February: Willie Nininger and Karl Weber

Country music 8.00 -11.30pm - £2.50 on the door

Friday 12th February: Valentine's Dinner

2 courses £14.95, 3 courses £19.95

Saturday 20th February: Diamond Dogz

£5 tickets in advance from PWMC

Pete 07825 323242, Andy 07734 706257 or andyriilo@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday 21st February: Bingo 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30pm

Saturday 27th – Pilton Party Auditions 8.00 – 11.30pm £2.50

Advanced bookings advised for food – 890162 Pete 07825 323242

The Crown Inn, Pilton

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Every Tuesday – Fun Quiz Night, free entry

Take Out Meals – available most nights, please ring

Every Saturday – Free bottle of wine or equivalent

with every two juicy Char-grilled steaks ordered

Sunday Roasts – Main course £8.00 with pud £12.00

not carvery (school dinners!) if you want more just ask.

The George Inn, Croscombe

Steak Night on Wednesdays

For events

Contact The George on 342306

www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

SMALL ADS

Cleaning, ironing & other domestic help available. Local references provided. Call Heather on 07908061228

Vintage crockery and Tablecloths for hire. Sarah Bolton 343682

Dog Walking and Pet Sitting 07709 739508. Please visit website for details www.premierpetcarers.co.uk

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 and repaired. 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.

Fionna Roberts PCH; Classical Homeopath, BA Hons, RSHom 15 years experience. Clinics in East Pennard and Wells, 01749 890636, fionna@fionnaroberts.co.uk, www.fionnaroberts.co.uk

Suzannah Hawkins, Acupuncturist (MBAcC, BSc Hons). Hidden Treasures, 5 Commercial Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BU. 07793405144 or email flourishwellbeing@outlook.com or visit www.flourishwellbeing.net

Pilates Classes: Eases aches, pain and gain strength. Tuesday mornings, Kilver Court. Free taster session. All ages/bodies welcome. Contact Clare clare@somerpilates.co.uk or 01761 233466.

Scottish Country Dancing Tuesdays 7.30 to 9.30pm Dinder Village Hall. For details call 01749 346243

Holiday let, Stallance, West Looe, Cornwall. ¾ bedrooms, 3 baths, 100m from sea, fantastic views to Looe Island. Ample car parking. Contact Peter and Veryan Graham, The George Inn, 342306 www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

Holiday Cottage, Centre of Wells, 1 Bed, 1 Bath, Sleeps 2. Dogs welcome. Contact Geraldine on 07799312373 Or 890104.geraldine.hoy@live.co.uk

Logs: Quality seasoned hardwood logs in dumpy bags or nets. Also kindling available. Dunns Logs. 678656 or 07703 062048

FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 9th February – 7.30pm

“New Zealand Plants” – Neil Ross

Pylle Village Hall

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

Details from Janet (331306) or Barbara (960438)

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

February

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| 5 th Friday Bar in the Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 8 th Dinder Forum meeting, Village Hall, <i>see separate notice</i> | 7.30pm |
| 19 th Village Hall lunch - <i>see separate notice</i> | 12.30pm |
| 21 st Sunday Club for children 0-13, Village Hall | 10.45am |
| 21 st Sunday Bar in the Village Hall | 12noon |
| <i>Come and meet with friends and neighbours at our own friendly 'pub'</i> | |
| 27 th Wine Tasting Evening, Village Hall - tickets £10 | 7.30pm |
| <i>See separate notice for details</i> | |

THE DINDER FORUM

The Dinder Forum was set up about 3 years ago to enable residents to air and discuss issues relating to the village and to develop the action needed to address them. It is open to all residents in the village and it meets about once a quarter. There is also a comprehensive email group to communicate information to all residents between meetings. The next meeting is on Monday 8th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you haven't been before please do come and join in.

DINDER and DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday 21st February, 10.45am at Dinder Village Hall for children birth to 13 years. Children under 3 need to have an adult with them. Children from any parish are welcome and do come even if you can't come every month, or haven't been for a while! For further information please contact Becky Gilbert 676739.

DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCH

Our next lunch will be on Friday 19th February. As always, there will be a wide 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 and we start serving at 12.45pm. We look forward to seeing you all.

Wine Tasting evening

Beat the Winter evenings and come to Dinder Village Hall on Saturday 27th February at 7.30pm.

Wines supplied by a local Wine Merchant, light refreshments. Tickets are £10 and can be bought from Jill Gibbons 689112 or Margaret Bancroft 674943

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

February

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| 3 rd Parish Council Meeting. Church Room | 7.30pm |
| 16 th WI Meeting. Talk by Mrs Dianne DeBurg: 'Chocolate'. SDA Hall | 2.00pm |
| 18 th Senior Citizens' Club. Talk by Mr Michael Head. SDA Hall | 2.15pm |
| 18 th , 19 th and 20 th The Frolics Pantomime: 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' | 7.30pm |
| (With matinee on the 20th at 2.00pm) Village Hall | |
| 24 th WI Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642) | |
| 25 th Moviola Film Night. 'Suffragette' (12A). Village Hall | 7.00pm for 7.30pm |
| 28 th Sunday Club, Church Room | 11.00am |

Date for your diary – the Brue Boys Male Choir, **Saturday 19th March** at 7.00pm in Croscombe Village Hall. It should be a great evening and, in addition, the proceeds will go towards the refurbishment work to be done at the Hall.

CROSCOMBE SUNDAY CLUB will be meeting in the Church Room on **Sunday 28th February at 11.00am**. All children from birth to 11 years are welcome, but children under 3 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Sandra (342221) or Bobbie (938148).

MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall

'Suffragette'(12A)

Thursday, 25th February

This film centres on the women's suffrage movement of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. It tells the story of ordinary British women who risked everything for equality and the right to vote. All-star cast: Meryl Streep, Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter and Anne-Marie Duff. A must-see!

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

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

February

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| 1 st History Group, AGM and Pilton Postcards, Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 3 rd Happy Circle 'Sing Along' with John and Sheila, PWMC | 2.30pm |
| 3 rd Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 6 th Local Ramble, Village Hall Car Park | 2.00pm |
| 9 th Glastonbury Festivals Meeting with Parish Council, Pilton Village Hall | 6.00pm |
| 10 th Pilton Show meeting, Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 15 th W.I. Life in Westminster, Steve Ladyman, Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 17 th Happy Circle, Bingo with Audrey and Terry, PWMC | 2.30pm |

March

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| 5 th Evening Concert, soprano Rebekah Smith, Parish Church | 7.30pm |
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PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP:

February 1st at 7.30pm

Our AGM followed by a presentation from Joe, Chris and Richard on their collections of Pilton postcards.

They have added new ones to their collections since we last saw them. Please bring your own local postcards for us to see and perhaps copy for our archives.

Maureen Tofts



Last year **PILTON RAMBLERS'** walks ventured into Ashcott, Oakhill and Bradford-on-Avon as well as exploring some of the footpaths right on our doorstep, as we will for our first walk of this year. Our numbers did not exceed ten last year and we would love to see some new faces! Anyone from the local area is welcome to join us, not just Piltonians! So why not join us on **Saturday 6th February** at the Village Hall Car Park (**2.00pm**) for a local walk of up to 5 miles – the route to be decided on the day according to the conditions.

John Wheat 890585

Glastonbury Festivals Ltd. meeting with Pilton Parish Council

at Pilton Village Hall

on Tuesday 9th 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



CROSCOMBE SHOW and FUNDAY – Saturday 9th July

Cheer up the gloomy days of winter by thinking ahead to July and all the Show and Funday has to offer! The Show schedule will appear with next month's Roundabout to give you plenty of time to prepare. Entries last year were down, with a particularly disappointing lack of interest in the children's classes. People love looking at the exhibits so please read the schedule and see if there is something you can add to the display. It would be a shame if the Show were to disappear. Remember that entries can be something you have created a while ago – just as long as they have not been entered previously in Croscombe Show. There are a few new topics – including a Somerset based limerick class!

The Programme The cost of producing the Funday Programme is offset by the local adverts contained within it and we are most grateful to those who purchase advertising space. Each A5 page (the size of "Roundabout") is divided into 6 spaces costing £7.50 each; we would prefer ads a third of a page (£15) or bigger if possible.

If you would like to advertise, please contact Val McRobbie on 343502 or paradisehouse@talktalk.net by the end of February at the latest. Please tell anyone you think may be interested.

PILTON SHOW

We have sufficient people organising the various elements but are still looking for someone to co-ordinate the Flower Show overall. If you are interested in taking on that role, please contact Hugh Berry on 01749 890469.

The schedule of classes for this year's show will be available on the website www.piltonflowershow.org.uk to view, download or print out from Monday 1st February and hard copies will be available in the foyer of the Village Hall. Anybody requiring the schedule to be posted, please ring 01749 890357.

David Johnson has been organising the Saturday afternoon village fete on the field (including special events) for eight years and is stepping down after this year's show. We are looking for a volunteer(s) to work with David this year with a view to taking over next year. Avoid the rush and contact Hugh now!

NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

www.croscombe-parish.co.uk

Defibrillator – good news. The British Heart Foundation has awarded the village a defibrillator, its housing cabinet and related video training. We are hoping to site it by The George Inn. We will continue to try and obtain a second machine for location at the Village Hall.

The procedures for its use and relevant emergency contact numbers will be circulated to the village once we receive it; the date has not yet been given.

E-mail – if you have not been visited by your zone councillor to ask you to allow us to use your email address for village matters/notices then please forward it to me at – hshergold@msn.com . We will not use your address for anything other than village related communications but it will be an invaluable tool to let you know of developments/problems other than by the Parish Council noticeboards.

Ice/snow – if we do have bad weather and you are worried about the safety of elderly/disabled neighbours then please contact any council member who will be able to access additional grit supplies.

Next Meeting. - 7.30 pm on 3rd February in the Church Room. All are welcome.

Hilary Shergold

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting in April has changed from the 7th April to the 12th April. It will now be held after the GFL/PPC meeting.

SCC are proposing to start the works to Barrow Footbridge at the beginning of March. This will require a road closure at the Ford for the duration. However, emergency vehicles will have access if required. To save time on site the existing post and railings will be removed before works commence fully to try and repair the existing structure or fabricate something similar. Temporary tubular steel posts and rails will be provided.

Mendip Community Transport Service (Slinky Bus) are asking for your requirements for community transport. The new service is starting in March 16 and they would like to arrange dates and schedules for local villages. Please email them and the village Clerk with what you need as soon as possible to ensure our requirements are met. Mendip Community Transport Service email address is mentrans@btconnect.com

The first meeting of the Footpaths Committee is taking place at 7pm on the 3rd February, prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Karen Buckley, Clerk/RFO karen.buckley75@icloud.com

PILTON HISTORY GROUP WASSAIL

The 16th January dawned dry, bright and cold, what a relief. About 200 people gathered at the Hall to watch the Morris dancers, who enlisted some locals (including Michael) to join in their stick dance. The crowd cheered the traditional Mummers' play in the appropriate places, at the same time as being bemused by the bizarre story line. The play ended with a "glorious crowning" of the Wassail King and Queen, brought to the 'stage' by the Dames. Then we followed the drummers up Parsons Batch to Gabriel's Orchard. Cider and juice were drunk, the Wassail trees were decorated and a traditional Wassail ceremony unfolded. The Village Voices sang beautifully, the brazier roared and the shot gun blasted, spectacularly, to start and stop the huge noise the crowd were making. The orchard looked magical, especially as the light faded over the Tor.

We would welcome feedback to help us decide if we should repeat it next year.

We hear that some people missed the donations buckets. Chris King, Mulberry Cottage, (Treasurer) would be happy to receive any further contributions.

Thank you to all those who came and who helped us to celebrate this ancient tradition.

Maureen and Steve Tofts

GABRIEL'S ORCHARD, PILTON; not just for a January Wassail.

Many of us enjoyed the Pilton Wassail held on January 16th. Gabriel's Orchard is there for all of us throughout the whole year. It's a great place for a picnic or some quiet reflection, with beautiful views across to the Tor. Please do go there whenever you wish.

Do you fancy getting involved? Each month we have a working party when we do the seasonal tasks involved in managing an orchard. At the moment we are pruning the trees. You'll be shown how to do it. Later in the year we will be harvesting the crop, bottling apple juice and making cider.

Our working parties are light-hearted affairs, always involving tea/coffee and biscuits, with some gentle banter. You will be made most welcome. Do come and try it.

For more information contact me on 01749 890357.

Joe King

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE

The Christmas tea party is one of the first dates we choose when planning the year's calendar. Tho' many would find it a bit low key it suits us very well. The Hall was decorated beautifully and Jackie gave us a lovely tea with tasty sandwiches and a range of her delicious home-made cakes. Then came the highlight - exchanging presents. I was devastated. For the second year running my present was the last to be chosen! I obviously need to work on my wrapping skills before December 2016 or stick a diamond on the gift tag.

Our first talk of the year by John Rossiter has set the bar very high. His walk to St. James at Compostela was a stiff challenge but spiritually uplifting. Talks such as this widen our horizons because they are beyond most of our capabilities but they inspire us to try something a little more taxing than our usual fare. Thank you, John, for sharing your experience of a different culture with its mix of traditional and the very new. Your photos illustrated the changing world we all have to adapt to; how meeting new fellow travellers opens the mind but the end of the experience is an increased sense that life experiences are there to be grasped and enjoyed to the full.

John Howe

PILTON SHOW 2017 CALENDAR

The theme for next year's village calendar will be "Trees", which can be single trees, copses or woods: present day photos taken throughout the seasons in the parish of Pilton, which as we all know has extensive boundaries.

Although we earmarked a few possibilities last year and will shortly be contacting specific photographers, we are now actively looking for contributors to submit photos or take pictures with this in mind, until the deadline of July, for sale at this year's Show. To register interest, please contact Jenny on 01749 890465 or send pictures (low-res images only at this stage) to jennydegex@btinternet.com

NADFAS MEETINGS

16th February **Dreamtime to Machine Time** Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, 1100. Free parking. £6. Information on 01963 350527.

2nd February **Eat, Sink and be Merry – Dining on the Titanic:** Dr Annie Gray, a talk about the range of menus served. The Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; www.mdfas.org.uk. Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE STORES
(CROSCOMBE-DINDER VILLAGE SHOP LIMITED AND
CROSCOMBE VILLAGE SHOP ASSOCIATION)

The Annual General Meetings were held recently where the future management structure of the shop was discussed.

Until now the shop has been run under two umbrella organisations, Croscombe-Dinder Village Shop Limited (the owner and landlord of the premises) and Croscombe Village Shop Association Limited.

The latter was established as a means of raising funds through grants and loans and was very successful. However, having achieved its original aims, it no longer serves any useful purpose and generates work and costs. It has, therefore, been decided that this element of the management structure should be formally terminated. This will bring no change at all to the day-to-day operation of the shop.

Please continue to use the shop where you can and, of course, encourage others to visit too. Without customers there is no shop!

If you have any questions do please contact me. *Louise Tully 344318*



CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have made a busy start this first half term and we are looking forward to a joint choir event with children from Stoke St Michael at the end of this term.

The visit by some of our pupils to Stoke on 13th January helped us get to know one another and everyone enjoyed trying archery and curling, courtesy of Premiere Sports who are leading an archery club after school this term. These opportunities to work and play together are proving very beneficial and helping to develop our federation.

Steve Heath, Headteacher

I.T. for the Terrified

Thursday afternoons **COMPUTER DROP IN** £2.00 per visit. Ideal for a small problem that doesn't need a full 2-hour session. No need to book – just drop in (term time only. 1.30-3.30).

COURSES – Photo management – Thursday, 25th February, 10am -12noon £35 for 6 week course.

Contact us on **01934 741751** or email
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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

7th February Revd C. Manley 11.00am

14th February Local Arrangement 11.00am

21st February United Service at the Parish Church 11.00am

28th February Revd N. Lakin – Holy Communion 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 2016

7th February 1 before Lent

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

10th February Ash Wednesday

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| 11.00am | Holy Communion | Pilton |
| 7.30pm | Holy Communion | North Wootton |

14th February Lent 1

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

21st February Lent 2

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | North Wootton |
| 11.00am | United Service at the Parish Church | Pilton |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | Dinder |
| 6.30pm | Holy Communion | Croscombe |

28th February Lent 3

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

6th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

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