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Seeking justice is 'absolutely central' to Christian faith

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

When Christians speak in public about community flourishing or about justice, there's always someone who will pop up and ask why we're sticking our noses in, as if these things were miles away from the proper concerns of Christianity. Recently there have been the issues of money and credit unions and power costs of which the church has spoken. Stick to God, we are told. So we do, and we find Jesus saying: Love God, love our neighbour.

The common good of the community and justice are absolutely central to what it means to be a Christian. They flow from the love of Jesus on the Cross, offering salvation, enabling justice and human freedom.

Loving God and loving our neighbour go together like the warp and the weft of a piece of fabric. They hold each other in place and together can be strong, and beautiful, and adaptable, for any number of uses. But each without the other would be disconnected strands. When we weave them together in our life as people of God, we open up a range of possibilities that can make a real difference. Possibilities that can transform lives and transform communities.

That is our calling. We don't speak about common good and justice because we think we have some automatic right to be heard, but because loving our neighbour places responsibilities upon us. We have responsibilities to act, to do what we can to make a difference, to work for our neighbour's flourishing, to bring justice. We have responsibilities to speak, even when it might be easier to stay quiet, to point to injustice and to challenge others to join us in righting it.

It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that the Church is part of the solution for building community blessing at local level – although I suspect that it might be questioned by some. We need the imagination to see where we can do more. And we need to be rooted in that vision God has set out for us, of welfare and of justice. It is the common good and justice that transforms our communities.

Taken from the Archbishop of Canterbury's speech at the Church Urban Fund Tackling Poverty Together conference, London

For the full speech please visit www.archbishopofcanterbury.org

Children's Festival at Wells Cathedral

It's not every day you see a bouncy castle in Wells Cathedral, but on Saturday 18th January children from our four parishes joined many more children from the South West to have fun in the Cathedral.

We made a Bishop's Mitre, we stroked a lamb, played parachute games, had a picnic in the Chapter House, retold Psalm 23 with flags, created tableaux based on Martin Luther King's speech, spent some time reflecting and, of course, played on a bouncy castle.

The theme of the day was Bishops and Shepherds. The children all had lots of fun; they met a shepherd and the new Bishop Peter. Having had a new experience of Wells Cathedral they have taken away lots of memories.

Sandra Kirkham

'A Celebration of Childhood'

Easter Monday, April 21st

Pilton Parish Church

Together in Pilton
is planning
a display of items from early childhood.
We would be very grateful to borrow
Christening robes and gifts,
toys

and anything connected with childhood in the past.
There would be someone in attendance all the time.

If you have anything suitable please contact
Hilary Austin (890561), Gill Eavis (890468) or Lysbeth Ballantine (890387).

PRAYER AND A PINT

11th February

at Pilton Working Men's Club

at 8.00pm

For more details, contact Rob Davey (899206) or Lucy Stankiewicz (890036)

PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for people finding this time of year difficult, especially for the vulnerable of all ages. We remember those affected by weather conditions that have threatened homes and livelihoods and made travel difficult. We look for

signs of spring as the hours of daylight increase.

BIBLE READINGS

2 nd February	Malachi 3: 1-5	Luke 2: 22-40
9 th February	Isaiah 58: 1-9a	Matthew 5: 13-20
16 th February	Deuteronomy 30: 15-end	Matthew 5: 21-37
23 rd February	Genesis 1: 1-23	Matthew 6: 25-end

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2014

Our meetings are early this year to ensure that they are completed before Lent begins. Nomination forms for Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council members are available in the churches.

Everyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll is welcome to join in these meetings, which begin with a short public meeting for the election of churchwardens.

Do come if you can. It will be a chance to look back over what has happened in the past year and to hear the latest news about life in the parishes and an update on the vacancy process.

The meetings all begin at 7.30pm and are:

Croscombe	Tuesday 18th February in the Church Room.
North Wootton	Wednesday 19th February in the Village Hall
Dinder	Thursday 20th February in the Church
Pilton	Monday 24th February in the Church

For further information, please ask your Churchwardens.

Church Websites

We want to make our church websites interesting, attractive and informative for anyone who looks at them and, in particular at the moment, for clergy who may be interested in coming to work here. We are very grateful to Duncan Forrester who has undertaken this task for us. Duncan is in urgent need of photographs with which to develop the websites so please send him any that you can which show church events. (Remember to make it clear to Duncan that you have obtained permission from parents if images include children.)

The address to which you should send your images is duncan@greenacres-camping.co.uk

The Churchwardens

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.

Funeral

Family and friends gathered in Pilton Church on January 17th for a service to celebrate the life of **Winnie Cleaves**.

We are sad to report the deaths of **Kathleen Milne** and **Sir Frank Holroyd**, both of Pilton.



Croscombe Frolics Carol Singing was very well supported (despite the power cuts). Thank you to everyone who helped to raise £130 for Crisis at Christmas.

I would like to say a big thank you for the flowers, fruit and phone calls I received during my stay in hospital and the visits I have had since coming home, all of which were most appreciated. I am getting better and hope to be able to get about more soon.

Shirley Mears



Save the Children

CONTEMPORARY CERAMICS

Pilton and District are appealing for help. We have been given 11 wonderful contemporary ceramic pieces to sell for Syrian relief. These have been created by Somerset potters of some repute and prices range from £65 to £265. They can be viewed on the Pilton village website and there are 8 left to sell. Please could everybody use whatever social networking they have to tell all their contacts to view the ceramics on the website and if interested to contact one of the committee for more information.

Lysbeth Ballantine 890387



Fairtrade Fortnight –

Open House

at The Brambles, Pilton

An opportunity to purchase or order Traidcraft produce on:

Monday 3rd March 10.00 am – 8.00 pm

at Anthony & Hilary Austin's, The Brambles, Barrow Lane, Pilton
The new Spring/Summer catalogue will be available. There will also be an opportunity to order Easter eggs celebrating the real meaning of Easter. There will be two other opportunities to support Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight:

Tuesday 25th February 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm at West Pennard School

Thursday 27th February 11.00 am – 12 noon North Wootton Cafe

phone: 01749 890561 or e-mail: hilary.austin2@btinternet.com
for any enquiries.

Glastonbury Festivals 2014 Limited

will be meeting with Pilton Parish Council

at Pilton Village Hall on Tuesday 18th February at 6.00 pm

This meeting will be open to the public but participation will be at the discretion of the Chairman

Glastonbury Festival Information for Residents

Could you please note that the number for contacting the Village Liaison Manager (Phil Appleton) has now changed. I am no longer contactable on my old Bristol number but I am now using the Hot Line number **01749 899631**.

If you live within the complimentary ticket area you should have received either an email or a letter from Beth Greenwood in the festival office. This will be informing you about the process of obtaining your village tickets. If you have not heard anything could you please email Beth on ticketing@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk or phone 01749 890470.

Philip Appleton Village Liaison Manager
Glastonbury Festivals 2014

Tel: 01749 899631 Email: villagemanager@btinternet.com



Save the Children

Fundraising for Syrian relief has been our aim during this month and North Wootton cafe was generous in giving the proceeds from their Christmas gift stall. This along with donations amounted to £121.20 for which the charity is most grateful.

We then embarked on an ambitious project: a new volunteer, Jan Dobbins, with vast musical expertise and contacts, decided to ask musician friends to perform in an Evening of Music for Syria. She recruited the Cathedral Voluntary Choir, the Mendip Ensemble and the Drystones, all of whose widely differing styles delighted the packed Town Hall in Wells. The only sad aspect was the number of people who were unable to buy tickets to hear the performers as it's unlikely that these performers will play together in another event.

Generous sponsorship from Serious Stages and private donors defrayed expenses and the UK government policy of doubling all fundraising for Syria until mid-February means that we will have raised around £2850 from the concert, which will become £5700 a wonderful result and we thank all those who helped in any way.

Lysbeth Ballantine

Proposed Extensions and Improvements **to Croscombe Village Hall**

The first of Croscombe Village Hall Committee's meetings in 2014 was held on 14th January when initial drawings of proposed extensions and improvements to the Village Hall were presented. These will be discussed at the full Committee Meeting on 11th February. It is planned to have an open evening at a later date so that all villagers will be able to come and see for themselves what is proposed for the improvement of the Hall.

Miranda Spenlove-Brown, Secretary

MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall

Remember that there is **no film this month**, it's Pantomime time!

Winter season: March – April

27th March - Philomena

24th April - Captain Phillips

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

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

Christine Walker, Michael Hay



Croscombe WI

Calling all new and old-standing female residents of Croscombe to come and join our very active WI. We have a fun-filled programme of interesting talks (for example, in February we have a talk about spinning and weaving, in April

a ploughman's lunch and a talk about Folklore and Somerset wildlife) and we also have days out, a patchwork group and the monthly Scrabble group. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Seventh Day Adventist Hall (BA5 3RL) at 2.00 pm. We would love you to come and join us and see if you like us. We will make you feel welcome. For more details please contact Maggie Cridland, President, on 01749 330110 or by email at Maggie.cridland@btinternet.com or just turn up. You will be sure of a warm welcome, and get to meet old friends or make new friends if you are new to the village and surrounds. Come and join us!

Maggie Cridland

Pilton WI

The Pilton WI is up and running again!

The first meeting of the newly formed WI will be held on Monday 17th February in the Winding Lake Room of Pilton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Speaker: Candace.

Come and join us for a friendly sociable evening. You will be very welcome.

Janet Lees



Croscombe Tiddlers

Croscombe Tiddlers is a parent-run playgroup for from birth to pre-school.

We meet at Croscombe Primary School

Tuesday mornings 10 – 11.30am (term time).

We have toys, arts and crafts, and a snack for your little one. There's coffee for the grown-ups too. It's lots of fun, come along! Just **£1** per family!

For more information, get in touch with Anne Scott 01749 342028 / Rachel Summerhayes 01749 679754. www.facebook.com/croscombetiddlers
croscombetiddlers@gmail.com



**CROSCOMBE VILLAGE SHOW and FUNDAY
SATURDAY 12th JULY**



A Happy New Year to you from the Croscombe Village Show Sub-Committee and, to lighten these dark winter days, let's think ahead to Summer!

Enclosed in this edition of Roundabout Croscombe residents will find the 2014 Schedule of Classes so you'll have plenty of time to start planning your entries.

The Show Rules (not too many) are contained within the Funday Programme which is circulated to every Croscombe household in early June.

It's great fun and you don't need to be a Nigella, a Kirstie Allsopp or a Monty Don – the more entries we have the more enjoyable it is for everyone to see.

We would dearly love more children to enter. Last year their prize moneys doubled, so they might even take home some pocket money at the end of the day! (1st prize £3, 2nd £2 and 3rd £1)

PILTON SHOW SCHEDULE

Pilton Show this year is on 6th and 7th September.

We are hoping for a bumper number of entries in the Flower Show classes this year. To help you with your advance preparations, in the photography, arts and crafts, and flower, fruit and vegetable classes in particular, Pilton Village residents will find a copy of the schedule included with this copy of Roundabout.

Pilton Community Allotment Association

We have several allotment plots vacant, full and half-size available for group or individual use. Anyone in the local area should contact Freda 01749 890345 for more information.

NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

www.croscombe-parish.co.uk

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. There will be an important meeting for all villagers in the Village Hall on **February 27th at 7 pm** where a vote will be taken to decide on the need for a Neighbourhood Development Plan. There will be a short presentation on what a plan involves and what the implications for the village will be. If the villagers present at the meeting agree to proceed, then we will begin to organise the various committees needed to provide evidence for our submission.

To date, there has been no significant flooding in the village. This is due, in part, to the excellent remedial work done by Highways last year, but a big thank you needs to be expressed to those villagers who have made a sustained, concerted effort to keep the drains free – without your endeavours we may well have experienced problems. Please keep up the good work - it is MUCH appreciated.

Next Meeting. Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm on February 12th in the Church Room. All are welcome.

Hilary Shergold

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The 2014 Festival is approaching and we have been invited to meet representatives of GFL, *et al* on February 18th.

The recent heavy rainfall has increased the amount of surface water on the Parish roads causing many autumn leaves to be washed down over the drains. Please could you remove these if they are close to your property?

The Highway Walkabout will take place on Monday, February 17th. If you have identified any problems please can you notify me – preferably before February 3rd - so that I can incorporate them into the planned route through the Parish? sandjhowe@shoplane.wanadoo.co.uk

If you are interested in buying or renting the Bier House please contact the Parish Clerk on jeanandpaulwarry@btinternet.com for further information. The deadline for bids is March 31st.

Dropped litter is an ongoing problem in the Parish often after the Friday collection. We would appreciate your help to deal with it. The next Parish Litter Pick is on March 1st at 9am followed by a soup lunch.

There is ongoing discussion of the future management of the Playing Field and its possible transfer to the Village Trust.

Next meeting – Wednesday, February 5th at 7.30 pm.

Sandra Howe

EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB

Pilton Working Men's Club

Saturday February 8th – OAS-IS Tribute band 9pm £5

Sunday February 9th – Carvery Lunch from 12noon – 2.30pm

Saturday February 22nd – Karaoke and Cocktails Evening 8pm £2

Sunday February 23rd – Carvery Lunch from 12noon – 2.30pm

Friday February 28th – Evening Bingo 7pm for 7.30pm

To sponsor John Young to achieve a World Speed Record in the USA

Please book early for Carvery Lunches to avoid disappointment.

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

The Crown Inn, Pilton

Every Tuesday – Quiz Night starting at 8.00pm

Every Saturday – Steak Night

Free bottle of wine with every two steaks ordered

Sunday Lunch – Great Roasts as always

Main Course £7.00, 2 courses £10.00

Friday February 14th – Caribbean Buffet £12.00

Friday February 28th – Chinese Buffet £12.00

The George Inn, Croscombe

Every Wednesday is Steak Night: 2 steaks for £22.95

Every Friday is Wood-fired Pizza Night from 6pm-9pm

Last Thursday of the month - Curry night

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 Michael Gilliat, The George Inn, tel 342306 www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

Mobile Hairdresser: hassle-free hairdressing in the comfort of your own home, Sophie.Smallwood@yahoo.com or 07748338745

Carpentry and Joinery www.oakleafjoinery.co.uk – free-standing and fitted kitchens, windows, staircases, doors, floors, 01458 443759 or 07796534843

Domestic Help available. References provided. Call Heather on 01458 837809

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

Jen's English Tuition www.jenstuition.co.uk Qualified English teacher: private classes in Wells and local area 07582192380 jjtutoring@hotmail.co.uk

Wellington Boots. Size 7, used once, £10 Norman 890587

Home Cleaning Service. Please call Kath 01749 890906 or 07785541260

Help with your garden upkeep! Borders, lawns, hedges, edges and veg patch care. Please call Kath 01749 890906 or 07785541260

Fosseway Gardening Club

Tuesday 11th February – 7.30pm Pylle Village Hall

Bonsai Basics – Geoff Hudson

New members always welcome

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

February

2nd YOS Dinder Village Hall

6.00 – 7.30pm

5th Mobile Library: The George Inn

9.15 – 9.25am

Honeymead	10.55 – 11.05am
12 th Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
18 th W.I. Meeting. S.D.A. Hall	2.00pm
“Spinning and Weaving” by Sheila Francis	
18 th Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Church Room	7.30pm
20 th Senior Citizens’ Club. “Fly Boy” – Talk by Clive Mitchell	
S.D.A. Hall	2.15pm
20 th – 22 nd The Frolics Pantomime: “Cinderella”. Village Hall	
(See separate notice)	
23 rd Sunday Club. Church Room	11.00am
27 th Parish Council Meeting for all villagers, Village Hall	7.00pm
“Neighbourhood Development Plan”	

Croscombe & Dinder Frolics

present

Cinderella

by Alan Frayn

Croscombe Village Hall

Thursday 20th – Saturday 22nd February

7.30pm

and 2.30pm Saturday Matinee

Tickets, held at last year’s prices,

available from Croscombe Village Stores

£7 Adults, £6 Concessions

£5 Under 14s

CROSCOMBE SUNDAY CLUB is on Sunday 23rd February, meeting in the Church Room at 11.00am. All children from birth to 11years are welcome, but children under 3years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. Children can be collected at 12.00 noon from the Church, following the end of the service.

The Christmas carol service in Croscombe was enhanced by the nativity tale told and acted by the Sunday Club

For more information, contact Sandra (342221) or Bobbie (938148).

WHAT’S ON IN PILTON

February

3 rd History Group AGM and ‘Zoo-archaeology’, Village Hall	7.30pm
5 th Happy Circle, Bingo, PWMC	2.15pm

5 th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
6 th Mobile Library West Compton House	9.20am
Top Street Car Park	9.35am
7 th , 8 th Winter Sale, The Barn, West Compton	2.00 – 5.00pm
11 th Prayer and a Pint, PWMC	8.00pm
15 th , 16 th Winter Sale, The Barn, West Compton	2.00 – 5.00pm
17 th Pilton Show Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
17 th W.I., Village Hall	7.30pm
18 th Glastonbury Festivals meet Parish Council, Village Hall	6.00pm
19 th Happy Circle, 'Pilton People' PWMC	2.15pm
22 nd Ramblers local walk, Village Hall Car Park	2.00pm
24 th Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Parish Church	7.30pm
March	
3 rd Fairtrade Open House, The Brambles	10.00am – 8.00pm



Pilton Ramblers will meet at the Village Hall Car Park at **2.00 pm on Saturday 22nd February** for a local walk. The route to be taken will be dependent both on the weather and the condition of the ground after a wet January but in any case the distance covered will not exceed five miles.

John Wheat 890585

Pilton History Group

Monday 3rd February Pilton Village History Group AGM followed by a talk by Steve Tofts on Zoo-archaeology. 7.30pm Village Hall

Members £1 Visitors £2 Everyone welcome.

Richard Raynsford

FOR SALE OR RENT – THE BIER HOUSE, CUMHILL, PILTON

Pilton Parish Council are reviewing the options on The Bier House and could be willing to sell or rent the property.

Please contact the Clerk by email jeanandpaulwarry@btinternet.com for a viewing appointment. The Parish Council ask that all interested parties send their sealed bids for sale or rent to the Clerk by 31st March. The Parish Council will review and communicate their decision shortly after the monthly meeting on 2nd April.

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

February

2 nd YOS, Village Hall	6.00pm
16 th Sunday Club. Village Hall	10.30am
16 th Village Hall Bar	12noon – 2.30pm

20th Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Church
21st Dinder Village Hall Lunch (Pre-book)
(See full details in notice below)

7.30pm
12.30pm

DINDER AND DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

Our meeting in January was quiet but very enjoyable. We talked about children and how lucky most of the children in Sunday Club were to have food to eat, a home to live in and loving parents. We thought about what was important in the way in which we live and we decided that being kind to each other was one of the most important things.

The next Sunday Club is **Sunday 16th February** from 10.30am at the Village Hall for children birth to 13 years. Children under 3 years need to have an adult accompany them. Children from any parish are most welcome. Please feel free to 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 BAR

Open for coffee and drinks on Sunday 16th February from 12noon – 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome – just come along. Meet your neighbours and catch up on village news.

DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCH

Our first lunch in 2014 is on **Friday 21st February**. There is a good 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 Liz Hoare (670477) and state if you require vegetarian. Please pay when you arrive. Doors open at 12.30pm and we start serving at 12.45pm.

N.B. Our second lunch will now be **April 11th**, not the 18th as advertised, as this is Good Friday.

YOS, for Year 6 and above from all our villages, will be meeting in Dinder Village Hall on **Sunday 2nd February 6.00 – 7.30pm**. More details from Becky Gilbert (676739) or Sandra Kirkham (342221).

CROSCOMBE PENSIONERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

On December 16th, a dismal wet evening, the O.A.P. and Children's Committee invited one hundred Croscombe pensioners to a most delicious three-course Christmas dinner, accompanied by plenty of free-flowing wine. It was a most convivial evening, enjoyed by all. A big thank you to the hard-working committee for their very good organisation and also to Veryan Graham and her helpers who produced the excellent meal, under not the best of conditions or space...a feat in itself. Thank you to Alan Hooley for

providing the music, making many of us take to the dance floor. A great evening and a delightful way to start the festive season.

Gill Way

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE

Both the Christmas lunch and the Christmas tea were very enjoyable, happy events and underlined the 'Happy' in Happy Circle! The lunch at Wells Golf Club was beautifully cooked and presented with swift, friendly service. Many thanks to George West for making the arrangements even though he and Sheila were unable to be there.

Christmas tea at the Club was provided by Ann and was, as usual, very generous. The mystery presents exchanged met with enthusiastic approval.



Our first meeting of the New Year was a music quiz devised by Colin and Liz Elkin. We are so lucky and grateful for the long hours and skill that members put into arranging such events. What a cheerful, memory jogging and sometimes mind stretching afternoon this proved! Well done to the winning table.

Many such Wednesday afternoons are planned so please see our programme on piltonvillage.co.uk and consider joining us – you will be most welcome in a vibrant village club with a large membership.

John Howe

Help needed!

Is there anyone who takes the Shepton Mallet Journal each week, who would be prepared to cut out items relating to Pilton for the Pilton Village History Group archives?

If you could do this for us, we would be very grateful!

Please phone 01749 890357 or email kingpilton@btinternet.com

Thank you!

PILTON CLUB



"Wonderful"; "Fantastic"; "We had so much fun"; "Cracking night, "We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves"; "Tremendous night"; "Haven't had such a good night in ages". These were the kinds of comments that I heard about the entertainment over the Christmas and New Year period. The Club excelled itself with a range of events that catered for all ages. The dinner dance was followed by Rodney who brought in the Pilton families in their family groups enjoying his superb entertainment and supported by little Stanley who has the makings of being as

good as his Dad. Sladest the Slade tribute band had everyone on their feet dancing and performing ,along with the band, who had Slade off to a 'tee'. Let's hope it really isn't their last performance!! I want to enjoy them again. Then there was the Christmas party for the children. Bouncy castle, disco and Father Christmas came but why he had chosen to wear Michael's shoes I will never know! Then New Year's Eve -another local band -the Rockin 60s. More dancing -mums, dads, sons, daughters, grans and grandads were all on the floor. Even the men at the bar joined in as New Year was celebrated. I often wondered where all the fun was at this time of year, and now I know - PWMC. If you missed it, never mind there's always next time. May 2014 be a good year for everyone.

Marilyn Johnson

WANTED – Do you have any photographs showing Pilton People enjoying Village life in Pilton? A number of us are working to put together a series of photographs to ‘dress’ the walls in the Village Hall, so the building has a ‘Pilton Identity’. We are collecting photos.

Tel: 890487, email marilyn.Wedgwood@btinternet.com

MARKETERS – Does anyone out there have marketing skills that they are prepared to use to help promote and advertise the social events in Pilton? If so please contact marilyn.wedgwood@btinternet.com tel: 899487 Secretary to Pilton Village Trust.

Winter Sale 2014

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th February 2-5pm

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February 2-5pm

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

Sale lasts until 28th Feb.

Open by appointment if you wish to visit on another day.

Don't forget Valentine's Day. Gifts available on line.

Venue will not be signposted. For directions: www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk

email: harrietsandys@freeolamail.com

Telephone: 01749 890 582. Credit/debit cards accepted.

Bits from the Belfry

On New Year's Eve a band of ringers gathered in Pilton Tower to ring out the old year and welcome in the new. It is a centuries' old tradition that we like to maintain. Before midnight the bells are half muffled which means that the sound of the bells alternates between loud and soft. It gives a really haunting sound, the same sound as we use on Remembrance Sunday.

For as long as I can remember Pilton ringers have been joined by non-ringing friends and family who come to support this ancient ringing tradition. This year Pilton tower was full, as usual. Just before midnight all the muffs are

turned and at 12 seconds to midnight the Tenor sounds ‘open’ 12 times (its normal ‘voice’) and on the thirteenth stroke all the other bells, which are also open, join in to welcome the New Year.

One of Tennyson’s poems starts:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky
The flying cloud, the frosty light
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells, across the snow;
The year is gone, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Maureen Tofts

**Become a member of a local, friendly charity
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SECRETARY

We are looking for someone who would like to take on the role of secretary within the charity. IT skills are necessary – but nothing too whizzy!! We meet monthly and the secretary will be required to take the minutes as well as help out with paperwork prior to the visit of children to the Wells area from Belarus.

Take a look at our website for further details on the work of the charity and if you want to know more about the role or arrange to meet for a chat, please contact John Price, Chairman, on - 01458 446294 or email:

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Website: cofcwells.com

USED STAMPS and BOTTLE TOPS

Please continue to collect used postage stamps and milk bottle tops for the various charities. The latter are always grateful for your contributions. Used stamps can be left either at Croscombe Village Stores or at my home, and milk bottle tops can be left at my address - Livadia, Fayreway, Croscombe.

Many thanks.

Janet Dowding

USED STAMPS

Please leave any used stamps in the container near the Post Office in Pilton Village Hall. All the funds raised go to help the work of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Mendip DFAS

4th February Mary Magdalene: A Woman Much Maligned?

The Rt. Revd. Christopher Herbert MPhil PhD until recently Bishop of St. Albans and a member of the House of Lords. He has lectured at the Courtauld Institute, Westminster Abbey, King's College, London, and the University of Rikkyo in Japan, amongst others. He gained MPhil and PhD in History of Art and lectures on Medieval and Renaissance Art

Meetings are held in the Westex Suite at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet, at 10:30am for 11:00am. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Tony Lane in advance (670652).

The Mid-Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society illustrated lecture at Caryford Hall in Castle Cary BA7 7JJ on 18th February at 11.00am All welcome. Free parking. £6. Mystery and Meaning. The Arnolfini Portrait by Jan van Eyck. For further information contact 01963 350 527.

The Mid-Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society Study Day is on 4th March at Batcombe Jubilee Hall, BA4 6HE. Cost £40 including buffet lunch, teas, coffees. 10.00am till 3.30pm. "Vermeer the musical paintings". Lectures, live period music and singing.

For further information contact 01934 743 153.

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

November 2013

1st Mrs. E. Wiilmott £25

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December 2013

1st Mr. Peter Humphries £100

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WINTER SALE! 'Made in Pilton' calendars for 2014, showing familiar village landmarks, which may interest past as well as present Piltonians, are still available at a newly discounted rate. These are on sale at Pilton Post Office at the reduced price of £5 for A4 version and £4 for the small desk calendar. If the Post Office is closed, phone Jenny on 890465 for copies. Everything must go!

Trees - FREE to good local homes!! We have several, mostly container-grown, little native trees available FREE, to anyone who can collect them from us in Pilton and plant and look after them! They have all been grown from local seed or little 'found' seedlings. They are now about 3ft tall and ready to go in the ground asap. Silver Birch 14, Hawthorn 1, Ash 1, Field Maple 1, Horse Chestnut 5, Hazel 14, Walnut 1, Sycamore 1.

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

2 nd February	Rev C. Anderton	11.00am
9 th February	Mr A. Pugh	11.00am
16 th February	United Service at the Parish Church	11.00am
23 rd February	Mr S Derby	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

A Time of Quiet Prayer in Pilton Church
at 9.00am on Wednesdays

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

FEBRUARY 2014

2nd February	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service and Baptism	Pilton
11.00am	Family Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
9th February	4th before Lent	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton

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

16th February	3rd before Lent	
9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	United Service at the Parish Church	Pilton
11.00am	Morning Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe

23rd February	2nd before Lent	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
9.30am	Morning Service	North Wootton
9.30am	Morning Service	Dinder
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe

2nd March	Sunday next before Lent	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service and Baptism	Pilton
11.00am	Family Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton