

THE
ROUNDAABOUT
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"January is here, with eyes that keenly glow,
A frost-mailed warrior
striding a shadowy steed of snow."*

Edgar Fawcett.



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**FEBRUARY ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS
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ANOTHER CALENDAR, ANOTHER YEAR

So the new calendar has been hung up on the wall and 2016 has arrived. Maybe at New Year you look back over the past year or maybe you look forward to the new. None of us knows exactly what the future will bring but many of us have hopes and dreams we long to be fulfilled, and fears and worries which we hope will never happen.

It is often a time of reflection, of looking back, and as I look back over the last 12 months, the things that come to my mind are the many, many examples I hear of people helping each other in our villages. I know towns can be friendly too but I think villages can be wonderful places to live where people do often go out of their way to help each other.

Often we want to repay the kindness. There was a film that came out a few years ago called "Pay it Forward". It was based on a true story, and the premise was that on the first day of the new school term a teacher wrote an assignment on the blackboard: 'Think of an idea that could change the world' - what an amazing assignment. One of the young boys in the class took up the challenge and decided that he would try something he called 'paying it forward' – basically if someone does you a good turn, you pass it on to three other people. They then pass it on to three others etc. The film was about the effect that had on the local community and then the world.

That strikes me as a pretty good challenge to start 2016 with 'think of an idea that could change the world' or take someone else's idea like "pay it forward" and see what happens.

Revd Chris Butler

The CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL at WELLS CATHEDRAL is on Saturday 16th January.

Please contact Sandra (342221) or Bobbie (938148) for more information.

YOS

Hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to a new school term.

We are not meeting in January as it will be the night before the new school term. February's meeting will be a trip to see some of our members performing in the pantomime!

YOS is open to children of all parishes in year 6 upwards. We 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.

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.

Funerals

The funeral of **Paddy Carr** of Pilton took place recently

We are sad to record the recent death of **John Gulley** of Croscombe,

We send our loving sympathy to the families and friends of Paddy and John.

PRAYER FOCUS

At the beginning of a new year we think of the things we mean to do. We think of life in our villages, our friends and neighbours and all those around us with particular needs. We pray that we will play our part in being good neighbours, especially aware of the elderly and those who find the dark winter days difficult.

BIBLE READINGS

3 rd January	Isaiah 60. 1-6	Matthew 2.1-12
10 th January	Acts 8.14-17	Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22
17 th January	1Corinthians 12.1-11	John 2. 1-11
24 th January	1Corinthians 12. 12-31a	Luke 4.14-21
31 st January	1Corinthians 13.or Hebrews 2.14-18	Luke 2.22-40

PRAYER and a PINT

The next meeting will be **on Monday 11th January**
at Crossways Inn, North Wootton at 8pm.

Prayer and a Pint is an opportunity for discussion in a relaxed atmosphere every 2nd Monday each month and anyone is very welcome to just come and join in.

We will probably be in the 'blue room' but ask at the bar and they will direct you if you can't spot us.

For further details or information please contact Revd. Chris Butler
01749 899061 butlerchristine19@gmail.com

RE-IMAGINING CHURCH COURSE

The course will resume on **Thursday 7th January** at 7pm, in
Croscombe Church Room. The last session will be on the morning of
Saturday 16th January (planned to be a double session).

Revd Chris Butler

THANKS

Margaret Findlay-Carr and family would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their kindness and support during the period of Paddy's illness and his death. We would also like to thank the Revd Christine Butler for her support and for conducting the funeral service with such care and understanding.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who sent cards, gifts, flowers and good wishes when I had my operation recently. I am pleased to say that I am on the mend and looking forward to getting back to normal. Thank you.
Alison Hodges



Save the Children

SAVE THE CHILDREN

The Wells Committee send grateful thanks to everyone who supported the recent coffee morning at Sharcombe Farm, Dinder.

The record sum of over £1000 was achieved for Save the Children.
Joan Chambers

The Roundabout Team would like to thank the many people who work in the production and distribution of Roundabout Magazine: those who deliver the magazines to every home in the parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, Dinder and Dulcote, Terry Scott-Alexander our printer, Gail Milne who co-ordinates the advertisements in the central supplement, our advertisers and everyone who contributes reports, news and future events.

The donations received from groups and individuals are much appreciated.

MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall

“UNDER MILK WOOD”(15)

Thursday, 28th January

“The Independent” reviews this film as a “bold new adaptation” which shows “tremendous visual imagination in places and has plenty of ghoulishness, scabrous humour and eroticism along the way, too”. Starring Charlotte Church as Polly Garter, this film sounds like fun. Why not come and join us.

Tickets: £6 available at the door or Croscombe Village Stores.

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

Winter/Spring Programme 2016

February 25th Suffragette

March 31st The Lady in the Van

April 28th Dark Horse

A huge thank-you to our audiences who supported us in 2015. We hope that you will bring your friends along in 2016.

Christine Walker, Michael Hay

NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

www.croscombe-parish.co.uk

Please report any new potholes or drain blockages to the Parish Council and we will contact the appropriate authorities on your behalf.

Hilary Shergold

1st CROSCOMBE RAINBOWS

Rainbows is part of the Girl Guiding association for girls aged 5 to 7 and our unit has now been running for two years. At Rainbows we sing, play games, do crafts and have lots of fun. In the past two years we have been to the Panto, toasted marshmallows on a campfire, had a pyjama party, visited Tesco's, had a yoga session, tried Morris dancing and lots of other fun things.

For more information please call Sandra on 01749 342221

BITS FROM THE BELFRY

On Sunday 22nd November Pilton ringers rang for two services at Pylle Church. In the morning the church was full for the happy occasion of the baptism of Hugo James Jenkin – grandson of Keith and Jilly Jenkin. Hugo's parents, Ollie and Chantelle, were married at Pylle in April 2013.

In the afternoon the ringers were back to ring for the special annual service to mark the Guild of Somerset Craftsmen. The Guild was founded by Lt. Col. James Garton from Pylle. It held its inaugural meeting in November 1933. Col. Garton and his associates created many of the fine artefacts in Pylle church. Six current members of the Guild joined the local congregation for an interesting service led by Revd Canon Graham Hendy who had brought along a couple of items which he had made and told us the stories behind them. Tea and homemade cakes and a chance to look more closely at some of the treasures of Pylle church put the finishing touches to a busy day.

Jean Skidmore

NEWS FROM WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Farewell to a West Pennard Primary School Treasure

West Pennard Primary School said goodbye to Mrs Karen Bale at a special assembly laid on in her honour. Karen has spent over thirty-two years working in the kitchen at the school, the majority of those years spent as Head Cook. During that time Karen has served over 768,000 meals and has seen generations from the same local families pass through the school.

Staff, parents and children contributed to a variety of leaving gifts and a special card. Governors presented Karen with an engraved bowl, and the Diocese of Bath and Wells also presented her with a plaque to celebrate her length of service.

Helen Burchell, Headteacher



NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE SCHOOL

The final weeks of last term were very busy and full of lots of interesting and exciting things. The Christmas Market went very well and we are very grateful for all the help and support before, during and after the event. The generously donated prizes were much appreciated. The Pantomime visit was lots of fun; the Christmas dinner and the party were both really enjoyed and we were pleased to share our celebrations with carols and the Christmas story.

Steve Heath, Headteacher

CROSCOMBE SOCIETY

The new Croscombe Society Executive Committee extends thanks to all those members who attended the AGM in October. The administrative work was accomplished efficiently but we were disappointed to learn that our speaker was unable to be with us. Saving the meeting from degenerating into aimless chit-chat, Dick Acworth, inspired by his much-used Bus Pass, entertained us with the story of his life in free journeys. We offer warm thanks to Dick for stepping in and giving such an engaging talk. We also thank those members who have decided that they can no longer serve on the Committee. Ian Baker, Tony Levien, Jim Marten-Smith, Caroline Crumplin and Elaine Watson will be much missed. *Alison Bassett*

The Croscombe Society is delighted to host another **QUIZ NIGHT** to liven up a winter evening.

Bring along your teams of up to 4 to the Village Hall on **FRIDAY 22nd JANUARY** together with £5 per person. Door and bar open at 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start, and sandwiches and nibbles will materialise at the half-way stage. A prize for the winning team (and you might win one on the Raffle too) and the more people who come along then the more we can give to the Village Hall Restoration Fund. Please ring 343502 to book.

CROSCOMBE FUNDAY 2016 - SATURDAY 9th JULY

As the Funday is growing year on year and becoming ever more successful, we need your help.

We would very much like a **Publicity Officer** to help spread the word, and more committee members are always welcome.

Can you help with any aspects of organising our fantastic village day?

If you would like to get involved, please contact Nick Fowler on 342012.

We are a very friendly bunch, meetings are informal and not too frequent. Our First Planning Meeting for 2016 will be held in The George, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday **20th January**.

Val MacRobbie

HAPPY CIRCLE

'Times Past' came to life as Philip showed Happy Circle some of his videos of Pilton events in the 1960s and '70s. Didn't we enjoy seeing ourselves in those good old days!

We were amazed at how simple was the entertainment we found so satisfactory then - a few dances; some sing-alongs; groups of friends getting together.

There was no need for iPads and iPhones and non-stop trivia and some people's unpleasantness on Twitter and Facebook.

Let's re-evaluate what is really important - simple companionship and support among good friends. Thank you, Philip, for reminding us how the church roof was mended; the Playing Field levelled; the Village Hall Centenary dinner - our daughter's 18th birthday in the Manor Restaurant. Let's all support events in the village which will furnish happy memories for other generations when they approach their dotage - they will need them!

One such event was Happy Circle's Christmas lunch in a Mendip hostelry. It's a different world up on the hill where the Romans transported Priddy lead and silver eastwards to the Channel and Rome. We all successfully travelled the lanes and arrived in good time for lunch in a lovely decorated dining room. Wine flowed, crispy potatoes were crunched; sea bass swam on lakes of ratatouille. The ladies shone in their sparkly party clothes.

Thank you, George. We know how to enjoy the moment and are determined to share many more.

John Howe.

PILTON CRAFT GROUP

Pilton Craft Group is a friendly, informal group. We meet on the odd Monday afternoons of each month (1st, 3rd and sometimes 5th Mondays). We sew or knit and natter over tea and coffee from 2.00 – 4.00pm sharing ideas, inspirations, triumphs and disasters as we go.

Our first meeting of 2016 will be on 18th January in the Bournes Room of the Village Hall.

New members, from beginners to more experienced crafters, will find a warm welcome.

For more information ring Pauline Hobbs on 899069.

PILTON SHOW COMMITTEE

The Grants' Committee of Pilton Show met recently and allocated grants to local organisations as follows:

Allotments Association	£100
Art Group	£100
ASB Operatives	£300
Community Minibus	£300
Football Club	£300
Handbell Ringing Group	£300
Happy Circle	£500
Methodist Church	£500
Parish Church	£500
Playing Field Trust	£700
Pre-School	£500
Roundabout Magazine	£300
Tithe Barn Trust	£350
Village Trust	£1,000
Village Voices Choir	£300
Village WI	£500
West Pennard School	£1,000
Working Men's Club	£1,000

Paul Warry, Pilton Show Treasurer

Come on **Quizzers, of Pilton Croscombe & Dinder**. I know you all love a good quiz, so how about the following Quiz.

GLASTONBURY and STREET LIONS CLUB.

The **Brains Of Avalon**, Friday 29th January 7.15pm for 7.45pm prompt start at GLASTONBURY TOWN HALL.

£20 per team of four. Entry form and more information from:

Lion Rod Speed. Tel: 01458 442056 email rod@omsociety.com. or download from www.e-clubhouse4.org/sites/glastonbystreet/

Test your quizzical minds and raise money for local causes.

The Pilton Puzzlers will be there, can you raise a team and beat them?

Wendy Lynn

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.

EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB

Pilton Working Men's Club

Every Wednesday – Lunch – 12noon – 2.00pm

Every Friday – Steak Night from 7.00 – 9.00pm

Every Sunday – Sunday Carvery – 12noon – 2.00pm

Sunday 2nd - Matt Black 'The Piano Man' 8.00 -11.30pm

Music and comedy £2.50 on the door

Sunday 9th – Quiz from 7.30pm

Saturday 23rd – Badness – 8.00 – 11.30pm

£10 tickets in advance from PWMC

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

Saturday 30th – Pilton Party Auditions 8.00 – 11.30pm £2.50

Advanced bookings advised for food – 890162 Pete 07825 323242

The Crown Inn, Pilton

TripAdvisor.co.uk5* for Food, Service and Value

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.

31st December 60s Night, typical 60s dinner £15

Best 60s style dress gets a free meal.

15th January Curry Night

The George Inn, Croscombe

New Year's Eve Party with 'Jack by the Hedge'

Live music and Chinese Buffet

Buffet tickets £15pp: advance bookings required.

For other 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

FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 12th January – 7.30pm

“Kilver Court Garden” – Chris Inchley
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 PILTON

January

5 th	Village Voices Community Choir, Methodist Church	7.30pm
6 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
6 th	Happy Circle, The Route to Santiago, PWMC	2.00pm
9 th	Village Litter Pick, Village Hall Car Park	9.00am
16 th	Wassail (see page 19)	
18 th	WI, Village Hall	7.30pm
	Glastonbury Festival from a Villager's View, Richard Raynsford	
20 th	Happy Circle, The Story of Laurel and Hardy, PWMC	2.00pm



Village Voices Community Choir

A big thankyou to all of you who supported us at our Christmas events. We do appreciate it. More about this will be in the February Roundabout.

Well done Choir members. We have made great progress in a short time and we will build on this in 2016.

First rehearsal **Tuesday January 5th at 7.30pm** in the Methodist Church, Top Street. We will have new people joining us then, so why not come along as well? We'd love to see you. All welcome.

Emma Wheat 670266

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

A village litter pick will take place on Saturday **9th January**, meeting at the Village Hall at 9.00am.

The next Footpaths Sub-committee meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday **3rd February**.

Parking at Top Street/ Bread Street is potentially stopping emergency vehicles getting through. Please park considerately.

The new Mendip Community Service is starting in March, and they would like to arrange dates and schedules for local villages. Please email them and the Parish Clerk with your requirements as soon as possible to ensure they are met. (mentrans@btconnect.com)

If you are interested in receiving training to become a Speedwatch Volunteer, please contact either the Parish Clerk or Joe King.

Karen Buckley Parish Clerk Karen.buckley75@icloud.com

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

January

3rd Cricket Club New Year Quiz The George Inn, Croscombe 8.00pm
17th Sunday Bar in the Village Hall 12noon
Come and meet with friends and neighbours at Dinder's own 'pub'
24th Dinder and Dulcote Sunday Club, **Croscombe Church Room**
11.00am

DINDER and CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

The Club's **Quiz Night** will be held on **Sunday 3rd January at 8.00pm at The George Inn, Croscombe.**

New players and everyone welcome.

Roy Thorne 674378

DINDER and DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

Hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to a new school term. This month we will be having a joint Sunday club with Croscombe in **Croscombe Church Room on Sunday 24th January from 11am.**

For further details contact Becky Gilbert 676739.

DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCHES 2016 DATES

Our delicious Roast Turkey Christmas Lunch rounded off another year of sociable gatherings. We were delighted to welcome two of our regulars after their brief stay in hospital and the festive atmosphere contributed to another enjoyable lunch. Thank you to all those who attend and support these village events.

Dinder Ladies wish you all a Happy New Year.

The dates for 2016 are (all Fridays) 19th February; 15th April; 24th June; 7th October and 2nd December.

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

January

3 rd	Cricket Club New Year Quiz. The George Inn	8.00pm
13 th	Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
16 th	Village Orchestra Concert Village Hall	7.00pm
19 th	WI Planning Meeting. S.D.A.Hall	2.00pm
21 st	Senior Citizens' Club. Club Activities. SDA Hall	2.15pm
22 nd	Croscombe Society Quiz Night. Village Hall	7.30pm
24 th	Joint Sunday Club, with Dinder and Dulcote. Church Room	11.00am
27 th	WI Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642)	
28 th	Moviola Film Night. 'Under Milk Wood' (15). Village Hall	7.30pm for 8.00pm

CROSCOMBE SUNDAY CLUB will be meeting in the Church Room on **Sunday 24th January at 11.00am**. Dinder and Dulcote Sunday Club will be joining us. 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).

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra's Winter Concert is on **Saturday January 16th** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

We will be playing Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte" overture, and Brahms' 3rd Symphony. Our soloist is Simeon Coton, lead viola player, who will be performing Telemann's viola Concerto in G major. It is a short but demanding programme, which we hope you will enjoy. Refreshments will be served as usual.

Tickets are available at the door: adults £5, under 14s £1.

Jo Sackett, Secretary.

NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

As building work starts in January 2016 on the Village Hall, although the Main Hall itself will be available as usual, we are now focussing on the next step - to raise funds for the **Croscombe Creative Room**. This would be an additional and special room for music, rehearsals, theatre and art.

We are asking local villagers and businesses to help us build a Wall of Memories by sponsoring a brick with its own plaque of up to fifteen words.

- The plaques are brass and will be engraved.
- Their size is 4 inches by 2 inches and they will all be the same size.
- They will be attached to the long brick wall (now the exterior wall of the hall) and as the bricks are set sideways, the maximum height is 2.5 inches.
- The two sections, personal and business, will be separate. We are inviting personal messages to be inscribed and in the case of the business section, it will acknowledge the support received and each plaque will simply bear the name of the business and no personal message.
- Our costs for the brass plaque and the engraving are £30, so in order to raise the funds for this room which will encapsulate treasured memories for many years in the future, we need to make a profit and are, therefore, asking for £100 per plaque.

We have already delivered a leaflet about this to every address in the village but please contact Ellie Doe (T: 01749 345222; Email: elliedoe@talktalk.net) if you have not received one.

With the start of work in January 2016, we thought, as some already have, that a plaque might be a great opportunity for a Christmas present memory which would last forever.

Miranda Spenlove-Brown

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

<u>October</u>	£25: Gwen Taylor	£15: J DeQuidt	
<u>November</u>	£25: D Griffin	£15: Mrs V Dow	
<u>December</u>	£100: K Egan	£25: G Taylor	£15: J Beck

CROSCOMBE W.I.

The November meeting was a strange afternoon. All the usual business over, we were looking forward to a talk by Mr. Raymond Budd: "Reminiscences of the Black and White Minstrels". Very interesting, you would think, so we waited in anticipation, but for some reason, we know not what, he did not turn up. Where did we go from there?

With this being the 70th year celebration of the end of World War II, and us being very versatile people, one of our members, who is Norwegian, told us what she could remember of the German occupation during the second World War. This led to another member's memories of what it was like living in a large town up north during this time. Another member, who had sadly lost her mother recently, also told us of memorabilia of the war she had found whilst having to clear her mother's home. What memories! Some sad, some good, all shared. It turned out to be a wonderful afternoon, thanks to those who were happy to share their memories with us all.

Lyn Manvill

W.I.

A flutter and chatter of diligent ladies
A flurry, such hurry: a bustling brigade,
Expecting action, improvement, compassion
Now, pause to consider; with tea, scones and cake.

All hands to the mill with starched cloths and best china,
Posies for birthday girls, tasks for the rest:
Must write that strong letter, choose our next venture,
Decide further action: should we raise a protest?

Just settle a moment and enjoy the speaker:
Beautiful gardens, creative skills,
A wealth of talent, shared, so inspiring.
Our wonderful teams press on with a will.

Others call you redoubtable. You know that is true.
With transition and change, an adaptable wave
Keeps building and bubbling, effectively flowing.
Dear W.I. The best things – let's save.

Daphne Cannock

WASSAIL IS COMING TO PILTON!

When? **Saturday 16th** afternoon into the evening.

Where? Village Car Park / Hall and Gabriel's Orchard.

Traditional fun, Noise and Dancing, Bonfire, Shotguns, Cake,
Apple Juice and Cider!

Bring children, torches, lanterns, pots, pans and wooden spoons,
horns, whistles, a singing voice if you have one and a sense of fun!

Please wear silly hats, warm clothing and wellies for the orchard.

Look out for posters and on the village website.

PILTON SHOW CALENDAR 2016

The calendar contains photos from the Village History Group's Archives, showing rural life approximately 100 years ago. A mixture of old postcards and images taken with a large plate camera, it shows how much things have changed. Sales benefit Pilton Show, from which all profits are shared between village organizations. Calendars are on sale at the Post Office, priced at £5 each.

PILTON FLOWER SHOW 2016

Help with the Flower Show needed

After three years of running a successful Flower Show with increased entries, Christine & Joanna are stepping aside, so there are vacancies on the team planning and running the all-important Flower Show, part of Pilton Show's September weekend. Due to unforeseen circumstances, someone who was lined up to take over has unexpectedly landed other commitments but some of the old team will still be around to help and advice.

If you would like to be involved in any way with organising the Flower Show, please contact Hugh Berry 01749 890469.

Jenny de Gex

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Please remember to save your used postage stamps from letters and parcels. The relevant charity - St. Margaret's (Somerset) Hospice - is always grateful for your contributions. They can be left at my home - Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe - or at the Village Stores.

Janet Dowding

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS needed to provide lifeline service

Somerset County Council is appealing for more volunteer drivers to help provide a vital lifeline for vulnerable adults and children.

The County Council currently provides transport for eligible non-emergency NHS patients and social care users, ranging from the elderly to young children. This includes trips to hospital for medical appointments, or transport to day centres.

A dedicated army of nearly 200 fantastic drivers across the county currently act as volunteers, but the ageing population in Somerset means demand for transport is growing and more volunteers are needed.

Volunteer driving is a rewarding opportunity to get out and about, helping others and meeting new people, while providing a vital lifeline in your local community.

Anyone can be a volunteer – the only criterion is that drivers must be over 18, have use of their own four-door vehicle, and hold a full UK driving licence with no more than six points. Mileage expenses will be reimbursed at up to 50p per mile.

To find out more about volunteer driving, please contact Somerset You Can Do by phoning 01278 664180 or visit

www.somerset.gov.uk/volunteering.

NADFAS MEETINGS

19th January “**London's changing skyline - past, present and future**”

NADFAS illustrated lectures, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, 10.30am. £6. Free parking. Information 01963 350 527.

5th January “**Dresden: Its Arts and Architecture**” by Mrs Clare Ford-

Wille. Mendip DFAS meet at 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.

I.T. for the Terrified – for all your computer training needs. A skill-sharing, informal, community project. Run by a Committee – Staffed by Volunteers. **We will reopen on Monday, 4th January 2016.**

We offer **1:1 sessions** to help you to use a computer, iPad, Tablet, smartphone or Mac in a friendly, relaxed environment.

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).

OPEN HOUSE – **Wednesday, 6th January 1.30-3.30pm** or **Friday, 8th January, 10am-12noon.** No charge – just drop in and have a look round and book up if you wish.

WORKSHOPS

Introduction to iPad – Friday, 8th January 1.30-3.30 - £5.00.

Introduction to Tablet computing – Thursday, 14th January 10-12 £5.00.

COURSES

eBay – Thursday, 21st January 10-12 £20 for 3 week course.

Photo management – Thursday, 25th February 10-12 £35 for 6 week

Phone 01934.741751 or email itfortheterrified@btconnect.com

I.T. for the Terrified, The Old Cowshed, Station Road, Cheddar. BS27 3AG. (Next to the War Memorial - not the Market Cross). Opening hours match Kings Academy term times.

Registered Charity No. 1130308. Our normal opening hours are 10-12 and 1.30-3.30 Monday-Friday.

If you can spare two hours a week and have skills on any level (including basics) – especially on iPad or Tablet – that you would like to share with others, please get in touch.

SHEPTON MALLET LIBRARY is looking for a volunteer to run Code Club. It's a nation-wide network of clubs teaching 9-11 year olds how to make games, animations, websites, and more. If you can spare one hour a week to help inspire young people's imaginations and creativity in digital making activities, please contact us on shmlib@somerset.gov.uk or 0300 123 2224.

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

3 rd	January	Local Arrangement	11.00am
10 th	January	Mr R Haskins	11.00am
17 th	January	Revd N. Lakin	11.00am
		United Covenant Service and Holy Communion	
24 th	January	Mrs H Wade	11.00am
31 st	January	Revd C Anderton	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 JANUARY 2016

3rd January Epiphany

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

10th January Baptism of Christ

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

17th January Epiphany 2

9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	United Covenant Service at the Chapel	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe

24th January Epiphany 3

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

31st January Epiphany 4, Presentation of Christ

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Dinder
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7th February 1 before Lent

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