

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.



JANUARY 2018

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Resolution

Happy New Year! At the start of a New Year some of us resolve to do things differently - to lose weight, to take more exercise, to reduce our carbon footprint, to recycle more, to give up smoking, or some other worthy objective. In my experience, of all those people who make New Year resolutions the vast majority don't keep them for very long. Did you make any New Year resolutions this year? If you did, how long do you hope to keep them for? Of course, many people simply don't bother with New Year resolutions at all. Perhaps our failure to keep resolutions in the past has made us sceptical about making any for this year. However, there is an old adage that says: 'If we aim at nothing, we'll always be successful!'

Whether you made resolutions or not, the New Year offers us a good opportunity to take stock of our lives. When the new calendar begins, and we take down December 2017 and put up January 2018, all that's past is literally 'out of sight' and we naturally begin to look ahead to all that 2018 might hold for us. It is often quite a nostalgic, even melancholic time of year, especially if 2017 has been a struggle for us or our loved ones.

In the Methodist Church we hold our annual Covenant Service at this time of year. As is our custom in Pilton, this will be a united service on Sunday 21 January at the Methodist Church, shared with our friends from the Parish Church. In this service, we begin the year with what might be described as the Christian's New Year resolution – 'to live for Christ, and him alone'. This echoes Paul's words to the church in Corinth, '*For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*' (1 Cor 2:2) *This is quite a resolution, and it's very difficult to keep, but it is something to aim for! Whatever you are hoping for in 2018, I hope you have a good year.*

Rev. Nick Lakin

PRAYER FOCUS

At the start of another year, we remember with gratitude the good things of 2017, and with sorrow those events which did not turn out as we wished. We look forward with determination to make the best use of this New Year.

BIBLE READINGS

7 th January	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Matthew 2: 1-12
14 th January	1 Samuel 3: 1-10	John 1: 43-end
21 st January	Genesis 14: 17-20	John 2: 1-11
28 th January	Malachi 3: 1-5	Luke 2: 22-40

BENEFICE MID-WEEK COMMUNION

The midweek Benefice Communion in North Wootton will continue on a Thursday at 12.15 during January, all welcome. Please note there will be no communion on 25th January and 1st February.

YOS

YOS is open to anyone in Year 6 or above. For more information please call Sandra Kirkham on 342221.

BENEFICE DISCUSSION GROUP

The group will restart in on **8th January**, looking at Paul's letter to the Colossians. For details, ring Andrew Pugh (890535).

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS IN PILTON AND DINDER

We will continue to meet to pray:

Pilton 10th January (2nd Wednesday of the month) at 6.00pm

Dinder 24th January (4th Wednesday of the month) at 6.00pm

NB: Location of meetings TBA

And remember Morning Prayer in **Croscombe** church at 8.30am every morning.

LENT COURSE 2018 – 'Who are our neighbours?'

This year we are inviting four speakers to share their expertise and ideas about people who are part of our local communities.

A short Bible Study relevant to each subject will be included.

There will be more details next month when we have made final arrangements. There will be one meeting in each village and each one will be on a different evening to enable as many people as possible to come along.

Rev. Chris

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.

Funeral

A service to celebrate the life of **Noreen Young** of Pilton was held at Mendip Crematorium on 23rd November.

*Thank
You*

Thank you

My heartfelt thanks for the very generous kindness we have received whilst I have been unwell. We are very grateful for the many messages, cards, gifts of food and offers of help. This has made us realise how fortunate we are to live in this delightful village of Pilton. Again heartfelt thanks.

Molly Gingell

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PILTON

Thank you to everyone who supported the Soup Lunch and Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 25th November.

A record sum of £864 was raised for our village churches.

Thanks to all who helped to make this event such a success.

Gill Eavis



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 £846 was achieved for Save the Children.

Joan Chambers

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

January

- 7th Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz and Raffle
The George Inn 8.00pm
- 10th Poetry Group at Millmead, Long Street 2.30pm
- 10th Parish Council Meeting. Church Room 7.30pm
- 16th W.I. Planning Meeting. SDA Hall 2.00pm
- 17th Panto Sewing Group Village Hall from 1.30pm
- 18th Senior Citizens' Club. Club Activities. SDA Hall 2.15pm
- 20th Croscombe Village Orchestra Concert. Village Hall 7.00pm
- 24th W.I. Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642) 2.45pm
- 25th Moviola Film Night. 'Victoria and Abdul' (PG 13).
Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 26th Friends of St. Mary's. 'Friday Night is Music Night'.
Church Room 7.30pm

CROSCOMBE SUNDAY CLUB

We will be going to the annual **Children's Festival at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 20th January**, 10.30am-3.00pm. The day is aimed at 4-11 year-olds and this year's theme is 'Noah and the Flood'. There will be lots of fun activities including circus skills, crafts, music and animals. Please contact Sandra Kirkham on 342221 if you would like to come along.

CROSCOMBE ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT

Our Winter Concert will be on **Saturday 20th January** at 7pm in Croscombe Village Hall.

There is something for everyone in our programme. The Overture is from Rossini's Barber of Seville. Rupert Hutton, our youngest soloist at 12 years old, is playing Vivaldi's Violin Concerto in A Minor.

The programme also includes Beethoven's Symphony No.2, Le Tombeau de Couperin by Ravel and music from Pirates of The Caribbean.

Admission : Adults £5, under 14s £1. Refreshments included!

We look forward to seeing you.

Jo Sackett, Secretary

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please remember to save your Christmas postage stamps for charities. Many thanks for those already given. They can be left at my house –

Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe.

Janet Dowding

MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall
'Victoria and Abdul' (PG 13)
Thursday, 25th January 2018

Starring Judi Dench as Queen Victoria, this film is the true story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen *Victoria's* remarkable rule. *Abdul* Karim, a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, and is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself.

Come along and watch it in Croscombe Village Hall.

Tickets: £6 at the Door or from Croscombe Village Stores. Doors open at 7.00pm, Licensed Bar. Programme commences at 7.30pm.

Winter /Spring programme:

February: no film, come to the Pantomime!

March 29th: The Death of Stalin

April 26th: Goodnight, Christopher Robin

Christine Walker and Michael Hay

The Friends of St Mary's, Croscombe
"Friday Night is Music Night!"

Our next music night is Friday 26th January in the Church Room. The music starts at 7.30pm.

Do come and join a small group who meet to listen to a programme of recorded classical music chosen by Terry McCarthy. The music is varied and the whole evening a very relaxed affair; you really do not need to be a music expert. This time we will hear Rachmaninov's Second Symphony, one of his most popular compositions. Programme notes are supplied.

The programme lasts for about an hour and we have time then for a tea/coffee or a glass of wine – and a chat! It's a new year and new 'listeners' will be made very welcome.

Entrance fee £3 - free for Friends of St Mary's.



CROSCOMBE TIDDLERS – Tiddlers “stay and play group” is from birth to school age. They meet during term time in Croscombe School Hall every Tuesday from 10.00 am – 11.30 am. Tea and

coffee for adults and snacks for the children are provided as well as a craft activity. £1.00 per family, per session. Come along and join in, everyone is welcome.

CROSCOMBE FROLICS

We are appealing for help towards our coming pantomime.

Wednesday 17th January: Sewing costumes in the Village Hall from 1.30 – 3.30pm. Please bring your sewing kit/machine/scissors etc.

Call Eve Harris 343194 for more details.

Saturday 10th February: Setting up the staging and scenery.
9am – noon

Sunday 18th February: Disassembling staging. 9am – noon.

If you are able to help with running the bar, front of house, or backstage, please contact Kate Egan, Producer, on 01749 343910 or email katemagicegan@icloud.com.



CROSCOMBE PANTOMIME

Captain Hook's Revenge by Richard Coleman.

Tickets are now on sale and order forms can be found in the village shop.

Ticket prices remain the same, £8 adults, £7 Concessions and £6 Under 14's.

Performance dates are Thursday 15th – Saturday 17th February at 7.30pm (2pm Matinee on Saturday)

To reserve tickets phone Kate Egan on 343910.

CROSCOMBE MARKET

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making our Crocombe Christmas market such a success. All the stalls were very festive, the string quartet were wonderful, the refreshment team made sure everyone was well fed, and Father Christmas enchanted all the little ones. Most of all, our thanks to everyone who came and supported this very special community event and our charity this year, the Mendip Mallards.

Save the date: Spring Market on Saturday March 10th .

If you'd like to book a stall, contact Mary Cadogan 01749 572875, or marylucia.cadogan@gmail.com

CROSCOMBE SOCIETY

An evening of Musical Entertainment in the form of a Quiz will take place at Crocombe Village Hall on 22nd February, with Adelaide Brown and Clare Sydenham. Details next month.

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

January

5 th	Friday Bar, Village Hall - all welcome	7.30pm
7 th	Dinder & Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz and raffle The George Inn, Croscombe [see notice]	8.00pm
21 st	Sunday Bar, Village Hall	12noon
24 th	Prayer Group (Venue TBA)	6.00pm
Every Friday	Coffee morning in the Village Hall <i>(except when there is a Dinder Village lunch)</i>	11am - 12.30pm

DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCHEES 2018 DATES

Thank you to all who attend Dinder Village Hall Lunches. The Christmas Lunch was a very enjoyable and festive occasion.

Dinder Ladies wish you all a Happy New Year.

The **dates for 2018** are as follows: (All Fridays)

16th February; 6th April; 15th June; 28th September
and 7th December

Thanks also to everyone who makes these lunches possible. All who cook, wash-up, set up tables and carry out all the many other tasks are volunteers and their efforts are much appreciated.

DINDER and CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

The Club's popular Quiz Night and raffle will be held on Sunday 7th January, 8.00pm at The George Inn, Croscombe. Teams of up to 4, £2.00 per person. Everyone welcome

Roy Thorne Hon. Vice President 674378

FOSSEWAY GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday 9th January – 7.30pm

“Success in Gardening in the Shade”

Christopher Bond

Pylle Village Hall

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

Details from Barbara Cary (860438) or Janet Fulford (331306)

SMALL ADS

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

Chantry Construction: stone walling, drives, block paving, patios, extensions, mini-digger and driver. Contact Paul Merrett 01373 836787 or 07855343388.

Fionna Roberts PCH; Classical Homeopath, BA Hons, RSHom 15 years' experience. Clinics in East Pennard and Wells, 01749 890636, fionna.roberts711@btinternet.com www.fionnaroberts.co.uk

Holiday let, Stallance, West Looe, Cornwall. $\frac{3}{4}$ 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

Daniel's garden maintenance. Lawns cut, seeded, turfed. Hedges cut, garden clearance, Patio-laying, jet-washing, fencing plus fence painting. Weeding. Call Daniel 01749 672832 or 07936583986

Rise and Shine: Maintenance and Window Cleaning, Dave 675636. or 07961 892 014

Somerset Removals. House removals, house and garage clearances, waste removals, auction house pick-ups.

Contact Dave 675636 or 07961 892 014

Daniel's property maintenance Roof repairs. Gutters cleaned, repaired and renewed Interior and exterior painting and much more. Call Reg 01749 672832 mob 07518116140

RP Property Solutions: Home maintenance/repairs and qualified electrician. Free no obligation quotes. Great prompt service. Call Robert Pippard on 07969 345726 or 01749 572311.

Give your garden a treat. 2 year old well-rotted horse manure sold by sack or load. 100% organic. Contact 01749 890582.

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

New Tai Chi Class for health and vitality, Pilton Village Hall. Every Tuesday 9.30 - 10.30am, Any age or ability (over 16 - no upper limit!) Drop in, no need to book, £5 pay when you come. www.taichi24.co.uk

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

Tai Chi for Health Dinder Village Hall, every Tuesday 10.00-11.00am an easy Tai Chi suitable for all. So please come along, no booking, donation £3/week www.taichiforhealth.org.uk

Pilates Class. Croscombe Village Hall. Tuesday mornings 9.30am-10.30am. All welcome - improves flexibility, strength and balance.

£7.50 per class - First class free Contact: Clare Jevons on 01761 233466 / 07782 268252. Email: clare@somerpilates.co.uk

Painter, decorator and handyman, 30 years experience. Call Will on 07442174092.

Domestic Help: cleaning, ironing and pet sitting. References available. Call 07756932910.

FREE - lots of **Jerusalem Artichokes** for either eating (absolutely delicious when roasted, or sautéed or made into soup!) or for planting NOW! Easy to cook, and very easy and trouble-free to grow, just plant some now, let them grow, and dig them up and eat them from about November all through the winter! They grow really well and we love them, we just can't keep up with eating them quickly enough!

Chris & Joe King Contact 890357 or kingpilton@btinternet.com



1st CROSCOMBE RAINBOWS

Rainbows are for girls aged 5 to 7 and we meet on Tuesday evenings from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, if you are interested in joining please contact

Sandra on 01749 342221.

This term we have been completing the Challenge Badge Booms-a-daisy, we have had lots of fun making Eton Mess, creating origami boats and racing them in the River Sheppey. We have decorated cakes and played lots of games, our favourite was Sticker Stalker. We have visited Croscombe Church and found Mary the mouse, and we had lots of fun taste testing at Shepton Mallet Tesco's. We've also made some lovely stars which were on display at the Nativity Crib Festival in St Cuthbert's Church, Wells and also on the Christmas tree in Croscombe Church.

As part of this badge we are also supporting the **charity 'Hearing dogs for the deaf'** by **collecting used stamps, so please let us have your Christmas Stamps.**

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE SHOP

Closed January 1st Other hours as usual

Support your village shop —think global, act local!

JANUARY EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUBS

PILTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB (BA4 4BB)

Club open: Monday, Tuesday 7.00-11.00pm

Wednesday Noon-2.00pm, 7.00-11.00pm

Thursday 5.30-11.00pm. Friday 5.30pm-midnight

Saturday Noon-3.00pm, 7.00pm-midnight. Sunday Noon-11.00pm

Every Wednesday Lunch 12noon -2.00pm from £3.50

Friday 5th Grill Night 7.00 until 9.00pm

Sunday 7th Carvery Lunch 12 noon until 2.00pm

Friday 12th Fish and Chip night 7.00 until 9.00pm

Sunday 14th Carvery Lunch 12noon until 2.00pm

Friday 19th Grill Night 7.00pm until 9.00pm

Sunday 21st Carvery Lunch 12noon until 2.00pm

Friday 26th Burns Night 7.00pm start. Traditional evening with Piper and Dinner £20p/person. Booking necessary.

Sunday 28th Carvery Lunch 12noon until 2.00pm

Advance notice:- Special **Valentine Dinner** with "live" sentimental love songs on **Saturday 17th February**. Come along and enjoy a romantic evening. Music and Silent Auction, 7.00pm, £5 on the door.

Advanced bookings advised for food – 890162 Pete 07825 323242

THE CROWN INN, PILTON (890762)

thecrowninnpilton@outlook.com

Open 7 nights a week 6.00 – 11.30pm – food served 6.00 – 9.30pm

Open Lunch Wednesdays – Sundays 12-2.30 (3.30Sun)

Take Away 7 nights a week 6.00 – 9.30pm,

pop in for a menu or give us a ring

Quiz Night 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month

Steak Night last Saturday of every month

(choose from sirloin, ribeye, rump, gammon, fillet)

Sunday Roast every Sunday, choice of two meats with all the trimmings

Live Music once a month—see website, facebook or board outside pub

THE GEORGE INN, CROSCOMBE (342306)

Monday 1st Open 10am to 8pm

Saturday 6th Cycle Saturday 35 miles 10am depart

Monday 8th Folk Music session 8pm

Wednesday 10th Thai Night

Thursday 25th Curry Night / Burns Night

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

January

3 rd Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
8 th History Group, 'Pilton's Past in Prose and Pictures', Village Hall	7.30pm
9 th Village Voices re-starts, Methodist Chapel	7.30pm
10 th Happy Circle, First Aid, PWMC	2.00pm
10 th Prayer Meeting (Location to be announced)	
15 th W.I. "Freewheeler Blood Bikes" Village Hall	7.30pm
22 nd WI 'Call in for a Cuppa' Village Hall	2.00 – 4.00pm
24 th Happy Circle, Picture Quiz, PWMC	2.00pm

Thank you to Sandi and Will Leach for reinstating the footpath across the Barrows at an acceptable gradient by spreading the whole of the footpath with wood chippings. They do this on an annual basis keeping all those who take this route on an even keel. Your hard work and generosity in providing the wherewithal is very much appreciated.



PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Monday 8th January

7.30pm in the Village Hall

PILTON'S PAST IN PROSE AND PICTURES

After extensive searches our archivists have found a treasure trove of Pilton news events covering the last 150 years.

Stories of riotous assembly, testimony to the effectiveness of Doan's Lumbago Pills and attacks by an angry bull will keep you transfixed !

With readings by members accompanied by a display of photographs from the archives.

Visitors welcome.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO WASSAIL THIS YEAR.

PILTON VILLAGE W.I. INVITE YOU TO

"CALL IN FOR A CUPPA"

Monday 22nd January 2.00 – 4.00pm

Pilton Village W.I. invite you to join them on Monday 22nd January (and on the 4th Monday of every month) between 2.00 and 4.00pm at Pilton Post Office for a cuppa, cake and a chat.

Everybody is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you.

PILTON BRANCH, THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Poppy Appeal for Pilton, Burford, West Compton and North Wootton totalled £2625.59, a good figure that compares favourably with previous years. Our thanks to the collectors and those who allowed the RBL to use static collection points. More collectors will be required for 2018. Please notify the Chairman, Bill Southcombe, if you are prepared to spend an afternoon to help swell the national total beyond the £46 million that was collected in 2016.

Your RBL Committee still struggles to find villagers to run the Committee and join the Legion Branch. The RBL is financed by members' subscriptions, with the monies collected by the Poppy Appeal ring-fenced to Welfare. Come along to one of our meetings (details in Roundabout) and join us in this worthwhile cause. You do not have to have served in any of the Armed Forces to be a member – just a willingness to help those veterans who have served their country.

Bill Southcombe (07716 756510/ 890744)

bill.southcombe@gmail.com



VILLAGE VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR NEWS

Our Christmas Concert on December 6th was very well attended with the audience stretching right to the back of the church, joining in and applauding enthusiastically.

From the many lovely comments received since, we feel very pleased that we provided such an enjoyable and successful evening and impressed everyone with the large number of people who are now regular members of the choir, the standard of our singing and the variety of styles we can attempt. "Simply Uke", who did the guest spot, provided fun and variety and an opportunity to sing along. We took just over £400 which is fantastic and after expenses are paid we will split this between the three local good causes, The Lawrence Centre, Heads Up and the new Somerset Family Counselling Trust. Thank you all for your generous support.

Our new term begins on **Tuesday 9th January** at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel, Top Street, Pilton. Do join us, the more the merrier.

Margaret Wheat

£620 RAISED FOR BHOPAL MEDICAL APPEAL

The Sambhavna Trust Clinic in Bhopal, funded by the Bhopal Medical Appeal, uses yoga as one of the treatments for survivors of the Bhopal Disaster, 33 years ago. Yoga is used to treat chronic diseases involving the respiratory, musculo-skeletal, neurological and endocrine systems, and serious gynaecological problems.

On 1st December, Adele Robertson led a yoga session at Pilton Village Hall, to awaken compassion and the heart centre. The class was followed by refreshments, a raffle and a showing of the film 'Sambhavna' about the Bhopal Disaster and the work of the Clinic. Adele would like to thank everyone who supported the event, which raised a fantastic £620, especially Fiona Case, PWMC Ltd for providing the space and film equipment, and Andy Reilly for his time helping us get the film rolling. Also thanks to those who purchased T Shirts (still available from <http://bhopal.org/yoga-teeshirt>). *Adele Robertson*

BUSES THROUGH PILTON - 669

There have been some changes to the times of buses to service 669:

 Mondays – Saturdays

Pilton to Glastonbury/Street

 8.20, 10.20, 12.20, 14.20, 16.20, 17.45

Pilton to Shepton Mallet

 9.30, 11.30, 13.30, 15.30, 17.12, 18.12

 For full details ring 01373 471474

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council intend to add the five names currently missing from the War Memorial. Please make the Parish Council aware if there are any other names of Pilton residents that have been missed off.

There have been a number thefts and attempted thefts from vehicles, please be vigilant and do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

Please be aware of children playing on and around the roads within the village and drive with caution.

Residents are reminded not to park on junctions or pavements within the village.

Karen Buckley Pilton Parish Clerk piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com

PILTON SHOW COMMITTEE

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

Allotments Association	£250
ASB Operatives	£400
Community Minibus	£500
Happy Circle	£500
Methodist Church	£1,000
Parish Church	£1,000
Playing Field Trust	£1,000
Pre-school	£1,000
PWMC	£299
Roundabout Magazine	£300
Tithe Barn Trust	£350
Village Trust	£1,000
Village Voices Choir	£500
Pilton Village WI	£250
West Pennard School	£1,000

Paul Warry, Pilton Show Treasurer

THE ROUNDABOUT TEAM would like to thank the many people involved 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; the people who collect the magazines from Terry and take them to central distributors in each village; Paul Warry who deals with our finances; Gail Milne who co-ordinates the advertisements in the central supplement; our advertisers and everyone who contributes reports, news and notices of future events.

The donations received from groups and individuals are much appreciated and enable us to provide the magazine free to all parishioners.

A new and most welcome member of the Team is Eve Harris, and her telephone number is included in the team's details in the front of the magazine (page 2).

Please remember that reports should be about 18 lines (approximately 200 words) in length, preferably in Word, and we aim to acknowledge receipt of material within two days of receipt.

NB. Check out the **new advertisements** in the coloured section

CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

If you live in Croscombe and are over 60, a mere youngster really, would you like to come and join us? We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 2.15pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall, Croscombe.

We have speakers, salad lunches, outings, fish and chip day so it's very versatile. We would love to see you.

It is a very cheap way of enjoying an afternoon and meeting people; please come and join us. For more information contact Iris on 343908 or Lyn on 343833. We look forward to seeing you. *Lyn Manvill*

HAPPY CIRCLE CLUB

Philip Eavis searched through his archive of Pilton on film and brought videos of Pilton Players to entertain us.

In 'The Long Autumn' Sandra Howe was outstanding as a stifled artist longing to get out of her retirement home and give one last performance on stage. This was followed by an extract from a play about the plague at Eyam. We were delighted to watch villagers past and present and were reminded that we miss Pilton Players. Thank you once again, Philip and Gill.

Happy Circle Christmas lunch was at the Crossways, North Wootton this year. Eileen and Freda did a magnificent organisation job and 29 of us sat down to our festive feast.

Let's hope Chris and Joe's grandson makes more sense of the cracker jokes than we did!

Happy New Year.

Liz Elkin

SOMERSET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Winter Fuel Payment Appeal

Every year, Somerset Community Foundation runs an appeal, encouraging people who do not need their Winter Fuel Payment to donate it so that it can be redistributed to elderly residents suffering from fuel poverty in the county. Last year over 400 older people in Somerset were helped to keep warm and better connected, thanks to local donors and pensioners who gave to Surviving Winter.

This year we have a target of raising £100,000 so that we can help 500 isolated and vulnerable older people over the winter. If you wish to have more information or have further queries, please do not hesitate to give us a call on 01749 344949 or visit our website :

<http://www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter>

A MAGICAL MOMENT

(From St. Mary's, East Brent parish magazine)

Mum's Alzheimer's diagnosis was five years ago now, so my children have had many years of the 'pep talk' before visits...

"PLEASE don't interrupt and look at Granny when you're speaking... don't mumble, otherwise she can't hear...if she's not chatting or doing something she'll wander off and become disinterested. It's really important to me that she enjoys our visits!"

It is repetitive and exhausting. My children don't understand why Granny remembers some things and not others, with their patience limited and ability to think of anyone else before themselves non-existent. I try my hardest. "Oooo, who are you?" Mum's usual cheery greeting (with a cheeky grin). I have lost the ability to work out whether she is joking or not anymore. Sometimes clearly knowing exactly who I am and other times catching her staring intently... searching for my name. Not allowing myself to become upset, I try to make it easier by telling her straight away, giving a big hug and kiss.

As one child slumps onto the sofa in silence, the other begins fiddling with his fidget spinner from his pocket. I try to carry on the conversation, but am battling with my real thoughts... "Why can't they just be polite and sociable for one hour...IS IT REALLY TOO MUCH TO ASK?!"

Then... something unexpected happened.

Mum leans in to see what my son was fiddling with and then they engage in this wonderfully lengthy conversation. She became mesmerised by the different coloured spinners, taking it in turns, taking them apart, spinning them in different directions, stacking them up whilst nattering away to one another for ages. I was totally shocked with this unexpected discovery that this latest kid's toy craze had suddenly become something so very fascinating to my Mum. It had become in that magical moment, the perfect visual and tactile thing for them both to share together.

I hope they will enjoy this special time together with the fidget spinners... almost as much as I will enjoy watching them together!

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Advice on groups supporting families with Alzheimer sufferers can be found at the local doctors' surgeries.

HISTORY OF ART...THE BIGGER PICTURE

Joanna Cobb, MA, Independent art historian, researcher and lecturer
4th lecture in the series: **Judith Leyster 'Tulip'**.

Politics, trade, art and contradiction in the Dutch Golden Age'.

Monday 8th January in Dinder Village Hall

£8 per person or £15 for two to include a fully illustrated lecture, refreshments and handouts.

The series can be joined at any time, so no problem if you have missed previous lectures and no obligation to book the whole series.

February: 'William Hogarth and the Foundling Hospital.'

March: 'Aspects of the career of Thomas Gainsborough.'

The series continues in the summer term and ends in November with 'Art of the Great War across the Divide'.

For more information: **01458 832178** or **ericjoanna@waitrose.com**

The Arts Society, Mendip

9th January **"Women Impressionists: neglected modern mistresses"** by Martin Heard. The Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00am. Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435. Details; www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk.

The Arts Society, Mid-Somerset

16th January **"Messenger or Missile - Angels with glad tidings, doom, gloom or perdition"**. Illustrated lecture, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ, 10.30am, free parking. £6. Information 01963 350132

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CROSCOMBE W.I.

Our November meeting was a workshop afternoon. I showed the members how to make a wreath for Christmas, using small pieces of material, glue and a polystyrene ring. I gave the instructions, everyone concentrated, and we all finished with a beautiful wreath each to take home. I had lots of positive feedback (even from one member who said she did not like craft) so I think everyone enjoyed the experience. After this hour of concentration we had a well-earned cup of tea, and time for conversation.

May I say thank you to all the members for taking part. It was a good afternoon.

Lyn Manvill

PILTON VILAGE W.I.

At our November meeting, we were joined by Tiggy Trethowan who works behind the scenes as events manager for The Antiques Roadshow. Tiggy explained that as a child she was not academic, but was passionate about drama which she studied at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts. After many years in the television industry working on various shows, she was offered a job with the Antiques Roadshow who at the time wanted to update the image of the show, and make it a bigger and better show with more visitors than the 1500 visitors attending at that time.

With her experience gained from the other shows, she brought in new security, health and safety, lost children, first aid and training for the many volunteer stewards. There are now up to 6,000 visitors per event. She explained that the way in which visitors are chosen has not changed over the years, and every visitor to the Antiques Roadshow gets a valuation if they visit, but it is only 5% that are filmed.

It was lovely to hear about Tiggy's life, with its many ups and downs. She was most enthusiastic, and you could tell she loves everything about her job.

Jane Marchant



CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

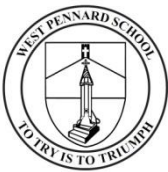
Our end-of-term events kept us very busy. As well as supporting Children in Need, we were able to raise £216 to support Abraham, our friend in Ethiopia. Our Year 5 children joined with others from the local area to create and perform a dance based around the Circle of Life from the Lion King. We entertained Croscombe O.A.Ps with carols, Christmas songs and our drumming skills.

Early on 8th December (it was still dark) excited children arrived at school for 'Breakfast with Santa' and later in the day we had a very successful Frost Fair with lots of stalls, refreshments and challenging games designed and run by the children. Nearer the end of term Acorns' Nativity Play was very well received and the school resounded with carols and Christmas cheer.

On a sad note, we said 'goodbye' and 'thank you' to Mrs Callow who retired after more than 20 years at our school. She had some lovely presents including a very heavy stone sheep carved by local craftsman, Jeff Body.

After a good Christmas holiday we are all ready for lots of interesting new experiences as the term gets under way.

Steve Heath, Headteacher



WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Time at West Pennard Primary School

Christmas is well and truly in full swing at school. The hall has been decorated with Christmas mobiles, which the children have made and are based around the

theme of the 12 days of Christmas.

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success and raised a record £2,100. This money will go towards enriching the learning opportunities open to all of our children. Next week brings the excitement of the school nativity and the school Christmas disco.

In the last week of term, we have our Christmas Carol service in St Nicholas' Church and the children are already preparing thoughtful readings and festive songs towards it.

Wishing you all a healthy and very happy New Year!

With Kindness,

Jo Hale, Headteacher,

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

7th January Janet Day 11.00 am

14th January Steve Derby 11.00 am

21st January Rev. Nick Lakin, Covenant Service (United) 11.00 am

28th January Local Arrangement 11.00 am

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

Holy Communion in North Wootton Church

at 12.15pm on Thursdays

Morning Prayer in Pilton Church

at 9.00am on Wednesdays

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

JANUARY 2018

7th January Epiphany

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

14th January Epiphany 2

9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Family Service	North Wootton
6.00pm	Evensong	Dinder

21st January Epiphany 3

9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	Covenant Service at the Chapel	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
5.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe

28th January Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

4th February 2 before Lent

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