

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 2014

Parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder

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**FEBRUARY ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS
MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2014, 9.00am**

How welcoming is your church?

How do you feel when you go to a new place for the first time? Probably most of us can remember our first day at school, the beginning of a new job or the move away from home. Anxiety, nervousness at doing or saying the wrong thing and the longing to find a friendly welcome and smile are probably common to most of us. I cannot imagine what it must be like to go to church for the first time ... or after a very long time away because it's always been part of my life. But when I'm on holiday and go to the local parish church I'm reminded that it probably requires great courage and resilience! Why? Because on the whole my experience has been - bluntly - that we Anglicans are not very good at welcome.

I'm spoilt as an Archdeacon ... when I go to a parish usually someone has been briefed to meet me, even carry my bags and make sure I get to the vestry and know what I'm doing. When I go to church on holiday (not in this diocese of course!) my experience has been generally dismal -- collecting books from a group of people chatting to one another and no doubt thinking theirs is a very friendly church, no indication as to where to sit ... we all dread the embarrassment of being told we're in someone else's seat ... and no one cheerily saying, 'Good morning, welcome, are you a visitor? Good to see you.... Let me introduce you to so-and-so.' Frankly, I wouldn't want to go back to many of them as the experience felt more like gate-crashing an exclusive club than worshipping God with my brothers and sisters in Christ. I'm making a plea for us to look at the ministry of welcome. This is not a grand initiative to recruit new congregation members; rather it is offering simple kindness, acceptance and hospitality to another human being. It does not have to be intrusive or cringe-making. It's better to risk getting it wrong and welcoming someone who you later discover has been coming to church for 40 years, than ignoring the stranger. The Letter to the Hebrews says, 'Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.' (13:2). Our faith is centred on a welcoming God who delights in all of us. Yes, I could go on and encourage attractive notice boards, interactive websites, colourful welcome packs and quality refreshments.... but the first step is small, and yet essential – a warm smile and greeting and ensuring the visitor is not ignored.

So, if you are away on holiday – try out the local church and see how its welcome rates. When you are in your own church, look out for angels in disguise. Archdeacons are easier to spot.

Archdeacon Nicola Sullivan

Pilton with Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder Benefice - Vacancy Update

As you will know, after David Osborne's retirement in September, we are in the process of seeking a new priest-in-charge and much preparatory work has

already been done throughout the four parishes. We will advertise the post in the Church Times newspaper in January with a view to interviewing candidates in March. We ask for your prayers during this important process.

Benefice Church Wardens

PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for the Churchwardens and all involved in drawing up a profile of the sort of person they feel we need in the benefice, and we pray that the advertised post appeals to someone who feels called to serve here.

During this time of waiting, we pray also for all those involved in the day-to-day running of our churches and for those who assist in leading worship or pastoral activities.

BIBLE READINGS

5 th January	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Matthew 2: 1 -12
12 th January	Isaiah 42: 1-9	Matthew 3: 13-end
19 th January	Isaiah 49: 1-7	John 1: 29-42
26 th January	Isaiah 9: 1-4	Matthew 4: 12-23

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.

Baptism

The baptism of **Joseph Jack Race** took place in Croscombe Church on 24th November.

In the same service, **Samuel George Taylor** was baptised.

We welcome both these children into the Church family.

Wedding

The marriage of **Hayley Macey** and **David Hughes** took place in Croscombe Church on 26th October.

We send our best wishes to Hayley and David.

(The Roundabout Team offer sincere apologies for omitting this last month.)

PRAYER AND A PINT

14th January at The George Inn, Croscombe at 8.00pm

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

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THANKS

Pilton Churches Together

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre & Soup Lunch on Saturday 7th December, when £612 was raised.

Special thanks to all who helped and contributed in any way to make this fund-raising event so successful.

St Mary's, Croscombe - Thank You

We are in a new year. New rotas are being prepared and it is a good time to say a big thank you to all those people who give of their time and expertise to serve our Church in so many ways. It is a long list - bell-ringers, key holders, flower arrangers, cleaners and coffee makers as well as those who take part in and help to ensure the smooth running of the services. We are very grateful, also, to our local village craftsmen who fix things so skilfully and so willingly. Without all of you our church simply could not function. Thank you.

The Croscombe Churchwardens

Save the Children Fund

The Wells Committee send grateful thanks to all who supported the recent coffee morning at Sharcombe Farm, Dinder. The record sum of over £700 was raised for Save the Children.

Joan Chambers

Arthur and Ann Millard would like to thank everyone who gave prizes and supported the Whist Drive at the PWMC on 1st December. £268 was raised for the William Budd Ward at the Royal United Hospital Bath.

The Roundabout Team would like to thank **Croscombe Society** members for their generous donation to Roundabout funds

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

January

5 th Cricket Club Quiz Night, The George Inn, Croscombe	8.00pm
6 th Book Club. Ring Mary on 672558 for further details.	7.30pm
19 th Sunday Club. Village Hall	10.30am
19 th Village Hall Bar. Coffee, as well as drinks from the bar	12.00-2.30pm

DINDER AND DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

We hope you have enjoyed a great Christmas and New Year.

The next Sunday Club is Sunday 19th January 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 LUNCHESES, 2014

Lunch dates for 2014 (All Fridays)

February 21st

April 18th

June 27th

September 26th

December 5th (Christmas Lunch).

Details of February lunch will be in the February Roundabout.

DINDER AND CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

Our New Year's Quiz Night will be held at the George Inn, Croscombe on Sunday 5th January at 8.00pm.

Teams of up to 4.

£2.00 per person.

Roy Thorne, Hon Sec

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

January

5 th Dinder & Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night. The George.	8.00pm
8 th Mobile Library	The George Inn 9.15am - 9.25am
	Honeymead 10.55am - 11.05am
8 th Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
14 th Prayer and a Pint. The George Inn	8.00pm
16 th Senior Citizens' Club Meeting	2.15pm
18 th Croscombe Village Orchestra Concert. Village Hall	7.00pm

21 st W.I. Meeting S.D.A Hall “Lavender Hearts” by Lyn	2.00pm
24 th Friends of St. Mary’s Music Night. Church Room	7.30pm
26 th Sunday Club. Church Room	11.00am
30 th Moviola Film Night. “Blue Jasmine” (PG13)	
Tickets £6. Licensed Bar. Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm

CROSCOMBE SUNDAY CLUB is on Sunday 26th January, 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.

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

FRIENDS OF ST MARY, CROSCOMBE

'Friday Night is Music Night'

Friday 24th January, 7.30 pm in Croscombe Church Room

After the great success of the first of a series of musical appreciation evenings we are delighted to invite you to come and listen again to a selection of recorded music chosen from his collection by Terry McCarthy. Programme notes will be supplied and wine and tea/coffee served at the end of the evening. This second evening will feature two Symphonic Poems by Richard Strauss lasting about an hour. Different sorts of music are promised for later occasions – even some jazz!

Because space is limited admittance is **by ticket only**. These are available from the Churchwardens (345405 or 345222) and are free to Friends, £2 to others.

WHAT’S ON IN PILTON

January

6 th Happy Circle, Musical Quiz, PWMC	2.15pm
8 th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
9 th Mobile Library West Compton House	9.20am
Top Street Car Park	9.35am
13 th History Group, Village Hall	7.30pm
‘Hugh Owen – historic photographer’ talk by Ian Sumner	
22 nd Happy Circle, Lavender Farming, PWMC	2.15pm
29 th Parish Church PCC Meeting	7.30pm



The Bier House, Cumhill, Pilton

It is with great regret that the long-standing agreement between Pilton Players and the Parish Council, for the use of the Bier House as storage for the Players' equipment, will come to an end in December of this year. We are sure older members of the village have memories of the Bier House being used for what it was built for, that is to be a place of rest for a coffin prior to burial. It would be interesting to hear from the Pilton History Group what information they have on this old building.

The fate of the Bier House is in the hands of the Parish Council, as obviously there is some cost for its upkeep. We sincerely hope they find a way of keeping ownership of it for the village and will inform all of us, through the Roundabout, of proceedings.

Alison Ward Vice Chairman, Pilton Players

Fosseway Gardening Club

Tuesday 14th January – 7.30pm Pylle Village Hall

Gardens of the NGS – David Moon

New members always welcome

Details from Maureen Harris 01749 890426



Save the Children

PILTON “SAVE the CHILDREN” GROUP

As our minds have been focused on the happenings in Syria and the Philippines recently, Pilton Save the Children group have decided to organise a musical evening in the Town Hall in Wells on Saturday, 18th January.

Performers are the Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir, the Mendip Ensemble and the Drystones.

We are presently seeking sponsorship of the event so that all ticket money will be sent to help the humanitarian work being carried out in Syria by Save the Children.

Tickets are £10 each and can be obtained by phoning 01749 890 387 or at Pilton Post Office (01749 899 594).

Lysbeth Ballantine

MOVIOLA in Crocombe Village Hall
'Blue Jasmine' (PG13) Thursday, 30th January

Loosely based on 'A Streetcar Named Desire', this film written and directed by Woody Allen and starring Cate Blanchett is the story of a rather down at heel socialite who descends upon her sister. An award winning film to start the year.

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

Doors open at 7.00pm, programme commences at 7.30pm

Licensed Bar

Winter season:

February : no film, Village Pantomime

27th March : Philomena

24th April: Captain Phillips

Christine Walker, Michael Hay

CROSCOMBE ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT

On Saturday, 18th January in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Stella Arman (nee Bevan) will sing Elgar's "Sea Pictures", along with two other orchestral items.

Admission: adults £5.00; under 14's £1.00, including refreshments.

Mendip DFAS meetings are held in the Westex Suite at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet, at 10:30am for 11:00am. 7th January. "**Süleyman the Magnificent and Ottoman Art**". Ms. Sarah Searight . Anyone wishing to attend should contact Tony Lane in advance (670652).

EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB

Pilton Working Men's Club

There are no special dates for events or Carvery lunches for the month of **January**.

Further details about events and Carvery Lunches for **February**, please contact Ann (Evenings 890162)

The Crown Inn, Pilton

Every Tuesday – Quiz Night

Includes **New Year's Eve** with Seasonal Quiz, Extra Prizes and Buffet

Saturdays – Steak Night

Free bottle of wine with every two steaks ordered

Sunday Lunch – Great Roasts as always

Friday 24th January – Curry Night

Guaranteed no turkey.

The George Inn, Croscombe

Every Wednesday is Steak Night: 2 steaks for £22.95

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

Sunday 5th January 8pm Cricket Club Quiz

Last Thursday of the month, 30th January 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. $\frac{3}{4}$ 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

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.

From 1st January 2014 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.

The Mid-Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society illustrated lecture at Caryford Hall in Castle Cary BA7 7JJ on Tuesday 21st January at 10.30am, **“Painted People, Portraits plain, pleasing or puzzling”**. All welcome. Free parking. £6. For further information contact 01963 350 527.

CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

www.croscombe-parish.co.uk

Developments – The Parish Council will decide on the need for a Neighbourhood Development Plan at our December meeting but this issue is going to print before the meeting; the decision will be on the website.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a **BIG thank you** to Bob Manvill who is retiring from looking after the Poundfold allotment. He has maintained it brilliantly over each growing season and his kindness and patience with our primary school children when they have joined him to learn about growing and cultivating plants has been exemplary; enjoy a well-earned rest!

Bob is replaced by Michael Head who will be maintaining the allotment and liaising with the school.

If we do have inclement weather, then could villagers keep a watchful eye on our elderly and infirm residents, and clear pathways if we have a severe snowfall.

Next Meeting. Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm on January 8th in the Church Room. All are welcome.

Hilary Shergold

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Happy New Year!

Very many thanks to residents who turned out on a chilly morning for the litter pick on November 30th. Thirty two bags of litter were collected and disposed of - an extremely useful exercise. The spring litter pick date is **March 1st at 9am**. Do come!

Please will residents remember that the grit in the parish bins is for use on the roads and not on private paths and drives. Somerset Highways treat only the County's main roads and provide limited grit in each parish for minor roads. Bags of grit for private use can be purchased at local stores e.g. B & Q.

Mendip DC now have a new online planning site for public information. We have been advised that should you wish to comment on any application that you should email MDC Planning Department. To submit such comments please go to www.mendip.gov.uk/planning and then to - **Planning and Building**. There you will find detailed instructions.

If you are not online, write to Mendip DC Planning Department. Please copy to the Parish Clerk. We appreciate your comments when making planning decisions. Thank you.

Next Council meeting – January 8th at 7.30 pm.

Sandra Howe

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE



On November 6th, Pat Hase – an all-time favourite – gave us a humorous insight into schooldays - stirring many memories among her rapt audience. Pat – the new talk is a winner!

On November 20th **we** performed in 'Memory Box'. Members placed a chosen item in the box. If the object was drawn out, the owner talked for five minutes about the memories it triggered.

Freda, clutching her childhood teddy, gave us the benefit of her very interesting research into teddy bears.

Janet remembered living in a house where E H Shepard – illustrator of Winnie the Pooh - had lived. She read descriptions of the house from his book and remarked how little the house had changed.

Sandra told us of her constant efforts to see a Hoopoe and showed us a beautiful picture of one painted by her 7 year old grandson as a birthday present.

Catherine recalled her childhood in a moving account of holidays on the North Sea coast. This was high quality atmospheric writing.

Finally, I showed and described Corsican vendetta equipment!

2014's programme is complete! Do join us for some fascinating Wednesday afternoons with tea and biscuits almost matching the entertainment!

John Howe

CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS

A warm welcome to our new chairman, Iris; to members Peter and Ann, back after a long absence; and to our newest member, Ian, who we hope will be glad he joined us. It was lovely to see Gareth Armstrong and his sister Susan, too, both there as special visitors. Jolly happy returns to Dolly and Lyn, with birthdays in November.

The Christmas auction was very good fun, as always, thanks to our sporting comperes, Ralph and Bob, following in Tony's footsteps like old pros. Every single thing was "beautifully presented" and talked up, so of course we rose to the occasion and made over £100.

Vera had cooked a huge box of mince pies, as she always does in November, so tea time was extra special. Thank you to Vera, and to everyone for making the occasion such a pleasant one.

Barbara Lippett

MENDIP COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

The Mendip Community Credit Union has a two hour session in Glastonbury, Wells, Shepton Mallet, Frome and Street every week. When I asked them whether the use of Church premises would help, they replied that the first need would be for more volunteers to staff the sessions.

I asked them to set out a statement of what they can and cannot do, what a volunteer would be expected to do and what training is offered. This is their reply:

"Mendip Community Credit Union (MCCU) is a volunteer-run organisation that provides simple savings accounts and affordable loans to its members. Membership is open to anyone who lives and works in the Mendip area. As a mutual organisation, everyone saves together to form a fund that is lent out to members who need loans. The interest charged provides the primary income required to run the organisation, and any surplus generated is distributed back to members as a dividend.

We don't lend money...we lend for a purpose! We lend the exact amount that's required, so the member isn't paying interest on funds they don't actually need.

The least we have lent is £10 for bus fares and the largest loans are in the region of £5,000 for home improvements. Before granting a loan we check that members can afford to pay it back. For small loans, this will be based on the member's previous savings pattern-if they have managed to save £10 per week, this indicates that they can afford to repay a loan at £9 per week and save £1. Larger loans are assessed more rigorously, including the completion of a budget. However, we recognise that 'life happens' and try to help members when outside events affect their ability to repay their loan.

Credit unions cannot generally help people who already have unaffordable debt. We are very clear that there are people who desperately need money, but in the form of a grant or charity and NOT a loan. MCCU does not seek to take on Wonga - we don't issue payday loans! We feel that if someone hasn't got enough money to get through to the end of the month, then even a 'cheap' payday loan is likely to make the situation worse - we can help them with budgeting and/or refer them to organisations that offer debt and benefit advice. However, MCCU is a real alternative to doorstep lenders, which typically charge an APR of 250 percent on loans of 3 to 12 months. (MCCU's interest rates for equivalent loans are currently between 6.2 - 26.8 percent APR)

The main limit on MCCU's ability to extend the services it offers is the capacity of the volunteers that run it. The key attribute potential volunteers need is the ability to engage with and help members - for example, assisting with a loan application for a new washing machine; dealing with telephone and email enquiries; or negotiating lower loan repayments because of redundancy. Full training is given - no specific financial knowledge is required - volunteers just need to be able to write clearly, use a calculator and follow simple procedures. The commitment is generally for 2.5 hours once or twice each month to help run one of our service points, although we also have roles in treasury, internal audit, loans and arrears management plus the Board that keeps it all running.

For more information see our website www.mendipcommunitycu.org.uk, call in at one of our service points or phone our FREEPHONE number 0800 622 6036.

Credit unions are regulated by the same authorities as banks and building societies and members' savings are fully covered against loss by the government-backed Financial Compensation Scheme."

I forward this reply in full so that people who feel like helping could have a clear idea whether this is the kind of help that they would like to consider offering.

Kate Askew

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 put 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.

I.T. for the Terrified – for all your computer training needs. We reopen on Monday, 7th January. The following week we will hold two Open House sessions, where you can drop in and find out more about us. Contact us on 01934 741751

I.T. for the Terrified, The Old Cowshed, Station Road, Cheddar. BS27 3AG.

PILTON CLUB

What a bumper weekend at the Club! It was well worth the effort to uncurl from the sofa to head for evening entertainment at the Club. Saturday was the dinner dance. Great atmosphere, as 20- odd musicians and singers of Shepton Mallet Big Band entertained around 110 people in a convivial warm environment. Families, extended families, friends - all had smiles on their faces, enjoying the music, each other and the great carvery supper which Ann and her staff cooked and served: beef done three ways, pork, chicken (with all the trimmings) and a choice of three puds – more than ample portions!! Judging by the cleanness of the plates (and the expanded tums!), the supper was thoroughly enjoyed. On Friday night, it was completely different. The local indie band of Dive-in attracted a large, mainly young crowd. Playing their own varied compositions and covers, the band, with two solo supporting acts, were thoroughly enjoyed. It's great to see such support for our Village Socials. I will certainly not be dozing in front of the telly at the next December events! Rodney Allen, Sladest and the Rockin 60s are all fantastically entertaining....and local!

Marilyn Johnson

PILTON VILLAGE TRUST

The new 2013 Trustees had their first meeting in December. Colin Elkin remains as Chairman, John Boyce as Vice-Chair and Marilyn Johnson as Secretary. The Trust is important to the Village. It is essentially the guardian of the Village Hall and the Working Men's Club – looking after it and maintaining it for the village, as well as encouraging and supporting a range of social activities that make use of the facilities. We have been delighted to see an increasing number of social events from the visiting Theatre Group, the Table Top Sale, the Art Exhibition, Made in Pilton, and the 'medium' for example, as well as seeing the continuing use of the rooms for village groups that include Yoga, the History Group, the Youth Club and Pilton Players. The Working Men's Club is an integral part of the facility providing a bar, regular musical entertainment, skittles and other sports and games as well as the Sunday Carvery. It's great when people of all ages and backgrounds use the facilities in different ways. The Trustees continue to seek ways of encouraging and supporting activities that attract participation from all the generations in Pilton.

Marilyn Johnson (899487)



CROSCOMBE WI

It was nice to see our November meeting so well attended, with new members also joining us. It was chaired by our treasurer as our president was away. We started the meeting by welcoming our new members and welcoming back two who had not attended recently due to illness. A minute's silence was kept in memory for one of our members, Shirley Blackett, who, sadly, recently passed away. Our business was discussed including Carol Services and the Christmas dinner, which ends our year and gives us all fresh new beginnings. We then had a talk and slides from Richard Raynsford, about local Churches and Chapels. He started by showing a picture of Rode church with its 13th century pagan ceremony. We saw Evercreech church (which claims to be one of the finest towers in Somerset) and Croscombe church, with its wonderful wooden carvings and 17th century pulpit. We were also shown preaching crosses, fonts, stone carvings, some breathing foliage (a warning against evil) and much more. The subject was so interesting and given in such wonderful detail that the time just flew by.

We finished with our usual tea and biscuits and lots of discussion on what we had just seen.

Lyn Manvill



CROSCOMBE SCHOOL

This has been a very busy term and full of variety. Our youngest children have enjoyed trips to Glastonbury Abbey

and Wookey Hole, as part of their local legends topic. Mr Manvill has worked extremely hard with the school allotment, resulting in the school winning a Silver Gilt Award in the Wells in Bloom 2013 Schools' Garden Competition, and we were outright winners in the South West in the Grow Your Own Potato scheme, organised by the UK Potato Council. From 3 seed potatoes the children grew the most potatoes, winning an outdoor bench.

The Christmas season began with our oldest pupils taking part in the Wells Cathedral carol concert, entertaining Croscombe Senior Citizens with "Carols and Cakes", a Nativity Carol Service for parents, before culminating in their Christmas parties. I would like to thank everyone in Croscombe for their continuing and valuable support that manifests itself in attendance at events and in helping in classrooms and on trips, and wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Sue Budden, Headteacher

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26th January Miss P Fuller

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 Wednesday

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

JANUARY 2014

5th January - Epiphany

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

12th January Baptism of Christ

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

19th 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

26th January Epiphany 3

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

2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Service

11.00am Family Service

11.00am Holy Communion

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