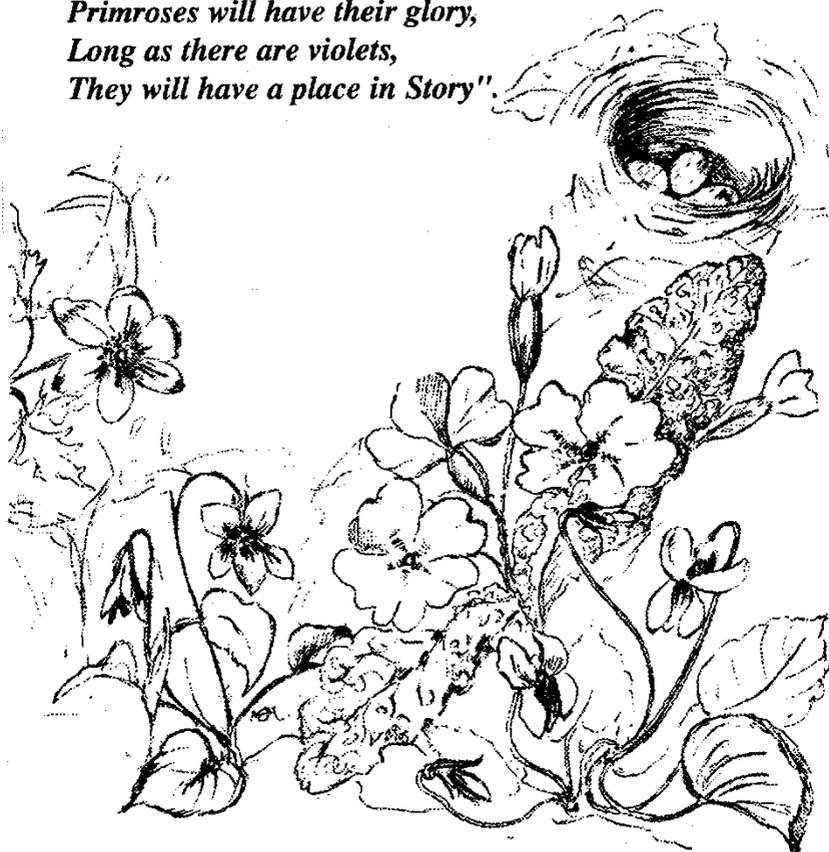


THE  
**ROUNDABOUT**  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"Long as there's a sun that sets,  
Primroses will have their glory,  
Long as there are violets,  
They will have a place in Story".*



MARCH 2015

**PARISHES OF PILTON, CROSCOMBE, NORTH WOOTTON AND  
DINDER**

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### **This time of year....**

This is my favourite time of year, new life coming into being in the countryside around us. It's a time of new hope and new beginnings, as nature comes awake after the winter rest. I also know it is a time of hard work for many who work on the land.

This month also sees the continuation of Lent. Some of you will be wondering just how long it is until you can eat chocolate again or enjoy that glass of wine (or whatever you have tried to give up), others will be taking part in our Lent course or maybe taking up the Diocese's challenge to cut your carbon during Lent (it's not too late to join for the rest of Lent - see the Bath and Wells website).

In the church our two great celebrations are Easter and Christmas, but the preparation for these events is as important as the celebrations themselves.

I was given a poem the other week called "The Dash" by Linda Ellis. It is looking back on someone's life thinking about the dash which separates their birth date and death date on their gravestone. The poem is too long to publish here in its entirety, but here are a couple of extracts to accompany you on the remainder of the journey through Lent:

'For it matters not, how much we own,  
the cars.... the house.... the cash  
What matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash.  
So think about this long and hard.  
Are there things you would like to change...?  
For you never know how much time is left  
that still can be rearranged.  
If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real  
and always try and understand  
the way other people feel.  
And be less quick to anger  
and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect  
and more often wear a smile,  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a while.'

*Chris Butler*

## PRAYER FOCUS

As the winter draws to an end, we give thanks for the coming of spring with the longer days, warmth in the sun, and signs of new life around us in our gardens and the countryside. We remember those for whom the dark, cold days of winter have been particularly difficult, and pray that this season of new life will bring fresh hope and comfort.

## BIBLE READINGS

1 <sup>st</sup> March	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16	Matthew 8:31-end
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Exodus 20: 1-17	John 2: 13-22
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	John 12: 20-33

## YOS

In February we got creative with cupcakes! The tray game and parachute were also great fun. We are doing some Drama activities in March. Hope to see you on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Even though we start at 5.45pm, if you can only get there for 6pm please do come along.

YOS is open to children of all parishes in year 6 upwards. We meet in Dinder Village Hall on the first Friday of each month 5.45pm-7.15pm. For further information please contact Sandra Kirkham 342221 or Becky Gilbert 676739.

## CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2015 at Wells Cathedral

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January children from our four parishes joined many more children from the South West to have fun in the Cathedral. The theme of the day for this year was 'He's got the whole world in his hands'.

Activities included spending some time reflecting, making a paper doll, singing some African songs, playing on a bouncy castle, making badges, face painting and thinking about what keeps us safe and well. Bristol Zoo gave a talk to the children, and introduced them to some cockroaches and stick insects. Everyone also had the chance to shake hands with Cinnamon the tarantula!

The children all had lots of fun and have taken away lots of memories.

*Sandra Kirkham*

## EASTER SERVICES 5<sup>th</sup> April



8.00am	Holy Communion	Pilton
9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Easter Praise	Pilton
11.00am	Family Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Family Communion	North Wootton



**Remember: Fairtrade Fortnight** 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> March

### **MESSY CHURCH**

Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm at North Wootton Village Hall

Children and adults come and join us as Messy Church prepares for  
Mothering Sunday.

Help prepare the posies for the service (and take one home too) and learn the  
true meaning of Mothering Sunday.

Make a card; enjoy our other Messy activities and an indoor picnic tea.

Have a great family afternoon.

All enquiries to Christine Raphael (890310).

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> March**

There will be special services in our parish churches to celebrate mothers, families and being part of the Christian family on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am at Pilton, 11.00am at Croscombe and at 11.00am at Dinder.

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

### **THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

This month our churches start the annual review process and hold the Annual Parochial Church Meetings. If you are interested in supporting the people and work of the church, please consider coming along to see what has happened over the last 12 months and what we will be thinking about over the next year. Everyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll is welcome to join in these meetings, which begin with a short public meeting for the election of Churchwardens. Nomination forms for Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council Members are available in the churches.

Two of our churches are meeting in March:

**Pilton APCM** Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm in the church (beginning with a short evening service).

**Croscombe APCM** and shared lunch Sunday 22nd March at 12.00noon after the morning service. If you would like to come and join us please bring a small plate of food to share, which can be left in the church room before the service.

## **ABOUT PEOPLE**

We are glad to welcome new people to our villages. We hope that you settle happily and we look forward to seeing you at village events.

We send our good wishes and prayers to anyone who is unwell at the moment, whether you are at home or in hospital. We remember those receiving treatment and those awaiting the results of tests.

### **Funeral**

The family and friends of **Faith Fleming** gathered in Pilton Church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate her life.

We are sad to record the death of **Henry Myles** of Pilton.

### **CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL**

The “Winter Ball” on 31<sup>st</sup> January was an excellent village occasion, well supported and great fun. Thank you to everybody who came and, indeed, all those who helped prepare the hall and the food, with especial thanks to the musicians, Railroaded, who kept everyone on their toes!

A date for your diary: our Spring Coffee Morning will be held at the hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 am. Come, meet your friends and enjoy!

Look out for your individual letter where you, the residents, can donate and help us in our big effort to raise the necessary funds to improve the Village Hall.

### **NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

[www.croscombe-parish.co.uk](http://www.croscombe-parish.co.uk)

**Village Parking Update** – Highways have an interim plan to put bollards by the main bus stop to stop parking in front of the bus shelter and will paint bus stop signs on the road in front of the bus stops to alert traffic. The Griffins Green bus stop will move further down onto the main road. No decision has yet been made about creating better access in Church Street. Highways would prefer that the residents park so that the street is clear to drive, without cars or vans having to mount the pavement to pass parked vehicles. Highways will continue to monitor. It will be about another four months before any Highways work takes place in Croscombe.

The council is continuing to look at a range of Neighbourhood Plan areas and we hope to have a draft plan in place for villagers to view by the end of May. Please forward any queries, opinions or complaints about your environment for us to consider for the Plan.

Next Meeting. - 7.30 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Room. All are welcome.

*Hilary Shergold*

## LENT MEETINGS

Our Lent meetings continue to follow *Finding a Voice*, a course based on the film 'The King's Speech'. They will be held on the first four weeks of this month and the venues are as follows:

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Benleigh House, Pilton</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Folley Bridge House, Croscombe</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>The Old Rectory, Dinder</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Higher Farm, North Wootton</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>

For more details please contact Revd Chris on 899061.

## UNITED SERVICE at PILTON PARISH CHURCH PALM SUNDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am

To mark the beginning of Holy Week we are planning a special service to tell the story of that first Palm Sunday. Our young people from YOS will be presenting a dramatic account of that day and younger children will be involved too. But it isn't a service just for children; there will be something for everyone and a special Holy Communion for Palm Sunday will be included.

The service will be followed by coffee etc, so do come along and mark the beginning of this important week in the Christian year.

## PRAYER AND A PINT

The next meeting will be on **MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April** at Crossways Inn, North Wootton at 8pm led by Revd Christine Butler.

(Please note that the 9<sup>th</sup> March meeting is postponed as the Lent Course meets in Pilton that evening at 7.30pm.)

Prayer and a Pint is an opportunity for discussion/learning in a relaxed atmosphere every second Monday each month and everyone is very welcome to just come and join in.

At the February meeting eleven of us had interesting discussions on subjects including the meaning of life, mental illness and the therapy of the pros and cons of playing golf.

Should you require any further details or information please contact Chris Butler (899061; butlerchristine19@gmail.com).

## **CROSCOMBE SPRING CHARTER MARKET**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon in Crocombe Village Hall**

This spring we will continue to support ‘The Avalon School Hydrotherapy Pool Appeal’ – a project which will not only benefit pupils attending the school but will also be a facility which can be used by members of the local community.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt and craft activities for the children. Items on sale this time include textiles, vintage goods, handmade gifts, wooden items, cards, books, plants, bric-a-brac, cakes, biscuits, jams, chutneys, sauces, honey and other local produce. Refreshments will be on sale too so please do come along and enjoy a relaxing morning with friends and neighbours and help us to raise valuable funds to support this very worthy cause.

We look forward to seeing you.

*Elaine Watson (Co-ordinator)*

## **FRIENDS OF ST MARY’S, CROSCOMBE**



The Choir of Wells Cathedral Junior School will present a Concert of Words and Music on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00 pm in St Mary’s Church, Crocombe.

Tickets are £5 (£4 for Friends of St. Mary’s) and are available from the Churchwardens or at the door on the night. The concert will last about an hour and wine and soft

drinks will be served after the entertainment. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Crocombe Churchwardens*

## **THE CROSCOMBE SOCIETY QUIZ EVENING**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 pm (7.30pm start) in the Village Hall**

Teams of four people. Cost £5.00 per person. Price includes a light buffet supper. Bar/Raffle. Please contact Elaine Watson on 939457 to reserve a table.

## **MOVIOLA in Crocombe Village Hall**

**“Mr Turner” (12A)**

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March

Mike Leigh’s highly regarded film about the British painter, J.M.W. Turner. Starring Timothy Spall as the artist. Incredible cinematography. Come along and bring your friends!

Tickets £6 available at the door / Crocombe Village Stores

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

*Christine Walker, Michael Hay*

## **DINDER VILLAGE CLEAR-UP**

The village will have a spring-clean on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. If you can give an hour or two to help pick up litter, cut back overhanging brambles, weeding pavements etc, then meet at the village hall at 10.00am armed with black bin bags, sweeping brushes, secateurs, and anything else that might be useful. Many hands make light work so please help if you can!

## **DINDER OPEN GARDENS - ADVANCE NOTICE**

Dinder will be opening some of its loveliest gardens on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. The famous Dinder teas and other refreshments will complete the perfect day out. This is an event not to be missed so please put it in your diaries. If you would like to have your garden included, or you are able to offer some help on the day, please get in touch with Stella Elston on 673766.

## **PILTON CRAFT GROUP**

Some time ago I attempted to start a craft group but failed to find enough people who were interested. After recent conversations, I would now like to try again.

I have booked the Winding Lake Room at the Village Hall for an initial meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2.00 – 4.00pm. If you would like to meet interested people over a cup of tea, please come along.

Bring something to do if you have work in progress, or something to illustrate any interest you may have.

I would welcome ideas for future meetings. If you are unable to come but would like to join this kind of group, please ring me. *Pauline Hobbs* 899069

## **FANCY FLAUNTING YOUR FLAMENCO?**

Don't forget to book for 7pm on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Viva La España in Pilton Village Hall. Tickets are £10 to include drama; classical Spanish guitar music; a tapas supper; Flamenco dancers and your own 'Strictly' efforts. Pre-book now on 890239. Ticket numbers are limited so don't be disappointed.

*John Howe*

The schedule for the next **PILTON FLOWER SHOW** on 5<sup>th</sup> September is now available on the website <http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk/>

Do take a look, and start taking your photos, growing your fruit and veg, and doing lots of crafty and cookery things between now and September!!

Let's have a bumper lot of entries this year!!

If you live in Pilton, you should also have received a copy in the February edition of Roundabout. Extra copies are available in the foyer of Pilton Village Hall, or please contact Chris King on 890357.

## **PILTON VILLAGE WI**

Our March meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> is a talk and slide show by Dave Moon on the work of the National Garden Scheme. The NGS arranges for outstanding gardens to be opened to visitors in order to raise funds for charity. Many of the gardens featured in the talk will be Somerset gardens.

Non-members of the WI are very welcome at meetings .

For further information please contact Shirley 330722

*Shirley Watt*



## **CROSCOMBE WI**

On a cold crisp day our first meeting for 2015 was held. We knew it would be quite lengthy as there was a lot to sort out for the coming year such as speakers, trips, etc.

We had a visitor, Ann Preston, from our area office, Wilton Lodge in Taunton. She is one of the area's advisers. Being quite new to the job, she wanted to introduce herself and tell us how she could help if we felt it necessary.

We finished our afternoon with a cuppa and lovely food contributed by all members. This is usual for January, a good hearty start to our year.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 2 pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Hall. New members will be made very welcome.

*Lyn Manvill*

### **Fosseway Gardening Club**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Pylle Village Hall (the old school on A37)

**Scented Garden** – Chris Yeates

New members always welcome.

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

Details from Janet (01749 331306) or Barbara (01749 960438)

**JUMBLE SALE - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March** in Pilton Village Hall 2-4pm in aid of the **Bhopal Medical Appeal**. There will also be a cake/preserves stall plus refreshments and a raffle.

If you have any jumble you could donate, ie clothes, toys, books, household, bric-a-brac, etc, please could you deliver it to the hall between 10am -12 noon on the day (but not before) OR contact Fiona Case on 899125.



## **Save the Children**

**PILTON SAVE THE CHILDREN** are holding a coffee morning in Pilton Village Hall on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 till 12. All are welcome to come along and there will be goods for sale, marmalade, plants( including hellebores) and cakes.



### **FANCY YOURSELF AS SHERLOCK OR POIROT?**

Then do book seats for our spring production

#### **‘SUDDEN DEATH AT THORNBURY MANOR’**

By CHRIS LEWIS and CAROL HUTTON

A murder mystery for you to solve!

Doors and Club Bar open at 7pm. Performance 7.30pm

on **March 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

Only 40 seats available per night! Light supper, Club Bar and raffle.

Tickets £8 (to include supper) available from March 6<sup>th</sup>

from Pilton PO, Club Bar and Sandra Howe on 01749 890 239 or

[sandjhowe@shoplanewanadoo.co.uk](mailto:sandjhowe@shoplanewanadoo.co.uk)

**Why not enjoy a very different evening out with your friends?**

### **PILTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

Grow your own – a great time to start. We have several allotment plots vacant, full and half-size, available for group or individual use. Anyone in the surrounding area who is interested, please contact Freda on 890345 for more information.

### **PILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Clerk position** – details at [www.piltonvillage.co.uk](http://www.piltonvillage.co.uk)

## EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB

### The George Inn, Croscombe

**Now Open** 11am-11pm at weekends,  
11am - 3pm and 5pm – 12pm on Friday  
11am - 3pm and 6pm –12pm nightly

**Steak Night** every Wednesday. Two for £22.95, sirloin or ribeye.

**Curry night 26<sup>th</sup> March.** £12.95 booked in advance, or £15.95 on the night.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March CELEBRATE** 100,000 pints of our own King George beer brewed for us by Blindmans Brewery, Leighton, near Frome.  
Music, meet the brewers, tastings, and free beer!

**Mothering Sunday** – Special two or three course menu - £16.95/£19.95.  
Book early, and remember we serve food all day on Sundays.

**MS Fund-raising Quizzes** – Sundays 8<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> March .  
8pm start, teams of 4, £10 per team.

### Pilton Working Men's Club

REAL COFFEE at the Pilton Working Men's Club.

With a new top of the range Italian coffee machine installed, we are set for hot drinks to warm ourselves, with a selection of delicious options including

Espresso £1.60 Americano £1.75 Cappuccino and Latte £2.25.

Loose leaf Tea £1.60. Hot chocolate £1.80, with marshmallows £2.10.

Enjoy our sensational coffee and teas!

### The Crown Inn, Pilton

Every Tuesday – Quiz Night, free entry

Every Wednesday - Take-out night: Fish and Chips

Chicken and Chips, Burgers, Curry etc.

Every Saturday – Free bottle of wine with every two juicy char-grilled steaks

Every Sunday – Great Roast Lunches straight from the oven, choice of meats

Main Course £8.00, two courses £12.00

Winter Opening Hours:

Monday closed except Bank Holidays,

Tuesday – Thursday 6.00pm

Friday to Sunday 12noon and 6.00pm

## 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

**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 Veryan Graham, The George Inn, tel 342306 [www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk)

**Fionna Roberts PCH; Classical Homeopath,** BA Hons, RSHom 15 years experience. Clinics in East Pennard & Wells, 01749 890636, [fionna@fionnaroberts.co.uk](mailto:fionna@fionnaroberts.co.uk), [www.fionnaroberts.co.uk](http://www.fionnaroberts.co.uk)

**Lady Cleaner and General Helper available** in Pilton 01749 899404

**Private Carer/Companion** – daily, weekly, respite, over-night or weekend care for elderly. Mature, kind and experienced local lady. Enquiries: 07852 515 037

**Housekeeper wanted:** A trustworthy and hard-working person with experience, for 3 days per week. Large house near Pilton. Cleaning, ironing etc. References required £9.50 per hour. Tel 07905 000002.

**Holiday Cottage.** Centre of Wells. 1 Bed, 1 Bath. Sleeps 2. Dogs welcome. Contact Geraldine on 07799312373 or 01749899104.

[geraldine.hoy@live.co.uk](mailto:geraldine.hoy@live.co.uk).

**The Luxe Cleaning Company:** Weekly, fortnightly or monthly, professional, affordable and reliable domestic cleaning. Please call Alice 01749 938735 07853067211

**Dog Walking and Pet Sitting** 07709 739508. Please visit website for details [www.premierpetcarers.co.uk](http://www.premierpetcarers.co.uk)

## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

### March

4 <sup>th</sup> Lent Course The Old Rectory	11.00 am
6 <sup>th</sup> YOS drama activities in Dinder Village Hall	5.45 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Village Hall First Friday Bar	7.30 pm
and a Village Hall Committee Meeting also at	7.30 pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Lent Course The Old Rectory	11.00am
14 <sup>th</sup> Dinder and Dulcote Sunday Club	
making Mothering Sunday posies in the church	10.30 am
15 <sup>th</sup> Dinder and Dulcote Sunday Club	
Mothering Sunday family communion in the church	11.00 am
15 <sup>th</sup> NO Third Sunday Bar this month,	
due to clash with Mothering Sunday	
18 <sup>th</sup> Lent Course The Old Rectory	11.00 am
21 <sup>st</sup> Cheese and Wine evening in the Village Hall	7.30 pm
See separate notice	
25 <sup>th</sup> Lent Course The Old Rectory	11.00 am
28 <sup>th</sup> Village clear-up – meet at the hall at	10.00 am
See separate notice	

Date for your diary: 14<sup>th</sup> June                      Dinder Open Gardens and teas

### MARCH DINDER & DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

On **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** please come along to Dinder Village Hall to help make the posies for Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** – we will be taking part in the Mothering Sunday family communion in the Church. Please come along and join in the service. The posies, made the day before, will be given out to the entire congregation and you will be able to enjoy traditional Simnel Cake after the service.

### CHEESE and WINE EVENING

Test your knowledge of Wine and Cheese in Dinder Village Hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm. Wine will be provided by David Schroetter of ‘Santé’ Wine, Wells and cheese by Dan Holland from ‘The Queen Street Deli’, Wells. Ticket prices had not been confirmed at the time of going to press but will be between £10-£12 per person. This will include all wine and cheese as well as the quiz!

Please contact Margaret Bancroft (674943) or Jill Gibbons (689112) to book and pay for tickets. Tickets will need to be paid for prior to the event.

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### March

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lent Course. Folley Bridge House	7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course. Folley Bridge House	7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Charter Market. Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00noon
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday Service. St. Mary's Church	11.00am
17 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Tea and Business Meeting S.D.A.Hall	5.30pm
	Followed by Visit to 'Burns the Bread', Glastonbury	6.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course. Folley Bridge House	7.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Citizens' Club. Fish and Chips Lunch	
	At Whitstone's, Shepton Mallet	12.30pm for 1.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Concert of Words and Music, St. Mary's Church	
	by the Choir of Wells Cathedral Junior School	7.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Crocombe Society Quiz Night. Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	A.P.C.M See notice ( N.B. No Sunday Club).	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course. Folley Bridge House	7.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642)	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Moviola Film Night. 'Mr. Turner' (12A). Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library: Honeymead	11.20am – 11.30am
	The George Inn	11.35am – 11.45am
30 <sup>th</sup>	Globe Carnival Club Bingo. Village Hall	7.00pm for 8.00pm

No **SUNDAY CLUB** on **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

### CROSCOMBE CHURCH ROOF ALARM SYSTEM

The alarm on St Mary's was activated in January because of an electrical fault in the church. A letter/email has gone to households nearest to the church asking for their continued vigilance and reminding them of the telephone numbers of key-holders who can de-activate the alarm in the (we hope) unlikely event that the alarm is triggered.

Ellie Doe	345222
Jenny Mitchell	345405
Louise and Neil Tully	344318
Tony Williamson	342919
Gordon Johnson	343578

The refurbishment of the bells is scheduled to start on 9<sup>th</sup> March so there will be workmen from Taylors of Loughborough in the church tower and churchyard. The work will last about a month. It should not be too disruptive but please do contact one of the Churchwardens if you have any questions/problems.

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### March

2 <sup>nd</sup> Pilton Craft Group, Village Hall	2.00 – 4.00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> History Group, 'Tales from the Archives', Village Hall	7.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lent Group, Benleigh House	7.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, 'My Grandma', PWMC	2.00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Advice Unit, Village Hall	12.30 – 2.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Afternoon Tea (see details), Village Hall	from 3.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Lent Group, Benleigh House	7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Ramble, Village Hall Car Park	2.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> WI NGS Slide Show and Talk, Village Hall	7.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Lent Group, Benleigh House	7.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, Origami, Sean Clarke, PWMC	2.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> P.C.C. APCM, Parish Church	7.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Village Trust Open Evening, Village Hall	7.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Bhopal Medical Appeal Jumble Sale, Village Hall	2.00 – 4.00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Lent Group, Benleigh House	7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Pilton Players Murder Mystery, Village Hall (see details)	7.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, Top Street Car Park	2.35 – 2.50pm
West Compton House	3.00 – 3.10pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Save the Children Coffee Morning, Village Hall	10.30am – 12.00noon

### PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

'Tales from the Archives' Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm Village Hall .

Members £1, Visitors £2. All welcome .

*Richard Raynsford* (Secretary)



The March walk chosen by **PILTON RAMBLERS** will follow the disused Somerset and Dorset railway track through the Ham Wall nature reserve on the Somerset Levels. From here they will select a route along virtually traffic-free lanes or possibly along a grassy bank beside a rhyne. This circuit is chosen because it is almost guaranteed to be mud-free whatever the recent weather, and there is also the possibility of a rest at the Sharpham Tea Gardens. It is a little longer than usual (5 ½ miles) but hills and stiles are both noticeably absent! If you would like to join the Ramblers, they will meet at the village hall car park at **2.00 pm on Saturday 14 March**. Alternatively you can meet at the start of the walk at the Railway Inn on the Meare to Ashcott road (2.30 pm) but please telephone if you wish to take this option.

*John Wheat* 890585

## **PILTON OPEN EVENING**

Towards the end of last year, Pilton Village Trust undertook an extensive survey of villagers' opinions regarding the building formerly known as the Village Hall and Pilton Working Men's Club. The results of that survey have now been collated and you are invited to attend an Open Evening at 7pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March to hear how the Trust intends to move forward on a whole range of these subjects.

The Trust will be launching a new Group, the 'Friends of Pilton Trust' to provide hands-on support at the premises; these Friends will be people who want to be involved. Come along and find out more.

Although there are no immediate plans, following on from the questionnaire last year it is clear that there is a desire within the village to remove the confusion caused by the current name of the building. The Trust is open to alternative suggestions, so please bring along your own favourite. The survey identified 'Pilton Club' as being the most popular.

Again, there was a clear desire for some kind of redecoration or more extensive refurbishment. A sub-group has been working on options for a number of months and this is your opportunity to contribute to the conversation at these very early stages and see some preliminary ideas and visuals.

There are a number of new initiatives that have been proposed: a coffee area, cinema, classes, daytime events and new kinds of entertainment - come along and make sure that you are a part of the suggestions and ideas.

Initial proposals for a multi-use-games-area at the playing field on the site of the existing tennis court are being investigated. Details will be available for viewing and although these are at a very early stage, villager input will directly influence how the project moves forward.

The village enjoys fabulous community spaces in the form of the playing field, the Pavilion and the building comprising the Village Hall and Working Men's Club. The Trustees are keen to ensure that these resources meet the needs of the village first and foremost; please come along and help us.

Please check [www.piltonvillage.co.uk](http://www.piltonvillage.co.uk) for more up-to-date information.

Look we are back!

## **GLOBE CARNIVAL CLUB GRAND EASTER BINGO**

**at Croscombe Village Hall**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Doors open at 7.00pm – Eyes down at 8.00pm

First class prizes donated by local businesses and supporters of Globe CC

Contact Wendy on 01749 675877

## **BOLLYWOOD AND BELLY DANCING IN PILTON**

A pilot project to provide dance classes to the younger women in the community will begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. If you are between the ages of 11 and 25, two free Bollywood Dance classes will be offered followed by a further six classes at a subsidised rate of £2/class. These classes will run in the Bournes Room of the Village Hall between 5.30 and 6.30 pm on Mondays 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Belly dancing classes for women of all ages will also be running on Mondays between 6.30 - 7.30 pm, on the same dates as the Bollywood, above. There will be one free belly dancing taster session on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

If you would like more information or would like to book your place, contact Adele Robertson ([robertsonyoga@aol.co.uk](mailto:robertsonyoga@aol.co.uk), 890199) for a booking form or turn up to the free taster session on 13 April. Following the belly dancing class, stay for a women's social drink and a chat at the bar.

## **WHO ARE WE?**

We are vulnerable and silent. We have no steel armour to protect us, no horn to herald our presence. We are flesh and blood. We travel slowly at 5mph and we share the roads with the ever-increasing traffic on our busy country lanes. We are the horse-riders you meet most days.

Because of vehicles travelling at crazy speeds along our narrow and winding roads, there have recently been a number of near-misses on the lanes around Mendip. A steel car hitting the soft body of a horse will always result in horrendous damage to the rider and horse, while the motorist is often unharmed.

To those drivers who hurtle along, oblivious of what is around the next corner – PLEASE, PLEASE - THINK HORSE. We can hear your engine as you race towards us but you can't hear us shout and there is not always a gateway to nip into.

The horse-riders all over Mendip would like to say a huge thank you to all the lovely drivers who do take care when driving past horses – it is greatly appreciated.

If you are a horse-rider and have recently moved to this area and would like to find out more about safe places to ride, please visit [www.mbba.org](http://www.mbba.org).

## **PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE**

Do our members ever realise how lucky we are in the range of people prepared to come to entertain and inform us? This month we recall totally diverse meetings with engaging, talented speakers. In ‘Westminster Wife’, Janet Ladyman quickly dispelled some of the misconceptions which photos of ladies such as the PM’s glamorous wife promote. It’s not all ‘glam’ with ‘black and white parties’ or rides in a pink/magenta minibus! No – we quickly realised that dedication was needed to support the weak in her husband’s constituency; to promote deeply held beliefs; and tirelessly balance family and political demands. Janet was truly ‘Action Woman’ in both roles. How lucky we are that she is now sharing this focussed energy with our village community.

‘Silversmithing’ was our next treasure to enjoy, and treasures we were shown. What a feeling it must be to create such jewels of skill from a lifeless ingot of silver! How much of the designer’s skill shone from every piece exhibited! Fancy! One of our own members has her own hallmark and one day may achieve prominence on Bargain Hunt or Flog It! Thank you. *John Howe*

## **CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**

Huge apologies owing from last month. It wasn’t only Keith who was “running up and down collecting dues”, it was Ron as well. So sorry, Ron.

We began our January meeting with a minute’s silence in remembrance of Ian Davidson, sadly taken from us so soon after joining. But it was also Ralph’s birthday that day, so we sang to him.

After many years of running our January meeting entertainment, this year Keith was not well enough to be there, and was sadly missed. John Taylor rose to the occasion with two amusing anecdotes from his years as a magistrate, Gill read a very nostalgic piece about life 50-60 years ago, and Lyn gave us three humorous poems written and sold for charity. Thank you to all of them for stepping in.

With the washing up done and the kitchen spotless by 3.30pm, we all went home before darkness. *Barbara Lippett*

## **MENDIP MOBILE ADVICE SERVICE**

This is a two-year Lottery Funded Project, providing a mobile service to the rurally excluded villages of the Mendips. We are visiting Pilton as part of our rota every four weeks, **next visit 5th March**, and will be in Pilton Village Hall Car Park between 12.30 and 2.30pm. Just come along if you would like to ask for advice from a representative of Mendip District Council. The main partner involved is the Citizens’ Advice Bureau.



The first half of this term has been a busy time with lots of exciting days in school and on visits. Children in Acorns and Chestnuts classes really enjoyed their day at Bristol Zoo. At first it seemed that the lions were not coming out but eventually they did and everyone enjoyed seeing how even lions chase their tails! Fortunately, there were no 'hands on' experiences with the lions but holding Giant African Snails taught about snail trails and cockroaches actually felt 'tickly'.

Acorns have been acquiring technical skills too: they began learning about things we take for granted by looking at everyday items like kettles and toasters and finding out how they work. Books have an important place in education and the youngest children are enjoying their Booktime book pack. It's well worth browsing [www.booktime.org.uk](http://www.booktime.org.uk) and everyone is looking forward to Book Week at the beginning of March.

You will soon be able to look at the results of our recent OFSTED inspection on the school website, [www.croscombeprimary.co.uk](http://www.croscombeprimary.co.uk)

## **WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Year 6 Children's Commissioner Project work**

In November, our school was chosen to participate in a national project, recruiting children to express their views on children's safety and rights. The Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC) makes sure adults in charge listen to children and young people and take them seriously. Four children, a Governor and I went to Exeter to meet with the Deputy Children's Commissioner and other children from South West schools. The children were given opportunities to share their ideas and have their views heard. This was then fed back to Government and other organisations to help directly influence Government policy. It was fantastic to be a part of this amazing project and the children are looking forward to their next meeting in June in Exeter and July in London where they will meet up with schools from all over the country.

Last month, Rosie and Emily were chosen to go to the Department for Education in London to help support the OCC's Young Expert Group for Communications, Web Design and Social Media. Again a wonderful opportunity for the children to influence policy directly ...helped along with a Pizza Hut take-away and a £10 shopping voucher as a thanks for their contribution and time!

*Helen Morley, Deputy Head*

## **SOMERSET CHOICES Promote your services online**

Do you run a local care and support service? Do you sell care products? Or do you organise a support group in your local area? Then you need to promote your services or products on an exciting new website called Somerset Choices, led by Somerset County Council, which will allow people to search for care services, products, support groups and events in their local area.

The Website is due to launch in Spring 2015, and the Council is encouraging you to register your details by April. Don't miss out!

Come to an information event on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Somerset College in Taunton to find out more and see a demonstration of the new website. Free registration.

Please sign up by emailing [infoandadvicewebsite@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:infoandadvicewebsite@somerset.gov.uk).

## **MENDIP DFAS**

3<sup>rd</sup> March “**The History of the Harp**” by Ms Sarah Deere-Jones.

The development of the instrument with demonstrations of its versatility.

At the Bath & West Bar & Restaurant (formerly the Westex Suite), Bath and West Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN, 10.30 for 11.00am.

Details: [www.mdfas.org.uk](http://www.mdfas.org.uk). Guests welcome.

## **MID-SOMERSET NADFAS**

17<sup>th</sup> March: “**Tribal Rugs – Treasures of the Black Tent**”. Samples on display. Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, Tuesdays at 11.00am. Free parking. £6. Information 01963 350 527.

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## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

1 <sup>st</sup> March	Anna Schiffer	11.00am
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Patricia Fuller	11.00am
15 <sup>th</sup> March	United Service at the Parish Church	11.00am
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Revd N Lakin	11.00am
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs J Cobb	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  
MARCH 2015**

**1<sup>st</sup> March Lent 2**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> March Lent 3**

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

**15<sup>th</sup> March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday**

9.30am	Family Service	North Wootton
11.00am	United Service	Pilton
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Family Communion	Dinder
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe

**22<sup>nd</sup> March Lent 5**

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

**29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday**

11.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Pilton
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**30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April**

7.30pm	Compline	North Wootton
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**2<sup>nd</sup> April Maundy Thursday**

7.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe
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**3<sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday**

12noon	Service	Dinder
2.00om	Service	North Wootton
7.30pm	Service	Pilton