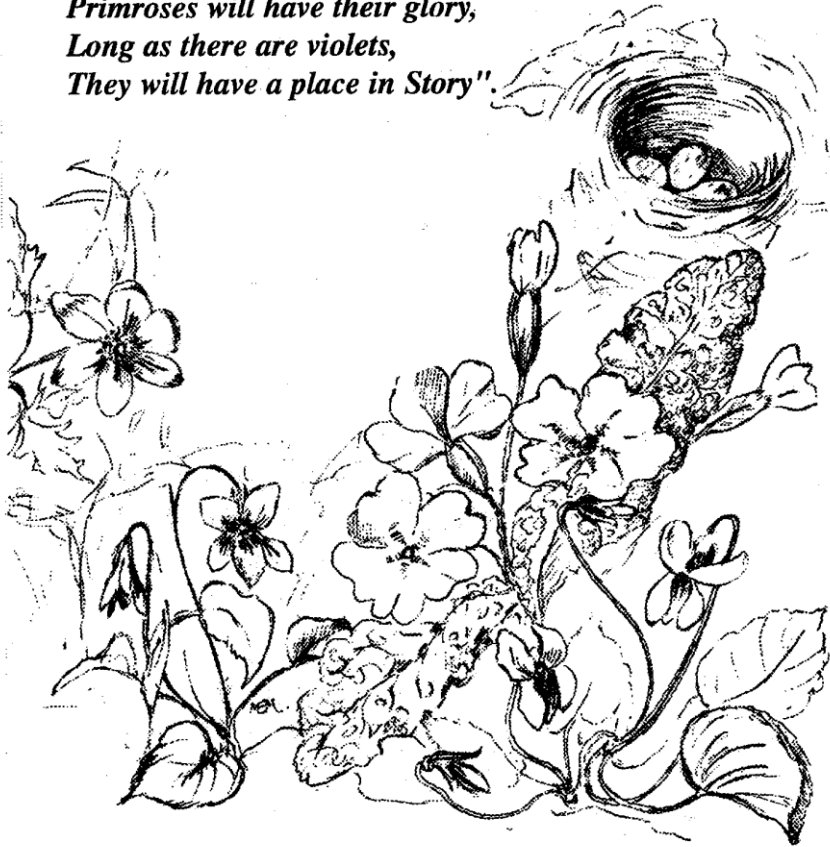


THE  
**ROUNDABOUT**  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"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 2017**

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

*All phone codes 01749 unless specified*

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**ENQUIRIES ABOUT MATERIAL FOR ROUNDABOUT**

**Roundabout email address:** magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk  
All material in Word, please, and not in boxes.

**Adverts in the colour section** are now being handled by Gail Milne (890670) gail.milne@btconnect.com. These only change in January.

**Charges for Small Adverts:** Small adverts are 50p per line per month, preferably only two lines for short periods. Requests 1 week before deadline to allow for setting up and billing. Insertion only on receipt of payment.

**All other materials and the small adverts** should be left at the collecting points (see pages 22/23) but if you need to speak to someone please contact Susan Green (890524), Christine Davies (890009), Stella Elston (673766), Janet Christie (344633), or Ann Williamson (428133) who will help you.

Please make sure that emails with items for *Roundabout* are acknowledged by one of the team within two days of sending them.

**APRIL ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS**

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 9.00am**

## WELCOME TO MARCH

Spring is approaching and hopefully the birds are singing and our gardens are coming to life again after the quiet of winter.

As many of you know, earlier this year I spent some time visiting my brother in New Zealand; on the way back I stopped off in Dubai and was lucky enough to be treated to a trip into the desert. The landscape was amazing, nothing but sand as far as the eye could see: the sand had been so weathered that it felt like talcum powder under our feet. As it grew dark I was anticipating a wonderful show of stars in the night sky, but it wasn't quite what I expected as there was still too much light pollution from Dubai (over an hour away) to put on much of a show. As I lay back and watched I realised that I see far more stars here in Pilton on a clear night.

So often we are looking for something elsewhere and we fail to appreciate what we have right in front of us. Next time we have a clear night in Pilton I will be looking up and wondering in amazement at the number of stars we can see from right here.

We are also entering the season of Lent. Forty days in the Church calendar set aside for prayer, quiet and contemplation. Some people choose to mark it by giving something up, or maybe take up something new. You might also like to join us at one of our Lent groups – details in the magazine.

This year I would like to suggest that in addition maybe each of us can spend some time each day looking around and trying to count our blessings - the beautiful place we live in, friends, family and of course the wonderful starry skies.

*Rev Chris*

## PRAYER FOCUS

As we begin the season of Lent we think about the way we live our lives. We know that there are things of which we are ashamed and we consider how we could make life better for someone: for family members and neighbours, for our villages and for our world. We pray for God's help to try harder to live our lives as He would wish.

## BIBLE READINGS

5 <sup>th</sup> March	Romans 5: 12–19	Matthew 4: 1–11
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17	John 3: 1-17
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Romans 5: 1-11	John 4: 5-42
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Exodus 2: 1-10	John 19: 25b-27

## ASH WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH.

There will be two Communion services which will include the opportunity to receive the 'imposition of ashes'.

11.00am in North Wootton Church;                      7.30pm in Dinder Church.

## LENT GROUPS

This year our Benefice, and anyone else who would like to join us, will be following a 6 week course called Faith Pictures which is a short course designed to help us talk naturally to friends, neighbours and colleagues about what we believe. The heart of the course is about helping people to identify a single picture or image that embodies something of their faith. This is because the kinds of communication which stick best in the mind are concrete and rooted in story

**Monday mornings, North Wootton, 10.30am** beginning on 27<sup>th</sup> February at Higher Farm, BA4 4HB, the home of Tim and Felicity Wootton.

**Monday evenings, Pilton, 7.30pm** beginning on 27<sup>th</sup> February at The Rectory, BA4 4BX, the home of Revd Chris Butler.

**Tuesday afternoons, Dinder, 2.30pm** beginning on 28<sup>th</sup> February at Sharcombe Farm, BA5 3PF, the home of Joan Chambers.

**Wednesday afternoons, Croscombe 2.30pm** beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> March at Livadia, Fayreway, BA5 3RQ, the home of David and Janet Dowding.

*Chris Butler, 899061, [butlerchristine19@gmail.com](mailto:butlerchristine19@gmail.com)*

## YOS

**Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>** won't be too late for us to celebrate the beginning of Lent: it will be pancake time for us!

YOS is open to children of all parishes in year 6 upwards. We meet in Dinder Village Hall, usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month from 6.00pm-7.30pm. For further information please contact Sandra Kirkham 342221 or Becky Gilbert 676739.

**BENEFACTE MID-WEEK COMMUNION** restarts on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am in North Wootton church.

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>**

There will be special services in our parish churches to celebrate mothers, families and being part of the Christian family on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am at Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder, and at 3.00pm at Pilton.

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

### **CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2017**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January we took 17 children from the Benefice to the annual Children's Festival at Wells Cathedral.

The theme of the day this year was Candles and Camels. The day started with a short Service which included an amazing camel although not a real one. During the morning session there were three craft workshops before a picnic lunch in the education room. The three workshops in the afternoon started with a reflective session where we thought about our journey, our gifts and what we're hoping for. The second afternoon session was circus skills, the children and some parents practised plate spinning, hula hooping, riding unicycles and tight-rope walking. The final session was a singing workshop before everyone gathered together in the Nave for a closing Service.

All the children and parents enjoyed the day and hopefully will have lots of good memories. I would also like to thank the parents who came along to help.

*Sandra Kirkham*

## 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.

## Weddings

Congratulations to **Anna Boyd** and **Adam Lynch** who were married in Pilton Parish Church on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

## Funerals

The Funeral Service, followed by cremation, of **Marjorie Shaw** took place at Pilton Methodist Church on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

A Thanksgiving Service for **Jeff Trott**, of Jersey but formerly of Pilton, took place at Pilton Methodist Church on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Family and friends gathered in Croscombe Church to commend **Beryl Turner** to God on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The church service was followed by cremation.

We are sad to record the deaths of **Bill Drew** of Pilton and **John McCutcheon**, formerly of Pilton.

We send our prayers and loving sympathy to the families of all these people.



A big Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz night on 29<sup>th</sup> January in aid of the William Budd Ward RUH Bath. A total of £130 was raised.

*Wendy Lynn*

Thank you to everyone who attended the Burns Night celebration and donated raffle prizes. It was a brilliant evening with delicious food prepared by Jackie. £145 raised by the raffle will go towards frames for photographs of past officials of the Club. Thank you to Andy, Gaye, Janet, Alison and the staff of PWMC, also the Piper. *Eileen Govier*

## THANK YOU!

Dear Grateful Villagers,

What an enormous surprise to read our names at the top of a page in the February Roundabout and how much we appreciated your comments!

We have loved our 54 years in Pilton. We have been very happy to raise our children here and to have been involved in so many village activities. As a result we have made many friends whom we shall sadly miss. We sincerely hope they will keep in touch. We will definitely be reading Roundabout on line each month - we hope that reception in Cheltenham will be better than at Laurel Cottage!

Unfortunately we have to move as needs and age must but it is with deep regret! You will be very welcome at our bungalow in Cheltenham.

Our address from March 17th will be: 25, St. David's Close, Warden Hill, Cheltenham. GL51 3HL Telephone number 01242 224936 Email address (we think) [sandjhowe@shoplanewanadoo.co.uk](mailto:sandjhowe@shoplanewanadoo.co.uk).

Do come and see us!

Thank you so much once again.

Love and best wishes,  
*Sandra and John.*



**'OPEN HOUSE' Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10.00am – 7.00pm at The Brambles**  
The home of Anthony and Hilary Austin,  
Barrow Lane, Pilton. BA4 4BH

**The event will support Fairtrade Fortnight  
which runs from 27 February – 12 March**

Traidcraft has been operating since 1979 and tries to fight poverty through trade, working alongside their producers listening to what they want and helping them to connect with their buyers. They also run a development programme to help small scale farmers and artisans to develop. Any profit which I make from the sale of Traidcraft products is used to support this work.

The Spring catalogues will be available and I look forward to seeing you on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Most products are available throughout the year so do telephone or e-mail me to place an order.

Hilary Austin: 01749 890561 or e-mail: [hilary.austin2@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.austin2@btinternet.com)

## PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Andy Dowding from the Drainage Board will be at the next Parish Council meeting being held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm, to give a talk on flooding.

The Parish Council would like to thank John and Sandra Howe for their years of loyal and dedicated service to Pilton and the Parish Council and send them all the very best wishes for the future. They will be missed.

Do you know of any common ground within the village that the ASBOs may be able to tackle? If so, please speak to Steve Bowler.

Residents are asked to clear up any items that may have blown out of their recycling boxes.

*Karen Buckley, Clerk to the Council*

## NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Housing survey** – By now we hope that most villagers will have completed and returned the housing survey. This is essential to the validity of our Neighbourhood Plan as it will provide statistical evidence that is deemed reliable for the moderators who assess the plan. Once we have the results we will complete the draft which will be assessed by Mendip DC and will then be released to you all for comment and amendments.

**E-mail register** – we still welcome any villager who has not yet proffered their email address to do so. We hope to use this medium to give monthly updates of Parish Council activity and if any village organisation wants us to include dates and activities then please email me for inclusion.

**Cemetery** - Sandra Oatley has been doing a superb job liaising between the bereaved and funeral directors for our Thrupe Lane cemetery but she is keen to relinquish the post and we would welcome someone who would take this on; the work is not onerous and there is payment for it.

**Next Meeting.** - 7.30 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Room. All are welcome.

*Hilary Shergod*



## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

### March

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	7.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Friday Bar in the Village Hall	7.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	YOS, Dinder Village Hall	6.00 – 7.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course, Sharcombe Farm	2.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course, Sharcombe Farm	2.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Bar in the Village Hall	12noon
	<i>Come and meet with friends and neighbours</i>	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Lent Course, Sharcombe Farm	2.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Course, Sharcombe Farm	2.30pm

### April

7 <sup>th</sup>	Dinder Village Hall Lunch (see separate notice)	12.30pm
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### DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCH

Our next lunch will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. As always, there will be a wide choice of delicious home-cooked main courses and desserts, all for £5.50. Drinks are bought separately at the bar. Please pre-book by phoning either: Margaret Bancroft (674943) or Jill Gibbons (689112). Please pay when you arrive. Doors open at 12.30pm and we start serving at 12.45pm. We look forward to seeing you all. Early booking to assist with menu planning would be appreciated.

### ADVANCE NOTICE - DATE FOR THE DIARY

Dinder's big event this year will be held on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** from 2pm and will be in the style of a **Country Fayre**. Entertainment, activities and a variety of stalls will be in the paddock beside the Village Hall and refreshments will be available in the hall. Please be sure to make this a date in your diary.

*Stella Elston*

**Sweet little dog looking for occasional day care.** Millie is a two year old Cavachon with a gentle and affectionate nature. She doesn't like being on her own for long so is looking for occasional day care in a quiet and cat-free home, ideally with another friendly dog. She looks forward to a long-ish walk in the afternoon, away from busy roads.

Naughtiest habits:        sneaking onto a comfy bed for a snooze  
                                      chasing and barking at cats

Loves:                         snuggling up to someone on the sofa

Frightened of:             loud noises, especially gun shots

If you are interested please contact Stella Elston on 01749 673766

## **CROSCOMBE FUNDAY – SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY**

There was a lot to discuss at our first Planning Meeting, the feeling being that it's time for the Funday to have a bit of a make-over and this year it will run from 2 p.m. until later in the afternoon. We will concentrate on making it a FAMILY Funday with lots of fun and games and activities going on and there will be even more fantastic live music - bring your dancing shoes! The popular BBQ will be fired up in time for tea.

A particular concern was the very low number of entries into the Craft & Produce Show, just about 6% of the total village population. So, we've decided to give it a gap year and see if you miss it!

Instead there will be a Village Skills Exhibition in the Village Hall showcasing the talent in our village.

Needless to say, you can still enjoy the famous W.I. afternoon teas with live music of a more gentle tone!

Further details about the Day will follow in a month or so.

In the meantime we would love you to contact us if you would like a space in the Hall to show

your Arts & Crafts skills, not forgetting Sugarcraft, Calligraphy, Metalwork & anything else you love to do.

Jenny Mitchell 345405 or Jo Sackett 342695.

If you would like to book a stall on the field - Val McRobbie 343502.

### **MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall**

#### **'A Street Cat Named Bob' (12A)**

***Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March***

Based on the life of reformed heroin addict and homeless busker, James Bowen, this film tells the moving true story of the unlikely friendship between him and the stray ginger cat named Bob who changed his life.

Next film: United Kingdom (Story of Seretse Khama and his British wife, Ruth) April 27<sup>th</sup>

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

Doors open at 7.00pm

Licensed Bar. Programme commences at 7.30pm.

*Christine Walker and Michael Hay*

**DINDER and CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB's** Easter Quiz Night and Raffle will be held on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** at The George Inn, Croscombe at 8.00pm. Teams of up to Four, £2.00 per person.

Proceeds to Club funds

*Roy Thorne*

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### March

1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Group. Livadia, Fayre Way	2.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Charter Market. Village Hall	10.00am – 12 noon
15 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry Group (Details from Joy Harvey 939074)	2.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Citizens' Club. Fish and Chips Lunch at Whitstone's	12.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	WI Meeting. Talk on Alaska by Mr. John Hudson. SDA Hall	2.00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	WI Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642)	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday Service. St. Mary's Church	11.00am
30 <sup>th</sup>	Moviola Film Night. 'A Street Cat Named Bob' (12A). Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm

### April

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club. Quiz Night and Raffle. The George Inn	8.00pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Group. Livadia,, Fayre Way	2.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Globe Carnival Club Bingo, Village Hall	7.00 for 8.00pm

### CROSCOMBE SPRING CHARTER MARKET

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 10-12, The Village Hall**

Home-baked goods and local produce, assorted artisan crafts, cards, plants, vintage lighting, jewellery, books, refreshments

Plus children's Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us and help support this year's charity:

*The Lawrence Centre, Wells*

We look forward to seeing you.

*Elaine Watson* (Market Co-ordinator)

### LET'S DANCE

.....to get fit, laugh, lift your mood and shape up. No super-fit young size 10 telling you what to do or making you get into a position that you may not have been in for a while!!

Just dance to a range of music, moving the parts you want to (or can). Every Thursday (except the last in the month when it's FILM NIGHT see details elsewhere) 8pm - 10pm CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL. Everyone welcome.

*Alison Hodges* and friends, 345322 for more detail

## **EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB**

### **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

**Every Friday** Steak Night 7.00-9.00pm £12 sirloin; £14 fillet.

**Every Sunday** Carvery 12noon-2.00pm Adults £9; children £6

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Robbie Williams Tribute and 50's to present music.**

8.00 – 11.30pm - £5.00 on the door

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Johnny Button and Kit Morgan**

8.00 – 11.00pm. £3.50 on the door

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Pilton Party Auditions**

8.00 – 11.30pm £2.50 on the door

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Terry and Audrey's Prize Bingo** 7.00 for 7.30pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day** Dinner £10, dessert £4

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Steve Bowler's Band** 8.0 – 11.00pm. £2.50 on the door

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Pilton Party Auditions**

8.00 – 11.30pm £2.50 on the door

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Carvery** 12.00noon – 2.00pm

**Advanced bookings advised for food – 890162 Pete 07825 323242**

### **The George Inn, Croscombe** (342306)

**Open** 7:30am – 3pm, 6 – 11pm daily, all day Saturday and Sunday

**Cycle Club Saturday** 30+miles depart 10.00am

**Fun Quiz** every Sunday 8.00pm

**Acoustic Folk** session every Monday 8.00pm

**Steak Night** every Wednesday 6.00-9.00pm

For more details see [www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk)

### **The Crown Inn, Pilton** (890762)

[thecrowninnpilton@outlook.com](mailto:thecrowninnpilton@outlook.com)

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### March

- Lent Groups every Monday evening at the Rectory, 7.30pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Happy Circle, Working with Willow, PWMC 2.30pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Colin's Quiz, PWMC 7.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> History Group, The Somerset Coal Canal, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Bhopal Medical Appeal Jumble Sale, Village Hall 2.00 – 4.00pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, Advice from energy advisers, PWMC 2.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Fairtrade Open House, 10.00am – 7.00pm  
The Brambles, Barrow Lane, BA4 4BH
- 20<sup>th</sup> W.I. 'Behind the scenes with the National Trust',  
Presentation by Andrew McElwee, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> W.I. 'Call in for a Cuppa', Post Office 2.00 – 4.00pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, Boogie Woogie Dancers, PWMC 2.30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Eady's Journey Meeting, PWMC 8.00pm

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Basic Life Support Course, Village Hall (see details)

### COLIN'S QUIZ in PILTON

The Not Too Mind-Boggling Quiz Part 3 will take place at the Club room, Pilton Village Hall on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30 pm. Cash Prizes. Profits will go to help fund Emilie Dinsdale's trip to Chicago to meet with Specialists in her rare disease, BPAN. *Colin Elkin*

### PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in the Village Hall

***The History Of The Somerset Coal Canal***

***'The Rise And Decline Of A Coalfield Canal' with Patrick Moss***

This ambitious feat of engineering was set to make the Somerset coal fields a source of great wealth. What happened to it?



### JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2.00 - 4.00pm,**

**Pilton Village Hall,**

**in aid of the Bhopal Medical Appeal.**

Household goods, clothes, books, toys etc.

Refreshments and raffle. Entry 50p.

If you have any jumble please deliver between 10am-noon on the morning. If this isn't possible then please call me on 01479 899125.

*Fiona Case*

## THE FESTIVAL RUN

The Festival Run Organizing Committee has decided to take a rest in 2017, and with new energy to have a Run in 2018, either in October 2018 or perhaps earlier in the Summer (given that there will not be a Festival that year). We would like to thank all of you who volunteered to make the Run such a success last October, and look forward to seeing you again in 2018.

*Christopher Bond*

## EADY'S JOURNEY

Eady was born to Charly and Matt in 2011. At seven months doctors agreed that something was wrong. In spite of hospital visits, tests, therapy, tears and heartache there was always hope. With limited help available from the NHS Eady's Journey was set up to help with fundraising. Four years down the line Eady can sit up but has no hand use, speech, mobility and is still in nappies. Eady has been offered help at the Family Hope centre [familyhopecenter.com](http://familyhopecenter.com) which is a neuro-rehabilitation program but the total cost of treatment is £40,000.

We are desperately looking for donations, volunteers to help with fundraising and volunteers to help with Eady's demanding rehabilitation schedule. Please give hope to Eady this year; for more info please visit [eadysjourney.co.uk](http://eadysjourney.co.uk)

If you would like to get involved or find out more come along to our next meeting at P.W.M.C on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm.

First drink on us!

*Siobhan Bale, Sophie Higgins*



## Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association

[www.mbba.org.uk](http://www.mbba.org.uk) 01749 831276

Are you new to this area? Are you a horse rider? Would you like to know where you can ride safely along green lanes and bridle paths? MBBA is one of the largest, friendliest and most proactive Bridleway Associations in the country. We organise Fun Rides, informative talks and events throughout the year. Our aim is to protect and preserve the character and status of Mendip's green ways, advertise their existence and to create linking and circular routes for the safe use and enjoyment of all users, particularly children. Come and join us! Membership forms are available at Pilton Post Office.

Date for your diary: Glastonbury Festival Fun Ride **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2017** by kind permission of Michael Eavis.

## **A PLEA TO ALL CRAFTERS**

A group of us in Pilton, North Wootton and West Compton are knitting and crocheting Twiddlemuffs, which are given to the local hospitals, to support patients with dementia.

A Twiddlemuff is simply a knitted/crocheted hand muff decorated with buttons, ribbons, buckles and beads. They provide immense comfort, reassurance, stress relief and activity for any patient who may have been admitted to hospital unwell. Being unwell and having dementia can be a terrifying experience for a person and the Twiddlemuffs are a small thing that has a huge positive effect. The person is able to take their given Twiddlemuff home with them.

Many are constantly needed, and we wonder whether the wonderful readers of this plea, have any scraps of knitting wool, buttons, buckles, beads, ribbons etc they would like to donate. There is a box in the Pilton Post Office as a 'drop off' for items and they can also be dropped off to the Craft Group who meet every Monday between 2.00 and 4.00pm in Pilton Village Hall. If anyone would like to join us they are more than welcome. If you would like the pattern to knit or crochet some, or would like to help sew on the decorations, please do email me on [debbie200@aol.com](mailto:debbie200@aol.com) and I can forward you the pattern.

*Debbie Smith*

## **HAPPY CIRCLE: Practical advice from energy advisors**

With the threat of an increase of 15% in the price of electricity Pilton Happy Circle have a timely talk on the efficient use of energy to save on bills.

For a face-to-face meeting with friendly, trained energy advisors come along to the Club room at Pilton Village Hall on Wednesday 15th March at 2.30 pm. Liz Dagger, from the charity Centre for Sustainable Energy in Bristol, will offer information on the Priority Service Register, efficient use of night storage heaters and the switching process for changing electricity suppliers. If you are interested in switching suppliers on the day please bring an electricity bill with you. Everyone is welcome.

*Liz Elkin*

## **BASIC LIFE SUPPORT COURSE**

**Pilton Village Hall Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10.00am**

The above course will be run for anyone interested by a member of the Glastonbury Fire Service. The course is free. There is a maximum of ten places. If you are interested please contact Angela Wynn on 899122 to reserve your place or for more details.

## SMALL ADS

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

**Chanry 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@fionnaroberts.co.uk](mailto:fionna@fionnaroberts.co.uk), [www.fionnaroberts.co.uk](http://www.fionnaroberts.co.uk)

**New 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](mailto:clare@somerpilates.co.uk)

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

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**Reflexology / Baby Massage** professional and friendly, in your own home or in Croscombe. See [www.kymrobertson.co.uk](http://www.kymrobertson.co.uk) or call 07834 774348. Gift vouchers available.

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**Harriet Sandys**

**DECORATIVE ITEMS from CENTRAL ASIA and INDIA  
EASTER OPEN DAYS**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>\*, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2-5pm**

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

**FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm**

**Roses old and new – top tips for success**

Chris and Judy Yates

**Pylle Village Hall**

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

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

**MENDIP DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

**7<sup>th</sup> March Eric Ravillious Designer: Wood engravings, Ceramics and Lithography.** Speaker: Mr James Russell, author and lecturer. Ravillious died in 1942 on active service as a War Artist. The Bath and West Bar and Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; [www.mdfas.org.uk](http://www.mdfas.org.uk). Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

**NADFAS 21<sup>st</sup> March. Bhutan - the Kingdom of the Thunder Dragon** illustrated lecture, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, 11.00am, free parking. £6. Information 01963 350 132



## **PILTON VILLAGE W.I.**

At our January meeting we were treated to “A Hint of Burns Night”. This was an idea from our Scottish members, to show us English how Burns Night is celebrated!! The committee members had set up the room beautifully with tables lined with tartan, and various Scottish decorations around the room, and our committee members having dressed up in their Scottish dress. We were delighted to be joined by five guests, brought by Molly for the evening.

The evening started with one of our Scottish Members, Lysbeth Ballantine, reading the Scottish Grace “The Selkirk Grace” before we were all served our starter of Rye Bread and Scottish Salmon. Next came the “Piping in of the Haggis” which was accompanied with Alison and Lysbeth presenting the Haggis to “A Man’s a Man for A’ That”.

We were then served with our Haggis, accompanied by neeps and tatties, otherwise known as mashed potato and carrot and swede, both mashed with a generous helping of butter. It appeared to be very much enjoyed, with lots of clean plates.

If that wasn’t enough, pudding was a “Topsy Laird” – trifle, with just a hint of alcohol added! While coffee was being served our member Daphne, recited a poem she had written about Burns Night with Carole kindly giving all our members a gift of shortbread.

Our evening ended with the business matters, and the raffle of Marmalade and Chocolate being won by Pauline and Molly having raised an incredible £40.

## **HOME LIBRARY SERVICE**

Bringing library books to the doorstep – the Home Library Service is a free service run in partnership with the Royal Voluntary Service and Somerset’s Library Service. It is available to anyone who cannot easily get to the library, often those who are vulnerable or who may have disabilities or mobility needs. This is such a great service for people who love to read but can no longer get to the library. A volunteer will deliver and collect books which the person would like. If you know someone who would benefit from this service, please contact Kirsty Jenssen, Service Manager for the Somerset Home Library Service on 07920 250834 or [kirsty.jenssen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.jenssen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

*Lynn Rendell (671456)*

## **CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB**

January is such a beastly month, but we always come away from our meeting in a warm glow. It's something to do with singing, and the release of the happiness hormone.

We got off to a good start by singing to Ralph for his birthday, before he rose to introduce our speaker. He had tried his best, he said, to find a belly dancer, but had settled for Keith instead.

Keith, as ever, rose to the occasion, sharing his Christmas cracker jokes, jokes from real life, and even jokes from a roll of lavatory paper, before taking up his place at the piano. We had a jolly difficult quiz based on songs, with four very nice plant prizes, and then a general sing-along from the song books.

At tea time we enjoyed four different delicious cakes brought by Ralph. Many thanks to him and to Keith for another very happy afternoon.

*Barbara Lippett*

## **PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE**

Another year and who are here to entertain us - Audrey and Terry of course! What friends they are to the village willingly giving their time and energy. How we depend on such people to keep the village a vital community. We also need people with ideas. Come to think of it - I have one!! Liz and Colin's quiz was such a treat and such breadth of knowledge was shown by members, why don't we find 5 geniuses to challenge the Eggheads?

Exposure on the TV would help our drive for new young members. We could call our team 'Happy Talking keep talking Happy Torque' 'cos we are a cheerful band!

Perhaps Jeremy Vine would change his usual ploy and put the stress on certain words in the multiple choice answers to help us! Anyway, think on it as we thank Liz and Colin for inspiration.

Why not join us for our March meetings – March 1<sup>st</sup> Serena de la Hey who built the willow man on the M5 near Bridgwater; March 15<sup>th</sup> - Controlling your energy bills and March 29<sup>th</sup> - a change of date - Boogie Woogie Dancers.

We look forward to welcoming you for a 2.30pm start. Do come!

*John Howe*



## **CROSCOMBE C E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The school would like to say a massive thank you to anyone who has put loose change into the Croscombe School fundraising pot in Croscombe Village Stores, thereby raising £150.83. The money is much appreciated and will be put towards replacing our playground equipment. Thank you also to Croscombe Village Stores for very kindly allowing us to have the pot there.

Cycling – Our Year 6 children annually have two days of instruction and testing to become qualified in Bikeability (previously Cycling Proficiency). The first day is spent at the school and cycling around Croscombe, with the second day cycling to Wells, having a packed lunch and then cycling home. All this happens within the timings of a school day – approximately 9.00am to 3.15pm.

If you are a cyclist and would like to help (the instructor does all the work, you would be just an adult volunteer helper) the days are:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Croscombe

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Wells

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Croscombe

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Wells

You would be required to have a current DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificate, but this can be organised by the school for free. If you would be able to offer your services for any of the days, please contact the school on 01749 343114 or email [croscombe@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:croscombe@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

## **NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE C E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

As well as our usual busy everyday life in school we have enjoyed a lot of special outings and activities. Six of our older pupils took part in the Growing Futures programme at Whitstone School; they learnt about the science behind the growth of plants, ecosystems and the approach to food production in our modern world. They will be nurturing plants and growing their own produce using specialist equipment. Conkers Class looked around an organic farm at Chard and learnt about the care of animals and growing crops compared with how this was done in Anglo-Saxon times. Feeding the piglets and collecting eggs were very popular.

The taster session of Tai Chi was very successful and very calm. Everyone enjoyed trying a range of moves and learnt how they represented various animals. This fitted in well with work on the Chinese New Year celebrating the Year of the Rooster.

*Steve Heath*, Headteacher

## NEWS FROM WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Enrichment Week focus on 'Mindfulness'

West Pennard Primary School enjoyed a wonderful week on the theme of Mindfulness prior to the half term break. The children experienced workshops on yoga, drama, story-telling and on ways in which to relax the mind. They also wore their slippers in school on one day so they could work in comfort!

"Modern life moves so quickly with so many demands and pressures, that the children and teachers appreciated the chance to focus more on 'the moment' as it is happening." reported Mrs Emily Bridson, Enrichment Week Co-ordinator.

Here are some quotes from the children:

"I really enjoyed doing some art after a meditation – it was calming and relaxing."

"Our Mindfulness Week has been jam-packed but it has definitely made me feel more mindful."

"I have enjoyed doing yoga for our minds and listening to such magical stories."

"I loved the story-telling and painted a picture in my mind."

*Helen Burchell, Headteacher*

**I.T. for the Terrified** – for all your computer training needs. A skill-sharing, informal, community project. Run by a Committee – Staffed by Volunteers.

I.T. for the Terrified is now using Cheddar Village Hall for our computer training sessions, with an ethos of friendly, informal, relaxed and individual help to use your computer, tablet or smartphone. We can cover Windows, Macs, android phones, android tablets and iPads. If you need the use of one of our machines, please let us know as this can be arranged.

Anyone of any age or ability can learn how to order prescriptions or library books, do your shopping, share photos, email or chat to friends and family online, etc.

Our opening hours are flexible, because we have different trainers with different skills on different levels on different days, and need to work round when the hall is available, but we will arrange an appointment to suit both parties as quickly as we can.

Appointments are essential and cost £20 for a two-hour session.

**Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified :**

01934 741751

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## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

5 <sup>th</sup> March	Rev. Robert Channon	11.00am
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Rob Haskins	11.00am
19 <sup>th</sup> March	United Service at the Chapel	11.00am
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Rev. Nick Lakin Holy Communion	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

### **Holy Communion in North Wootton Church**

at 11.00am on Tuesdays

### **Morning Prayer in Pilton Church**

at 9.00am on Wednesdays

# PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

## MARCH 2017

<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
11.00am	Holy Communion with ashing	North Wootton
7.30pm	Holy Communion with ashing	Dinder
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Lent 1</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service	Pilton
11.00am	Morning Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Lent 2</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Family Service	North Wootton
6.30pm	Evensong	Dinder
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Lent 3</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	United Service at the Chapel	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Lent 4 Mothering Sunday</b>	
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	North Wootton
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Dinder
3.00pm	Mothering Sunday Service	Pilton
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Lent 5</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service	Pilton
11.00am	Morning Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton