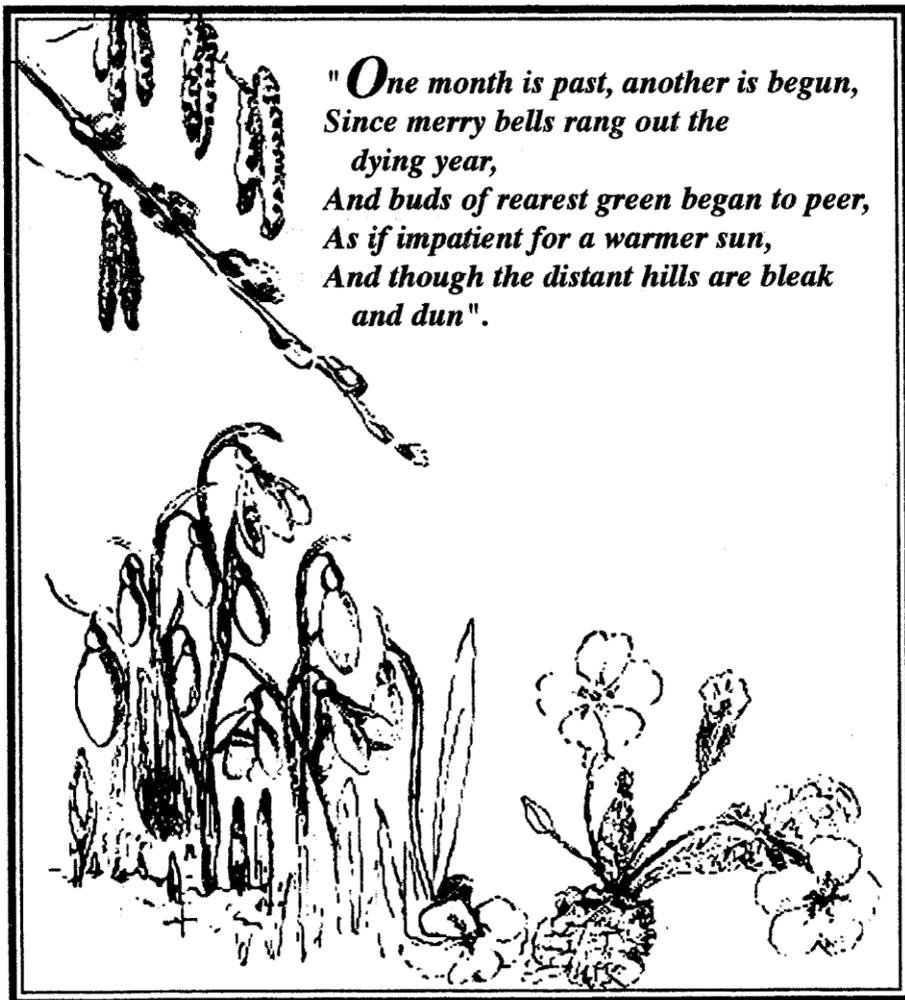


ROUNDABOUT

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



*" One month is past, another is begun,
Since merry bells rang out the
dying year,
And buds of rearest green began to peer,
As if impatient for a warmer sun,
And though the distant hills are bleak
and dun".*

MARCH 2016

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DINDER**

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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.

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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 (342919) 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 14th MARCH 9.00am (extra early this time)



**“If March comes in like a lion,
it will go out like a lamb”**

Weather sayings are as varied and colourful as our imagination. While many are based on careful observations and turn out to be true, others are merely rhymes or based on the beliefs of our ancestors.

March is one of my favourite months. It speaks of hope as we look forward to the days getting longer and we are looking forward to warmer weather. Our gardens and the hedgerows are looking more colourful and there are signs of new life everywhere.

March is also a changeable month, in which we can have warm spring-like temperatures or late-season snow. We can only hope that if March starts off cold and stormy it will end warm and sunny, but the key word is hope.

What are your hopes? We all have and need hopes for our lives, families and situations, and without hope life can be hard. Hope enables us to look forward, to plan and work towards something positive. Hope calls to mind words like rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection and re-growth. This is so evident as we daily see the changes in the beauty around us.

In the church we are currently in the season of Lent, a time of reflection and abstinence for many, we hope that we will be able to keep our individual fast, and if we fail we can start again. Hope always offers a fresh start. And that's the message of Easter, a new beginning which brings with it fresh hope.

Elaine Brightwell

PRAYER FOCUS

In the weeks leading up to Easter we think about what is important in the way in which we live our lives. We pray that we will be good neighbours in our communities and bring the hope of the Easter message to all in need.

BIBLE READINGS

6th March

13th March

20th March

27th March

Isaiah 43:16-21

Isaiah 50:4-9

Acts 10:34-43

John 12: 1-8

Luke 19:28-40

Luke 24:1-12

3rd April

Easter 2

9.30am

Holy Communion

11.00am

Family Service

11.00am

Morning Service

11.00am

Holy Communion

Dinder

Pilton

Croscombe

North Wootton



Come and join us for the next Messy Church
In North Wootton Village Hall
on Saturday March 5th at 3.00pm
as we prepare for Mothering Sunday.
Children of all ages come, get messy and have fun!

PRAYER and a PINT

Due to the Lent groups Prayer and a Pint will not be happening in March.

Look out for further details in the future.

EVENING CONCERT IN PILTON PARISH CHURCH

Saturday 5th March, 7.30pm

featuring soprano Rebekah Smith

Rebekah is currently in her final year of study as a soprano at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. Rebekah says, 'As the transition from full time student to professional musician draws closer, I am planning to share with you what I have learned. I will be hosting an evening recital at Pilton Parish Church, during which I will perform a varied selection of classic songs.' The recital takes place the evening before Mothering Sunday, so it's the perfect excuse to treat any Mother, Grandmother, or Daughter. Tickets @ £5 from Revd Chris Butler (899061), Susan Green (890524) or Pilton Post Office.

MOTHERING SUNDAY, MARCH 6th

There will be special services in our parish churches to celebrate mothers, families and being part of the Christian family on Sunday 6th March at 9.30am at Dinder, and at 11.00am at Pilton, Croscombe and North Wootton.

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.

LENT GROUPS

Monday evenings Pilton 7.30pm at Benleigh House, the home of Philip and Gill Eavis.

Tuesday mornings Dinder 11.00am at The Old Rectory, the home of Elizabeth Somerville.

Wednesday afternoons 2.30pm North Wootton March 2nd, 9th, 16th at Higher Farm, North Wootton, the home of Tim and Felicity Wotton.

Thursday evenings 7.30pm Croscombe at Livadia, Fayreway, Croscombe, the home of David and Janet Dowding.

Thank you to all hosts and leaders for being willing to help.

Chris Butler 899061 butlerchristine19@gmail.com

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.

Baptism

Emily West was baptised in a service at Pilton Parish Church on 14th February.

Funerals

The funeral service of **Pauline Cross** was held in St Mary's Church, Croscombe on 21st January.

On 8th February **Sheila Collins** who grew up in Dinder was commended to God at Mendip Crematorium. This was followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Dinder Church.

We are sad to record the deaths of **Margaret Cellan-Jones** and **Marilyn Pearce**, both of Pilton.

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

Lost and Found: On the evening of Croscombe OAP Dinner (14/12/2015) a ring was found by the main door of the hall. Please phone 01749 345322.



so touched and grateful for all your kind thoughts and visits following the funeral.

Thank you to all Croscombe residents who so kindly sent cards following Mum's death on 13th January. Although she lived in Shepton she really enjoyed Croscombe, the WI, the orchestra and the Frolics. Latterly she was unable to attend very much but she did remember you all. I was
Ellie Doe

YOS

Following our pantomime visit in February (well done everyone who took part!) we will be making preparations thinking of Lent and Easter when we meet on 13th March.

YOS is open to children in all parishes in Year 6 and upwards. We usually meet in Dinder Village Hall 6.00pm – 7.30pm (usually on the first Sunday of the month). For further information please contact Sandra Kirkham 342221 or Becky Gilbert 676739.



Fairtrade Fortnight 22 February – 7 March

**‘Open House’ at The Brambles, Pilton will be on
Friday 18th March from 10.00am – 7.00pm**

Do come, bring a friend and have a coffee and a chat.

New Spring catalogues are now available. If you cannot make the 18th and would like a catalogue phone: Hilary Austin 01749 890561 or e-mail: hilary.austin2@btinternet.com

Orders will be delivered to your door!

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Holy Week begins on **Sunday March 20th** with Palm Sunday services in all the villages: 9.30am at North Wootton, 11.00am at Pilton Methodist Church, 11.00am at Croscombe and 6.30pm at Dinder.

A quiet service of **Compline** will take place at North Wootton Church at 7.30pm on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March.

On **Maundy Thursday, 24th March**, in a service of Holy Communion at **Croscombe Church at 7.30pm**, we shall follow further events of Holy Week as we mark the Last Supper that Christ shared with his disciples.

Good Friday services will be held at **Dinder at 12noon**, **North Wootton at 2.00pm** and **Pilton Parish Church at 7.30pm**.

On **Easter Sunday** we will celebrate the Resurrection with services of Holy Communion in all our churches: **Pilton at 8.00am**, **Dinder at 9.30am**, and **Croscombe and North Wootton both at 11.00am**, and **at Pilton Methodist Church at 11.00am**. There will also be a service of **Easter Praise at Pilton Parish Church at 11.00am**.

Everyone is very welcome at any of the services to celebrate this special season.

NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Progress on the Hall

Building work started in January on the Disabled WCs and many of you will have seen the boarded area in the main hall to protect it from dust and detritus. It has meant the Hall has been able to function during this time. However, please continue to bear with us while the work is done.

Parking in the Hall Car Park

Representations have been made by the Orchestra many of whom were unable to find a space in the Hall car park for a recent concert and had to carry large instruments for some distance as a result.

For future reference, it is important to bear in mind that parking in the car park when there is a function might result in cars being blocked in.

Croscombe Creative Room

We are pleasantly surprised and heartened by the response we have already received for plaques on the Wall of Memories. Anyone can add a plaque to preserve a cherished memory and help to get the Creative Room up and running. It could be used for so much. So if you are interested/need another application form, please get in touch with Ellie Doe at The Old Gaol, Rock Street. T: 01749 345222.

Brue Boys Concert on 19 March 2016

The fabulous Brue Boys are coming to our Hall on Saturday 19 March. They are well-known in our part of the world and support many good causes. They are an all male choir and perform a wide range of wonderful songs from spirituals, folk songs and favourites from musicals. If you don't already know and love them, then come along to Croscombe Village Hall on Saturday 19 March 2016 at 7.00 pm. You can pay at the door on the night: £8.00 per adult and £2.00 for children. Proceeds will go towards the work on the Hall, so come along and support us. You are in for a treat!

Website

There are still additions and tweaks to be made, but please visit and enjoy our new website: www.croscombevillagehall.org.uk.



CROSCOMBE SHOW and FUNDAY Saturday 9 July

Included in this month's Roundabout delivered to Croscombe residents is the 2016 Show Schedule. We do encourage you to have a look and see if you are inspired to produce some entries. The more people who enter the better the display in the Hall. So get planting and crafting or painting and composing to make it a good day.

The Show Committee

CROSCOMBE SPRING CHARTER MARKET

Our Spring Market will take place on Saturday 12th March from 10-12 in the Village Hall. There will be a wide selection of local crafts and produce on offer together with plants, jewellery, books, a tombola and refreshments.

Once again we will be organising an EASTER EGG HUNT for the children at 11.00 a.m. so why not bring the kids and have fun looking for delicious chocolate treats.

Please come along and help support fundraising for the Village Hall Improvements Fund. We look forward to seeing you.

Elaine Watson (Market Co-ordinator)

Pilton Village W.I. Coffee Morning Our next coffee morning will be held at the home of Margaret Drew on Tuesday 8th March 10 .30am. Everyone welcome.

Pilton Village W.I. - Olde English Afternoon Tea

Saturday 19th March from 3pm, Pilton Village Hall, £7.50 per person. Tickets available until 12th March from Pilton Post Office or Sheila West telephone 01749 890448. Proceeds towards refurbishment of Winding Lake room. There will also be a raffle in aid of Compassionate Friends.



Save the Children

Marmalade for sale, Seville and other flavours, also various jams and jellies. All home-made and all proceeds to Pilton Save the Children. Can be collected, or delivered in Pilton For further information please phone 676991 or 890633

Lysbeth Ballantine

Summer Fayre and Songs of Praise

Sunday 24 July 2.00pm – 5.00 pm in Pilton Tithe Barn

Hosted by Pilton Churches Working Together

A reminder to book your table by the end of March.

Do tell all your friends or anyone you know who might be interested in selling on the day.

Any enquiries to either:

Hilary Austin on 01749 890561 e-mail: hilary.austin2@btinternet.com

or Gill Eavis on 01749 890468 e-mail: philipeavis@btinternet.com

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Please contact a Parish Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in celebrating the Queen's Birthday by lighting beacons.

Growth Programmes: Grants for the Rural Economy – Defra

The European Growth Programme provides funding to help projects which create jobs and boost the economy in England. These grants are funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) manages the grants, working with Local Enterprises Partnerships (LEPs) and local partners. From March 2015, the RPA is publishing 'calls for applications' under the Growth Programme inviting applications in specific LEP areas before the programme opens fully. These grants will only include some of the following: business development, business start-up, renewable energy, small scale tourism infrastructure, tourism co-operation and food processing. Applications will be open across the country from June.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/growth-programme-grants-for-the-rural-economy>

Karen Buckley, Pilton Parish Clerk/RFO Karen.buckley75@icloud.com

NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

www.croscombe-parish.co.uk

Village Parking Update – It has only taken a year, but we now have Bus Stop road markings and hope that the promised bollards in front of the main bus stop will follow shortly.

E-mail register – we would still welcome any villager who has not yet proffered their email address to do so. After our March meeting we will collate the database and do a final visit to those who have not replied, to ascertain whether you wish to receive urgent village news by email or by handout/Parish Notice Boards. Please reply to hshergold@msn.com with your name and address for it to be logged; all sent already have been recorded.

Neighbourhood plan - At the March council meeting, the draft plan will be ready for comments on by councillors and afterwards to be emailed/posted out to villagers for further comments.

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm on 9th March in the Church Room. All are welcome.

Hilary Shergold



PILTON FLOWER SHOW – 3rd September

We are still looking for a co-ordinator for Saturday's Flower Show. A team already exists handling the website and entry forms, cups, sponsorship and judges but someone needs to bring all the strands together and oversee the marquee layout etc. It's not too arduous, only a few meetings between now and September and being there on the day. The schedule of classes is now available on www.piltonflowershow.org.uk There are many new people in the village now: surely *someone* is interested in taking this on? If so, please phone Hugh Berry on 890469.

In addition, new sponsors are sought for some of the classes in the Flower Show; please contact Chris King 890357.

PILTON SHOW 2017 CALENDAR

The theme for next year's village calendar will be "Trees", which can be single trees, copses or woods: present day photos taken throughout the seasons in the parish of Pilton, which as we all know has extensive boundaries. We are now actively looking for contributors to submit photos or take pictures with this in mind, until the deadline of July, for sale at this year's Show. To register interest, please contact Jenny on 01749 890465 or send pictures (low-res images only at this stage) to jennydegex@btinternet.com

PILTON PLAYERS

After a bit of a 'rest' Pilton Players are underway to tread the boards once more! We are considering a straight play, a pantomime, a comedy or a Mummings' play as part of a Wassail!

Production possibility in November this year or March 2017. Spoilt for choice! I wish!

HOWEVER, we definitely need support in all manner of activities - acting, backstage, costumes, making scenery, front of house etc.

Without it, we are in danger of losing a local drama group which has been very successful through the years. SO CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

We have a meeting on April 7th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and look forward to seeing you there. Please come! Every age welcome and we'd love to meet you. For further information contact Sandra Howe 890239 or sandjhowe@shoplane.wanadoo.co.uk

EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB

Pilton Working Men's Club

Every Wednesday – Lunch – 12noon – 2.00pm

Every Friday – Steak Night (Good Friday Dinner) 7.00 – 9.00pm

Every Sunday – Sunday Carvery – 12noon – 2.00pm

Friday 4th March: West & Black (Folk /Country) - 8.00-11.30pm

Saturday 5th March: Quiz and Karaoke – 8.00 – 11.30pm

Thursday 17th March: St Patrick's Day Dinner – 7.00 – 9.00pm

Saturday 19th March: Thatcher's (Accoustic/Folk) 8.00 – 11.30pm

Sunday 20th March: Terry and Audrey's Prize Bingo – 7 for 7.30pm

Friday 25th March: F.A.N. with The Olde Boston Tea Party

8.00 – 11.30pm

Saturday 26th March – Pilton Party Auditions 8.00 – 11.30pm

Advanced bookings advised for food – 890162 Pete 07825 323242

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not carvery (school dinners!) if you want more just ask.

The George Inn, Croscombe

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For events

Contact The George on 342306

www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

SMALL ADS

Cleaning, ironing & other domestic help available. Local references provided. Call Heather on 07908061228

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Wanted: Old Petrol Lawnmowers or garden machinery: Jim Talbot on 07779498812

Home Service: Windows Cleaned (regular or one-off), gutters cleared and repaired. Please ring Graham on 07966428415.

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

Julie Bryant, Mobile Hairdressing in the comfort of your home or mine. Fully qualified and experienced. Please call 07773 421737 or 01749 674792.

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

Suzannah Hawkins, Acupuncturist (MBAcC, BSc Hons). Hidden Treasures, 5 Commercial Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BU. 07793405144 or email flourishwellbeing@outlook.com or visit www.flourishwellbeing.net

Pilates Classes: Eases aches, pain and gain strength. Tuesday mornings, Kilver Court. Free taster session. All ages/bodies welcome. Contact Clare clare@somerpilates.co.uk or 01761 233466.

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

Holiday let, Stallance, West Looe, Cornwall. ¾ bedrooms, 3 baths, 100m from sea, fantastic views to Looe Island. Ample car parking. Contact Peter and Veryan Graham, The George Inn, 342306 www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

Holiday Cottage, Centre of Wells, 1 Bed, 1 Bath, Sleeps 2. Dogs welcome. Contact Geraldine on 07799312373 Or 890104.geraldine.hoy@live.co.uk

Logs: Quality seasoned hardwood logs in dumpy bags or nets. Also kindling available. Dunns Logs. 678656 or 07703 062048

For Sale: John Lewis **Travel Cot**, Chicco **High Chair**, Babystart **Car Seat**. All three £100, or £40 separately. All in excellent condition, used by granddaughter on twice-yearly visits. Contact Doreen Fereday, The Granary, East Town Lane, Pilton 899345 or defereday@btinternet.com

Please note that the deadline for April material is extra early: 14th March because of the date of Easter.

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

March

6 th	Mothering Sunday Service. St. Mary's Church	11.00am
9 th	Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
12 th	Spring Charter Market. Village Hall	10.00am – 12noon
15 th	WI Meeting. 'Under the Lamplight – 40's Fashion': Talk by Mrs. Merchant. SDA Hall	2.00pm
16 th	Poetry Group, Mill Mead (details from Joy, 939074)	2.30pm
17 th	Senior Citizens' Club. Fish and Chips Lunch	
19 th	Brass Cleaning. St. Mary's Church	10.00am
19 th	Brue Boys Concert. Village Hall	7.00pm
23 rd	WI Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642)	
31 st	Moviola Film Night. 'The Lady in the Van', (12A) Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm

April

2 nd	Croscombe Society. Flea/Brocante Market. Village Hall	2.00pm – 4.00pm
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CROSCOMBE BRASS CLEANING, SATURDAY, 19th MARCH AT 10.00A.M.

Please come and help. Everything provided, just bring your rubber gloves.

No Sunday Club on March 27th - Easter Egg Hunt after the service

CROSCOMBE POETRY GROUP

Wednesday March 16th at 2.30pm at Mill Mead.
Details from Joy on 939074.

MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall 'Lady in the Van' (12A) Thursday, 31st March

The true story of the relationship between Alan Bennett and the remarkable Miss Shepherd who parked her van in Bennett's drive and continued to live there for fifteen years. Starring Maggie Smith as the singular Miss Shepherd. Come along and enjoy the film with us.

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

Doors open at 7.00pm

Licensed Bar Programme commences at 7.30pm.

Christine Walker and Michael Hay

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

March

2 nd Happy Circle, Our Brown Cow, Judith Freane PWMC	2.30pm
2 nd Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
5 th Ramble, Binegar area, meet Pilton Village Hall Car Park	2.00pm
5 th Evening Concert, soprano Rebekah Smith, Parish Church	7.30pm
7 th History Group, 1862 – The Story of a Year, Village Hall	7.30pm
8 th W.I. Coffee Morning, Minda, Top Street	10.30am
16 th Happy Circle, Haymaker to Deliver, Andy Jeffery PWMC	2.30pm
18 th Fairtrade Open Day, The Brambles, Barrow Lane home of Anthony and Hilary Austin	10.00am – 7.00pm
18 th Pilton Show Meeting, Village Hall	7.00pm
19 th Olde English Afternoon Tea, Village Hall	from 3.00pm
21 st W.I. Making Chocolate, and Tasting, Deanne deBurgh, Village Hall	7.30pm
30 th Happy Circle, Quilting, Catherine Millar, PWMC	2.30pm

April

7th Pilton Players' Meeting



In October **Pilton Ramblers'** were unable to do a walk in the Binegar area owing to heavy rain and so there will be a second attempt at this on **Saturday 5 March**, meeting at **Pilton Village Hall Car Park** (for car sharing) **at 2.00 pm**. In view of the after effects of the winter it might be a good choice because much of the route is along very quiet, mud-free lanes but, in the latter stages, it does take to public footpaths again as it crosses the Iron Age fort at Maesbury. We would love to see you!

John Wheat 890585



PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Monday 7th March 7.30 in Pilton Village Hall

"1862 - The Story of a Year"

Stephen Tudsbery-Turner will explore some of the most significant events of that year both at home and abroad. He introduces many of the personalities involved and draws on observations made by various contemporary commentators. It was the year in which the railway reached West Pennard, Pylle and Evercreech for Ditchat and in which the famous Somerset & Dorset Railway Company came into existence. Entrance £1 for members, £2 non-members.

Steve Tofts

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

March

4 th Friday Bar in the Village Hall	7.30pm
5 th Posy making for Mothering Sunday, Village Hall	11.15am
6 th Mothering Sunday Family Communion in the church	9.30am
13 th YOS, Village Hall	6.00pm
20 th Sunday Bar in the Village Hall	12noon
<i>Come and meet with friends and neighbours at Dinder's own friendly 'pub'</i>	
25 th Making the Easter Garden at church	10.00am – 11.30am

DINDER and DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

On **Saturday 5th March** please come along to Dinder Village Hall at **11.15am** to help make the posies for the Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 6th March. The posies are given out at the service and you can enjoy the traditional Simnel Cake after the service.

On **Good Friday, March 25th** from 10.00am we shall be making the **Easter Garden** which will be displayed outside the church over the Easter weekend. This will be followed by Hot Cross Buns. Parents are welcome to come and join in. Children under three will need an accompanying adult.

After the 9.30am service on Easter Day there will be an Easter Egg hunt.

No Sunday Club on March 20th.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

As is usual for January, there was a noticeable number of absent members, one of them Ralph, whose birthday it was that day. We loudly sang "Happy Birthday" to him (I think he may have heard us), and extended a warm welcome to Sheila Darling, a new member.

Iris read out a lovely letter from John Stevens, thanking us for all his happy years at the club, and she told us that Vera Bolton has decided the time has come to retire, after 30 years. We'll miss them both very much.

As there is no booked entertainment in January, we make our own fun. Lyn read us three amusing poems with unexpected endings, and Dinah shared an article from a 50's edition of Good Housekeeping, called "How to Greet Your Husband after a Day at Work". It included these suggestions – "Wash the children's hands and faces, and change their clothes if necessary" and "Invite him to lie down upstairs, offering to take his shoes off while adjusting his pillows". The thing is, why did we all laugh so much?

Tea time was special, with panettone and Stollen brought by Marcelline, in honour of Ralph's birthday

Barbara Lippett

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE

What in the world can give us old codgers a new lease of life? Answer - a reminder of how much we had to enjoy in our early years. We had such a stimulus in Steve Darby's talk on Laurel and Hardy - those happiness makers of our youth. How Stan could dance so comically and how Oliver could shake with anger and frustration - what chaos they could commit in tandem. What happy hours at Saturday morning pictures - singing along with the bouncing ball on the lyrics, a sixpenny ice cream and, if you were lucky, your first kiss in the Odeon back row double seats!

Our old friends John Robson and Sheila provided the entertainment for our second treat of the month. How well they judged the choice of songs for our delight - no need for prompting from the bouncing ball with such well remembered ditties. All sang along with gusto if not vocal expertise. John and Sheila have such skill and warmth that our afternoon was a total pleasure. We look forward to inviting them again - in the meantime we will get out the CDs and DVDs to re-engage with more songs from the shows. Thank you, talented old friends!

John Howe

WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Colour and Light' Science Enrichment Week

Each term West Pennard Primary School hold an enrichment week when we focus on a particular theme. During the final week before half term we held a 'colour and light' themed enrichment week with a science focus. The week began with a 'Wow!' assembly led by Mr G. who entranced the children with a series of entertaining and thought provoking experiments. Mr G. then worked with each class during the day on a range of experiments including bending light, splitting white light, and glow-in-the-dark science. During the week each class investigated colour and light in a variety of ways and learning took place across the curriculum. This included 'colour' poetry, the study and recreation of art work by Mondrian and Paul Klee, designing and making multi-coloured glasses and rainbow streamers, drawing self-portraits reflected in spoons and blowing bubbles! The children were also set the challenge of making a kaleidoscope or a periscope. The variety of different designs brought into school was a sight to behold. One child even made a kaleidoscope out of a potato! On the final day the children presented their work in a special sharing assembly attended by the Chair of Governors, Mrs Sylvia Smith.

The children had an exciting week. Mrs King, the science co-ordinator, who planned the week commented, 'The children and staff have enjoyed a wonderful week full of colour and fun. The variety and quality of work produced across the school has been outstanding.'

Helen Burchell Headteacher



CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

A number of our children enjoyed another session as part of the Growing Futures programme at Whitstone School .

This 'hands on' science enrichment project focuses on the journey of our food from 'seed to supermarket'.

Early in February Conkers class had a wonderful day at Carymoor Environmental Centre learning about recycling and reusing waste. They explored the whole site and visited the re-creation of a shanty town. The children then enjoyed their waste-free lunch and, at the moment, are in first place with the smallest recorded amount of waste from their packed lunches!! In the afternoon newspaper, plastic bags and string were turned into footballs – just as the children do in Kenya. It was a fantastic day where we all got very muddy.

Steve Heath, Headteacher



PILTON VILLAGE W.I. January Meeting

Our President, Janet, welcomed members and after a brief business meeting and refreshments members sat down to enjoy 'Glastonbury Festival: a villager's view', a presentation by Richards Raynsford.

Richard's photo gallery showed us that the festival is not just about music but a whole other world of entertainment in many different forms. We were led past the Wall and down Muddy Lane to what for one weekend a year turns into Glastonbury Festival.

Art work takes many different forms around the site with sculptures made of wellie boots, oil drums, sand and wicker. Amazing structures that look like buildings that have been hit by some disaster and the fire-spitting spider that comes to life once darkness falls.

Richard talked about some of his own favourite spots which included the Healing Field, the Greenfield and the Acoustic Tent. But what would the Festival be without people who come to enjoy it? People of every age, size, shape and colour, all in Pilton to enjoy a weekend of fantastic fun, even the mud.

Janet Ladyman

WASSAIL REVIEW

A group of us have now met and discussed our attempt at a village Wassail and decided, YES, we will put on another one next year. So, for the forward planners of you, the date for your diary is Saturday 14 January 2017.

We continue to see this as an event "by the village for the village" (although non villagers are very welcome) and, having reviewed this year's event, with some improvements it will be, by and large, a similar event.

We always hoped that financially we would break even. Our main expenses were Public Liability insurance, the Morris Men, cider and apple juice and the alcohol licence. We were, in fact, very close to breaking even so that gives us an added incentive for a 'repeat performance' (but with a different script for the Mummers to perform).

Thank you to all those who braved the chilly day, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and so will join us again on 14 January 2017.

Maureen and Steve Tofts

NADFAS MEETINGS

1st March The Rose Red City and the Nabataeans: Group Captain Michael Clegg, RAF (Retd) will talk to Mendip DFAS about the city of Petra, capital of the Nabataean kingdom, early 1st Century AD. MDFAS meet at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B & W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; www.mdfas.org.uk. Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

15th March The Restoration of Barholm Castle Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ 11.00. Free parking. £6. Information on 01963 350527.

16th March Dr Sue Shaw: **The Vernacular Buildings of Trent, Dorset.** 7.30pm £3, Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon TA11 6PQ All welcome.

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

We will be closed for the Easter break from **Friday 24th March to Sunday, 9th April inclusive** for our Easter break. (Last day of term, Thurs, 24th – reopen Mon 11th))

We offer 1:1 sessions to help you to use a computer, iPad or Tablet in a friendly environment. No exams, no pressure – just a volunteer sharing their individual ways of using technology. So why not book a 1:1 with one of our volunteers? You can bring your own laptop/Tablet/iPad/smartphone, or use our machines. We can cover most topics on most computers/devices at most levels.

Thursday afternoons **COMPUTER DROP IN** £2.00 per visit. Ideal for a small problem that doesn't need a full 2-hour session. No need to book – just drop in (term time only. 1.30-3.30).

Contact us at itfortheterrified@btconnect.com , ring 01934 741751 or check out www.itfortheterrified.co.uk

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

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

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

**NEW WEDNESDAY YOGA CLASS
AT PILTON VILLAGE HALL**

New Yoga class in the Bourne Room, **9.30 – 11 am on Wednesday mornings from mid-April.**

I am British Wheel of Yoga trained, and classes are suitable for all ages, experience and fitness levels. I bring mindfulness into the physical practice of Yoga, making this a great way to work on your health and wellbeing. There is relaxation at the end of each 90 minute class to leave you refreshed to get on with the rest of your day. If you would like more information please email: robertsonyoga@aol.co.uk

Adele Robertson BWY DIP

FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 8th March – 7.30pm

**“Confessions of a Plantaholic” – 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 (960438)

PILTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

We have several allotment plots vacant, full and half-size, available for group or individual use. Anyone interested from the surrounding area please contact Freda 890345 for more information.

THE FESTIVAL RUN 2016

Responding to the strong support of the 550 runners and over 100 volunteers who made the 2015 Festival Run possible and so enjoyable, The Festival Run Organizing Group have decided that there will be a Festival Run in 2016. The date is **Sunday 9 October 2016**. Please put it into your diary. Online entries are not yet open – watch the Festival Run page on the Pilton Village website (piltonvillage.co.uk) for more information.

Christopher Bond The Festival Run Organizing Group

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

6 th March	Rob Haskins	11.00am
13 th March	Revd C. Anderson	11.00am
20 th March	Revd D. Greenfield - United Service	11.00am
27 th March	Revd N. 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

Morning Prayer in Pilton Church
at 9.00am on Wednesdays

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH 2016

6th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

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

13th March Lent 5

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

20th March Palm Sunday

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

21st, 22nd, 23rd March

7.30pm	Compline	North Wootton
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24th March Maundy Thursday

7.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe
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25th March Good Friday

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

27th March Easter Day

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