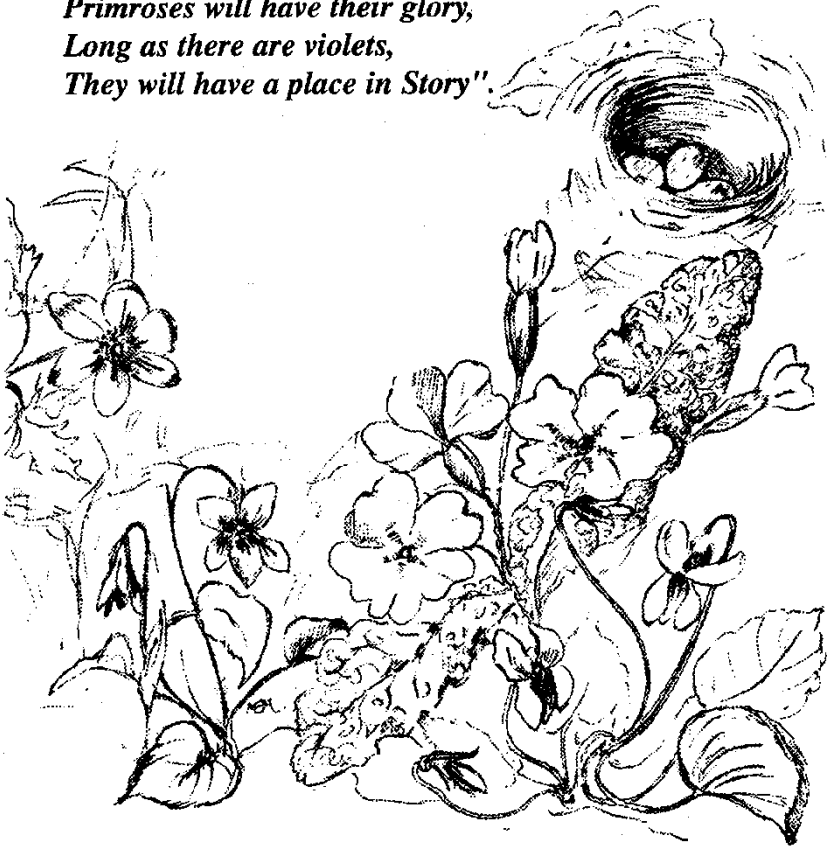


THE
ROUNDABOUT
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"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 2018

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

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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 19th MARCH 9.00am

EASTER PART 1

The date for Easter is a bit unusual this year as it falls over two different months. Although Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are in March, Easter Sunday falls on April Fools' Day (make of that what you will). It last happened in 1956 and will next happen in 2029. So March is still the season of Lent.

This year in the church we have been doing the 'plastic challenge', trying to reduce our use of single-use plastic. That is not easy to do as so many things come wrapped in plastic, so it is proving quite a challenge. Hopefully it will inspire us to at least make small changes to how we live. It is only when you try a challenge like this that you realise just how much plastic we use in our lives. If anyone wants to join us it is not too late; just go to http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Plastic_Free_Lent.pdf to print off the challenge.

I read a statistic that if we don't all do our bit by 2050 there will be more plastic in the sea than fish – what a terrible thought. The Blue Planet may have brought this home to many of us but when you next visit the coast just look around you to see just how much plastic there is washed up on the shore. It is a problem for all of us and will take all of us to solve it.

The other part of Lent is preparing ourselves for Holy Week where we will think about the last week of Jesus' life and try to understand some of his journey from the Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem, the Passover meal, the emotions in Gethsemane, the depths of betrayal, to the pain of the crucifixion.

It is this journey through Holy Week that is so important to understanding our faith and our God. Some of the services may not be easy, especially those on Good Friday, when we are led into thinking about, and maybe sharing, some of the pain and betrayal of Jesus (obviously just a small echo), but how can we truly celebrate Easter Sunday unless we have shared some of those depths? So please do come and join us when you can – full details of the services are in the magazine.

Rev. Chris

PRAYER FOCUS

It is the season of Lent, a time when (Christians or not) we can all benefit from considering our faults and weaknesses. None of us is perfect and self-knowledge may help us to recognise habits and ideas which are in need of “spring cleaning” so that we become more thoughtful, less self-centred people.

BIBLE READINGS

4 th March	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2: 13-22
11 th March	Colossians 3: 12-17	Luke 2: 33-35
18 th March	Jeremiah 31; 31-34	John 12: 20-33
25 th March	Mark 11: 1-11	Psalms 118; 1-2, 19-end
29 th March	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
30 th March	Hebrews 4:14-16, 5: 7-9	John 18: 1-end of 19
1 st April	Acts 10: 34-43	Mark 16: 1-8

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS IN PILTON AND DINDER

We will continue to meet to pray:

Pilton 14th March(2nd Wednesday of the month)6.00pm at the Rectory

Dinder 28th March(4th Wednesday of the month) at 6.00pm.

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

BENEFICE MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

The midweek Benefice Communion in North Wootton will continue on Thursdays at 12.15pm during March; all welcome.

BENEFICE DISCUSSION GROUP

We continue to meet fortnightly. Currently we are studying Paul's letter to the Colossians. Next meeting is 5th March 10.30am at Higher Farm, Stocks Lane, North Wootton BA4 4H9, the home of Felicity and Tim Wotton. Everyone is very welcome to come.

FACEBOOK

As well as our church website for the parishes (www.pcnd.co.uk), kindly set up by Scott Baldwin, we have entered the realm of **Facebook**. Do check them out if you haven't already done so. If you “like” our facebook page you can get the latest information and articles which might interest you. We are @PCNWD Pilton with Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder Churches.

Rev Chris

LENT COURSE 2018 – ‘Who are our neighbours?’

Our Lent course this year is for members of our Benefice and anyone interested. If you have not managed earlier sessions, you will still be very welcome to come.

Wednesday 7th March 7.30pm North Wootton Village Hall: Including all our neighbours. Revd Diana Greenfield,

Thursday 15th March 7.30pm Croscombe Village Hall: Getting to know our neighbours.: Rob Walrond, Rural Affairs Adviser.

In this last session, we will have the opportunity to get to know one another better and, with the help of Rob, to take forward some of our ideas from the meetings.

Chris Butler, 899061, butlerchristine19@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Holy Week begins on Sunday 25th March with **Palm Sunday** services at all our churches: 9.30am at Pilton and North Wootton, 11.00am at Croscombe and Dinder.

A quiet service of **Compline** will take place at North Wootton Church at 7.30pm on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March.

On **Maundy Thursday**, 29th 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**, 1st April, we shall celebrate the Resurrection with services of Holy Communion and Praise: Pilton at 8.00am and 11.00am, Croscombe at 11.00am, North Wootton at 11.00am and Dinder at 9.30am.

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

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

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

MOSSY CHURCH

Saturday March 10th 2.30pm at North Wootton Village Hall

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

Join us in the Wild Life Garden for outdoor fun (wellies will be needed).

In the Hall help to prepare the posies for the service (and take one home too) and learn the true meaning of Mothering Sunday.

Have a great family afternoon ending with tea.

All enquiries to Christine Raphael (890310)

(Mothering Sunday(11th): N. Wootton Family Service 11.00am)

MOTHERING SUNDAY, MARCH 11th

There will be special services in our parish churches to celebrate mothers, families and being part of the Christian family on Sunday 11th March at 10.00am at Dinder, 11.00am at Croscombe and North Wootton, 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.

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.

Funerals

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of:

Bill Rowland of Pilton, whose funeral was held in Pilton Parish Church on Wednesday 24th January

Jeff Macey of Croscombe, whose funeral took place on Friday 9th February in St. Mary's Church, Croscombe, followed by interment in the churchyard.

Peter Dixon of North Wootton, whose funeral took place at Mendip Crematorium followed by a Thanksgiving Service in Wells Cathedral on Friday 9th February

John Davies, formerly of North Wootton, whose funeral took place at Mendip Crematorium on Tuesday 13th February.

'Open House' Friday 9th March 10.00am – 7.00pm at The Brambles, Pilton



The home of Anthony and Hilary Austin, Barrow Lane, Pilton. BA4 4BH

The event will support Fairtrade Fortnight (26th February – 11th March)

Traidcraft has been operating since 1979 and tries to fight poverty through trade, working alongside small farmers and artisans helping them to become self-sufficient. Any profit which I make from the sale of Traidcraft products is used to support this work.

The Spring catalogues will be available, so bring a friend and pop in for a coffee and a chat.

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

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



Save the Children COFFEE MORNING

On **March 10th**, at **Pilton Village Hall** there will be a coffee morning and sale organised by Pilton Save the Children Group, from **10.30am to 12noon**. Do please support this and tell all your friends as all proceeds will go to the fund set up after four of our workers were killed and another four hospitalised in Afghanistan where they were working tirelessly to help the children who are in such desperate need there.

There will be stalls for the sale of cakes, marmalades, Italian tops and handmade jewellery and the inevitable raffle. We hope to see you there.

Lysbeth Ballantine, Chair Pilton Save the Children.

DOWNSIDE ABBEY TOURS

Guided tours of the Abbey and Library to explain different sections and features of the church are available for small and large groups. You also go into the library to see a selection of materials from the library, often including medieval manuscripts. Tours cost just £10 per person, last around 2 hours, and, with notice, can be tailored to your specific interests. Lunch can also be arranged, at additional cost.

If you are interested in booking a tour for your own group, contact the Abbey on heritage@downside.co.uk (phone 01761 235 323). If you are interested in joining a small group from Croscombe, please contact Janet Dowding on 330725 or Revd Christine Butler on butlerchristine19@gmail.com.

Janet Dowding

FLOWER FESTIVAL 2018

To celebrate the parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder there will be an opportunity to experience the beautiful setting which each of our Parish Churches provides for a **Flower Festival**.

Pilton and North Wootton churches will be open on **Saturday 30th June from 10.30am – 5.00pm** and on **Sunday 1st July from 2.00 - 5.00pm**.

Croscombe and Dinder churches will be open on **Saturday 22nd September from 10.30am – 5.00pm** and on **Sunday 23rd September from 2.00 – 5.00pm**. Refreshments will be available at each of the churches during these times.

If anyone would like to help with the Flower Festival by providing flowers from their own garden, or in any other way, this would be very much appreciated.

Contacts for each parish are: Pilton, Dorothy Blyth (890322), Croscombe, Stella Stonehouse (345277), North Wootton, Christine Raphael (890310) and Dinder, Ros Comer (679468).

Further details about the Flower Festival will appear in the May magazine.

Dorothy Blyth

TRIP to WELLS CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

On Saturday 20th January, 16 children went to the annual Children's Festival in Wells Cathedral. The theme of the day was 'Noah and the flood'. We began with a short worship in the Nave before starting the 6 workshops. Christian Aid did a presentation on "The Mighty River of Banglades" and how the ducks are helping the environment. We met some guinea pigs, rabbits, a millipede, a stick insect and a cockroach from Puxton Park. After making some animal masks and a very impressive Ark, we spent some time reflecting on the story of Noah, practised our circus skills and learnt some new songs. We finished the day with a short service led by Bishop Ruth. Everyone had a brilliant day and I'd like to say a big thank you to the parents who helped on the day

Sandra Kirkham

YOS

YOS will be meeting on **Sunday 4th March** at Dinder Village Hall from 6pm to 7.30pm. We are celebrating Shrove Tuesday a little late but we did not want to miss out on the pancakes!

YOS is open to Year 6 and above. For more information, please call Sandra on 342221

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

MARCH

- 12th "Thomas Gainsborough and the Royal Academy" 7.30-9.30pm
Lecture by Joanna Cobb, Dinder Village Hall £8
- 18th Sunday Bar, Village Hall 12noon
[meet for a friendly drink with neighbours]
- Every Friday Coffee morning in the Village Hall 11am - 12.30pm
(except Good Friday and Dinder Village lunchdays)

APRIL

- 6th Dinder Village Hall Lunch [see separate notice] 12.30pm

DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCH

Our next lunch will be on Friday 6th April. As always, there will be a wide choice of delicious home-cooked main courses and desserts. 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.

HISTORY OF ART...THE BIGGER PICTURE

Joanna Cobb, MA,

Independent art historian, researcher and lecturer
6th lecture in the series:

**" Thomas Gainsborough and the Royal Academy.
In and out 'of harness' ".**

Monday 12th March 2018

Dinder Village Hall

7.30 – 9.30pm with break for refreshments

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

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

The series continues in the summer term and ends in November with 'Art of the Great War across the Divide', to coincide with the centenary of the armistice in 1918.

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

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

March

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| 10 th | Spring Charter Market. Village Hall | 10.00am – 2.00pm |
| 14 th | Poetry Group. Millmead, Long Street | 2.30pm |
| 14 th | Parish Council Meeting. Church Room | 7.30pm |
| 15 th | Senior Citizens' Club. Fish and Chip Lunch.
Whitstone's, Shepton Mallet | 12.30pm |
| 15 th | Final Meeting of Lent Course. Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 17 th | Village Litter Pick. Meet at The George Inn | 10.00am – 12 noon |
| 20 th | WI Meeting SDA Hall | 2.00pm |
| | 'The Battle of Trafalgar', Mr. Hudson. | |
| 23 rd | Friends of St. Mary's. 'Friday Night is Music Night'
Church Room | 7.30pm |
| 24 th | Village Hall Fund-raising Coffee Morning.
Village Hall | 10.00am – 12.30pm |
| 26 th | Globe Carnival Grand Easter Bingo.
Village Hall | 6.45pm for 7.30pm |
| 28 th | WI Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642) | |
| 29 th | Moviola Film Night. Village Hall
'The Death of Stalin'. | 7.00pm for 7.30pm |

April

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| 1 st | Service for Easter Day. St. Mary's Church | 11.00am |
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CROSCOMBE SPRING MARKET

Saturday 10th March 10am-2pm

at the Village Hall, Fayreway BA5 3RA

Come along and meet friends old and new over a cuppa or light lunch. Always a friendly and convivial occasion and a chance to support our local makers and crafters, and of course our charity of the year The Mendip Mallards.

Local produce, crafts, preserves, plants, books, tombola, Easter egg hunt, teas and light lunches. For more information or to book a stall contact marylucia.cadogan@gmail.com or phone 572875



CROSCOMBE LITTER PICK

Volunteers Welcome

Saturday 17th March 10am for 2 hours.

Meet at The George Inn, Croscombe

Please bring own gloves & hi-vis if possible

For further information phone Pauline on 344678

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE

Friday Night is Music Night!

Our next music night is **Friday 23rd March** in the Church Room. The music starts at 7.30pm.

Do come and join a small group who meet to listen to a programme of recorded classical music chosen by Terry McCarthy. The music is varied and the whole evening a very relaxed affair; you really do not need to be a music expert. This time we will hear 'The Crucifixion' by Sir John Stainer. Although dismissed for many years as 'too Victorian', it remains amongst the most popular of English choral works. Programme notes are supplied.

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

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

Jenny Mitchell

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE invite you to our **SPRING COFFEE MORNING** on **SATURDAY 24th MARCH 10am - 12.30pm** in **THE VILLAGE HALL**. Bring and buy, grand raffle and a Body Shop Tombola. Come and catch up again with friends and neighboursit's been a long winter. All proceeds will go towards our ongoing redevelopment of the hall.

YOUR VILLAGE - YOUR HALL

All welcome

Alison Hodges

MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall

'Death of Stalin' (15) on Thursday, 29th March

This film is a very funny political satire by British director, Armando Iannucci. It follows the Soviet dictator's last days and depicts the chaos of the regime after his death.

Come along and watch it in Croscombe Village Hall.

Next month: April 26th: "Goodnight, Christopher Robin"

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

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

Christine Walker, Michael Hay



Thank you to all the helpers and the "stars" involved in the Croscombe pantomime "**Captain Hook's Revenge**". This year's show maintained the high standards set previously, and was greatly appreciated by the audiences. Well done!

MARCH EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUBS

THE CROWN INN, PILTON (890762)

thecrowninnpilton@outlook.com

Open 7 nights a week

Sunday/Monday 6.30 – 10.30pm. Tuesday/Saturday: 6.00 – 10.30pm

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

Take Away 7 nights a week 6.30 – 9.00pm (pop in for a menu)

Quiz Night 2nd and last Tuesday every month

(£2 a head to include a snack)

Traditional Sunday Roast choice of two meats with all the trimmings

Live Music once a month—see facebook or check our blackboards

Food Theme Nights coming soon – check in pub or on facebook

THE GEORGE INN, CROSCOMBE

www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk Telephone: 342306

Open for breakfast from 7:30am (8am weekends).

3rd March Cycle Saturday

5th March Folk Night

7th March Live Music with classical guitarist Mark Barnwell

8th March Thai Night

11th March Mothering Sunday – book EARLY

29th March Curry Night save £3 if booked in advance

31st March Cycle Saturday

1st April Easter Sunday – early bookings advised!

PILTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB (BA4 4BB)

This is a non-Members Club OPEN TO ALL

2nd, 9th, 23rd Grill Night Mains Served 6:30pm-8:30pm

From £9.95 Home-Made Desserts £4.00

Every Sunday 12-2pm **Carvery** One Course £9.95 With Dessert £12.95

Friday 2nd Kit Morgan “The Old Boston Tea Party” Free Door

Saturday 10th, Round 2 of PWMC’S “Pilton Party” Auditions

Doors 7:30 Music From 8:30pm Entrance £3.00

11th March Mothering Sunday Carvery All Mothers Will Receive a Free Glass of Prosecco

Friday 16th St Patrick’s Dinner, See Blackboard/ Facebook for Details

Friday 16th Andy’s Irishaoke Doors From 7:00 “Singing” From 9:00pm

Saturday 17th St Patrick’s Party with K’Passa and Support

Doors 7:30 Music From 8:30pm Entrance £7.50

Sunday 18th Terry & Audrey’s Bingo. Doors 7pm Eyes Down 7:30pm

Thursday 29th No Neggy Just Reggae! (Free Door), Charity Raffle!

Friday 30th Britain’s Favourite, “Fish & Chip Supper” £10.00

Sunday 1st April, Easter Sunday, Please Join Us For a Carvery

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

March

5 th History Group, Humphrey Hamlin and his Magic Lantern Show Village Hall	7.30pm
7 th Happy Circle, Easter and its Customs, PWMC	2.00pm
7 th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
9 th Fairtrade Open Day	
10 th SCF Coffee Morning and Sale, Village Hall	10.30am – 12 noon
14 th Prayer Meeting, The Rectory	6.00pm
19 th WI, 'Galapagos' Angela Pitt, Village Hall	7.30pm
21 st Happy Circle, the Salvation Army, PWMC	2.00pm
21 st Pilton Show Meeting	7.00pm
26 th WI 'Call in for a Cuppa', Village Hall	2.00 -4.00pm
31 st , 1 st , 2 nd Harriet Sandys' Spring Sale The Barn at the Manor House, West Compton	2.00 – 5.00pm

Dates for the Diary

14th April Glastonbury Male Voice Choir at Cedars Hall, Wells,
Concert of the late Hugh Berry's favourite music, details to follow.

PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Monday 5th March 7.30pm in Pilton Village Hall

"Humphrey Hamlin and his Magic Lantern Show"

Humphrey will bring along some antique lanterns to project some period slides. Some of these actually project *moving images!* Some slides are simply fun. Others depict moments of history including some from the Boer War some 120 years ago.

No Power Point presentation tonight!

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings.

Steve Tofts

Pilton Village History Group's new book, entitled "**Pilton, Somerset – Lest We Forget**" is available NOW!

It is the story of the men from Pilton, or with close connections to Pilton, who sadly did not return from the two World Wars.

The hardback book costs £9.00 each and is available from Pilton Post Office (thanks Tracey), and from Chris King,890357 or piltonvillagehistorygroup@gmail.com

There are a limited number of copies, so if you want one, we suggest you buy it soon!!

With huge thanks for all their work on the book, from all of us, to...

Scott Baldwin, Celia Clarke, Jenny de Gex and Maureen Tofts

PILTON PRE-SCHOOL's annual EASTER TRAIL

10:30am-2:30pm on Saturday March 24th at Pilton Tithe Barn.

Entry fee for the trail will include a prize for all participants. There will be crafts, activities and refreshments - all proceeds to Pilton Pre-school (registered charity 1028845).

Teresa England

NOW IS THE TIME! Do you want to grow your own healthy organic fruit and veg? This is the ideal time to get started...

Pilton Community Allotment Association currently has two half-size plots available for rent. Open to residents of Pilton or surrounding parishes. They are just the right size for someone wanting to start growing, or who wants some extra space to grow even more delicious things! The plots are at the corner of Top Street and Neat Lane (Springfield Hill) in Pilton, opposite John Burns' Cottages. Nice open south-facing site, that also has water available and a communal storage shed.

Cost is £15 per half-plot per annum. Contact Cathy Lowe (890357 or clove323@hotmail.co.uk) for more details and to have a look round

Date for the Diary....**Thursday 19th April. Pilton Village Hall. 7.30pm**

Keep the date free for what promises to be a fascinating illustrated talk by Richard Raynsford on Historic Gardens, with particular reference to Somerset. More details to follow in April Roundabout.

Pilton Community Allotment Association.

PILTON SHOW 2018

Schedule for this year's Flower Show (1st September) will be available from mid- March on the website <http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk/> and in paper format in the village hall foyer. Start thinking of planting, growing or making those entries!

As always, we are looking for sponsors for various categories. If interested please contact John Broxup at johnbroxup@yahoo.co.uk

If interested in helping out with the Show generally, details of tasks needing extra pairs of hands will be circulated and on websites from April. The Show can only happen with goodwill and voluntary help.

Not everyone is available every year, so stand-ins and back-up are often needed!

Any queries please call Jenny on 890465.



PILTON VILLAGE W.I.

Have you ever noticed the Blood Bikes driving around and thought they were part of the NHS? You'd be wrong! This organisation

is totally run by volunteers, and our guest for our January meeting was biker, Julian Barefoot, who came to explain how it all works.

Known as Freewheelers and Blood Bikes, they are Emergency Voluntary Service ("EVS"). (motto : Riding for Life), providing an out of hours courier service to the NHS.

The **aims** of the organisation are:-

To save lives

Provide medical support to the public

Help the NHS save money

To promote a positive image of motorcycling

To promote safe motorcycling.

Items carried include blood, pathology, medication, equipment, X-rays and scans, patient notes, surgical tools and breastmilk for the NICU Milkbank.

They work Monday to Friday 7pm to 7am, and 24 hours at weekends and bank holidays, running four bikes at a time, with all riders working from home.

All bikes are fitted with blue lights and sirens, and road traffic laws must be complied with at all times, so no breaking the speed limits!

All riders fit this volunteer work around their **regular** jobs. Julian fits the work around his job as an accountant for the NHS. *Jane Marchant*

Postage stamps

Please continue to collect your postage stamps for the two charities - St. Margaret's (Somerset) Hospice and the R.S.P.B. They are very grateful for your contributions. The stamps can be left at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe. *Janet Dowding*

SMALL ADS

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

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

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

Holiday let, Stallance, West Looe, Cornwall. $\frac{3}{4}$ bedrooms, 3 baths, 100m from sea, fantastic views to Looe Island. Ample car parking. Contact Peter and Veryan Graham, The George Inn, 342306 www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

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

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

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

Contact Dave 675636 or 07961 892 014

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pilates Class. Croscombe Village Hall. Tuesday mornings 9.30am-10.30am. All welcome - improves flexibility, strength and balance. £7.50 per class - First class free Contact: Clare Jevons on 01761 233466 / 07782 268252. Email: clare@somerpilates.co.uk

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

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

Please would anyone who took the signs advertising Christmas trees and wreaths, kindly return them to 2, Abbots Way, Pilton.

FOSSEWAY GARDEN CLUB
Tuesday 13th March – 7.30pm
“Everything you want to know about Daffodils”

Michael Julian
Pylle Village Hall

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

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

INTERESTED IN FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCHES
ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS?

Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club will be seventy years old in 2018. Our home ground is in a picturesque setting in Dinder and is a wonderful place to play and watch cricket in a friendly atmosphere on Sunday afternoons.

However, our Club members are ageing and we are now desperately looking to revive our fortunes for this coming season; in order to complete each and every fixture, new faces are needed to keep the Club alive.

The friendly atmosphere at this village club needs a new lease of life with younger players coming forward. After all, seventy years of basking in the sun, rolling your arm over and running slowly between the wickets still has the attraction of an ageing person believing he is belying his years but we do need some more team members.

Local Sports reporter, Merv Colenutt, said: “The pitch is well looked after, the outfield is excellent and the surroundings beautiful, but it is also a ground where men become boys again; cricket at Dinder was always leisurely but fun-filled, long may it continue.”

If you are interested in joining the Club and keeping it alive in 2018 please contact Denis Culpin at denisculpin@talktalk.net



WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Healthy Lifestyles Week

During the final week of this half term we've had an active and informative week at West Pennard. The children have taken part in a whole range of activities including: yoga, mindfulness, "Skip to be fit", first aid and fruit tasting. They have also been learning about how to stay safe online and have been encouraged to have a 'Digital Detox' day at home.

With Kindness,

Jo Hale, Headteacher



CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

A group of Year 5 pupils went to Whitstone School to 'Growing Futures' and enjoyed meeting up with children from other schools as well as looking at the snowdrops they had planted on a previous visit. On a welly walk they collected sticks to make habitat houses next time. Seven pupils across the school age-range will be working with FOCS (Friends of Crocombe School) to decide what to grow in the school edible garden.

A local Fireman visited each Class to talk about the importance of fire safety. He explained the dangers to look out for at home. We tried out what we had heard in a very successful fire practice later in the week.

Steve Heath, Headteacher

1st CROSCOMBE RAINBOWS

This half term the Rainbows have been working on the Roundabout Global Adventure badge. We started by making our own passports and our adventure then took us to Australia where we made Lamingtons, to Russia to make Russian dolls and to America to make daisy pins. We finished our adventure celebrating the Chinese New Year by making lanterns and practising eating rice with chopsticks.

Rainbows meet on Tuesdays 5.30 – 6.30pm in Crocombe School. If your daughter is interested in joining, please speak to Sandra on 342221.

Sandra Kirkham

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Pilton Parish Council **Annual Parish Meeting** is taking place on **Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm**, everyone is welcome!

Karen Buckley Pilton Parish Clerk/RFO piltonparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk

CROSCOMBE FUN DAY

The arrangements for this year's Crocombe Fun Day are well under way. Fun Day will take place on **Saturday 14th July**, all kicking off at 1pm at the Village Hall and adjacent field. This year we would like to show an historic aspect of Crocombe, interesting old photos, clothes, maps, facts or anything, so if you have any local films, photos or pictures or anything mentioned we would love to show them off in the Village Hall. We will also have all the usual entertainment on the field: live music all day, bouncy castles, bar, BBQ, refreshments, skittles, stalls (information on having a stall available soon). This year we would love the children to get involved: old school sports day theme, sack races, egg and spoon races, any input or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. So mark it on the calendar, note it in the diary. Every year it gets bigger and more interesting. Look forward to hearing from you and more importantly seeing you there.

NB Sorry, dogs are not permitted in the Village Hall or Children's Playing Field..

Nick Fowler, Chairman, Crocombe Fun Day Committee



FESTIVAL RUN UPDATE....

As we are sure you are aware, 2018 will be a 'rest year' for Glastonbury Festival, and for Worthy Farm.

As such, we feel we should respect this rest year, and so there will not be a Festival Run in 2018.

We would like to thank all our volunteers and local sponsors for their help in the past and hope you will support us again in the future, as we plan to return in Autumn 2019!

It has been requested that the run is then held every other year thereafter.

The Festival Run Team

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE CLUB

The entertainment programme in January and February is normally home-grown to avoid the problem of speakers having to travel in inclement weather. The Picture Quiz tested us; who knew those washing symbols, designed to help, were beyond fathoming? The final result was a draw so a tie breaker question was required and George won the day.

The bingo session kept members in deep concentration until, 'House! Bingo! "Which is it?" filled the air. As well as hosting our winter's afternoon event, Audrey and Terry raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and for the Village Trust with their bingo nights through the year, thank you both.

The result of the Christmas Song quiz was announced with Ann and Liz gaining full points and each winning a rose. It seems to have been all prizes recently!

Liz Elkin

CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Our January meeting started sadly with a minute's silence to remember Ralph Lintern whom we suddenly lost just before Christmas.

Iris' report went on to two happy occasions before that, our Christmas lunch at Wells Golf Club and the tea-party with music that Crocombe School sweetly puts on for us. We welcomed Gill Way onto the Committee after a retirement of only one month, and also Sheila Darling who volunteered, even though she's a fairly new member.

Then we had our usual home-made January fun. Keith "put Christmas to bed" with a musical quiz, by playing the second line of ten carols for us to work out the first (surprisingly difficult sometimes). Lyn read two funny poems, and Iris gave us another quiz, on general knowledge this time.

Our chosen charity this year is "Save the Children", following a talk in 2017 by Lysbeth Ballantine.

Barbara Lippett

GLOBE CARNIVAL CLUB GRAND EASTER BINGO

at **Crocombe Village Hall**

Monday 26th March.

Doors open at 6.45pm – Eyes Down at 7.30pm

Jackpot House £100 – First class prizes

donated by local businesses and supporters of Globe C.C.

Contact Wendy on 01749 675877

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE SHOP

Support your village shop —think global, act local!

Harriet Sandys Spring Sale

Reductions on oriental rugs, runners & kilims, block print bedspreads and quilts, cushions, table lamps, tribal jewellery, carved wood furniture from the Swat valley, cotton nightwear, jackets and colourful kaftans.

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THE ARTS SOCIETY, MID-SOMERSET

20th March “**Eating with Queen Victoria: a Greedy Queen**” 11.00am
Illustrated lecture, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ, free parking. £6.
Information 01963 350132

THE ARTS SOCIETY, MENDIP

6th March “**The Anatomical drawings of Leonardo Da Vinci – a surgeon’s view**”. Guy Rooker. Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk. Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

4 th	March	Fiona Smith	11.00am
11 th	March	Trisha Forbes	11.00am
18 th	March	Anne Dowling, United Service	11.00am
25 th	March	Liz Rankin	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 12.15pm on Thursdays

Morning Prayer in Pilton Church

at 9.00am on Wednesdays

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH 2018

4th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

11th March Mothering Sunday

10.00am	Family Service	Dinder
11.00am	Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday	Croscombe
11.00am	Family Service	North Wootton
3.00pm	Mothering Sunday Service	Pilton

18th March 5th Sunday of Lent

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

25th March Palm Sunday

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

26th, 27th, 28th March

7.30pm	Compline	North Wootton
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29th March Maundy Thursday

7.30pm	Holy Communion, Stripping the Sanctuary	Croscombe
8.30-9.30pm	The Watch	

30th March Good Friday

12 noon	Good Friday Meditation	Dinder
2.00pm	Good Friday Meditation	North Wootton
7.30pm	Good Friday Meditation	Pilton

1st April **Easter Sunday** See page 5