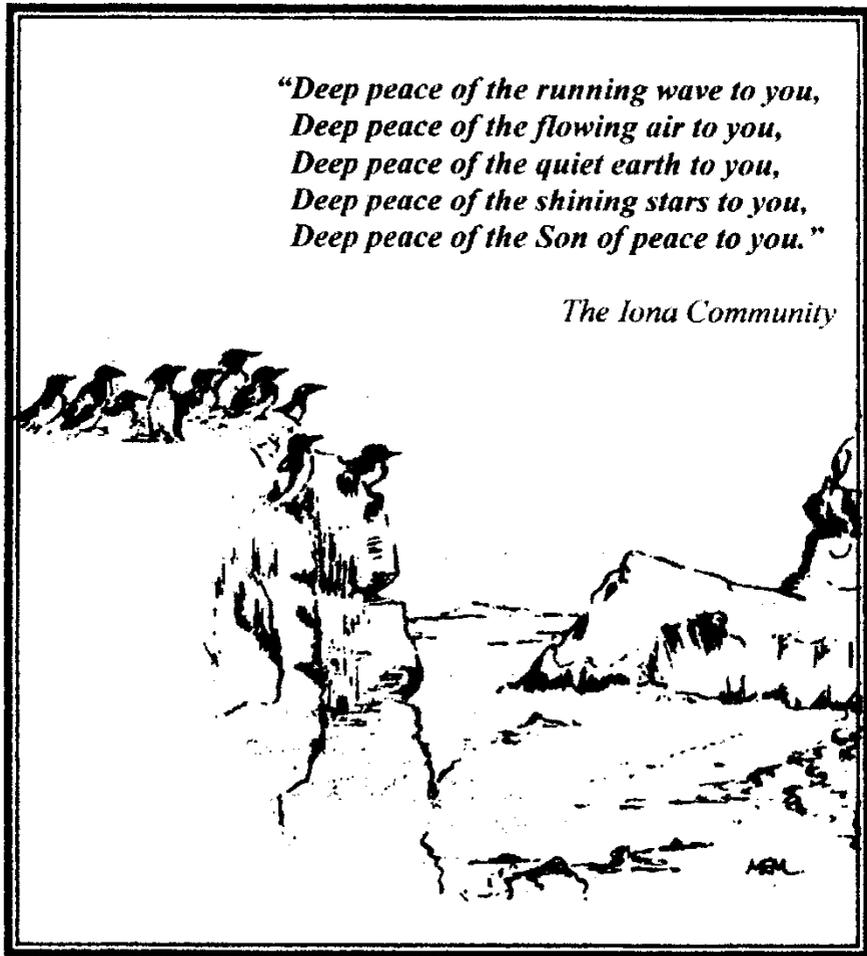


**THE**  
***ROUNDAABOUT***  
**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE**

*“Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the Son of peace to you.”*

*The Iona Community*



**AUGUST 2017**

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

*All phone codes 01749 unless specified*

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**ENQUIRIES ABOUT MATERIAL FOR ROUNABOUT**

**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.

**SEPTEMBER ROUNABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS**

**MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 9.00am**

## ADMINISTRATION

In a magazine recently I read about a distance learning course being offered by St. John's College in Nottingham specifically for Church Administrators. It combines study alongside working, takes about 18 months, and leads to a Certificate in Christian Studies. Those who have completed the course speak of how not only has it transformed their way of working, but how it changed the way others within the church perceived them and the work that they do. I found that really encouraging.

All churches are dependent on the skills, gifts and talents of church members offering their time and expertise to help build up the Church. Valuing, appreciating and developing those God-given gifts is so important. When Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth he said; 'Now to each one has been given the Spirit's gifts for the good of all.' (1 Corinthians Chapter 12) He then goes on to give examples of those gifts. He mentions prophecy and healing, preaching and teaching, leadership and tongues and many others. But tucked away in that list of gifts and ministries we read that God has appointed people with the ability 'to help others and those with gifts of administration'. Administrators are mentioned in the same list as apostles, miracle workers and prophets.

Although as anyone who has ever been involved in Church work knows administrators often are 'miracle workers' ensuring that all the necessary administrative tasks of the church are done efficiently and effectively. The word Paul uses for 'administrator' is the same word that is used for a pilot of a ship, whose task it is to steer the ship safely through the rocks and the shoals to the harbour. Administrators seldom stand in the limelight, they work in the background and shoulder the routine but essential work on which everything else depends.

We don't always know who counts the collection, produces the service sheets, takes the minutes, or staples the church magazine together. But God knows and without all those people the mission of the church would not go forward as it does. Hurrah for administrators.

*The Right Reverend Peter Hancock*  
Bishop of Bath and Wells

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

We pray for all those on holiday, whether they are relaxing at home or travelling to other areas of this country or further afield. We pray for visitors to this area and to all those working in tourism. And we remember all who through ill-health or hardship will be unable to enjoy a time of change from their everyday lives.

## **BIBLE READINGS**

6 <sup>th</sup> August	Isaiah 55: 1-5	Matthew 14: 13-21
13 <sup>th</sup> August	1 Kings 19: 9-18	Matthew 14: 22-33
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8	Matthew 15: 21-28
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Isaiah 51: 1-6	Matthew 16: 13-20

## **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.

**BENEFACTIVE MID-WEEK COMMUNION.** Come and join us for a midweek Communion service at North Wootton at 11.00am every Tuesday. All welcome.

## **YOS**

We had a super end of year party playing rounders and cricket! Thanks to everyone for coming and having fun!

Have a great summer and we will see you all in October. We do not meet the first Sunday in September as it's back to school!

*Becky and Sandra*



**Ann Millard** and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy, cards and kindness shown to them on the sudden death of Arthur.

Connocks were able to send the sum of £495 to the William Budd ward at RUH. A big thank you from us all for donating in Arthur's memory.

### **Eady's Journey**

We would like to say a massive thank-you to all who came and supported our fundraiser event at P.W.M.C on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July for Eady's Journey and to all our helpers. It was a huge success. We are blown away by the generosity of donations and contributions towards the Silent Auction and raffle. We are sure there are some very happy people who won on the raffle and their bids!

We are delighted to say a whopping £1088.72 was raised for Eady which will go towards her ongoing neuro-rehabilitation.

On behalf of Eady and her family, they are eternally grateful.

*Sophie Higgins and Siobhan Bale*

### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who supports our magazine through advertising and also for a number of anonymous donations recently received.



**Save the Children**

**PILTON AND DISTRICT SAVE THE CHILDREN GROUP** are delighted to report that the concert in Glastonbury Town Hall raised over £1200. Thank you to all who supported it.

Our next Musical event will be the Abbey Singers at the Abbey Barn on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets for this will be limited so please contact me at 01749 676991 to register your interest.

*Lysbeth Ballantine*

## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

### August

- 5<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night with fish and chip supper, Village Hall 7.30pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Open air service with tea, Waitangi House 3.30pm

### September

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dulcote & Dinder Flower Show, Village Hall 2.30pm  
[see separate notice]

### Fridays (except when there is a Dinder Village lunch)

Coffee morning in the Village Hall - all welcome. 11am - 12.30pm

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 3.30 pm.

An open-air short service at Waitangi House, new home of Ros and Michael Comer.

Tea will be served afterwards. Arrangements will be made if wet.

All are welcome.

### DINDER and DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

We had a super joint Sunday Club in July. We thought about the parable of the sower and the seed. We decided that we all start as the same seed, but how strong we grow can sometimes depend on the environment we are growing in. Hannah Boardman came up with the phrase, 'We all need love to grow.'

Have a wonderful Summer and see you in September.

*Becky (676739)*

### QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH and CHIP SUPPER

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 7pm for a 7.30pm start, Dinder Village Hall**

**Tickets £10.00 per person**

Due to ever popular demand the Quiz evening is back yet again! Test your knowledge and sample the delights of freshly cooked fish and chips! There will be prizes for the winners and consolation prizes for the team who finish last!

Tickets are limited, (last year we sold out again), so please book early. Each team will comprise of 8 people. If possible please book as a team of 8 with a team name. If you are less than 8 in your party don't worry, we will put you together with other folk to make teams of 8. Please also advise if you have any dietary requirements or you are vegetarian. As we have to pre-order the fish and chips we do need tickets to be paid for prior to the event.

Please contact Jill Gibbons (689112) to book and pay for tickets.



## **Be Prepared!!**

**The GREAT DULCOTE AND DINDER FLOWER SHOW** will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September this year.

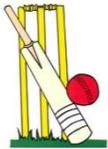
All entries needed and welcome, not just flowers, art, craft, baking, preserves and much more.

If you live in Dulcote and Dinder a schedule will be put through your door. There will also be schedules in Dinder Village Hall and Dinder Church and it is hoped the Croscombe Village Stores.

People from outside Dinder and Dulcote can enter for the Visitors' Trophy.

**COME AND HAVE A VINTAGE AFTERNOON AND A FABULOUS VILLAGE TEA.**

Contact Ros Comer Waitangi House 679 468



## **DINDER and CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB**

### **August fixtures**

August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blagdon	Away	6.00pm
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Leigh on Mendip	Home	2.00pm
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ditcheat	Home	2.00pm
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Witham Friary	Away	2.00pm
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Banwell and Churchill	Away	2.00pm

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### August

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Happy Circle, More of Mickey's Monologues, PWMC 2.30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, Summer Tea  
21<sup>st</sup> W.I. 'Call in for a Cuppa', Post Office 2.00 – 4.00pm  
21<sup>st</sup> W.I. Evening Garden Party  
26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Summer Sale (see details on page 11)  
The Manor House Barn, West Compton 2.00 – 5.00pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, Touch Wood, Brian Wright, PWMC 2.30pm

### September

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Pilton Show Weekend  
13<sup>th</sup> Happy Circle Outing to Abbotsbury



### PILTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

#### Open Afternoon on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>

The Pilton Community Allotment Association is having an open afternoon on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

You can find us on the corner of Top Street and Neat Lane, just below the building site for the new cottages. We're an organic group and have been growing our own flowers, fruit and veg since 2009.

Everyone's welcome - come and enjoy some tea and cakes with us and see what allotmenting is all about!

*Catherine Lowe*



### VILLAGE VOICES SUMMER EVENTS

The new term begins on **Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> in the Methodist Chapel, Top Street, Pilton at 7.30pm.** We hope to see you there.

Do come along and give it a try.

*Emma Wheat*



**PILTON SHOW WEEKEND  
ON PILTON PLAYING FIELD, PYLLE ROAD**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** from 2.00-5.00 pm  
Flower Show including Produce, Crafts and Photography  
Entries accepted 8.30-10.45am in marquee  
Entry forms to complete on line/bring with your entries  
and schedule info [www.piltonflowershow.org.uk](http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk)  
Programmes from Post Office and Committee

Fete with main attraction  
**Savage Skills Mountain Bikes Display**  
Children's games & face painting, Stalls\*  
Bouncy Castle, Skittles, Raffle etc  
Live music from *The Olde Boston Tea Party*  
W.I. Teas, Bar, Brown Cow BBQ

\*Stallholders information for kind donations on [www.piltonvillage.co.uk](http://www.piltonvillage.co.uk)  
or July Roundabout , or Post Office

7.00-11.00 pm **BARN DANCE** with *Rapscallion*  
renowned Cheddar folk band, with caller  
Tickets from Post Office and Gail Milne 890670  
Hog roast (served between 7.30-9.30 pm)  
and bar at additional cost  
Entry only: £5 for adults, £2 for children aged 5-11

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** from 2 pm  
Village Cricket Match (contact Neil Ollis 07811 227738)  
and Tug o' War (contact Terry Moulder 07712 058086)  
Cream teas, BBQ. 4.30 pm Terry's famous bar auction

At 6.30 pm Thanksgiving Service in Pilton Church  
featuring local organisations benefiting from Show grants  
and a special tribute to the late Chairman Hugh Berry

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### August

- 1<sup>st</sup> OAP and Children's Fund Outing to Weymouth.  
Leave from The George Inn at 9.00am
- 15<sup>th</sup> WI Meeting. SDA Hall 2.00pm  
'Toxic Cosmetics': Talk by Dr. Karen Sted-Dexter
- 24<sup>th</sup> WI Scrabble. Details from Helen Cox, 343642. 2.45pm



### MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall Autumn Programme 2017

- "The Levelling" September 28<sup>th</sup>  
"The Time of their Lives" October 26<sup>th</sup>  
"Churchill" November 30<sup>th</sup>  
"Whisky Galore" December 14<sup>th</sup>

Please be aware that this programme is awaiting confirmation.

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

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

*Christine Walker, Michael Hay*



**1<sup>ST</sup> CROSCOMBE RAINBOWS** were busy during the term working on their Roundabout All About Me badges. They made time capsules, matched up baby photos to each other, made kaleidoscopes, measured themselves and completed booklets about themselves. They also learnt some essential First Aid skills, made Fathers' Day cards and had a campfire with s'mores. A picnic in the park along with Wells Rainbows celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rainbows.

For more details about Rainbows please contact Sandra Kirkham (342221)

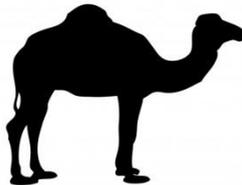


### **CROSCOMBE SOCIETY: Bring and Buy Plant Sale**

Autumn approaches, you intend to split your herbaceous plants, root some cuttings, dig up over-enthusiastic bulbs and share them with your neighbours.

The Crocombe Society invites you to A Bring and Buy Plant Sale at Parsonage House at 2pm in the afternoon of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Replenish your borders, catch up with friends and renew your membership over a cup of tea and a piece of cake. All welcome to see The Angels, a new woodcarving by esteemed local artist Peter Bolton.

*Alison Bassett*



### **Harriet Sandys**

Decorative Items from Central Asia and India

**SUMMER SALE 10% OFF**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm – 5pm**

Oriental Carpets, rugs, runners & kilims

Carved wood chests from the North-West Frontier

Colourful pin-tuck Kaftan Tops – ideal for late summer holidays

Embroidered cotton Nightwear & Kantha Jackets from Rajasthan

Applique, Quilted and block printed Bedspreads

Silver and gold semi-precious stone Earrings

**The Manor House Barn, West Compton**

**Shepton Mallet, BA4 4PB**

**Tel: 01749 890582**

**Directions: [www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk](http://www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk)**

Open by appointment throughout the year

**EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUBS**

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

**Open** 7:30am – 3pm, 6 –11pm daily, all day from 8am Saturday and Sunday. Join us for the big breakfast cooked in our brand new kitchen!

**Acoustic Folk** session every Monday 8pm

**Steak Night** every Wednesday 6-9pm

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

**Pilton Working Men's Club (BA4 4BB)**

**New opening times:** We are open from 6pm Monday-Wednesday and from 5:30pm Thursday-Friday.

Saturday Noon-3.00pm, 7.00pm-midnight. Sunday Noon-11.00pm

Large selection of fine ales, ciders and lagers from £3.00 per pint

**Happy Hour** Thursday and Friday, (5:30pm-7:00pm) beers from £2.50 per pint.

**Every Wednesday** Lunch 12noon - 2.00pm from £3.50

**Grill Night Every Friday**

**Sunday Carvery Every Sunday**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Live Music With Kevin & The Destroyers

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>:** **Wine Tasting Evening**, £1.00 per glass with complementary buffet, help us choose our wines!

**Please phone 890162 - Pete 07825 323242**

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

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

**Open 7 days a week** 12 – 2.30pm (3.30pm Sundays); 6 – 11.30pm

Food served 12 – 2 pm (2.30pm Sundays) 6 – 9.30pm

**Take Away** 7 nights a week 6 – 9.30pm,

pop in for a menu or give us a ring

**Quiz Night** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> during winter)

**Steak Night** last Saturday of every month

(choose from sirloin, ribeye, rump, gammon, pork loin)

**Crown Cocktails** every Friday night

Summer cocktails perfect to enjoy in our large beer garden

**Sunday Roast** every Sunday, choice of two meats with all the trimmings

**NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

It was good to see so many villagers attending the village Fun Day. It is this sort of activity that defines village life.

We welcome our new Parish Clerk – Kate Egan who has lived in the village for some years bringing up her children with husband Bill from their home in Church Street. We are sure she will be a valuable asset to the council and the village.

We also welcome Ian Baker, again another long term resident as a new councillor; he will bring a wealth of experience to the council.

Please use the email link to myself or to any other parish councillor to let us know your concerns or to report damage to the village infrastructure. We will then contact the appropriate authorities on your behalf.

In the meantime, have an excellent summer and continue to enjoy living in a beautiful area of our country.

There is no meeting in August.

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm on September 13<sup>th</sup> in the Church Room. All are welcome.

*Hilary Shergold*

### **PILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Please see the Parish Council notice board for details of a free NHS Health Check for the over 40's.

Defibrillators are now located outside the Village Hall and at the Playing Fields.

Your feedback regarding this year's Festival is required, please email the Parish Clerk with your thoughts.

The village has been cleaned post Festival. As it is looking so clean, please can we keep it that way!

Please note that the Parish Clerk has a new email address which is:-

[piltonparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:piltonparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk)

*Karen Buckley*

**SMALL ADS**

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

**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](http://www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk)

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

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**Rise and Shine: Maintenance and Window Cleaning,** Dave 675636.

**Wells City Aerials:** PV and satellite installation, 675636.

**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 Electrical Solutions:** Local electrician. Free, no obligation quotes. Great service guaranteed. Call 01749 572311 or 07969 345726 [www.rpelectricalsolutions.co.uk](http://www.rpelectricalsolutions.co.uk)

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

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**Harris Stephens Design,** for all your upholstery, loose cover and curtain requirements. Please contact Maggie on: 939963 or 07717 496804 or email [jo.harris31@btinternet.com](mailto:jo.harris31@btinternet.com)

**Mick Rogers - Croscombe Handyman and Carpenter.** I will tackle anything from painting a door to making shelves - no job too small! Call me on 572875 or email [mick2591@outlook.com](mailto:mick2591@outlook.com) for a quote or to discuss the job.

**Pomegranate Kitchen. Supper Clubs in Croscombe.** Private and event catering. Visit [www.pomegranatekitchen.org](http://www.pomegranatekitchen.org) or call 346742

**New 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](http://www.taichi24.co.uk)

**VILLAGE AGENT** – John Lapwood

Covering Pilton, North Wootton, Croscombe, Dinder and Dulcote

Call me on 07852 961839 or Email: [john@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:john@somersetccc.org.uk)



**Traidcraft - Open House:**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00 am until 8.00 pm at The Brambles, Pilton.

The new catalogues with a wide selection of Christmas cards and gifts will be available. Details next month.

*Hilary Austin*

**MOTHERS' UNION**

Mary Sumner Day is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August. As she was the founder of the Mothers' Union, we are celebrating with a special service at St Thomas' Church, Wells at 2.30pm on that day. This will be followed by a cream tea in the Church. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

At our June meeting we joined with the Monthly Cathedral Prayers in the Chapel at the Bishop's Palace in Wells which is a beautiful and inspiring place. During the meeting we were delighted to welcome Jane as a member. The prayers this month were led by Frome Deanery and they talked about their work their with families. There was also tribute paid to Rowena Merson who had played such a key role with Mothers' Union locally.

*Lynn Rendell (671456)*

## RAGWORT – SENECIO JACOBAEA

This pretty yellow daisy is growing strongly and illegally across Mendip thriving on wasteland, roadside verges, stonewalls and in people's gardens, soon to cover farm fields with its yellow haze. This easily recognisable plant is a real thug and will settle in wherever it can, particularly on poor over grazed pasture. Ragwort is highly poisonous if consumed by horses. It contains a toxin that causes liver failure and death. Each plant produces thousands of seeds that are dispersed widely by the wind resulting in the rapid spread of the weed. Seeds can lie dormant for years. The most basic way to get rid of ragwort is to physically pull it up or use a ragwort fork. Rubber gloves should be worn as the plants are potentially harmful to humans and all plant material removed and burnt to prevent all animals (including cows and sheep) from eating it, however, just leaving behind one bit of the tentacle-like root means that the dratted stuff comes back later on that season, and the next year, and the next year. The roots need to DIE. There is a homemade solution to kill the roots that works and I have included the link below. The control of ragwort comes under two government acts, The Weeds Act 1959 and the Ragwort Act 2003. Under these laws governmental authorities can serve clearance notices to prevent the weed from spreading. If appropriate, in the first instance, approach the owner of the land on which the ragwort is growing and request them to take steps to clear the weed. By the time you read this article ragwort will be in flower and it will be starting to go to seed. When riding around Pilton and North Wootton I see it growing everywhere. Please pull it up or use the homemade solution to truly eradicate it. Thank you.

*Harriet Ray, Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association*

For more information <http://e-venting.co.uk/2017/06/eradicating-the-evil-ragwort-a-homemade-solution-that-works/>

### **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(BS27 3RF) Appointments are essential and cost £20 for a two-hour session.

**Contact:** 01934 741751 (usually goes to answer phone) or [itfortheterrified@btconnect.com](mailto:itfortheterrified@btconnect.com)

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**THE GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL FUN RIDE**  
**3 miles and 10-12 miles**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for horse riders and cyclists**  
**in aid of the Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association**

Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association has been granted unprecedented access to the 16 miles of tracks and farmland on the Glastonbury Festival site, courtesy of Mr. Michael Eavis and local landowners

This will be a unique opportunity for horse riders and cyclists to ride through the famous Festival ground passing the site of the Pyramid Stage, the Healing Ground, Dragon field and Standing Stones before riding up the steep escarpment to the summit of Stickleball Hill. With stunning views across the Somerset Levels, the ride will continue through the picturesque villages of East Pennard and Pylle using local bridle paths, droves, fern-filled woods, orchards, farm land and quiet lanes before returning to the Festival site. There will be cross country as well as coloured jumps of varying heights en route, as well as a photographer and refreshments available on the Festival site.

This promises to be a fabulous ride and one not to be missed! Money raised by the event will go towards the cost of improving the condition of other bridle paths throughout Mendip.

MBBA is the largest bridleway association in the South West of England with over 500 members and the fourth largest in the country. Run entirely by volunteers the aim of the Association is to protect and preserve the character and status of Mendip's green ways for the safe use and enjoyment of horse riders, carriage drivers and cyclists. MBBA advertise the existence of tracks, droves and other ridden paths and seek to develop them into linking and circular safe off-road routes. The association promotes horse-riding as a safe and healthy leisure activity for all ages and backgrounds.

For further details or if you would like to take part in the Glastonbury Festival site ride please visit the MBBA website [www.mbba.org.uk](http://www.mbba.org.uk) or telephone Mrs. V. Jones 01749 831 276.

## **NEWS FROM WEST PENNARD SCHOOL**

After many years with very little movement of staff, West Pennard School will be seeing several changes in September. First of all we send our very best wishes to Helen Burchell, who is retiring after 26 years at the school, as a key stage 1 teacher, deputy and for the last 10 years Headteacher. She has led the school through two OFSTED inspections attaining the highest accolade of an 'Outstanding school!' We wish Helen well in her very deserved retirement.

We also send our best wishes to Helen Morley, who has been appointed Headteacher at North Curry from September and wish Tony Wheat well as he steps in as deputy for the coming year. Two other members of staff are also retiring; Doreen Grant, who has been the Special Needs co-ordinator for the last 7 years and Andrea Hale, who has had many roles in the school over the last 24 years, both supporting Doreen and other members of staff and she has also been a very active member of the governing body. We wish both of them well in their retirement. Bridget Taylor, who has supported the reception children over a maternity leave and who has shared the class since the return of Caroline Free, will be leaving to take up a full-time post at Meare.

Last, but by no means least, we wish all the year 6 children the very best as they move on to their secondary schools. Work hard and be happy in the next phase of your journey!  
*Hilary Austin*

**PILTON PRE-SCHOOL** would like your help! We are one of the featured 'Bags of Help' charities in Tesco Shepton Mallet during July and August. Please collect a token at the checkout and pop it into the collection box near the exit. Tokens received will be transformed into a much-needed grant of either £1,000, £2,000 or £4,000 to help us rejuvenate our garden area.  
*Teresa England*

## **FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB**

Our programme includes horticultural talks,  
garden visits, plant sales and social events.  
Details from Janet (331306) or Barbara ((860438)



## CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Before school finished we had a number of special events including Year 6 pupils attending the annual Pilgrim Day at Wells Cathedral. Lots of helpers came to the school field to create Lydia's Labyrinth.

Sports day was very successful and VERY HOT. The school play, 'Mystery at Magpie Manor' was enjoyed by everyone; the children had worked incredibly hard to learn songs and dances and lots of script. Well done everyone!

Acorns' visit to Bristol Zoo involved much more than just looking at animals: there were opportunities to hold a snake's skin, stroke a pancake tortoise and hold some wriggly mealworms.

Chestnuts' class learnt a lot about plants and wildlife at Carymoor Environmental Centre where activities included identifying wild flowers, making flowerpots from newspaper and creating dragonflies or butterflies from willow.

In a special assembly during the last week of term we said goodbye to our Senior Teacher, Mrs Rainsford, and wished her well for her retirement.  
*Steve Heath, Headteacher*



## SHEPTON MALLET LIBRARY



are hosting free drop-in craft sessions for children based around the animal agents from this year's annual 'Summer Reading Challenge'

**10am until 1pm**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August**—Slip and Slide snakes.

Make paper chain snakes, straw snakes and colour your own snake

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August**—Bart the bloodhound

Make an accordion dog, an origami dog and a lollystick dog

All activities are free. No booking required.

All children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult.



## **CROSCOMBE WI**

We have been so busy over the past few months.

At our AGM in May, after much consideration, we registered our votes for the annual Resolutions and in June Lyn and Maureen travelled to the national AGM in Liverpool where with over 4000 other representatives they allocated over 19,000 votes to campaigns to tackle the hidden epidemic of loneliness and to raise awareness of the dangers of micro-plastic fibre waste in the oceans.

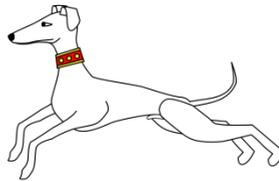
We have enjoyed a fascinating talk with carnivorous plants, some members have been on a garden safari through Wells and Binegar, and we have cooked up a storm for our annual teas at the Croscombe Fun Day.

We look forward to a delicious afternoon tea with poetry at The Cross, a WI County Quiz at The Waldegrave Arms in Chewton Mendip and a talk on Greyhound Rescue.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> in the S.D.A.Hall at 2.00pm, we learn about "Toxic Cosmetics".

Why not join us? We love to see both old and new faces. We feel we have much to offer, but more importantly new members enrich us.

*Alison Bassett*



## **PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE CLUB**

The Happy Circle had a sunny morning for the coach tour around the Festival site in the company of Michael Eavis and the BBC. We were treated to tea, cakes and ice cream as the temperature soared. There was plenty of hard work going on as people were getting everything ready for opening the gates the next morning. Thank you, Michael, for organising the coach, looking after our welfare and giving us an insight into this amazing event. A few of us even featured in the Glastonbury Festival reports on TV.

At our 5<sup>th</sup> July meeting Pat Hase introduced us to Ivy Millicent James, an artist and suffragette from Weston-Super-Mare. Miss James painted postcards and Christmas cards in the early 1900s all of which featured children. Surprisingly the landscape, and the children, appeared to be Dutch but the subjects were delightful and of their time, children at the village pump, a group warming themselves around a brazier and a little boy smoking!

This was followed by tea and a discussion about the coach trip on 13<sup>th</sup> September – a date for the diary.

*Liz Elkin*

## **CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB**

We began our meeting as usual by singing to members with birthdays in June, who were Iris, Marcelline and Harold. Many happy returns to all of them.

A technical hitch meant that there was no speaker, so instead Ralph and Iris ran two very enjoyable quizzes, with chocolate for the winners, and Dinah read a piece about being 'green' when we were young, before we had ever heard of the concept. We walked far more, didn't litter the land with plastic bags, didn't guzzle electricity on multiple appliances, or fill the air with exhaust fumes, ate seasonally, and so on. We all sat nodding sagely, and feeling ever so smug – well, I did, anyway.

Thank you to Marcelline for bringing lovely cakes for tea to end our meeting.

*Barbara Lippett*

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## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

6 <sup>th</sup>	August	Jackie Cobb	11.00am
13 <sup>th</sup>	August	Rev Tony Stevenson	11.00am
20 <sup>th</sup>	August	Rev Robert Channon - United Service	11.00am
27 <sup>th</sup>	August	Rev Colin Anderton - 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

## AUGUST 2017

### 6<sup>th</sup> August

#### Trinity 8

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

### 13<sup>th</sup> August

#### Trinity 9

9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Family Service	North Wootton
3.30pm	Open-air Service, Waitangi House.	Dinder

### 20<sup>th</sup> August

#### Trinity 10

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

### 27<sup>th</sup> August

#### Trinity 11

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September

#### Trinity 12

9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Morning Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
6.30pm	Pilton Show Service	Pilton