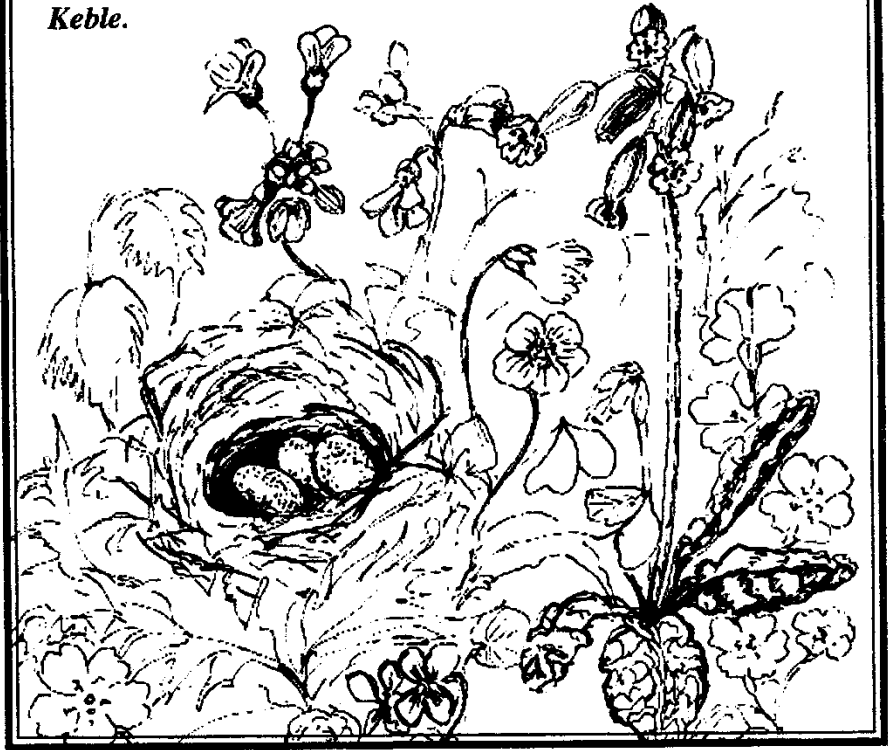


THE  
**ROUNDABOUT**  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"Soon oer' their heads blithe April airs shall sing;  
A thousand wild flowers round them shall unfold;  
The green buds glistern in the dews of spring,  
And all be vernal rapture as of old"*

*Keble.*



**APRIL 2016**

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### **ENQUIRIES ABOUT MATERIAL FOR ROUNDABOUT**

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

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

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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 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 9.00am**

## EASTER THOUGHTS

Depending on when you read this article you will be just about to enter Easter or just 'out the other side'. Easter Sunday is, of course, the time we celebrate Jesus' triumph over death and God's love for each one of us, it is a chance to put aside the challenge of Lent and the darkness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and celebrate together our hope in the risen Christ. I pray you have had a great celebration.

As Easter Sunday is left behind we look at the rest of the year. One of the highlights is the marking of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many of us have never known another monarch, and she will be the first reigning monarch to reach 90. The Queen is also, of course, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England and we will be joining many churches and villages in celebrating this landmark. Look out for the various events which will be held to honour this occasion.

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April we will be holding a tea party in North Wootton and then on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April (just after the Queen's actual birthday) we will be raising a glass to the Queen after our services and holding a special afternoon Service followed by a tea in Dinder (this will be outside, weather permitting).

The Queen made the following declaration in 1947:

"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service."

I know not everyone is a fan of the Monarchy as an institution but I hope that most people can admire her devotion to that service, and, as we know in our villages, 90 is an age worth celebrating.

*Revd Chris Butler*

### PRAYER FOCUS

This is the season of Annual Church meetings. We thank God for all those who have served the churches over this past year, and we pray for church members continuing to serve and those taking up new appointments.

## 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

The funeral service was held at Mendip Crematorium on 19<sup>th</sup> February for **Mary Gander**, formerly of Croscombe.

The funeral service of **Marylin Pearce** was held in Pilton Parish Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The funeral service of **Margaret Cellan-Jones** took place in Pilton Parish Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

A service was held at Mendip Crematorium for **Diana Corfield** of Pilton on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The funeral service of **Vera Gould**, formerly of Croscombe, was held at Mendip Crematorium on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

We are sad to report the deaths of **Cecil Chivers** and **Michael Sackett**, both of Croscombe.

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

 **Thank You!**

I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to my concert "A Classic Evening with Soprano Rebekah Smith". It was so lovely to see your smiling faces in the audience, and I was made to feel so supported and welcome. Thank you very much for your good wishes, hope to see you again soon!

*Rebekah Smith*

The **Roundabout Team** thank Croscombe OAP and Children's fund and another donor for their generous contributions towards the costs of producing Roundabout magazine. They are greatly appreciated.

## THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

This month our churches start the annual review process and hold the Annual Parochial Church Meetings. Please come along to see what has happened over the last twelve months and what we will be thinking about over the next year. Everyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll is welcome to join in these meetings, which begin with a short public meeting for the election of Churchwardens. Nominations for Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council members are available in the churches.

**Pilton APCM** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the church (beginning with a short evening service).

**Croscombe APCM** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Church Room (beginning with a short evening service).

**Dinder APCM** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the church (beginning with a short evening service).

## CELEBRATING H.M. THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY on 24<sup>th</sup> April

There will be official celebrations in London in June but Anglican churches will be marking this milestone in the Queen's life nearer her actual birthday on April 21<sup>st</sup>. As Supreme Governor of the Church of England, the Queen has always made it clear that her Christian faith is very important to her and in our parish churches there will be special services to celebrate her commitment.

The services will be on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April:**

11.00am at Pilton, Croscombe and North Wootton.

4.00 /4.30pm at Dinder.

Services will be followed by light refreshments

Everyone is very welcome to join in these celebrations.

## PRAYER and a PINT

Prayer and a Pint will restart after its Lent break. The next meeting will be on **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April at The Crossways, North Wootton at 8pm.**

Prayer and a Pint is an opportunity for discussion in a relaxed atmosphere every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month and everyone is very welcome to come and join in. We will probably be in the 'blue room' but ask at the bar and they will direct you if you can't spot us.

For further details or information please contact Revd. Chris Butler

01749 899061 [butlerchristine19@gmail.com](mailto:butlerchristine19@gmail.com)

## BIBLE READINGS

3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Acts 5.27-32	John 20.19-end
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Acts 9.1-6	John 21.1-19
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Acts 9.36-end	John 10. 22-30
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Acts 11.1-18	John 13.31-35

## YOS

In March we all enjoyed making pancakes and palm branches! After a very busy March there will not be a YOS meeting in April as the date falls in the school holidays. In May the YOS meeting will be the Rogation walk. More details of that in the May edition of Roundabout.

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



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** this year will be **15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

Events in each of the villages during the week include:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May - coffee evening at Ruth Eavis' in Pilton

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – soup, puddings and entertainment  
in the evening at Dinder Village Hall

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May – coffee morning at Jan Hodge's, Croscombe

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – cream teas at North Wootton Village Hall

(More details of all events in the May Roundabout.)

We are always looking for people willing to collect during Christian Aid Week. If you feel you are able to help please contact Hilary Austin on 890561

## **INTERNATIONAL OPERA STAR VISITS PILTON**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in Pilton Parish Church

A rare chance to hear an up-and-coming opera diva will occur when a friend of Pilton villagers, Peter and Lis Lawrence, visits in late April, following a concert at Kensington Palace in London. **Zeina Barhoum**, self-styled the 'Arabic soprano', a Jordanian of Palestinian descent, received expert tuition accessed through the prestigious Accademia di Santa Cecilia in Rome. Her first album "Alcantara" (Arabic for bridge) focuses on bridging cultures via the universality of music. Zeina's vocal range and wide repertoire have delighted audiences in Amman, Dubai, London, Paris, Rome, Vienna and now – Pilton!

Zeina has kindly agreed to perform an eclectic mix of classical arias, popular numbers from shows such as "Les Misérables," European songs and traditional Arabic music. Accompanying her will be Glastonbury pianist Rachel Knoedler, classically trained yet known for her versatility and improvisation.

Tickets at £10 are available from Peter Lawrence (01749 890875, [lisp@mac.com](mailto:lisp@mac.com)), Jenny de Gex (01749 890465), Pilton Post Office or on the door. Interval drinks available and voluntary donations, together with profits, will support Zeina's work with Syrian refugee children in Jordan, part-funded by the UK and Jordan.

## **NADFAS MEETINGS**

**Mendip DFAS** 5<sup>th</sup> April "**Take a Pinch (of Snuff)**" Mr Ian Pickford, well known for his expertise on silver from BBC TV Antiques Road Show, will talk on the development and decline of snuff boxes and other items, reflecting on the reasons behind it. Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Guests welcome. Details; [www.mdfas.org.uk](http://www.mdfas.org.uk). Contact 01934 862435.

**NADFAS lecture**, 19<sup>th</sup> April "**Elizabethan textile furnishings**" Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ 11.00. Free parking. £6. Information on 01963 350527.

## PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Please ensure that all **hedge cuttings** are removed from ditches to reduce the risk of potential flooding.

Please be extra vigilant as there have been a number of **thefts** in the area.

'**Get up to Speed**', part of the Connecting Devon and Somerset programme, run free talks and workshops for communities and businesses to help boost digital skills and enable people to make the most of current or future faster broadband speeds. The topics they cover include how to **choose a broadband deal**, **how to use iPads**, getting to know **apps on smartphones**, how to get started on **Facebook or Twitter**, and much more. Free events are being run in the region that may be of benefit to the residents and businesses in Pilton. Our list of upcoming events can be found at: <http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/get-up-to-speed/events/>

### DISAPPEARING E-MAILS

#### One of the mysteries of technology

Have you ever wondered what happens to the emails which you send but are unacknowledged? If they bounce back at least you, the sender, know that they didn't reach their destination and you can try again or use another method of communication.

From time to time we have a problem with Roundabout's email address, [magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk](mailto:magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk) . One of our editorial team will normally acknowledge receipt of your emails within two days of your sending it, so if you do not hear from us, please try again or contact us direct to make sure that it has been successfully delivered.

It is really helpful if you can send items well before the deadline so that we can let you know that we have received them.

Word attachments are especially helpful but emails and hand-written submissions are also welcomed.



## **MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall**

**'Dark Horse'(PG)**

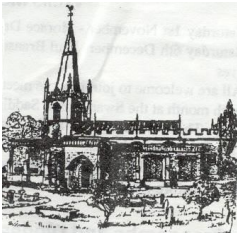
**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**

The rags-to-riches true story of the racehorse, "Dream Alliance", a horse born and bred in a South Wales mining village on a slagheap allotment by a barmaid in the working men's club. A group of friends clubbed together to pay for the horse's food and training, and as the reviews all state 'they raised a winner'. A feel-good factor film.

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

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

*Christine Walker and Michael Hay*



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

**'Friday Night is Music Night'**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm in Croscombe Church Room

Come and join a small group who gather to listen to a programme of music chosen by Terry McCarthy. You really do not need to be an expert - the music varies from popular to classical – nothing too 'heavy'. The evening is very relaxed and we always leave having learnt something new. This time Terry is presenting a tri-lingual programme – **'Music for the Voice: Song, Lieder, Chanson....'** Programme notes are supplied and wine and tea/coffee and nibbles served after the music, which usually lasts about an hour.

Newcomers will be made very welcome and the evening is free to Friends, £3 to others.

## **CROSCOMBE POETRY GROUP**

Details from Joy on 939074.

### **BITS from the BELFRY: Thomas Bilbie**

Some of the bells in our churches are very old, and many of these were cast by local bellfounders. The Bilbie family of Chew Stoke, active between 1666 and 1820, are amongst the most famous. Of all the Bilbies, Thomas, active between 1725 and 1768, is arguably the most well known.

Thomas was a younger son not expecting to take over the family business, but the death of both his father and elder brother left him in charge at the age of twenty-two. At first business was slow, but in 1728 his big chance came, to cast a large bell for Yeovil. This bell, weighing two tons, had to be drawn on a wagon by eight horses from Chew Stoke to Yeovil. It was the local talking point for weeks, and the bell is still in use today. Work flooded in, and he subsequently cast a bell for Croscombe in 1734 and one for Pilton in 1761. These bells are both 38" in diameter, and weigh approximately 9 cwt.

Thomas was a shrewd businessman, often putting very disparaging comments about his competitors on his bells and extolling his own virtues. Present day bell inscriptions are rather prim in comparison! The Bilbies were also clock makers, and were selected to make the first major overhaul of the Wells Cathedral clock which was installed in 1392.

*Joe King.*

### **Milk bottle tops and used postage stamps.**

Please remember to save your used postage stamps (British and foreign) and (washed) plastic milk bottle tops for the various charities. They are always grateful for your contributions. (Please bag items separately.) They can be left at the village stores or at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe. Many thanks. *Janet Dowding*

### **FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm**

**Creating a new garden from scratch – Dinah Lindon-Critchley  
Pylle Village Hall**

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

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

## **SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB**

On a cold but sunny afternoon in February we had our monthly meeting. 27 members attended, apologies given and "Happy Birthday" sung to some.

After the business we were introduced to Michael Head, 'Spike' to his friends. He does actually live in Croscombe but he is a vet in Shepton Mallet. He is a farm vet and spends a great deal of his time caring for cows. He started his talk with dressing up members, one a vet, in very long wellies, large green overall and shoulder length orange plastic gloves. One wore a farmer's hat, one a bull's head and one a cow's hat. You can imagine the laughter! He then, with some demonstration, showed us what some of his job entailed. This included AI, delivery of calves, care of hooves and how information is passed on to farmers so they can cut down on medicine for their animals. Some items used every day were also passed round and questions asked.

The afternoon went very quickly as Michael made it so interesting with lots of fun. He certainly made it an enjoyable afternoon. After, as usual, it was followed by tea, biscuits and lots of conversation. *Lyn Manvill*

## **PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE**

Bingo - we missed it again - not deliberately as we were on Half Term holiday with the whole family in Cornwall. The papers are full of warnings about gambling addiction, however we don't think that Audrey and Terry's mild and enjoyable sessions are the top of a slippery slope! I am sure our members' only weakness is for essential cups of tea, biscuits and chat. Thank you, Audrey and Terry, for the pleasure you give and the time you spare for us.

Sadly, our speaker, Judith Frean, had to cancel her talk due to a very heavy cold and so we were thrown on to our own devices. They proved to be far from inconsiderable. Well done to all our impromptu speakers. Given the title of 'A Memorable Holiday' what reminiscences we recalled! Not a sign of Alzheimer's - every story conjuring up memories in another member. George regaled us with the story of the cheapo holiday from hell. He may have hated the dodgy hot water system in the hotel but my how he enjoyed the chance to complain about it! We enjoy the wonderful resource of the Club room as our venue but there is no doubt that our main resource is the skill, ability and contributions of the members. *John Howe*

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

### **The George Inn, Crocombe**

Now open at 9.30am for coffee and cake!

**Folk session** every Monday night

**Steak Night** on Wednesdays

**Curry Night** last Thursday of the month

For events

Contact The George on 342306

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

### **Pilton Working Men's Club**

**Every Wednesday – Lunch – 12noon – 2.00pm**

**Every Friday – Steak Night** from 7.00 – 9.00pm

**Every Sunday – Sunday Carvery – 12noon – 2.00pm**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Curry Night** and

**Damian Clarke** (Dulcimer and Hurdy Gurdy) 8.00 – 11.30pm

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kings Slayer** 8.00 -11.30pm

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – Emerging Talent GFL**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – Pilton Party Auditions** 8.00 – 11.30pm £2.50

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Accused** (Punk) 8.00 – 11.30pm £3.50

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Damian Kingsley** (Comedy)

Advanced bookings advised for food – 890162 Pete 07825

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## SMALL ADS

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

**Vintage crockery and Tablecloths** for hire. Sarah Bolton 343682

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

**Give your garden a treat! 2 year old well-rotted horse manure** for sale by sack or load. 100% organic. Come and collect. Tel 01749 890582

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**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](mailto:fionna@fionnaroberts.co.uk), [www.fionnaroberts.co.uk](http://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](mailto:flourishwellbeing@outlook.com) or visit [www.flourishwellbeing.net](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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

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## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### April

7 <sup>th</sup>	Pilton Players' Meeting Village Hall	7.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ramble to Stoney Littleton, Meet Village Car Park	2.00pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Circle Birthday Lunch	
13 <sup>th</sup>	APCM, Parish Church	7.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. Members' Night, Village Hall	7.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Bell ringing for The Queen's 90th birthday	11:30am
27 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Circle 'Wish' Liz Digger, PWMC	2.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Concert with Zeina Barhoum, Parish Church	7.30pm



### NEED YOU!

So please join us on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m in the Village Hall.  
Even a small commitment would be extremely welcome.

If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help, please contact  
Sandra on 01749 890 239 or [sandjhowe@shoplane.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:sandjhowe@shoplane.wanadoo.co.uk)

All ages required.

Sandra Howe, Chairman



### **PILTON RAMBLERS**

Where near here can you explore the interior of a Neolithic Long Barrow and study how the multiple stone chambers were constructed around five thousand years ago? The answer is Stoney Littleton near Peasedown St John but you will have to go to the Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery if you wish to inspect the artefacts found here. This Long Barrow will be the destination for **PILTON RAMBLERS'** next walk on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**, meeting at Pilton Village Hall car park at **2.00 pm** (for car sharing). Come along and enjoy some really beautiful countryside on the five mile walk starting at Shoscombe.

*John Wheat 890585*

## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

### April

1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday Bar in the Village Hall	7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Village Hall Lunch (see separate notice)	12.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Club, Village Hall	10.45am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Bar in the Village Hall	12noon
	<i>Come and meet with friends and neighbours at Dinder's own friendly 'pub'</i>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Church Meeting, Dinder Church	7.30pm

Every **Friday Coffee Morning** in Dinder Village Hall 11am-12.30pm  
- except Good Friday and village lunch days (everyone welcome)

### DINDER and DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

We did not meet in March as it was Palm Sunday, but we did meet on Mothering Sunday and Easter.

Our next meet will be Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Sunday Club is from 10.45am at village hall for children birth to 13 years. Children under 3 years need to have an adult accompany them. Children from any parish are most welcome. Please feel free to come even if you can't come every month, or haven't been for a while! For further information please contact Becky Gilbert 676739.

### DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCH

Our next lunch will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**. As always, there will be a wide choice of delicious home-cooked main courses and desserts, all for £5.50. Drinks are bought separately at the bar. Please **pre-book** by phoning either: Margaret Bancroft (674943) or Jill Gibbons (689112). Please pay when you arrive. Doors open at 12.30pm and we start serving at 12.45pm. We look forward to seeing you all.

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### April

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Croscombe Society. Flea/Brocante Market. Village Hall	2.00pm – 4.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting. Ploughman's Lunch. SDA Hall Followed by talk by Mr. Duff: 'Shakespeare in Love'	12.30pm 2.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Bell ringing for The Queen's 90th birthday	11:30am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Senior Citizens' Club. SDA Hall Talk by Mr. John Barkle	2.15pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	APCM. Church Room	7.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Club. Church Room	11.00am
27 <sup>th</sup>	WI Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343462)	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Moviola Film Night. 'Dark Horse'. Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	"Friday Night is Music Night" Church Room	7.30pm

### NEWS FROM THE CROSCOMBE SOCIETY

On **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL** we're hosting a **BROCANTE & TABLE TOP MARKET** in the Village Hall from 2.00pm 'til 4.00 p.m. A few tables left, ring 343502 to book (£6).

Buyers - you will regret it if you don't call in as there will be some wonderful bargains. So far we can tell you to look out for vintage & French china & glass, linen & kitchenware, dressmaking fabrics & haberdashery, Fairtrade accessories, retro lighting & small furniture items. To refresh your wardrobe you'll find nearly new fashions from high street names such as Per Una, Country Casuals, Phase 8, Next, Clarks shoes - and lots more. Tea, coffee and home-made cakes, of course, and a Raffle.

Proceeds to Croscombe Village Hall Restoration Fund so please come along and support your Village Hall.

Thanks to all of you who supported our **QUIZ NIGHT** in January when 14 teams battled it out. The team "The Don't Knows" very obviously "did know" and Hazel & Mike Dowell, Andy Sully & Andy Barnes carried off 1st Prize. Congratulations to them and thanks to Elaine Watson for setting the fiendishly puzzling questions and Hilary Shergold for being the ultimate question-master.

We are very pleased to be able to hand over another £500 to the Village Hall Restoration Fund.

*Val Mc Robbie*



## NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

The work on the Bar area and Disabled WC is now complete and the Committee thank Kevin Oatley and his team for pulling out all the stops to get both ready in time for February's Pantomime. They are starting to prepare the area for the kitchen extension, digging the footings and moving the Frolics shed across to the other side of the Hall.

More good news: the Committee are extremely pleased and grateful to receive a grant of £5,000 from The Foyle Foundation towards the kitchen extension. We thank them and hope they will be able to come and see the finished product.

We have also received a further £10,000 from a grant provider who wishes to remain anonymous, making our grant funding to date £86,000, which means that we are at **50 per cent of our target** – so, come on, Croscombe, dig deep!

The first Draw of **The 100 Club** took place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and the results are as follows:

### January

£25 D Walker      £15 J Hanrahan

### February

£25 B Turner      £15 K Egan

### March

£25 B Turner      £15 H Glandfield

Thank you to the four ladies who collected the subscriptions around the village – Alison, Estelle, Julie and Kate – a pleasurable task but time-consuming. The Committee are very grateful to them and to Richard Cronin who has kindly taken on the overall supervision of the collection.

*Miranda Spenlove-Brown*

## NEW WEDNESDAY 'MINDFUL YOGA' CLASS AT PILTON VILLAGE HALL

New Mindful Yoga class in Pilton Village Hall 9.30 – 11 am, Wednesday mornings from 13 April. I am a British Wheel of Yoga teacher also trained in meditation. These 90-minute classes are suitable for all ages, experience and fitness levels. Sessions include warm up, mindful postures (Asana), breathing exercises (Pranayama) and relaxation. For more information or to book contact:

E-mail: robertsonyoga@aol.co.uk , Tel: 07790 004423

www.adeleyoga.co.uk

*Adele Robertson BWY DIP*



## **CROSCOMBE W.I.**

I realise we have a bit of catching up to do! In December, our annual Christmas meal was at Blostins, Shelton Mallet. A very good meal was enjoyed by all. We decided not to have a secret Santa, so a collection was made for Crisis at Christmas.

January is a sorting month. Always the Resolutions. This year, all good causes, so difficult to decide. Then there is the year ahead, what do we wish to do with our time, what speakers would we like, etc. A must to keep our organisation going. Afterwards, we enjoyed cake and biscuits kindly brought in by members.

In February, Susan, from Mells told us all about her small chocolate business, with samples! Who could resist!! She only started in 2009, her decision being made to follow this profession after a long illness. To my surprise she told us the first chocolate shop opened in 1557. She actually blended and made samples of little pigs and we were all given one. A lot to talk about over our usual cup of tea.

All monthly meetings are very different. If you would like to join us you will be more than welcome. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the Seventh Day Adventist Hall opposite the George Inn, Croscombe.

*Lyn Manvill*

## **WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Our annual **Book Week** at West Pennard Primary School as usual was an exciting affair. The children not only had the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for World Book Day but also enjoyed a visit from the Book Fair.

Each class celebrated Book Week in their own way. Year One, for example, all collaborated on an amazing story called 'Gooney's Adventure on Planet Zog'. The year 6 librarians also set the children a task of designing a book cover which had to have the words 'West Pennard' in the title. The winners were able to choose a book from the Book Fair as their prize. As always the entries were of a very high standard with titles ranging from 'Spiderman Saves West Pennard', 'The Unicorn who travelled to West Pennard' and even 'The West Pennard Joke Book'!

*Helen Burchell* Headteacher



## CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children from year 5 spent an interesting day at Whitstone School on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. They took part in various lessons including English, P.E., Languages and Maths.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March the school was full of a variety of characters from Roald Dahl's books. Everyone enjoyed dressing up as the books involved.

Chestnuts' class enjoyed a day in Bristol on 8<sup>th</sup> March as part of their learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. During their visit to SS Great Britain the children found out what it would have been like to travel as first-class passengers and compared this with being a steerage passenger on the steamship. They finished the day with a bracing walk across Clifton Suspension Bridge.

Year 6 children were invited to the Blue School along with children from three other local schools. This is an account of the session: "The first experiment was with liquid nitrogen which is a freezing cold substance that boils at -200°C. The man put a flower into the liquid and then smashed it on the table and it shattered like glass. Then Mr Dangerous tried to hammer a nail into a piece of wood with a banana, although he cheated and froze it in liquid nitrogen. At first the banana shattered but then he used one half of it and banged the nail into the wood. Next he lit a candle and sprinkled angel delight powder over it and it sent up a big wave of fire into the air. After that they asked for a volunteer and a girl came up to the front. She stood on eggs and they held her weight!! Then, another girl came up and put a lettuce in liquid nitrogen, and then she smashed it with a hammer!

Mr Dangerous then put some really strong alcohol in a big bottle and swirled it around. Then Rosie came up and with a metre stick (the end was on fire) she lit the alcohol in the bottle and it was on fire inside the bottle! Finally, Mr Dangerous made some elephant's toothpaste using bleach, blue food dye and washing up liquid. He added some acid and it foamed right out of the container. All of us had an amazing time and it was really good".

*Steve Heath, Headteacher*

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

We will reopen from our Easter break on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Open House** sessions on Wednesday, **13<sup>th</sup> April** 1.30-3.30pm and Friday, **15<sup>th</sup> April** 10am-12 noon. Call in to find out more about us, chat to trainers, and book a session if you wish. Free entry, includes coffee!!

**Workshops – Intro to iPads** Thursday, **21<sup>st</sup> April** 10am-12noon

**Intro to Tablets** Thursday, **28<sup>th</sup> April** 10am-12noon

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. 1.30pm-3.30pm).

Contact us on **01934 741751**

or email [\*\*ifortheterrified@btconnect.com\*\*](mailto:ifortheterrified@btconnect.com)

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.*

## **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.

## **PILTON FLOWER SHOW – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:jennydegex@btinternet.com)



**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*

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## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Local Arrangement	11.00am
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Elizabeth Manley	11.00am
17 <sup>th</sup> April	United Service at Parish Church	11.00am
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Anna Schiffer	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

## APRIL 2016

**3<sup>rd</sup> April Easter 2**  
9.30am Holy Communion Dinder  
11.00am Family Service Pilton  
11.00am Morning Service Croscombe  
11.00am Holy Communion North Wootton

**10<sup>th</sup> April Easter 3**  
9.30am Holy Communion and Baptism Pilton  
11.00am Holy Communion and Baptism Croscombe  
11.00am Family Service North Wootton  
6.30pm Evensong Dinder

**17<sup>th</sup> April Easter 4**  
9.30am Holy Communion North Wootton  
11.00am United Service at the Parish Church Pilton  
11.00am Holy Communion Dinder  
6.30pm Holy Communion Croscombe

**24<sup>th</sup> April Easter 5 The Queen's Birthday**  
11.00am Holy Communion Pilton  
11.00am Holy Communion Croscombe  
11.00am Morning Service North Wootton  
*4.00 or 4.30pm* Afternoon service Dinder

**1<sup>st</sup> May Easter 6**  
9.30am Holy Communion Dinder  
11.00am Family Service and Baptism Pilton  
11.00am Family Service and Baptism Croscombe  
11.00am Holy Communion North Wootton