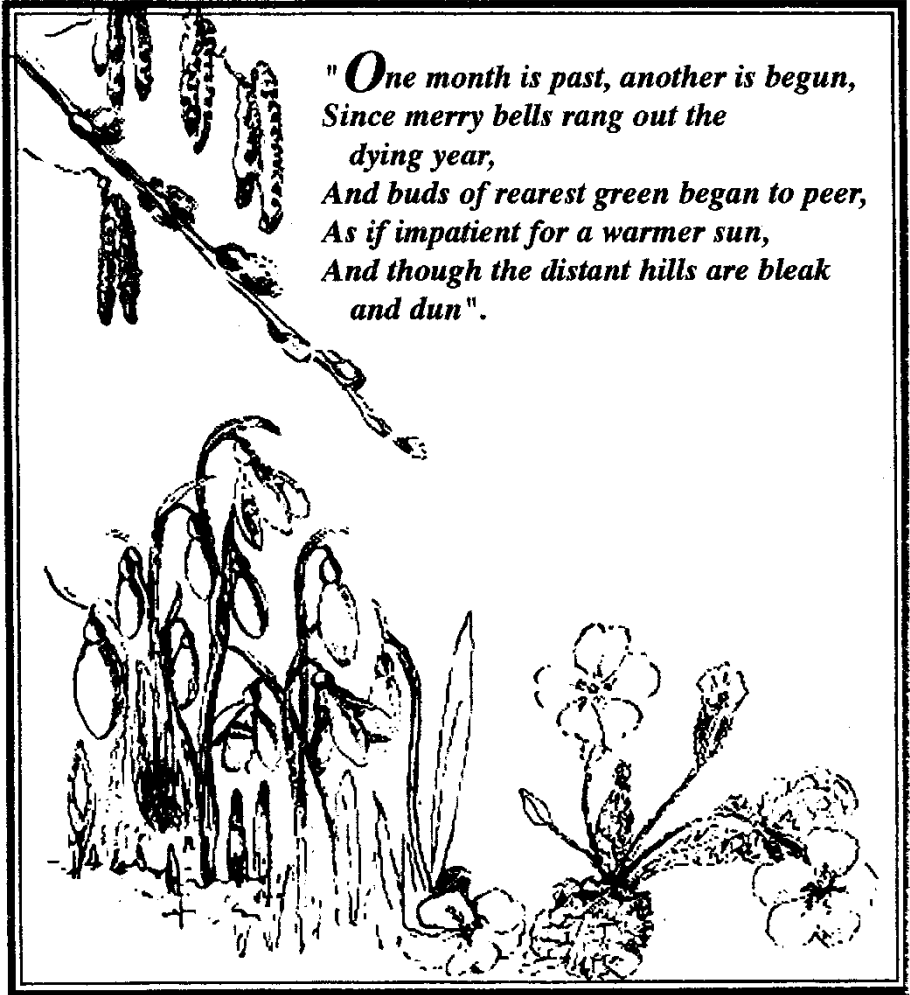


ROUNDABOUT

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



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**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.

**MARCH ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS
MONDAY 13th February 9.00am**

HOPE

Christmas celebrations and New Year resolutions are now far behind us. Some of us have already forgotten what the resolutions were (that is if we made any) while others are going strong with them and seeing changes in their lives little by little.

Time moves on quickly and we are now into February. A month that marks such things as national toothache day on the 9th, thinking day on the 22nd, Valentine's day on the 14th and, ironically, national singles day on the 15th!

Alongside these there is also Shrove Tuesday on the 28th when many of us enjoy pancakes and at the start of the month there is Candlemas on the 2nd.

Candlemas day is the official end of the Christmas season. It is also known as Groundhog Day. You may have seen the film starring Bill Murray, where a TV weatherman is forced to relive the same day, February 2nd, over and over again.

Whilst this may be Hollywood's take on Groundhog day, there are other countries and cultures who say that if the **Groundhog** peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks' nap, but if the **day** is cloudy he remains out, as the weather will be moderate. There are a lot of if's in that sentence, some promising more of the same while others hope for better things to come.

Hope is important to us. We all need something to look forward to. It might be the early flowers appearing, family celebrations, holidays or new opportunities. One of the early signs of spring is the appearance of Snowdrops which are also known as Candlemas Bells. A friend of mine always likes the first appearance of Snowdrops as they remind her that she is still alive!

The writer of proverbs in the Bible declared that 'Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life' (Prov. 13:12). Hope motivates and challenges us that things can change and a hope fulfilled brings fresh energy to us. So forget those broken resolutions and start again.

Revd Elaine Brightwell

BIBLE READINGS

5 th February	Isaiah 58: 1-9a	Matthew 5: 13-20
12 th February	Deuteronomy 30: 15-end	Matthew 5: 21-37
19 th February	Genesis 1: 1- 2:3	Matthew 6: 25-end
26 th February	Exodus 24: 12-end	Matthew 17: 1-9

Benefice Mid-week Communion. This service will **not** take place during February but will restart on Tuesday 7th March 2017.

Benefice Discussion Group is planned to continue to meet in February. For further details please contact Andrew Pugh on 890535.

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

We send our sympathy to the families and friends of

Stephen Davies of Keynsham whose funeral took place at Mendip Crematorium on 19th December;

Roy Wolff of Pilton whose cremation and thanksgiving service took place on 29th December;

and **Betty Heal**, formerly of Maesbury, whose funeral and burial took place in Dinder on 30th December.

The funeral service of **Enid Bolton**, sister of Keith Armstrong and formerly of Croscombe, was held at St Mary's Church on 16th January. The service was followed by cremation at Mendip Crematorium.

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of **Jean Dilkes** took place in Pilton Parish Church on 14th January.

We are sad to record the death of **Marjorie Shaw** of Pilton.

Baptism:

We welcome Aysa Edward Garland-Davies to our Church Family who was baptised on 8th December in Croscombe Church.

PRAYER FOCUS

We think of all those people who are fearful of the future. Maybe they are going through difficult times, suffering ill health, mourning loved ones, under pressure at work or in relationships, or concerned about environmental and political issues.

We pray that they may be supported in facing the challenges and opportunities before them.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

This year Ash Wednesday is on 1st March. In the Benefice there will be two Communion services which will include the opportunity to receive the 'imposition of ashes'.

11am in North Wootton Church, 7.30pm in Dinder Church.

LENT GROUPS

This year our Benefice, and anyone else who would like to join us, will be following a 6 week course called Faith Pictures. It will be starting in the last week of February and the beginning of March. There will be sheets for signing up in the churches from mid-February.

Faith Pictures is a short course designed to help us talk naturally to friends, neighbours and colleagues about what we believe. The heart of the course is about helping people to identify a single picture or image that embodies something of their faith. This is because the kinds of communication which stick best in the mind are concrete and rooted in story.

'Faith Pictures' is a course of six weeks so we will be starting during the week of Ash Wednesday:

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

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

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

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

Chris Butler, 899061, butlerchristine19@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

February

1 st Happy Circle, Bingo, PWMC	2.30pm
1 st Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
6 th History Group, AGM and objects of historic interest, Village Hall	7.30pm
11 th Village Litter Pick, meet at Village Hall	9.00am
15 th Happy Circle, Shepton Mallet Almshouses, Jeff Curtis, PWMC	2.30pm
17 th Pilton Show Meeting, Village Hall	7.00pm
20 th W.I. Trek to Nepal talk, Ian Williamson, Village Hall	7.30pm
22 nd Pilton PCC Meeting, The Rectory	7.30pm
27 th Lent Group, The Rectory	7.30pm



PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Monday February 6th, 7.30pm. in the Village Hall

AGM and a Pot-pourri of Historical Snippets from Members

Our AGM comes round again. Tradition has it that it lasts about 10 minutes.

This will be followed by short presentations from members, each showing us an item of historical interest. Items range from letters that record a moment of history to a mystery object found under a roadside hedge in Pilton.

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

The **VILLAGE LITTER PICK** has been organised for **Saturday 11th February at 9am**, meeting outside the Village Hall. Everybody is welcome.

Any blocked drains or fly tipping within the village should be notified to Councillor Noble.

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

JOHN AND SANDRA

A Pilton couple are moving to Cheltenham after 54 years and it certainly marks the end of an era.

John and Sandra Howe came to Pilton in 1962 so their first winter involved trying to get to Bruton each day through the Big Snow. Undeterred they stayed and threw themselves into village life with enthusiasm.

Both have served as Parish Councillors with Sandra being Chair for seven years. They also both spent much time and effort working on the Playing Field committee. John was Chair of the Youth Club committee when the Youth Leader left so John stepped into the breach. In fact one or other of the Howes has often been there when needed.

The Royal Celebrations have been enjoyed by all and Sandra's hand was often at the helm whilst still managing to appear in an appropriate red, white and blue outfit on the day.

The Pilton Show, W.I., and wonderful, varied Happy Circle programmes; thank you both for all you have done.

And Pilton Players? It's farewell to Aladdin and After the Ball, The Actress, The Playwright, we will miss them all.

Jokes political, local and dubious – gone! And thik Jack and Bill, they're behind you, John!

From grateful Pilton villagers



PILTON FLOWER SHOW

It is expected that the Flower Show Schedule for entries on 2nd September will be available in February, on the website <http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk> and in paper form from both the Village Hall foyer and The Crown Inn, to enable you all to start your preparations well in advance. We are also looking for sponsors for the various categories in the flower show and, if anyone would like to be involved and help with what is a very valuable asset to the village, please contact John Broxup at johnbroxup@yahoo.co.uk.

THANKS

The John Allen Memorial Pool Competition

The Allen family would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the competition, donated prizes for the raffle or bought tickets. We would also like to thank Pete, Jackie, Andrew and the Working Men's Club for being so supportive. The biggest thanks go to Richard Young and Tracey Mapstone for their organisation, enthusiasm and tireless energy as without them the competition simply wouldn't happen. Over £1000 has been raised for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance which included a donation from Audrey and Terry's bingo.

Once again many many thanks.

Sheelagh, Rodney, Jennie, Stanley, Frankie, Bev and Alex

PILTON HANDBELL RINGING GROUP

It was a successful Christmas for us. We played at the Village Voices Concert resulting in many compliments. There is a perception that a Handbell Group consists of 6 people with one bell each, picking out a tune one note at a time. There are 9 of us with 2 or more bells each, playing in harmony with complex tunes and rhythms and the wonderful acoustic of the Church is perfect for showing what we can do.

We also played at Torrwood, Cyder Barn, Homechime and the Village Carol Service. We were able to send £143 to this year's charity, Sightsavers, who save the sight of children in third world countries who would otherwise go blind.

Margaret Wheat



VILLAGE VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Concert on December 7th. The church was packed with a large, supportive and enthusiastic audience. They enjoyed themselves so much that we collected over £400 for our various causes: a fantastic amount. Thank you for your generosity. The choir sang their hearts out, the Handbells played beautifully, the audience participated willingly and there was a lovely atmosphere.

We continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 to 9pm in the Methodist Church, Top Street, Pilton. Do come and give us a try. We are a friendly and welcoming group.

Emma Wheat

PILTON WASSAIL IN THE TITHE BARN

The Pilton Wassail was held in the Tithe Barn for the first time. Over 300 people came along to shout *Wassail* meaning *Good Health* !

Braziers kept us warm from the outside, and spiced apple juice and cider from the inside. Brown Cow burgers and apple cake filled us up. The Cam Valley Morris Men and Pilton Village Voices sang a selection of wassail songs and the Pilton Players Mummers did a version of the St George and the Dragon play. St George got killed THREE TIMES !

Our Wassail Queen was crowned and led the procession into the orchard and the Queen's apple tree was decorated. Toast dipped in cider was hung in the branches (for the robins) and cider poured around the roots. Shot-gun bangs and a huge amount of noise frightened away any bad spirits. I think we should have a good crop next Autumn !

A big thank you to all who made our wassail happen, especially to Michael Eavis and the Tithe Barn Trustees and also to the Nicholsons of Cumhill Farm for the use of their orchard.

Steve and Maureen Tofts

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE.

Who would have thought that so many postcards had been made to celebrate the visual delights of Pilton? What memories of days not so long past. What a delight to see the thermometer in its rightful place on the shop wall. That image deserved a clap of its own to set the tone of a delightful talk by Chris and Joe. What hours must have been spent searching dusty boxes in junk shops and how lucky we were to benefit. A huge thank you for an afternoon of pleasure!

Christmas tea - pleasure again but of a masticatory type. Thank you to the members who provided the treats. Another year when everyone was pleased with their presents.

'Ding,dong merrily on high'. Well at least up Pilton church tower they keep the bells swinging! Again, thanks to Chris and Joe King for a show stopper afternoon. Sandra and I judge the success of the speaker we book by the questions which follow the end of the talk! For once Chris ran out of answers - 'nuff' said! Thank you for another illuminating afternoon - you both went like the clappers!

John Howe

SMALL ADS

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

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

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

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

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

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

M.J. Bolsover Quality Painting and Decorating. Fully insured. 938718 or 07871 901342.

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

Pilton Pet Services: dog walking /day care/ house-sitting and pet visits for dogs, cats and caged animals. Please call Natalie on 07482990957/01749 890243, email piltonpetservices@btinternet.com

Reflexology / Baby Massage professional and friendly, in your own home or in Croscombe. See www.kymrobertson.co.uk or call 07834 774348. Gift vouchers available.

RP Electrical Solutions: Local electrician. Free, no obligation quotes. Great service guaranteed. Call 01749 572311 or 07969 345726 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.

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

HARRIS STEPHENS DESIGN- for all your upholstery, loose cover and curtain requirements. Please contact Maggie on: 01749 939963 or 07717 496804 or email jo.harris31@btinternet.com

Lady cleaner and general helper available in Pilton. 01749 899404 or 07849282843

WANTED: covered, secure space in PILTON to store garden equipment for voluntary organisation (ASBO). Approx 2 x 2m with road access required once a week from March to October. Contact Barrie on foxkotchie@gmail.com or 01749 899516

FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 14th February – 7.30pm

Gardens by Design

Alison Hoghton and David Chase

Pylle Village Hall

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

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

PILTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

We have some whole and half plots available. Now is a good time to get ready for the next growing season. More information from Cathy 899298 or Freda 890345.

MENDIP DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

7th February **“The Silver Thread - Filigree art from Kosovo”**. At the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am. Details; www.mdfas.org.uk Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

NADFAS 21st February “Imperial Purple to Denim Blue”

Illustrated lecture, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, 11.00am, free parking. £6. Information 01963 350 132 .

EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB

The George Inn, Croscombe (342306)

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

Cycle Club Saturday 30+miles depart 10.00am

Fun Quiz every Sunday 8.00pm

Acoustic Folk session every Monday 8.00pm

Steak Night every Wednesday 6.00-9.00pm

Thai Night returns in February

For more details see www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

The Crown Inn, Pilton (890762)

thecrowninnpilton@outlook.com

Pilton Working Men's Club (BA4 4BB)

Club open: Monday, Tuesday 7.00-11.00pm

Wednesday Noon-2.00pm, 7.00-11.00pm

Thursday 5.30-11.00pm. Friday 5.30pm-midnight

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

Every Wednesday Lunch 12noon -2.00pm from £3.50

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

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

Friday 3rd Country with Karl & Willie. 8.00 – 11.00pm.

£3.00 on the door

Saturday 11th The All Nighters - Northern Soul 8.00 – 11.00pm.

£5.00 on the door

Sunday 12th Bingo 7.00 for 7.30

Saturday 25th Tribute to OAS-IS 7.30 – 11.30pm. £7.50 on the door

Advanced bookings advised for food – 890162 Pete 07825 323242

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

February

3 rd	The Friday Bar in the Village Hall	7.30pm
6 th	Dinder Forum, Village Hall	7.30pm
17 th	Dinder Village Hall Lunch [see notice]	12.30pm
19 th	Sunday Bar in the Village Hall <i>Come and meet with friends and neighbours</i>	12noon
28 th	Lent Group, Sharcombe Farm	2.30pm

March

1 st	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	7.30pm
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DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCH

Our next lunch will be on Friday 17th February. 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.

DINDER and DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

We had a super time in January thinking about the Wise Men's journey and how the stars guided them. The children likened the stars to a Sat Nav for 2017 years ago!

Sunday Club is from 10.45am at the Village Hall on the 3rd Sunday of each month. 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.

YOS

February's meeting will be a trip to the pantomime! We will be supporting our fellow YOS members who are in the show! We will be emailing details to our current members but please do contact Sandra or me if you would like to join us!

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

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

February

- 8th Parish Council Meeting. Church Room 7.30pm
16th Senior Citizens' Club. 'The RNLI': Talk by Mr. Brown
SDA Hall 2.15pm
16th, 17th and 18th The Frolics Pantomime
'Dick Whittington and his Cat'. Village Hall 7.30pm
(Also with matinee on the 18th at 2.00pm)
21st WI meeting. 'Drift Wood': Talk by Miss Emma Duke
SDA Hall 2.00pm
22nd WI Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642)
23rd Moviola Film Night. 'Deep Water Horizon' (12A)
Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm
25th Grand Opening of the refurbished Village Hall
2.00pm – 5.00pm
26th Sunday Club. Church Room 11.00am

March

- 1st Lent Group, Livadia, Fayreway 2.30pm



Croscombe Frolics Present
DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT
by Vicky Ormon
CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY 16th - SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY
(7.30pm with 2pm Saturday Matinee)

Tickets can be ordered through Croscombe Stores or
our Facebook Page.

Ticket Prices £8 Adults, £7 Concessions, £6 Under 14's
To reserve seats call 01749 343194 or 342693

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE would like to invite you to the **Grand Opening** of the Village Hall refurbishment on **Saturday 25th February** between 2.00-5.00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. The **100 club January Draw** took place and the winners are J Turner £25 and K Humphries £15. Some of the committee members will soon be collecting the annual subscriptions of £12 per person. If anyone would like to join this fund-raising draw please contact Alison Hodges tel. 345322.
Sheila Wilkins Secretary

MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall
'Deep Water Horizon'(12A)

Thursday, 23rd February

A dramatisation of the April 2010 disaster, when the offshore drilling rig Deepwater Horizon exploded and created the worst oil spill in U.S. history. Nominated for five separate awards including the BAFTAs.

A film not to be missed!

Next month: "A Street-cat Named Bob" 30th March

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

Doors open at 7.00pm, Licensed Bar

Programme commences at 7.30pm. *Christine Walker, Michael Hay*



CROSCOMBE C of E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our new term has started well with a special 'Federation Art Day' when some of our children went to Stoke St Michael School and some of their children came to Croscombe. Everyone enjoyed looking at the work of a wide range of artists and trying some new techniques. It was good to make new friends at playtime and lunchtime as well as in one another's classes. At Croscombe we are displaying work based on 'The Snail' by Henri Matisse, 'Southwold' by Stanley Spencer and 'The Raft' by L.S. Lowry.

The School Council would appreciate help in making a presentation about how the school has changed over the years. If you have been to this school, we would like to know what happened when you were here. If you did come here, we would like to interview you if you are able to come; also if you know any friends, relatives and neighbours, please can you ask them to give us the information. We would like to look at some old photos and, if we are allowed by the parents, to put them in the presentation. The School Council has seen a short film of the Bishop of Bath and Wells when he came to reopen the school at the time the upstairs was built, so we would like to see how the school's history has changed over the centuries. If you can help, please do contact us at school (343114).

Steve Heath, Headteacher

Advance Notice

I shall be holding a **Jumble Sale on Saturday 11th March** in the Pilton Village Hall **in aid of the BHOPAL MEDICAL APPEAL**, so please could you bear me in mind when you're Spring cleaning!

I have some (limited) storage space and can collect if local, or better still you can deliver it on the day. More details next month.

Any queries please call me on 01749 899125. Thanks, *Fiona Case*



VILLAGE AGENT – John Lapwood **Covering Pilton, North Wootton, Croscombe, Dinder & Dulcote**

Keep warm this winter. As soon as it starts to get dark, close the curtains and tuck them behind the radiator.

Keep the doors closed and roll up an old blanket to put by the door to reduce draughts.

Put on an extra layer of clothes and heat the rooms you are in and using.

Use a hot water bottle for extra close heat, or a wheat bag that you can warm in the microwave.

Winter can be lonely, look out for a neighbour who may be vulnerable, and maybe take them some hot soup.

If there is anything that is troubling you am always here to help.

Call me on 07852 961839 or Email: john@somersetrc.org.uk



PILTON WRITERS have just published their **25 year anniversary book.**

Official Launch will be at the **PILTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB** at a date to be announced shortly, with a night of words and music. Meanwhile copies are available from the Post Office and the Crown at a mere £3.00.

(Copies of the book will greatly reduce the admission price.)

Mike Case



CROSCOMBE WI

As usual, our December meeting was in such different surroundings. We always go somewhere for our Christmas meal. Again, this time, we went to Blostins, in Shepton Mallet. Nineteen of our members joined in this memorable occasion. The food, conversation and friendship were greatly enjoyed and our meal eaten after a rousing Jerusalem. Some business was discussed, in double quick time, and instead of a 'secret Santa' we collected for Crisis at Christmas. A very enjoyable get together by all.

Lyn Manvill

PILTON VILLAGE W.I.

It was Christmas Party Time for the Pilton Village WI at their December meeting.

After the formalities members gathered for an evening of fun, food and entertainment. Each member had brought in some savoury or sweet food for us to nibble on, but before we could sample the treats, Alison had arranged our entertainment for the evening – a music quiz through the ages. Alison had music from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, and 00's, and played a few notes of each song, to enable us to try and recall the artist and the name of the song. There was a lot of brain racking and frustration, along with reminiscing and laughter.

It was a close call, but the winners were, Shirley, Christine, Joyce and Jane who took the title with a score of 79, bagging themselves a prize of a bar of chocolate!!

We then tucked into the food delights, which was followed by singing a couple of Christmas Carols and finally, the committee presented each member with a Christmas Gift.

Jane Marchant

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please remember to save all your postage stamps from letters and parcels in the aftermath of Christmas for the two charities. They can be left at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Crocombe - or at the Village Stores. Many thanks for recent donations.

Janet Dowding

NEWS FROM WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

As Christmas approached there were many events to prepare for and enjoy. Our choir took part in the Wells Cathedral Carol concert. Our infant classes also put on a delightful Nativity Play called 'It's a Baby!' Our juniors held an uplifting Carol Service in St Nicholas Church with our year 6 children taking on the key roles with due reverence. Our Christmas Fair, with a 'Gingerbread' theme was also a great success. The evening was delightful and we were very grateful for the hard work of the Friends of West Pennard School in putting together such a special event. The children were entertained by the Rainbow Theatre Company who entranced the children with their pantomime 'Dick Whittington'.

There were also Christmas parties, Christmas Jumper mufti and our Christmas lunch. The juniors have a visit planned to see 'The Witches', a play based on the children's book by Roald Dahl, at Strode Theatre. It was a busy term and all the children and staff were looking forward to a restful Christmas holiday before returning to school in early January.

Helen Burchell , Headteacher

CARING FOR RESCUE DOGS

For seven of the nine years of living in Pilton I have fostered eighty rescue dogs for <http://www.manytearsrescue.org/index.php>

It is heart-breaking to see that dogs of all sizes and breeds don't understand that human touch can be kind. Ex-breeding dogs are often appallingly underweight with tummies hanging down where they have been bred from year in, year out . Some don't know how to drink from a water bowl. We have even had dogs that have had cattle tags in their ears. They cannot walk on a lead and don't understand about house-training.

However, with patience, love and kindness they become the most loving dogs to own. I have seven dogs now that I just couldn't be parted from. Fosterers for puppies are often needed as are food, bedding etc (there is a collection bin at Pampered Pets, Shepton Mallet). A lot of the dogs have to be shaved as they come in very matted so knitted coats are often needed and little knitted blankets are also welcomed.

Julie Brady

AVIAN INFLUENZA (BIRD FLU) OUTBREAK IN THE UK

There have been a number of Avian Influenza outbreaks in the UK and the Prevention Zone declared in December covering the whole of the UK has now been extended until 28th February 2017. This means that all poultry keepers – whether on a commercial scale or simply a small backyard flock – are now required by law to house their birds (keep them under cover) or otherwise keep them separate from wild birds.

If you don't have a suitable building to move your birds into, or the welfare of the birds would suffer if moved indoors, you must take sensible precautions to keep them away from wild birds.

Keep food and water supplies inside where they cannot be contaminated, feed birds inside and keep them away from standing water.

Where birds remain outside, set up a temporary enclosure covered with netting that wild birds cannot access.

Minimise movement in and out of your birds' enclosure and clean footwear before and after visits.

Keep the area where your birds live clean and tidy, removing spilled feed.

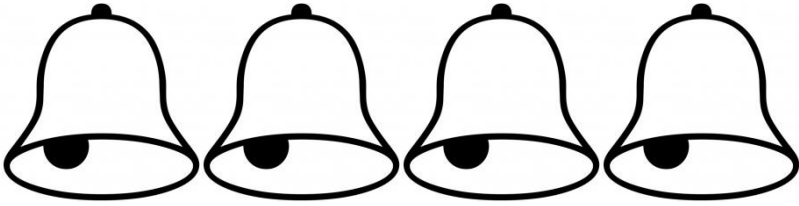
It is important that poultry keepers continue to keep a close watch on the health of their birds, and if they are concerned contact their Vet. Signs include loss of appetite, swollen heads and respiratory problems. If you suspect bird flu call the Defra helpline on 03000 200 301.

The Avian Flu strain has been found in wild birds in the UK.. The Food Standards Agency advise that bird flu does not pose a food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat. *Defra*

HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

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

Lynn Rendell (671456)



BITS FROM THE BELFRY STRIKE BACK AGAINST BLOOD CANCER (SBABC)

Julie McDonnell, a bell ringer at Brede in Sussex, who has leukaemia, founded SBABC to raise awareness of blood cancers. Julie received a second stem cell transplant last June, a few days before NHS England suspended the funding for second transplants. Julie was appalled that other leukaemia sufferers in England would be denied this treatment, and shifted the focus of SBABC to raising funds for people who have been denied second stem cell transplants in England.

On 3rd July 2016 bell ringers at Birchington in Kent rang a quarter peal of a new method which they named “Julie McDonnell Doubles”, and dedicated the performance to SBABC. Julie obtained sponsorship of £35,000 if 100 quarter peals of this method could be rung by Christmas Day 2016. Bell ringers throughout Britain and overseas responded to the challenge, and the target has been far exceeded. A number of quarter peals of “Julie McDonnell” methods have been rung locally.

Perhaps the two most notable performances have been quarter peals rung at St Mary-le-Bow in London, and at Liverpool Cathedral, which were sponsored for £35,000 and £50,000 respectively.

Julie has worked tirelessly to obtain more and more sponsorship, and to date over £5.5M has been raised. As we go into 2017, SBABC has accepted a £185K challenge to try and get as many Cathedrals, Minsters and Abbeys to ring a version of “Julie McDonnell”.

Well done bell ringers everywhere, and especially well done Julie!

Ken Brown

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

5th February Fiona Smith 11.00am

12th February Ken Young 11.00am

19th February United Service at Parish Church 11.00am

26th February Rev. Nick Lakin Holy Communion 11.00am

Children are always welcome to join our Sunday School.

Details from Jacquy 890701

Morning Prayer in Croscombe Church

at 8.30am daily, on Monday to Saturday

Morning Prayer in Pilton Church

at 9.00am on Wednesdays

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

FEBRUARY 2017

5th February 4th Sunday Before Lent

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

12th February 3rd before Lent

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

19th February 2nd before Lent

9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	United Service with Methodists	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe

26th February Sunday next before Lent

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

1st March Ash Wednesday

11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
7.30pm	Holy Communion	Dinder

5th March Lent 1

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