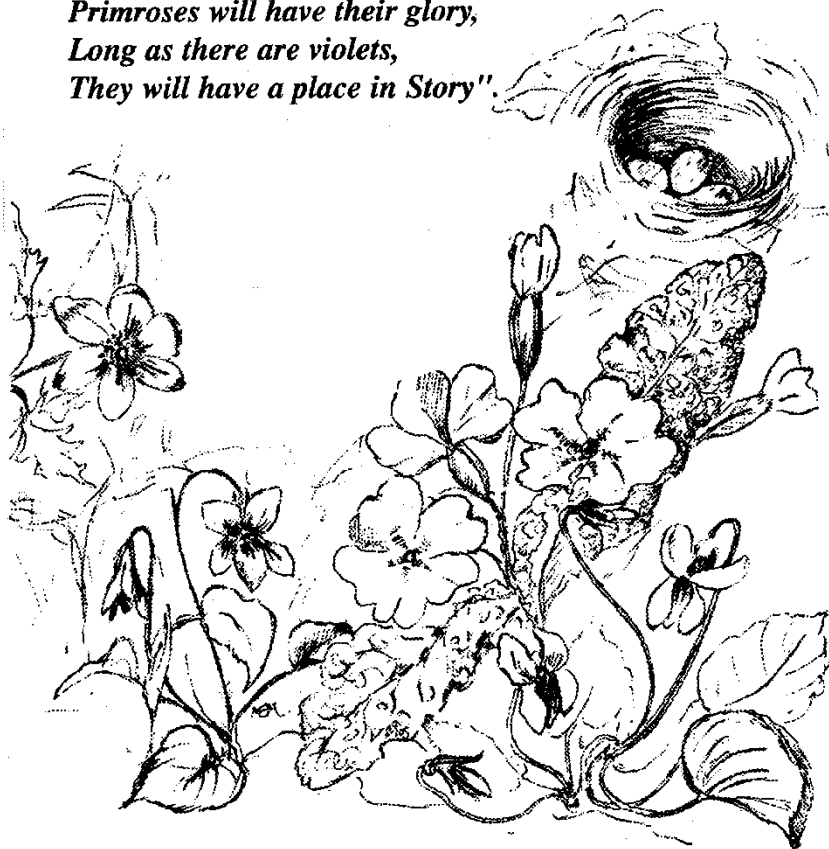


THE  
**ROUNDAABOUT**  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"Long as there's a sun that sets,  
Primroses will have their glory,  
Long as there are violets,  
They will have a place in Story"*



**MARCH 2020**

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DINDER**

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## LET'S TALK

'It's good to talk!' so the old BT advert (other telecommunications firms are available) used to say. I agree. Who doesn't feel better after having a good old chat with a friend, or even after having a quick chat with a stranger when stuck in a tedious queue? It may seem then, that this year's Lent Challenge from Bishop Peter and myself is no great challenge at all as we are simply suggesting that we have conversations with our neighbours, family and friends.

The challenge comes in what we might talk about. We are encouraging all of us, including Bishops, to step outside what may be our normal topics of conversation, and perhaps our comfort zones, and grapple with some simple questions about life, death and everything in between. The challenge is both to listen to someone else's viewpoint and to ask ourselves how our own answers connect to what we believe.

In order to help us have those conversations the Go Team and discipleship team have produced a handy pack of question cards, and by the time Lent begins, we hope that each church will have received at least one of these packs of 40 Everyday Questions. The questions are suitable for all ages so can be used in a whole host of ways – with friends, family, colleagues, in school, with a Lent group, at a 'bring and share' lunch, even in church on a Sunday.

We've already been out and about across the diocese asking people some of the questions on the cards. And you can bet that asking school children questions like 'Should all bad people be punished?' or 'How would you describe God?' has yielded some very interesting conversations. We will be sharing some of the conversations we've had with a range of people on Facebook and Twitter so if you are on social media then do keep an eye out for them during Lent, and by all means let our communications team know how you are getting on using the hashtag #40questions.

We really hope the 40 Everyday Questions cards generate some interesting, meaningful and indeed, Godly conversations that will help us hear the point of view of those around us and refresh and deepen our faith in God this Lent.

*The Right Revd Ruth Worsley Bishop of Taunton*

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

With the rapid spread of the Corona virus, we realise how inter-connected we are with people world-wide. We remember all those living in difficult circumstances throughout the world. They may be living differently from us, but we are all human beings who react similarly to suffering and hardship.

## **BIBLE READINGS**

1 <sup>st</sup> March	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Romans 5: 1-11	John 4: 5-42
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Psalm 34: 11-20	Luke 2: 33-35
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Romans 8: 6-11	John 11: 1-45

## **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March there will be special services in our churches to celebrate mothers, families and being part of the Christian family.

There will be some of the traditions associated with Mothering Sunday, like Simnel Cake and bunches of flowers. Everyone is part of the Church family so do come along whether or not you come with children.

These services will all be at 11.00am. Pilton's service will be at the Methodist Church, beginning with refreshments at 10.30am

## **PRAYER MEETINGS IN THE BENEFICE.**

Do come and pray with us, or let us know what you would like prayer for ([butlerchristine19@gmail.com](mailto:butlerchristine19@gmail.com))

### **Morning Meetings:**

Croscombe Monday – Saturday at 8.30am in the Church Room  
Pilton Wednesday mornings at 9.00am in the Parish Church

### **Evening Meetings:**

Pilton Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Rectory at 6.00pm  
Dinder Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Sharcombe Farm at 6.00pm

## **BENEFICE MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION**

The midweek Benefice Holy Communion Service in North Wootton will continue on Thursdays in March at 12.15pm.

## **WHAT DO WE DO IN LENT?**

Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Eve (sometimes called Easter Saturday). But if you look in a calendar or diary and count the days they come to more than 40! This is because we don't count the Sundays in Lent.

Lent may be thought of as a time of 'giving things up', perhaps chocolate, or cake or alcohol. But it is really a time to concentrate on simplicity in life and in the church. In the church this means omitting the Gloria in Excelsis from Communion services, avoiding hymns containing the word 'Alleluia', and what is probably the most noticeable change: the absence of flowers except for the posies on Mothering Sunday.

These practices provide a contrast with the joyful celebration of Easter that follows at the end of Lent as well as giving a time to stop and think. Our churches always look beautiful when they are filled with an abundance of bright Spring flowers on Easter Day.

### **LENT COURSE DATES and VENUES**

#### **4 weeks from the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March**

This year we are using a four week York Course entitled 'Prayer'. There will be meetings in Croscombe and Dinder:

#### **Croscombe - Wednesdays**

**2.30pm on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
at Livadia, Fayre Way, BA5 3RQ  
the home of David and Janet Dowding.

#### **Dinder - Thursdays**

**2.30pm on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
at Sharcombe Farm, BA5 3PF  
the home of Joan Chambers.

#### **North Wootton**

Groups will continue as usual, see page 7 for details

## THANKS

On behalf of the organisers, may I thank everybody who helped to make this year's village **Wassail** in the Tithe Barn such a success. We were blessed with fine weather, of course, and a glorious sunset to close the traditional orchard celebrations. Both the main event, and the Mummers Play in the Village Hall a week later for those who had missed it in the Barn, were well attended and seem to have been greatly enjoyed. Thanks again to one and all. Wassail!

*John Boucher*

A very successful celebration of **Burns Night** was enjoyed at Pilton Club on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. The Haggis was piped in by Piper Ralph, and after the traditional Burns supper he piped for everyone to dance the Gay Gordons, led by Myra. Eileen sold tickets for a raffle which raised £152.00 in aid of Young Minds. Thanks to all who supported this event and we look forward to welcoming you again next year.

The Roundabout team thank **Croscombe OAP and Children's Fund** for their generous donation towards the magazine costs. It is much appreciated.

## 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.

## Births

**Teddy Mervyn James Robertson**, born on February 8<sup>th</sup> in Bath RUH. A welcomed Son for Louis & Shauni, first Grandson for Leigh and Sarah Robertson and first Great-Grandson for Jim and Eileen Govier.

## Deaths

We are sad to announce the death of **Joan Hind** of Croscombe. Her funeral is scheduled for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February in St.Mary's Church, Croscombe.

Our prayers are with her family and friends.

## **DINDER CAFÉ CHURCH**

Watch for notices and information on the village e-mail address for details of the next CAFÉ CHURCH service.

### **NORTH WOOTTON CAFÉ**

Held every Thursday at the Village Hall, North Wootton  
**10.45-12noon**

**Do come and join us for a FRUGAL LENT LUNCH,**  
serving homemade soup.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon, £3.**

Proceeds to DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee).

RSVP [felicitywotton4@hotmail.com](mailto:felicitywotton4@hotmail.com) /890060

### **BENEFICE DISCUSSION GROUPS**

We continue to meet in North Wootton fortnightly on Monday mornings at 10.30am. For further details, please ring Andrew Pugh (890535) or Chris Butler (899061).



### **EASTER LILIES**

Amongst the beautiful flowers in our churches at Easter there will be Easter lilies. If you would like to remember someone you love who has died recently or in the more distant past, you might like to make a donation that would be used to buy lilies that will be part of the floral arrangements in the churches.

Please speak to one of the Churchwardens in the church concerned (details are on pages 22/23) or Susan Green or me before Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April and we will see that donations are forwarded to the appropriate flower co-ordinator.  
*Rev. Chris*



### **CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

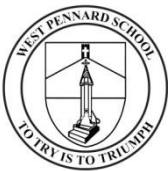
Everyone enjoyed meeting Bambi the Therapy Dog who is part of the national charity 'Pets As Therapy'. The dogs are carefully trained to visit hospitals, hospices, nursing and care homes,

schools and other venues and Bambi will be a regular visitor with us at Croscombe School.

This has been a busy half term with a variety of exciting projects taking place. Some wonderful Shadow Puppets have been produced for 'A Planet Not Looked After'. This film acts as a warning against pollution and waste and we are looking forward to the final presentation early in March.

In Chestnuts Class musical rainstorms with rainmaker instruments have accompanied research to find out what happens in rain forests. The children have also used the Kapla resource to construct rain forest houses and they have written some very scary suspense stories.

Conkers' children have written some beautiful poems inspired by the Snowdrop Festival in Shepton Mallet. Acorns' children have enjoyed Art and Design activities to enrich their story telling skills.



### **WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Our whole school community was treated by our Year 3 and 4's production of 'Dragon Days'. It was a roar-some production of a twist on a traditional tale. In the pretty, alpine village of Stumbledorf (just a short 'trip' away), the

overdramatic villagers await a hero to rescue them from the mythical creature whose presence overshadows their otherwise idyllic mountain home. Just in the nick of time, Tommy Rumble and his fearsome mother stumble into Stumbledorf, which causes great excitement.

We were all so proud of the acting, singing – including solos from such young children – West Pennard certainly has TALENT!

*Jo Hale, Head teacher*



## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

### March

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz

The George Inn, Croscombe

8.00pm

#### 6<sup>th</sup> First Friday bar and games

7.30pm – 10.30 pm

A time to meet up for a chat and a drink.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Lent Group Sharcombe Farm, BA5 3PF

2.30pm

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Family Ceilidh (Details below)

7.30pm – 10.30pm

#### 19<sup>th</sup> Lent Group Sharcombe Farm, BA5 3PF

2.30pm

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Prayer Meeting at Sharcombe Farm

6.00pm

#### 26<sup>th</sup> Lent Group Sharcombe Farm, BA5 3PF

2.30pm

#### 27<sup>th</sup> Talk by Christopher Somerville and Dick Acworth

– see details below

**Coffee morning** - Every Friday morning 11.00am - 12.30pm .

**LENT GROUPS Dinder on Thursdays, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**2.30pm** at Sharcombe Farm BA5 3PF

### DINDER VILLAGE FAMILY CEILIDH

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm-10.30pm at the Village Hall. No previous experience needed as “The Rambling Pitchforks”, a five-piece band with caller, will guide you through.

Ticket Price £12.00 including buffet. Limited numbers so please book through Bob 689112 or Margaret 674943.



### Dinder Village Hall

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm**

“Lifting the veil -Private lives of Britain’s Cathedrals”

**A lively talk by Christopher Somerville and Dick Acworth**

**Refereed by Julia Somerville**

**Talk with Ploughman’s Supper £12**

Tickets :Ros Comer 679468, Mary Browning 672558

and Alison Mayall 675861

Fund raising for the Church building

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### March

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz. The George	8.00pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Group. Livadia, Fayre Way BA5 3RQ	2.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Film@Croscombe "Judy" (Cert. A) Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Charter Market. Village Hall	10.00am-2.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting. SDA Hall	2.00pm
	Brian Phelps : "Gypsy Caravans"	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Group. Livadia, Fayre Way BA5 3RQ	2.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Citizens' Club. Fish and Chip Lunch	12.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of St. Mary's. Church Room	7.30pm
	"Friday Night is Music Night"	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Group. Livadia, Fayre Way BA5 3RQ	2.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	WI Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642).	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning, Village Hall	10.00am-12noon

### Film@Croscombe proudly present: **JUDY** (12A)

A biographical drama about American singer and actress Judy Garland, starring Renee Zellweger who won an Oscar for her performance.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at Croscombe Village Hall, Fayreway BA5 3RA.

Door and bar open 7.00pm. £6 a ticket on the door. Free parking.

## CROSCOMBE SPRING MARKET

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am-2.00pm** at the Village Hall, Fayreway BA5 3RA

Come along and meet friends old and new over a cuppa or light lunch. Always a friendly and convivial occasion and a chance to support our local makers and crafters, and of course our charities of the year "Promise Works" and "Riding for the Disabled" at Burcott.

Local produce, crafts, preserves, plants, books, tombola, Easter egg hunt, teas and light lunches. There will also be an Easter bonnet competition with three categories: under 12, over 12 and adult. Come with your entry or decorate your bonnet on the day at our craft table. 10p per entry.

Free entry and parking. For more information or to book a stall contact [marylucia.cadoqan@gmail.com](mailto:marylucia.cadoqan@gmail.com) or 572875

## THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE

### Friday Night is Music Night!

Our next meeting is on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** in the Church Room. The music starts at 7.30 pm. Do come and join a small group who meet to listen to a programme of recorded music. The evening is very relaxed and you do not need to be an expert. You are even allowed to say you didn't like it! This evening we will hear music by Franz Schubert – 14 songs. Short programme notes are provided.

Do come along. The music lasts for about an hour and we have time then for a drink and a chat. New 'listeners' will be made very welcome. Entrance £3 - free for Friends of St Mary's. Donations towards the cost of wine/coffee gratefully received. Contact Terry (345139) or Jenny (345405) for more details or if you are hoping to come.



Get ready For Spring!

### CROSCOMBE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

has a vacant plot.

For further details contact Eve Harris  
343194 or [Eveharris46@gmail.com](mailto:Eveharris46@gmail.com)

## CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Thank to you all who have subscribed to the 100 Club. There are still some monies to collect so February winners will be drawn in March. Future dates for **coffee mornings: 28<sup>th</sup> March** and **April 25<sup>th</sup>**, both 10am-12noon.

**VE vintage tea 9<sup>th</sup> May**, details to follow later.

Thank you to Croscombe Society and R. Cronin for their generous donations which we are putting towards the purchase of new chairs.

*Sheila Wilkins*

(Chairman, Croscombe Village Hall Management Committee)

## **FEBRUARY EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUBS**

### **THE GEORGE INN, CROSCOMBE**

See our website for special events  
[www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk) Telephone: 342306  
Breakfast from 7.30am on weekdays,  
8.00am weekends. Open all day at weekends.  
Take-away fish and chips.  
Curry Night – Last Thursday of every month.

### **PILTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB (890162)**

**Friday Menu** available 6pm until 8pm.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday Carvery Lunch** available 12noon until 2pm.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Booking advisable.

**Mothering Sunday Carvery Lunch. March 22nd.** 12noon until 2pm.  
Adults, two courses £17.95. Children up to 12years £9.95 including  
Ice cream dessert. Book early to avoid disappointment.

**6<sup>th</sup> Pilton Unplugged** - An evening of acoustic music with various  
artists

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night** From 8.30pm, up to 6 in a team £2pp

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Rural Music Network Project**

Young Bands from across Somerset. Music from 7pm. Free door

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Pilton Stage Competition 2020 Final**

8 acts compete to play at this year's Glastonbury Festival

Details on Facebook @thepiltonstage

### **THE CROWN INN, PILTON (890762)**

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

Take Away - 7 nights a week 6.30pm – 9.00pm

(fish and chips, pizzas, burgers and more)

Late night food until 10.00pm on Thursdays and Fridays

Traditional Sunday Carvery served every Sunday 12noon – 2.30pm

Quiz Night last Tuesday every month, 8pm start

£2 a head to include a snack

Events and Live Music - please see blackboards outside the pub or our  
Facebook page.

## SMALL ADS

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

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

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

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

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

**Domestic cleaning services.** For references and details, call 01749 689099 or email [pattinson321@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pattinson321@yahoo.co.uk)

**Chimney Clean:** Chimney sweep, clean and efficient service est. 1985. Please ring Colin on 07596 534861.

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

**Home help:** cleaning, light gardening, laundry, de-cluttering, one-off clean ups. Local lady. Please ring: 890655 any morning.

**Organic Multi-Purpose Compost.** 40 litre bags. Free delivery.

£3.20 per bag or £9.00 for three. Call 07919 584737 or 07961 892014

**Premier Pet Carers.** Registered, insured equestrian and pet services. Dog walking and pet sitting. Rug washing/reproofing/repairs; horsebox hire and poo-picking. [www.premierpercarers.co.uk](http://www.premierpercarers.co.uk) or 077090739508

**J.D. Waste.** House clearance. Rubbish clearance. Garage Clearance. Call 07919 584737 or 07961 892014.

**Tai Chi For Health.** Pilton Working Men's Club. Every Tuesday 9.30am-10.30am. For further details contact Ruth Pratt 07712 063541.



## **NEWS FROM PILTON ALLOTMENTS**

Now is the ideal time to be looking ahead to the growing season, and we at Pilton Allotments are doing just that! At the time of writing there is torrential rain, but never daunted, and in anticipation of good weather to follow, many of us are busy sowing and planting, and tidying up our plots after the somewhat wet winter!

We are pleased to welcome several new plotholders and wish them success in their first year. We hope to see the fruits of their labours at Pilton Show!

The latest news is that a three-quarter size plot, which could be split into a half-plot and a quarter-plot (if no takers for the whole three-quarter plot) has just become available at the allotment. If you are interested in renting this (or know of someone who might be interested), please contact Chris King (890357) or Paula Jordan (890323) to discuss.

## **FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

“Somerset Lavender” a talk by Judith Green on growing Lavender commercially from her Somerset family farm.

We meet at Pylle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.

Contact Janet 01749 331306 or Jill 07772008594.

## **THE ARTS SOCIETY MENDIP**

*3rd March. ‘Ancient Egyptian artistry in glass’.* Lucia Gahlin, an experienced Egyptologist, will speak on how the early Egyptians developed the art of glass with distinctive style and innovation.

Strode Theatre, Street, BA16 0AB at 11.00am.

Details:<http://theartssocietymendip.org.uk>.

Guests welcome by prior arrangement 01934 862435.

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> History Group, Village Hall 7.30pm  
'Annie Naish- A Rural Life' Chris and Joe King  
4<sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, PWMC 2.00pm  
Spindle Cottage and Garden, Alben and Angela Bunting  
4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> W.I. 'My Visit to Bhopal' Fiona Case, Village Hall 7.15pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, PWMC 2.00pm  
Letters from famous and not so famous, Steve Derby  
19<sup>th</sup> Pilton Players AGM, Pilton Village Hall 7.30pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Parish Council Litter Pick (see posters for details)

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> APCM, Parish Church 7.30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Easter Trail, (see page 17) 10.30am-2.30pm



### PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm in Pilton Village Hall.

Chris and Joe King will give a fascinating illustrated account entitled "**Annie Naish – A Rural Life. The Life and Work of an early pioneering Somerset photographer**"

Many people will know of the Naish brothers, Frank and Harold, who lived and made cider in West Pennard until fairly recently, but not so many will know of the life and work of their mother, Annie. Come and find out more about this remarkable lady!  
Members £1, Visitors £2 ALL WELCOME *Chris King*



Following Pilton Players' production of the Mummers' Play at the very successful Pilton Wassail in January, we are planning another production in November, possibly a Murder Mystery play.

We will be having our next meeting, which will also be our AGM, on **Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>** in Pilton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Do come along if you are interested in being involved either in acting, or in any of the many other backstage roles!

Contact Maureen 890332 or Chris 890357 for more details.

## **PILTON COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH.**

Pilton Community Speedwatch have been very busy over the last year with the speed of over twenty nine thousand vehicles being monitored at our weekly monitoring sessions as they pass through the village. Over a thousand speeding drivers have received letters from Avon and Somerset Police inviting them to modify their speeding behaviour, and a certain number of recurring offenders have received visits from a Police Officer.

We are very grateful for the many motorists who give us encouragement by thumbs-ups and friendly waves as they pass us.

Much of our work is done up near the dangerous Neat Lane junction on the A361. Our figures show that there has been a reduction in the number of cars speeding as they approach this junction but it still remains high and accidents are common. The highest speed that we recorded there was 67 mph in a 30 mph limit!

Avon and Somerset Police are aware of how dangerous this junction is and their Speed Enforcement Unit regularly has a presence there.

We would like to thank all our volunteers, who after their training regularly give up their time to help to make the village a safer place.

*Joe King, Pilton Community Speedwatch Coordinator.*

## **PILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council is concerned regarding the amount of rubbish within the village. Neat Lane is particularly bad.

The next **Parish Litter Pick** is taking place on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, please look out for the posters and join the Parish Council in keeping the village a place to be proud of. Food and refreshments will be provided for all those who help.

Residents are reminded to cut overhanging vegetation, hedges and bushes to keep pavements clear. This needs to be done now before the birds start nesting.

Please contact Councillor Andrew Shaw with your suggestions on how the village should celebrate VE day. Andrew can be contacted on [acshaw98@gmail.com](mailto:acshaw98@gmail.com)

[piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com)





## **EASTER TRAIL**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am-2:30pm.

Pilton Tithe Barn.

Pilton Pre-school will be hosting their annual Easter Trail at the Tithe Barn with lots of lovely family-friendly crafts, activities and refreshments. Entry fee includes an Easter Egg prize. All proceeds to be used for pre-school resources. Registered charity 1028845.

## **FESTIVAL HOUSE SWAP**

Do you fancy a week in the South of France to escape the Festival mayhem?

Former Pilton resident, Jen Askham, and her husband are looking for accommodation in Pilton for Festival week. They are willing to swap their 4-bedroomed, child-friendly bungalow (with swimming pool) for a property to sleep 2 adults in Pilton. Their property is a 10 minute drive from Toulouse airport which is only a 1½ hour direct flight from Bristol.

For more details please email Jen on [ferjean@hotmail.com](mailto:ferjean@hotmail.com) or phone Mandy Askham on 890372 or 07866 800543.

## **PILTON SHOW**

Advance diary dates: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September!

Never too soon for preparing entries, as the printed schedule for the Flower Show will be available at Pilton Post Office and also on the website [www.piltonflowershow.org.uk](http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk) from March.

2020 marks several major anniversaries, both local and national. We have tried to incorporate some of these into the classes and for the weekend's entertainments. Locally, we celebrate Glastonbury Festival 50<sup>th</sup>, Pilton United Football Club centenary; nationally, the end of the Second World War in Europe 75 years ago, the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the National Trust and there will be more to add as planning progresses.

If anyone would like to come on board and help create a fun village day for all ages, or just help on the day itself, do please let us know. Please call Jenny on 890465 or email [jennydegex@btinternet.com](mailto:jennydegex@btinternet.com)

## **PILTON VILLAGE W.I.**

Philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer was quoted as saying "Any foolish boy can stamp on a beetle but all the professors in the world cannot make a beetle". That was not so of Pilton Village W.I. when a number of members met for their January meeting.

As our intended speaker had to postpone her talk until later in the year, our ever resourceful committee decided on a Beetle Drive as our alternative entertainment, after the business was finished and refreshments partaken.

Judging from the laughter and chatter, and despite the freezing conditions outside, a good evening was enjoyed by all. Val Dixon emerged triumphant after a hard fought battle!

The speaker at our March meeting will be Fiona Case on her visit to Bhopal.

Visitors are always welcome.

*Val Dixon*



## **CROSCOMBE W.I.**

For our January entertainment we had a lively talk from one of our members, Barbara, about India.

She was born there (quite some time ago) and said that, when a baby, she nearly got carried off by a monkey! She left the country at 10 years old.

Her son kindly took her back last year to see her old stomping grounds, so her talk was a lot about comparisons. She told us it could be 40 degrees in the shade, such bright stars at night, no light pollution, and such memorable electric storms.

Barbara brought lots of photographs for us to see and what she remembered most was how everyone always smiled, lots of bright colours, even trees were painted and she visited an Indian wedding. It was so interesting, time went too quickly.

Thinking of childhood, she also made a competition with 13 photographs of Members in their childhood for us to guess who was who. How difficult but very entertaining. All members contributed to the food during tea break so all in all a very good afternoon was had by all.

Thank you, Barbara.

*Lyn Manvill*

## **CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB**

As is usual in January, no speaker was booked, so we made our own fun. Marcelline read a very amusing version, in verse, by Roald Dahl, of "The Three Little Pigs", and Iris ran two quizzes. Slabs of chocolate were won by, first, Helen, and then by Marge and me. Our one was meticulously sawn in two by Marge, in the kitchen, with a bread knife. We voted for this year's outing from a list of six suggestions, with Lyme Regis being the favourite. There will be only this one annual outing from now on, as our membership has shrunk so much. As before, we would be very grateful for help from the village to fill the coach. The date will be announced later.

Lyn distributed word searches with a Christmas theme, which kept a lot of members silent all through tea time. Some of them were going home still distractedly trying to find "Rudolf" or "Gaviscon" or "penury". Please join our Club.

*Barbara Lippett*

## **PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE**

Richard Raynsford gave us a stimulating talk with idyllic pictures of traditional buildings and activities across Europe which he had visited with Janet over the many years of their marriage. Richard has a particular interest in old buildings and whilst most countries in Europe have their own unique styles some places require more determination than others to visit. Amongst these he included Transylvania, Sardinia and the Baltic States which are perhaps the least visited. The audience was treated to numerous images of traditional places and customs from virtually every country of Europe which they could take away with them and dream of visiting.

In early Spring Audrey and Terry traditionally treat Happy Circle members to a bingo session. We had a fun afternoon with a few 'false alarms' which added to the laughter. The prizes were very varied with chocolates, a box of vegetables (kindly donated by George and Sheila) and an Easter egg! We are very grateful to Richard, Terry and Audrey for entertaining us.

*Janet and Liz*

## **Slim My Waste, Feed My Face - serious fun to recycle more food**

Somerset Waste Partnership teams are on a very serious mission: to make food waste recycling fun with the Slim My Waste, Feed My Face campaign.

Based on a successful initiative in Bristol, it will see thousands of rubbish and food bins transformed into colourful eye-catching reminders to recycle every scrap of food waste.

The serious message behind the funny faces is that the food waste some residents dump in landfill via their rubbish bins is a bigger cause of climate change than plastic, and a costly waste of a valuable resource.

All of Somerset's annual 42,000 tonnes of food waste could be transformed by the anaerobic digestion plant near Bridgwater into things of immediate use: electricity to heat and light Somerset homes plus fantastic farm compost. That would save up to £1 million each year and 882 tonnes of CO2 equivalent.

Slim My Waste, Feed My Face is a proven and very cost-effective campaign that has already achieved great success in Bristol with a jump in food recycling levels, and it is set to yield significant results in Somerset. All that residents have to do is keep all food waste out of their rubbish bin, and add every scrap to their food waste bin.

The Slim My Waste, Feed My Face teams will give every rubbish bin a bright yellow tape measure round its middle, a "no food waste" notice on top, and deliver to each Somerset home an information pack on why food recycling is so important. Fun stickers in each Slim My Waste pack means every resident, from the youngest to the young at heart, can decorate their food waste bin to give it a great face and a powerful personality. And the campaign can reach even further, as everyone is being encouraged to share pictures of their decorated food waste bin on social media with the hashtag #FeedmyfaceSWP. Ace faces could win a free pack of eco-goodies.

No amount is too small; recycling six tea bags produces enough electricity to boil a kettle for another cuppa. And big savings are possible; if every scrap of Somerset's food waste was recycled, it would save almost £1 million a year to fund other vital local services.

Most Somerset people recycle food waste, far more than the national average, perhaps because this county pioneered weekly food waste collections more than a decade ago.

## **SOMERSET FOOD RECYCLING FACTS**

- Most Somerset residents recycle food waste – 62%, far higher than the national average of around 42% – and all that food becomes power for the national grid and farm compost to grow more food
- Food waste is a bigger cause of climate change than plastic (source: Zero Waste Scotland).
- Somerset households produce 42,000 tonnes of food waste a year but waste composition analysis shows 42% of food is recycled, well below Somerset's overall 52% recycling rate
- If every scrap of Somerset's food waste was recycled at the anaerobic digestion plant near Bridgwater, it would save £950,000 and 882 tonnes of CO2 equivalent a year
- Food waste is 26% of rubbish in bins, with over one third – 36% – of that being food thrown away still in its packaging, including unopened and out-of-date food.

## **CROSCOMBE-DINDER VILLAGE SHOP LIMITED**

The Sale of the Property known as 'Croscombe Village Stores' was completed on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. The property was purchased by Peter and Veryan Graham. Mortgage Note holders were paid in full upon Completion. Company dissolution procedures have now commenced with a view towards finalising such actions, as required, in advance of the Company's next financial year-end, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020. It is anticipated that Shareholders will receive the full value of their original investments, but this will be dependent on the payment of any outstanding liabilities including professional fees and taxes arising on the Sale. Shareholders will be formally notified once a repayment date has been established. Any questions or comments should be directed to Jeff Macklin or Louise Tully.

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## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

1<sup>st</sup> March Anna Schiffer 11.00am

8<sup>th</sup> March Jean Fraser 11.00am

15<sup>th</sup> March Ken Young 11.00am

22<sup>nd</sup> March Revd Christine Butler, 11.00am

United Service for Mothering Sunday  
Refreshments from 10.30am

29th March Jackie Cobb 11.00am

### **Morning Prayer in Croscombe Church Room**

at 8.30am daily, Monday to Saturday

### **Holy Communion in North Wootton Church**

at 12.15pm on Thursdays

### **Morning Prayer in Pilton Church**

at 9.00am on Wednesdays

# PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

## MARCH 2020

### **1<sup>st</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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

### **8<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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

### **15<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	Morning Service	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
5.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe

### **22<sup>nd</sup> March Mothering Sunday**

11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service at Methodist Church	Pilton
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	North Wootton
11.00am	Morning Service	Dinder

### **29<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Croscombe
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### **5<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday**

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