

THE  
**ROUNDAABOUT**  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"January is here, with eyes that keenly glow,  
A frost-mailed warrior  
striding a shadowy steed of snow."*

*Edgar Fawcett.*



**JANUARY 2019**

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## THE JOY OF A RETURN

The country of Ghana is making 2019 'The Year of Return' to mark 400 years of the slave trade. Akwase Agyeman who is heading up this year of celebration said this:

'We will celebrate the resilience of the African. Like Joseph in the Bible who was sold to slavery and later connected to his brothers, there was a celebration and in 2019 there shall be a celebration for Africans in Diaspora'

I wonder how we might make 2019 'a year of return'. I don't mean as a return to things past because we mourn a past glory. I'm thinking of the story of Joseph. Joseph was separated from family because his family were jealous of him. His brothers sold him into slavery, out of sight, out of mind. It's when they have need of food that they inadvertently come across Joseph again; this time he holds their fate in his hands. It would have been so easy for Joseph to seek to get his own back on his brothers. In fact he does play a trick on them. However when all is revealed we find many tears shed and reconciliation is achieved.

I wonder how many families in our communities have faced such a fracture in relationships?

Rembrandt's famous painting, 'The Return of the Prodigal' is one of those iconic pictures which draws us into experiencing the depth of feeling the parable speaks of. The embrace of the father to the kneeling son shows us not only the emotion of a family relationship restored but that of God's love for us, his wandering people. Many of us have personal experience of discovering the love of the Father for us, his children. Perhaps this year we could pass on that story to others and help them to find the joy and celebration of a return to the Father who gave everything in order to release them from the slavery of sin.

Let's make this not just 'a year of return' but rather a lifetime!

*Rt Rev Ruth Worsley*, Bishop of Taunton

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

After a turbulent year with man-made problems and natural disasters at home and abroad, we pray that 2019 will be less stressful. We look for peaceful solutions to our own problems, and those in our communities, our country and between communities throughout the world. We pray that we may learn to work together for the common good.

## **BIBLE READINGS**

6 <sup>th</sup> January	Psalm 72: 1-15	Matthew 2: 1-12
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Isaiah 43: 1-7	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Isaiah 62: 1-5	John 2: 1-11
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Luke 4: 14-21

**PRAYER MEETINGS IN THE BENEFICE** Do come and pray with us:

### Morning Meetings:

Croscombe every morning at 8.30am in the Church

Pilton Wednesday morning at 9.00am in the Church

### Evening Meetings:

Pilton Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at the Rectory at 6.00pm (note change of location).

Dinder Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at Sharcombe Farm at 6.00pm.

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

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

## **BENEFICE DISCUSSION GROUP**

We continue to meet in North Wootton fortnightly on a Monday morning at 10.30am. Currently we are looking at St John's Gospel. For further details please ring Andrew Pugh (890535) or Chris Butler (899061).

## **MEDITATION GROUP**

St Peter's Church, North Wootton, 10.00am on 31<sup>st</sup> January  
An introduction to Meditation in community, suitable for people wondering what it is all about but also for those who already have discovered the benefits of stillness. Meditators would be most welcome at NW café afterwards.  
*Diane Kotelnikoff*

## 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.



**Save the Children** The Wells Committee express their grateful thanks to all who supported the November Coffee Morning at Sharcombe Farm, Dinder. The remarkable sum of £781 was achieved for Save the Children.

### **Pilton Churches Working Together**

The Annual Soup lunch and Christmas Fayre held on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> raised £642.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this event such a success

*Gill Eavis*

### **Pilton Poppy Appeal 2018**

The Poppy Appeal in Pilton raised a fantastic £1790.90. Thanks to the team of House collectors, and the static boxes placed around our Parish.

Sincere thanks to all the Villages that made any donation to help us achieve this sum for The 2018 Poppy Appeal. If anyone would like to volunteer for 2019 please contact me on 890442.

*Peter Cheetham*

The **Roundabout Team (Indoor branch)** would like to express their thanks to all those involved in the distribution of the magazine to our readers. While we sit in the comfort of our homes, the **Outdoor Roundabout Team** have to face the vagaries of the weather each month. Thank you all very much.

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### January

6 <sup>th</sup>	Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz. The George	8.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting. 'Latrines': Talk by John Dando. and Planning Meeting. SDA Hall	2.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Citizens' Club. Club Activities. SDA Hall	2.15pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Concert by Croscombe Village Orchestra. Village Hall	7.00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	WI Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642 )	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of St. Mary's . Friday Night is Music Night. Church Room	7.30pm

### ART LESSONS IN CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

In last month's magazine I advertised art classes. As I have had some enquiries, I am going to start on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 10am-12noon in the Foyle room in Croscombe Village Hall.

Whether you are a beginner or would just like to come along and paint, I would love to see you. I will supply some materials.

*Lyn Manvill (343833)*



### CROSCOMBE ORCHESTRA's WINTER CONCERT

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.00 pm in Croscombe Village Hall.

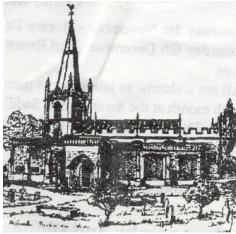
We will be performing Haydn's Symphony No.100, "The Military", Elgar's "Wand of Youth" and Ellis' "Coronation Scot".

Peter Sackett is our soloist. He will be playing "Suite for Viola and Orchestra", four movements, by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Peter was a sixth form music scholar at Wells Cathedral School, studied music at Trinity Laban, and was leader of Croscombe Orchestra and Somerset Youth Orchestra. He taught music at various schools in North London for six years.

Admission is at the door, Adults £5, under 14s £1. This includes refreshments during the interval.

We hope this programme will help to brighten up a dull winter evening for you.

*Jo Sackett, Secretary*



## **THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE** **Friday Night is Music Night!**

Unfortunately our November evening had to be postponed because Terry was unwell. However we will try again on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January** in the Church Room. As ever the music starts at 7.30 pm so 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! We will hear Symphony No 9 by the Austrian composer Anton Bruckner. Short programme notes are provided.

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

Entrance £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.

## **CROSCOMBE CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS**

Thank you to all those involved in organising the repairs to Croscombe church roof.

After several years when buckets had to be distributed round the church to catch the drips after heavy rainstorms, it is good to know the building is water-tight again.....and lovely to see the scaffolding gone!

*Ann Williamson*

## **Advance Notice:**

### **CROSCOMBE FROLICS' PANTO RETURNS**

on 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February with "Knight Fever".

For details and tickets: [croscombefrolics@gmail.com](mailto:croscombefrolics@gmail.com)

or contact Kate Egan, 343910.



## **POSTAGE STAMPS**

Please remember to save the stamps from your letters, cards and parcels for St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, the R.S.P.B. and South West Children's Hospice. The charities are always grateful for your donations. Stamps can be left at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe. Many thanks.

*Janet Dowding*

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### January

2 <sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, 'Christmasses Remembered' PWMC	2.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Prayer Meeting, The Rectory	6.00pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Pilton Wassail, Tithe Barn	3.00 for 3.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Village Voices starts again, Methodist Church	7.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> W.I. Emotional Freedom Technique, Village Hall	7.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Happy Circle, Picture Quiz, Liz Elkin, PWMC	2.00pm
28 <sup>th</sup> W.I. 'Call in for a Cuppa', Post Office	2.00 -4.00pm

## PILTON WASSAIL

### SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY IN THE TITHE BARN.

Do join us for our scrumptious apple celebrations as we welcome a New Year of good harvests and Good Health! Waes Hael! Bring pots, pans and wooden spoons, whistles, horns and anything else to make a noise during our procession to toast the apple trees. Wear silly hats if you like, bring good shoes for the orchard behind the Tithe Barn and warm clothing. And don't forget to bring the children! Also torches, lanterns and maybe a ribbon to decorate the apple trees if you have them. Doors open at 3.00 for a 3.30pm start.

Adults £2.50, schoolchildren and younger are free.

Mummers, Morris Men, Village Voices, juicy organic burgers, cider and apple juice, a free tot and piece of apple cake - and much, much more!

*John Boucher*



## VILLAGE VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our 'Sing Song Merrily on High' event on 22<sup>nd</sup> December in the Tithe Barn. There will be a proper write up in next month's

Roundabout News.

Choir begins again for our existing members on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> which will be our social at Mark and Rosie's house.

For any new members please come along and join us on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel, Top Street, Pilton.

We'd love to see you - the more, the merrier!

*Emma Wheat*



## **PILTON VILLAGE W.I. INVITE YOU TO “CALL IN FOR A CUPPA”**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2.00 – 4.00pm**

Pilton Village W.I. invite you to join them on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January (and on the 4th Monday of every month) between 2.00 and 4.00pm at Pilton Post Office for a cuppa, cake and a chat.

Everybody is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you.

### **PILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Happy New Year!

In an emergency, every second counts. We urge people to park sensibly and to show consideration for emergency vehicle access. Nobody would want an ambulance to be delayed by other vehicles when they or their loved ones are most in need of emergency help. When parking, please allow at least 10 feet for emergency services vehicles to pass by safely. If there's not enough space, don't park there.

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to apply please email the Parish Clerk via [piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com) for an application form.

The next Glastonbury Festival/Pilton Parish Council meeting is being held on 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm in the Village Hall.

Please ensure that your vegetation is cut back to ensure the safety of pedestrians and for greater visibility for drivers.

*Karen Buckley*, Pilton Parish Clerk [piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:piltonparishclerk@yahoo.com)

### **ADVANCED NOTICES**

I'm planning to hold a **Jumble Sale in Aid of Bhopal** in **March** in Pilton Village Hall, so please could you bear me in mind when you're clearing out after Christmas. Any household goods/clothes/toys etc are welcome. I have some storage space and can collect if local, or you can deliver it on the day. More details next month.

Any queries please call me on 899125. Many thanks, Fiona Case

### **The second annual 'PILTON JUMBLE TRAIL'**

Calling all villagers and bargain hunters! After the huge success of last year's inaugural event, the date for the **SECOND** Pilton Jumble Trail has been set for **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**. We're hoping for more stalls, more fun and more sunshine. If you'd like to discuss getting involved please contact John Shearlaw, Laurel Cottage on 07748 353919

## JANUARY 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.

Thai Night – Second Thursday of every month.

### THE CROWN INN , PILTON (890762)

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

Traditional Village Pub serving local ales and ciders accompanied by good pub food.

Open 7 nights a week: Tuesday - Saturday 6pm - 11.30pm

Sunday/Monday 6.30pm - 10.30pm (food served until 9pm)

Open for Lunch Wednesday - Sunday 12noon - 2.30pm  
(food served until 2pm)

Take Away - 7 nights a week 6pm - 9pm  
(fish and chips, pizzas, burgers and more)

Traditional Sunday Lunch served every Sunday 12noon - 2pm

Quiz Night last Tuesday of 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.

### PILTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB

This is a non-Members Club **OPEN TO ALL**

**Grill Night Fridays** 6.30pm-8.30pm

Booking advisable. Vegetarian and Gluten-free options.

Selection of desserts

**Sunday Carvery Lunches**

Main Course and Dessert £12.95, Children £9.95

Served 12.00 noon - 2.30pm

Book now to avoid disappointment

Please contact 890162 or [piltonvh@gmail.com](mailto:piltonvh@gmail.com)

**Burns Night Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January** 7.30pm

Proudly supported by Glastonbury Festival

## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

### January

6<sup>th</sup> Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz,  
The George Inn, Croscombe 8.00pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday bar Village Hall 12noon  
**Every Friday** Coffee morning in the Village Hall - all welcome  
11am - 12.30pm

### DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCHESES 2019

Lunches for 2019 will take place in June and December and will continue to be delicious and good value.

**Dates already published may be subject to change, so please look out for notices in The Roundabout**

Thanks go to everyone who makes these lunches possible. All who cook, wash-up, set up tables, run the bar and carry out all the many other tasks are volunteers and their efforts are much appreciated.

*Claire Chivers*



### A WARNING TO DOG AND CAT OWNERS

**There have been attempts to snatch dogs and pedigree cats in this area. Keep your pets in sight and be vigilant.**

Criminals want your pets for breeding, to sell on, or for fighting.

In the UK, five dogs a day are stolen. The most at risk are high-value dogs, especially if they have unusual colouring. Gun dogs are stolen often for breeding and desirable breeds such as French Bulldogs and Chihuahuas are also especially vulnerable.

### GET YOUR DOG OR CAT MICRO-CHIPPED

If it is stolen, you have a better chance of a return. Ensure that you have photographs of your dogs and cats from different angles - ideal for an effective online media campaign if they are stolen.

If you are offered a dog for sale, question its source and bear in mind that you might be able to reunite a stolen dog with its owner.

*Louise Tully*

## **SMALL ADS**

**Premier Pet Carers.** Registered, insured equestrian and pet services. Dog walking and pet sitting. Rug washing/reproofing/repairs; horsebox hire and poo-picking. [www.premierpetcarers.co.uk](http://www.premierpetcarers.co.uk) or 07709 739508

**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 01749 672832 or 07936583986

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

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

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

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

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

**Pre-loved Warm Coats, plus Jigsaws, For Sale.** Croscombe. Great for those chilly days and long winter nights! Other items available free! For information, call Ann on 07957 608 35 / [www.4sale4free.co.uk](http://www.4sale4free.co.uk)

## **FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – 7.30pm**

**Kilver Court Rejuvenated – Chris Inchley**

Pyllle Village Hall

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

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

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

The business meeting was held first with a discussion regarding our next meeting which would be our party.

The room was laid out with 12 settings which included a mat, acid, a soldering iron and solder. We were introduced to our speaker/teacher, Tracey Quinn, who gave us a brief history of how and why she started out in glass making. There were different packages from which we could choose, at different prices, depending on how skilled we thought we were!

Tracey demonstrated how to make the different glass shapes – stars, Christmas trees, robins – into a tree decoration. The edge of the glass had to be covered in copper foil and neatened, then we moved to the table with the equipment. It is when you come to do this that you realise how ham-fisted you are. You had to drop acid on each corner then solder the corners and attach a hanging wire. Depending on which pack you had chosen depended on how long you took.

It was a most enjoyable evening and everyone who took part went home with their own special decoration.

Our next meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> January and the subject is “Emotional Freedom Technique”.

*G. West*



## **CROSCOMBE W.I.**

The penultimate report for 2018; how frightening is that? Where has the year gone? We must have been so busy it just flew by!

Our November meeting was very enjoyable. Michael Malaghan came to tell us why he became a writer. Boring you might think, but he was a good speaker and made it very interesting. His tale started from his school days, where he realised he actually enjoyed English lessons. He worked for a paper writing short stories, wrote for a children's programme on TV, progressed, so decided to write a book and really enjoyed the research. He actually used events that had happened to him and told it all with jovial anecdotes. Because he is local, his books describe parts of this area including Wells and Glastonbury.

As usual, lots to talk about over tea.

*Lyn Manvill*

## **PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE**

Philip Eavis brought us our annual pre-Christmas treat of a mystery selection of films and recordings. We watched wonderful footage of the Somerset and Dorset railway about times when Evercreech Junction was an important part of the transport system. The 2017 Mummers' play was performed, and filmed, as part of John and Sandra Howe's farewell party; it was good to see them and a taster for the 2019 performance. Then the piece de resistance, us! Ten years ago Philip interviewed Happy Circle members about their time in Pilton. It was a joy to see our younger selves and to remember those who are no longer with us. We are grateful, Philip, that this visual village archive endures.

The members' Christmas lunch was held at the Orchard Inn, Galhampton and they did us proud. Everyone donned paper hats and dined well. Good food, happy chatter and a mince pie, what more could we ask? Members of staff were invited in for a round of applause and the young cook became rather pink; it could have been the heat in the kitchen.

*Liz Elkin*

## **CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Senior Citizens had their Christmas dinner at the Golf Club, in Wells. Twenty three members attended.

There was a lovely atmosphere, beautiful food, the roast potatoes were 'to die for'. Keith said grace and we all tucked in.

After dinner we had a varied raffle, all prizes supplied by members.

Lots of cards were exchanged, Christmas wishes given and we all went away contented.

A thank you to Iris for organising it.

*Lyn Manvill*

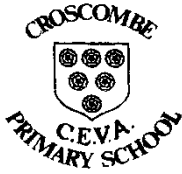
## **THE ARTS SOCIETY, MENDIP**

8<sup>th</sup> January “**Gilded Glories – the fascinating story of gilded decoration**” by Jo Mabbutt.

We meet at the Bath and West Bar & Restaurant, B&W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN at 11.00 am.

Details: [www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk).

Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.



## **CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Our end-of-term activities all went well and we would like to thank everyone: parents, families and friends who supported events and everything in which the children took part last term. We also want to thank

Mrs Greenwell, our Senior Teacher, who has made such a valuable and appreciated contribution to Croscombe School. We wish her well in her new school.

Year 5 children enjoyed the Dance Workshop held at Whitstone School and created a fine dance routine. The Maths Inspire Morning was most successful; at first it seemed very difficult but when the children, and their parents, really tried hard the problems were solved. Children helped their parents to take part using 'Gem Learning Power', the new learning approach we are using to help children develop their skills for learning. 'Sapphire Power' is about maintaining concentration whilst 'Emerald Power' is about being prepared to have a go at something new even when it seems hard or we get it wrong the first time. Perhaps a good New Year Resolution for everyone would be 'Ruby Power: I can make others feel good about their successes; I can empathise.'

We continued to think of others and raised funds for a number of organisations including the Poppy Appeal, Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Abraham's education. There was plenty to celebrate ourselves too: the pantomime 'Snow White' with Stoke School, the Christmas Market at the Village Hall and Breakfast with Santa as well as parties and lots more, of course.

Now we are looking forward to a new term and are planning to continue the Meetings with Parents to talk about developments at school. The meeting in December helped to keep parents informed and to listen to their views. These meetings are in addition to individual discussions with parents about children's progress and there is always information on the School website, [www.croscombeprimary.co.uk](http://www.croscombeprimary.co.uk).

*Steve Heath*, Headteacher

## **THE ARTS SOCIETY, MID SOMERSET**

15<sup>th</sup> January **"Cannibals in Art - Myth and Reality"** by Louise Schofield.

The Arts Society illustrated lecture, 11.00am Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, free parking £6. Information 01963 350132.

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Our opening hours are flexible, because we have different volunteers with different skills on different levels on different days, but we will arrange an appointment to suit both parties as quickly as we can. If you are a beginner getting started or have some experience and need help with something new, please telephone us 01934 741751 as we will need to book an appointment for you. We meet at Cheddar Village Hall next to St Andrew's church, Church Street, Cheddar, BS27 3RF. Appointments are essential and cost £10 for a two-hour session, but please ask if there is more than one of you or you have any other requirements.

Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified :  
01934 741751

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[www.ifortheterrified.co.uk](http://www.ifortheterrified.co.uk)      [ifortheterrified@btconnect.com](mailto:ifortheterrified@btconnect.com)

Cheddar Village Hall, Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3RF

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Or if you have any basic skills to share, please get in touch.



## **GROWING SUPPORT FOR ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE!**

St. Margaret's Hospice was delighted to host a celebration event recently to thank the Somerset gardeners who kindly opened their gardens in 2018 to raise vital funds totalling £16,600 for the hospice. All donations raised from the St. Margaret's Open Garden Season support local patients and families in Somerset and the Sherborne area of Dorset.

St. Margaret's Hospice is very keen to hear from anyone who would like to take part in 2019: garden, allotment, orchard or farm, or volunteer. Other ways to support include: plant sales, serving refreshments at local shows, or a community scarecrow trail..

For more information and an informal chat, please contact Susan on 01935 709182 or email [susan.bickle@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk](mailto:susan.bickle@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk)

## **HOME LIBRARY SERVICE**

The Home Library Service is a free service run in partnership with the Royal Voluntary Service and Somerset's Library Service, available to anyone who cannot easily get to the library (often those who are vulnerable or with disabilities or mobility needs). This is such a great service for people who love to read but can no longer get to the library. 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 by e-mail on [kirsty.jenssen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.jenssen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

## **PILTON COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

A number of villagers have contacted the Parish Council over recent months, concerned that the A361, Neat Lane and B3135 crossroads, at the top of Whitstone Hill, is very dangerous, and asking that we try and improve the situation. In fact, an accident with four vehicles has occurred there in the last few weeks, involving all three emergency services and closing the road for a period.

Avon and Somerset Police have recently inspected the crossroads and approved a monitoring site for Pilton Speedwatch to collect weekly data nearby. Our initial data from our first sessions there, show a large amount of high-end speeding that must be contributing to the frequency of accidents at the junction.

We are hoping that our weekly presence will, over time, reduce the speeding and therefore the frequency of accidents.

*Joe King, Pilton Speedwatch Co-ordinator*

## **Parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder**

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## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

6<sup>th</sup> January Mr A Pugh 11.00am

13<sup>th</sup> January Mr B Speddings 11.00am

20<sup>th</sup> January Rev.C Manley United Covenant Service 11.00am

27<sup>th</sup> January Mrs M Cowell 11.00am

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

at 8.30am daily, on Monday to Saturday

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

at 12.15pm on Thursdays

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

at 9.00am on Wednesdays

## PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

JANUARY 2019

### 6<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany

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

### 13<sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ

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

### 20<sup>th</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

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

### 27<sup>th</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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