

# THE **ROUNDAABOUT** CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"The damsel donned her kirtle sheen:  
The hall was dressed with holly green:  
Forth to the wood did merry-men go,  
To gather in the mistletoe.*

*The fire with well-dried logs supplied,  
Went roaring up the chimney wide,  
The huge hall-table's oaken face,  
Scrubbed till it shone, the day to grace".*

*Sir Walter Scott*



**DECEMBER 2013**

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

*All phone codes 01749 unless specified*

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**JANUARY ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS  
MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013, 9.00am**

**THE UNBELIEVABLE TRUTH**

I enjoy listening to the radio when I'm travelling around the archdeaconry. On Sunday mornings as I drive home from parishes, I usually turn to Radio 4 to enjoy *Just a Minute*, *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue* or one of the other comedy shows that form the staple diet of this pre-prandial broadcasting slot.

In recent years a new programme has appeared, *The Unbelievable Truth*. Panel members give a short lecture on a given topic and the aim is to 'smuggle truths' past fellow panellists, who in turn have to 'spot' truth-telling from falsehood. The mini lecture can be very amusing but, apart from five 'truths', is entire fabrication.

How good are we at truth-telling? Would you dare tell someone you love that their hair looks awful or give an honest answer to the question most husbands dread, 'Does my bum look big in this?'

More seriously, are we tempted to collude when others hide from the painful truth that the one they love is terminally ill? When we've been hurt deeply by someone we love, do we say we're fine, or tell them the truth?

### **What is truth?**

- John tells us in his Gospel that Jesus is the **true** light (1:9).
- He came from the Father, **full of grace and truth** (1:13).
- Later he records the words of Jesus himself, 'I am the Way, the **Truth** and the Life' (14:6).
- and 'For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. **Everyone on the side of truth listens to me**' (18:37).

In Jesus Christ, God's truth is embodied and personified. Jesus makes real for us the truth of God's love and commitment to everyone. His whole life was lived seeking to reveal God's love for us and for all people.

As the season of Advent begins, I'm challenged by Jesus who is the Truth to live truthfully. I reckon myself to be on the side of truth so I resolve to live with utter integrity. I want to avoid telling the bald truth without love and I want never to manipulate the truth by exaggeration or telling only that part of a story that reflects well on me. As Jesus came into the world to testify to the truth, I too want to commit myself in all that I am to living a life which speaks of God's love in Christ for me. And to that end I pray the Spirit will fill me with the same grace and truth Jesus showed to all he met.

And as we naturally begin to turn our eyes to our celebrations of Christ's first coming, I'm humbled and in awe again of the truth that in this baby, the truth of who God is was truly revealed.

Unbelievable? It's the truth.

*Archdeacon Andy Piggott*

### **PRAYER FOCUS**

We thank God for all the happiness and celebrations of Christmas but we remember that for many it will be a difficult time. We keep them in our

thoughts and pray that we may find times to offer practical help and support to those in need. We give thanks for the particular relief work of Crisis at Christmas and other organisations involved in similar work.

## BIBLE READINGS

|                           |                 |                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December  | Isaiah 2: 1-5   | Matthew 24: 36-44 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | Isaiah 11: 1-10 | Matthew 3: 1-12   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December | Isaiah 35: 1-10 | Matthew 11: 2-11  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> December | Isaiah 7: 10-16 | Matthew 1: 18-end |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> December | Isaiah 52: 7-10 | John 1: 1-14      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> December | Isaiah 9: 2-7   | Luke 2: 1-14      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> December | Isaiah 63: 7-9  | Matthew 2: 13-end |

**UNITED ADVENT**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at**  
Everyone from our four  
The service of



**SERVICE at DINDER**  
**11.00am**  
parishes will be very welcome.

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
will be suitable for all ages  
and will include familiar Advent hymns  
and lighting the first candle on the Advent wreath.  
After the service tea, coffee etc. will be served.

Children of all ages, their families  
and everyone else are invited to  
a **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**  
on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
in **Pilton Parish Church at 3.00pm**



or  
in **Dinder Church at 5.00pm**  
Helping to make the Christingles is fun and tasty  
and the lighted ones look lovely,  
however young or old you are.  
Supporting the work of the Children's Society.



## CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

Celebrations for Christmas will soon be well underway. In our churches there will be special services of various kinds. Do join in either in your local church, or in another where you will also be made welcome.

On **Advent Sunday**, 1<sup>st</sup> December, at 11.00am there will be one service for our four parish churches. It will be a service of Holy Communion with Advent hymns, suitable for all ages.

At this time of year we have **Christingle Services**. In our churches they will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm in Pilton Parish Church and at 5.00pm in Dinder Church. Everyone makes their own Christingles with oranges, sweets and candles. We light the candles and sing a 'Away in a Manger' – it is simple and beautiful. The collection is given to The Children's Society to support their work with children and families in this country.

In our churches there will be opportunities to **decorate the Christmas trees** – children and adults can make simple decorations for the trees. This will be in North Wootton at 4.00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, in Crocombe and in Dinder at 10.30am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, and in Pilton at 11.00am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

The churches are open during the day and are a good place to **take a break** from the rush and to gather your thoughts, pray and remember what it's really about.

All our parishes have a **Carol Service** and they are all suitable for children and adults. There will be plenty of familiar carols at Crocombe on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4.00pm, North Wootton at 6.00pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and at Dinder on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm. In Pilton this is, as usual, a combined service at the Methodist Church with hand-bells rung from 5.30pm and the service beginning at 6.00pm.

There will be a **Midnight Communion** at Pilton Parish Church on **Christmas Eve** beginning at 11.30pm.

On **Christmas Morning** we have a Family Communion Service in all our parish churches. This is a celebration for all ages: in Dinder at 9.30am and in Pilton, Crocombe and North Wootton at 11.00am.

On the Sunday after Christmas there will be services of Holy Communion in Dinder at 9.30am and in North Wootton at 11.00am.

You will be welcome at a Christmas service whether you go regularly to church, occasionally, or never before. Just come and join us.

If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive communion at home, please let us know. You can do this by contacting one of the Churchwardens (telephone numbers inside the back cover) or our curate Elaine Brightwell (07986 639230) or our Reader Susan Green (890524).

### **ABOUT PEOPLE**

We are glad to welcome new people to our villages. We hope that you settle happily and we look forward to seeing 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.

### **Baptism**

**Hywel Stanley Rice** was baptised in the Family Service at Pilton Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **Funeral**

Family and friends gathered at St Mary's Church, Croscombe on 8<sup>th</sup> November at the funeral service of **Shirley Margaret Blackett**.

We send our loving sympathy to all those who have lost someone they love.

**Congratulations to Michael Sackett**, from Croscombe, who was presented with a British Empire Medal for services to Mendip Citizens Advice Bureau. Michael has been a volunteer with CAB for 23 years.



**The Roundabout Team** would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2014.

**Please note:**

**Early deadline for Roundabout on 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am**

### **YOS Christmas Party**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – See Becky Gilbert or Sandra Kirkham for details.

### **PRAYER AND A PINT**

**10<sup>th</sup> December at The Crossways , North Wootton at 8.00pm**

For more details, contact Rob Davey (899206) or Lucy Stankiewicz (890036)

### **SERVICES for 5<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany**

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

### **THANKS**

The family of the late **Jeff Williams** are very grateful for all the donations received to the work of the Hearing Loss Society and the British Heart Foundation.

**Poppy Appeal – Croscombe, Dinder and Dulcote**

The Poppy Appeal in Croscombe, Dinder and Dulcote this year raised almost £800. Thank you, as ever, to the volunteer collectors and to those of you who gave so generously to this vital cause which enables the RBL to continue its important welfare work.

*Jenny Mitchell* Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

### **Thank you**

Sheelagh, Rodney, Jennie, Stanley, Bev and Al would like to thank all those involved in making the John Allen Memorial Pool weekend such a wonderful event. Special thanks go to Rich and Tracey for all their hard work in organising the competition and to Rob Sheppard who won it and put his prize money in the pot! Also to Ann Cooper for all she did to make the weekend run so smoothly. A huge thank you to those who gave prizes for the raffle and to those who dug deep in their pockets to buy tickets. A grand total of £1011.62 was raised for Dorset and Somerset Air ambulance and we look forward to doing it all again next year, same time, same place.

**“Made in Pilton”** Thank you so much to everyone who supported the “Made in Pilton” evening and our stall at the Art Exhibition. As a result we have been able to add to the £256 raised by the stall at Pilton Show to reach a magnificent total of just over £400 towards village funds. The most recent money collected will go into next year’s Pilton Show account.

*Sandra Howe*

### **Thank You**

Our special thanks to Dick Acworth for beginning our Wedding Day with a lovely Church Service, to Keith Armstrong for playing the organ, to the bellringers, and to the ladies who decorated the windows beautifully. It was all very much appreciated.

*Hayley and David Hughes*

**Thanks to Croscombe Village Hall Committee** for their generous donation to Roundabout Magazine. It is very welcome.

*Roundabout Team*

## **PILTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

**Pilton Parish Councillors wish all residents a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!**

A Parish Council ‘litter pick’ has just been arranged for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in the Hall car park to collect tabards and litter picks. Join us for soup in the Hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

We seem to be having very strong winds at the moment and so there is a potentially dangerous problem with overhanging tree branches. Please could

parishioners be pro-active and check their boundaries and, if necessary, deal with this?

Highways are not responsible for clearing vegetation from finger posts. So, if the posts are in your hedge or boundary then it is your responsibility to make sure that they can be easily read.

We are arranging a Highway Walkabout in February with Somerset Highways so could you report any problems to the Parish Clerk - Jean Warry- to me or to any other Councillor. Problems need to reach us in good time to plan an itinerary for that day.

The next Council meeting is at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Sandra Howe*

## **CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

The Parish Council will decide on the need for a **Neighbourhood Development Plan** at our December meeting and we welcome your views on this long term project.

Please contact any councillor if you are interested in becoming a member of the **Speed Watch group** which will use the hand-held speed camera to 'clock' the speed of cars in our village at random times and days convenient to the group. To date, there has been little interest. If that continues to be the case by the time we meet in December then we will cancel the group.

Recently Highways have been around the village, clearing drains and spraying weeds where they can. However, parked cars have prohibited this in places, so if you see rampant growth and/or blocked drains then please inform us. All grit bins should be full by now but please do not use their contents for domestic purposes; the grit is essential for safe passage on our minor roads.

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm on December 11<sup>th</sup> in the Church Room. All welcome.

**We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year.**

*Hilary Shergold*

### **ACTION A371**

The committee of Action 371 recommends to all those who have contributed to the work of the organisation that it be wound up, now that Croscombe Parish Council have taken over the responsibility for monitoring speeding, state of the roads, damage to bridges and buildings etc. There is still £100 in the account, which the committee proposes to hand over to the OAP's and Children's fund, unless anyone has an objection. Please contact me, on 342695, if you have any other recommendations for use of the fund.

I would like to thank all those who gave their time carrying out the traffic surveys and participating in other activities over the years from 1998-2010.

We could not have achieved the success we have had without your commitment.

*Jo Sackett, Chairman.*



## **CROSCOMBE VILLAGE STORES**

**Christmas Turkeys  
and all the trimmings**

A One-Stop Shop to cater for Christmas

**Look out for our Order Forms**

Also

**Quality Fresh Meat and Poultry – Fresh Fish Friday**

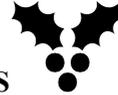
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## **CHRISTMAS SALE with a difference!**

In aid of ‘Make a Wish’

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00am – 8.00pm, at Southmill House, Dulcote, Wells, BA5 3NU

**All your shopping under one roof!** All being sold at cost!

Scarves, Jewellery, Suede Handbags, Neal’s Yard.

Children’s books, toys & games and more ...

Hope you can pop in for a coffee or a glass of wine.

Jane Bennett, 01749 677819

## **PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Eddie Upton will be talking about and singing Somerset folk songs at the Village Hall 7.30pm.

All welcome Members £1 Visitors £2 Festive refreshments will be provided.

*Richard Raynsford*

## **GLOBE CARNIVAL CLUB**

Grand Christmas Bingo

## **CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Jackpot House £100

Doors open 7.00pm – Eyes down at 8.00pm  
First class prizes donated by local businesses and  
supporters of Globe Carnival Club  
Contact Wendy on 01749 675877

**Croscombe OAP and Children's Fund  
Children's Christmas Party  
Croscombe Village Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December,  
2:00pm - 4:00pm.**



If you are a Croscombe parent with a child 0 - 12 years old then you and your children are more than welcome. (Parents will need to stay with their children at the party.)

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Sonia Fowler, (342012).



**Croscombe OAP and Children's Fund OAPs'  
Christmas Dinner  
Croscombe Village Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December,  
7:00pm arrival, sit down for 7:30pm**

If you are a Croscombe OAP resident (60 for a lady, 65 for a man) then you and your partner are welcome.

Please contact Alison Hodges (345322), Nick Fowler (342012) or Martin Willmott (343126) to confirm your seat this year.

**MADE IN PILTON 2014 calendars** of local scenes will make good Christmas presents: these will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre and Soup Lunch on 7<sup>th</sup> December, as well as from Pilton Post Office or directly from Jenny on 01749 890465. Reasonably priced, A4 size is £6, and desk size £5: all proceeds towards Pilton Show and next year's Grants fund.



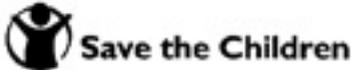
**GABRIEL'S COMMUNITY ORCHARD, PILTON**

This year's apple crop has been very rewarding and with the help of some willing volunteers, we have produced about three hundred and fifty bottles of apple juice. So please make a note that the new season's juice is available at £2.30 a bottle (there is a discount for those who have helped in the orchard or with the juice production this year). Don't forget to stock up for

Christmas. Contact Christine Davies (890009) or Joe King (890357).

### **PILTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

We have several allotment plots vacant, full and half-size, available for group or individual use. Anyone in the local area who is interested will be considered. More information from Freda – 01749 890345.



### **PILTON “SAVE the CHILDREN” GROUP**

As our minds have been focussed on the happenings in Syria and the Philippines recently, Pilton Save the Children group have decided to organise a musical evening in the Town Hall in Wells on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January.

We are presently seeking sponsorship of the event so that all ticket money will be sent to help the humanitarian work being carried out in Syria by Save the Children.

Tickets are £10 each and can be obtained by phoning 890 387.

More details will be in next month's Roundabout. *Lysbeth Ballantine*

**ABBEYFIELD** - independent living for the elderly in a caring sheltered house in Wells. Please call about our current vacancies.

Tel: 01749 679049 or e mail [Abbeyfield-Wells@abbeyfield.com](mailto:Abbeyfield-Wells@abbeyfield.com)

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

#### **The Crown Inn, Pilton**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Curry Night £12

**Quiz Night Every Tuesday** including Christmas Eve  
and New Year's Eve

**Every Sunday** probably the best Pub Roast ever!  
for just £7.00

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Draw Night

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from Allen, Rosemary and Richard

## The George Inn, Croscombe

**Every Wednesday:** Welcome for a free coffee and chat 10am-11:30am

**Every Wednesday** is Steak Night: 2 steaks for £22.95

**Every Friday** is Wood-fired Pizza Night from 6pm-9pm

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** 8pm Cricket Club Quiz

## Pilton Working Men's Club

**Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Christmas Whist Drive – 7.00 for 7.45pm  
in aid of William Budd Ward, RUH

**Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Carvery Lunch from 12noon

**Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Children's Christmas Party 2.30 – 5.00pm

**Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>** – An Evening with Rodney Allen Guitar/Vocal  
8.30pm Free Entry

**Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Carvery Lunch from 12noon

**Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Sladest 8.00pm,

Tickets £7.50 from Ron England 07592805693 or [andyriilo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andyriilo@yahoo.co.uk)

**Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup>** – The Rockin 60s 8.00pm

Tickets £7.50 available from Ron England 07592805693 or PWMC 890162

Please book early for Carvery Lunches to avoid disappointment.

Further details about events, please contact Ann (Evenings 890162)

## SMALL ADS

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

**Garden Maintenance** – call Dave Williams on 01749 345446

**Domestic Electrician** – Fully Qualified. Rewires. Extra sockets or lighting alterations. Fault finding. Advice given. Quotations: Ian Lester on 01749 890769.

**Costume Hire:** Reasonable rates. Contact Lesley Roach on 01749 670018.

**Chiropodist/Podiatrist:** Caroline Pembro BSc(Hons) Podiatry, MCHs, HPC Registered. Home visiting. 20 years' experience. Call 0800 6124871.

**Wanted: Old Petrol Lawnmowers or garden machinery:** Jim Talbot on 07779498812

**Home Service:** Windows Cleaned (regular or one-off), gutters cleared, paths cleaned, gardens tidied. Please ring Graham on 07966428415.

**Flute and Music Theory Tuition.** Ring Elizabeth Cobb, BA (Hons) on 01749 345088 or email [ejcobb@btinternet.com](mailto:ejcobb@btinternet.com)

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

**Julie Bryant, Mobile Hairdressing** in the comfort of your home or mine. Fully qualified and experienced. Please call 07773 421737 or 01749 674792.

**Holiday let**, Stallance, West Looe, Cornwall. ¾ bedrooms, 3 baths, 100m from the sea with fantastic views to Looe Island. Ample car parking. Contact Michael Gilliat, The George Inn, tel 342306 [www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk)

**Small Business Office Support:** General Office and Admin duties – Sage, Quick Books, VAT, CIS, Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher. One-off or regular support. Call Trisha Sawyers at Stable Computers on 01963 441229.

**Social Ballroom Dancing** for couples and Ladies Latin & Disco in Line Class at Croscombe Village Hall, starting Monday September 9th . Tel Julie 07855827464. Check website [www.pjsdanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.pjsdanceacademy.co.uk) for full details.

**Flute/Bassoon/Theory.** Beginners-Advanced. Ring Janet (FTCL, ARCM, exBBC) on 01749 890646 or email [janetwhitteridge@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janetwhitteridge@tiscali.co.uk) (enhanced CRB).

**Mobile Hairdresser:** hassle-free hairdressing in the comfort of your own home, [Sophie.Smallwood@yahoo.com](mailto:Sophie.Smallwood@yahoo.com) or 07748338745

**Monkey Puzzle Soft Play:** Soft play sessions at Croscombe Village Hall, 1-3pm every Thursday up to and including December 12. Contact Liz on 07956 536242 or visit [www.monkeypuzzlesoftplay.co.uk](http://www.monkeypuzzlesoftplay.co.uk) for more information. Party hire also available

**Christmas Trees** (Nordman's non-drop) Norway Spruce and Holly Wreaths on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2, Abbots Way, Pilton – 01749 890952

**For sale:** 3-2-1 sofa suite in beige Italian leather. Used for only 2 years. £1100 (value new approx double) call 01749 890875

**Carpentry and Joinery** [www.oakleafjoinery.co.uk](http://www.oakleafjoinery.co.uk) – free-standing and fitted kitchens, windows, staircases, doors, floors, 01458 443759 or 07796534843

**Domestic Help available.** References provided. Call Heather on 01458 837809

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### December

|   |   |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pilton History Group, Somerset Folk Songs, Village Hall     | 7.30pm  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall                        | 7.30pm  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Pilton Churches Together Christmas Fayre and Soup Lunch     | 12 – 2.00pm   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> Exotic gifts – Manor House, West Compton    | 2 - 5.00pm  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Christingle Service, Parish Church                          | 3.00pm  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle Christmas Lunch                               |   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Library   | West Compton House 9.20am<br>Top Street Car Park 9.35am |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Party PwMC                            | 2.30-5.00pm   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> Exotic Gifts – Manor House West Compton   | 2.00- 5.00pm  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Village Carol Service, The Chapel (hand-bells from 5.30pm) | 6.00pm  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle Christmas Tea, PwMC                           | 2.00pm  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Exotic Gifts – Manor House, West Compton                   | 2.00 – 5.00pm   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Decorate the Christmas Tree, Parish Church                 | 11.00am   |



## Churches Together in Pilton

will be holding their annual  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE and SOUP LUNCH**  
in Pilton Village Hall  
on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December: 12noon – 2.00pm

There will be a variety of stalls and a raffle.

We would be grateful for donations of  
Cakes, plants, bring and buy from 11.00am.

Please come along and  
enjoy a delicious soup lunch, mince pies, cake, tea and coffee.



**Calling all Children and Grandchildren of Pilton** (up to 11 years ) Christmas Party at the Working Men's Club, Pilton.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30 to 5.00 pm

Phone Eileen on 890436 to confirm you'll be joining the fun.

Don't forget to bring a pre-wrapped present for Father Christmas to

give your little one.

*Lynda*

*Roberts*

## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

### December

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|------------------|--|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Cricket Club Quiz Night, The George Inn, Croscombe   | 8.00pm       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Finance, Full Council Coxley Hall  | 6.30pm       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Dinder Village Hall Christmas Lunch (Pre-booked)   |              |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Book club 7.30 pm 'Northanger Abbey' by Jane Austen.<br>Ring Mary on 672558 for further details. | 7.30pm       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Planning Committee, Easton Church Rooms  | 7.00pm       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Village Hall Bar, with a festive flavour this month.   | 12.00-2.30pm |

And there may be a very special visitor for the children!

### January

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Cricket Club Quiz Night, The George Inn, Croscombe | 8.00pm |
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## DINDER AND DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

December is a busy month for Dinder & Dulcote, we hope to see you at some point!

- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – YOS Christmas Party** – See Becky Gilbert or Sandra Kirkham for details.

- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Christingle Service** - 5pm in the church – Come and make your own Christingle and light up a dark evening.
- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Club** – 10.30am in the Village Hall – this will be a rehearsal for the Christmas Eve blessing of the crib service.
- **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Decorating the church for Christmas** – 10.30am-12.00 noon in the church. Come and help decorate the church and the crib.
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of the Crib Service** – 4pm in the church. A traditional service of carols, readings and the Nativity. Children are welcome to come as shepherds or angels and join the Nativity. This is a very popular service so arrive in plenty of time!

For further information please contact Becky Gilbert 676739.

### CHRISTMAS DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCH



By now you probably will have booked for the Christmas Dinder Village Hall Lunch on 6<sup>th</sup> December. If not, please ring either :

Margaret Bancroft (674943) or Liz Hoare (670477) for full details.

Here are the **lunch dates for 2014** (All Fridays) February 21<sup>st</sup> / April

18<sup>th</sup> /

June 27<sup>th</sup> / September 26<sup>th</sup> / December 5<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Lunch).

May we send you all our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

### WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

#### December

|                  |   |                     |
|------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Dinder & Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night. The George. | 8.00pm              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Senior Citizens' Club Christmas Lunch. The Swan, Wells  | 12.30 for 1.00pm    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Christmas Fair. Croscombe School.                       | 2.00pm – 4.00pm     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Globe Carnival Club Grand Christmas Bingo. Village Hall | 7.00pm              |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | W.I. Christmas Lunch. Beah, Wells                       | 12.00 for 12.30pm   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Mobile Library  |                     |
|                  | The George Inn  | 9.15am - 9.25am     |
|                  | Honeymead   | 10.55am - 11.05am   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council Meeting. Church Room                     | 7.30pm              |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Moviola Film Night. Village Hall                        | 7.00pm for 7.30pm   |
|                  | “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes”                              |                     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Charter Market. Village Hall                  | 10.00am – 12.00noon |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | OAP & Children's Fund. Children's Party. Village Hall   | 2.00pm - 4.00pm     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | OAP & Children's Fund. OAPs' Christmas Dinner           |                     |
|                  | Village Hall  | 7.00 for 7.30pm     |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Sunday Club. Meet in Church to decorate the tree        | 10.30am             |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Carol Service. St. Mary's Church.                       | 4.00pm              |

#### January 2014

5<sup>th</sup> Dinder & Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night. The George 8.00pm

**CROSCOMBE SUNDAY CLUB** is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, meeting in the Church at 10.30am, to **decorate the Christmas Tree.**

All children from birth to 11years are welcome, but children under 3years old will need to be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Sandra (342221) or Bobbie (938148).



**Croscombe Church of England Primary School  
Christmas Market,  
on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (2-4pm)...**

The Christmas Market is held in school and has a variety of stalls to browse. It is a lovely festive event and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

### **DINDER AND CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB**

Our next popular Quiz Night will be held at the George Inn, Croscombe, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8.00pm Teams of up to 4; £2.00 per person

*Roy Thorne Hon Sec*



### **CROSCOMBE CHARTER CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Our Christmas market will be held on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 12noon in Croscombe Village Hall. Come along and sample our fayre, meet Father Christmas and buy your Christmas gifts.

We will have a wonderful selection of decorations, cards, cakes, plants, conserves, wines and stuffings together with all those special gifts just waiting for you to come

along and buy. Bring the family for mulled wine, coffee and mince pie and enjoy the festive atmosphere. *Christine Walker*

### **MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall,**

**‘Gentleman prefer Blondes’ Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December**

The original 1953 musical comedy hit starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell as the two lounge singers on a transatlantic cruise. Just the film to brighten a winter’s evening!

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

Doors open at 7.00pm

Licensed Bar - mulled wine and mince pies

Programme commences at 7.30pm.

*Christine Walker, Michael Hay*

**CROSCOMBE SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed everybody. During the year 2012/13 the Society's activities were well attended. There was a film made by members of the Society, Jo Sackett and Keith Armstrong: "A Walk Through Croscombe". A further local contribution, by Jim & Jill Marten-Smith, showed us magic lantern slides of a 19<sup>th</sup> century view of astronomy. It was accompanied by a very popular and entertaining journey through the wines of the southern regions of France by guest speaker, Mr Hugh Pountney. In May, the Annual Somerset Evening was very well attended and, from all accounts, there was a thoroughly good Singalong, with musical entertainment provided by The Willbees. The presentation and care of the village archives and village marker stones have been discussed and we contributed to the funds aimed at the maintenance and care of the church clock and the parish church roof.

Village items we are proud to be associated with are the restoration of the 5 village water-tap stones, the repair of walls of the historic Pound at the top of Rock Street, caring for Griffins Green and flying the flag on appropriate dates. As you probably know it is our Silver Foundation anniversary next year. We could well consider celebrating it appropriately in the forthcoming summer. Should anybody have any thoughts for these events I would welcome all suggestions.

*Imelda North* Hon. Secretary

### **CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS**

October...another delicious salad lunch (in my next life I'm definitely coming back as a rabbit) followed by home-made apple pies and cream put us in a rosy mood for the A.G.M.

Lots of committee changes to report. After years of service, Marie is retiring, while John Vosper and Terry are no longer Chairman and Treasurer respectively. Tributes were paid to all three of them, with an especially warm one for John from Terry which spoke for all of us. At the same time, we are very happy to welcome Dinah Griffin and John Taylor as committee members, and thank them for volunteering.

There was prolonged chuntering over Terry's financial report, the upshot of which was that, by a show of hands, our membership fees are to go up next year to £8, and the cost of an outing to £5...still remarkable value.

Keith entertained us only briefly with more tales out of school, before it was time for some of us to go back into the kitchen to make tea, Marie for the last time ever. We are going to miss her spotless dishcloths and teatowels and gentle presence.

*Barbara Lippett*



### **W.I. in PILTON**

Just a reminder that the Christmas Party planned for Monday 9th December will be held in the Winding Lake Room at 7 pm in the Pilton Village Hall.

Please let one of the following know if you are hoping to come along. All will

be very welcome: Ruth. 890607. Margaret. 890504. Rita. 890348

## **CROSCOMBE WI**

Our October meeting was held on a bright sunny day on the third Tuesday afternoon, as usual. Many members attended and business was covered at the start, including correspondence, finance and, of course, Christmas Dinner. Yes, it is that time again already!

After this, we had our speaker, Mr. Ben Gait, who is a Chiropractor. He gave us a very informative talk on his subject. We did gentle exercise, amongst the laughter, talked about our aches and pains, which he understood and discussed in great detail. He checked our posture and mentioned where we could be going wrong. The afternoon flew by as we were all so engrossed with his analysis. A bright young man with lots of useful information.

Even gentle exercise can be thirsty work so the cup of tea, to finish the afternoon was very much appreciated.

*Lyn Manvill*

## **HUGE SUCCESS FOR FESTIVAL RUN!**

Around 250 runners of all ages experienced a very different Glastonbury Festival site when they took to the tracks of Worthy Farm at The Festival Run on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Michael Eavis sounded the klaxon to start the races at this iconic event and afterwards awarded prizes (a silver model running shoe) in the Sports Pavilion to the winners.

There was a wonderful community atmosphere as people of all abilities ploughed through the famous Glastonbury mud running, walking or even pushing buggies.

Support from main sponsor Care UK, Shepton Mallet NHS Treatment Centre and from other local businesses and individuals meant that all entry money went to the chosen charity, Children's Hospice South West (about £1500).

**The organizers said** "We were impressed by the splendid turn-out for the first organized Run around the Festival site, which is great for off-road track running. No wonder the mainly local runners finished as enthusiastically as they started – if a little tired and muddy – before they tucked into home-made cakes. A very big thank you to all the many people who made this possible - Michael Eavis, Robert Kearle, Simon Dallyn, stewards, sponsors, course arrangers, cooks and equipment providers. Pictures are on the village website. We are considering whether to repeat the Run next year. Feedback to the website - [www.piltonvillage.com](http://www.piltonvillage.com) - would be helpful."

*Organizing Group – Christopher Bond, Julia Dukes. Chris King, Mike Mayhew, Richard Raynsford and Julie Patterson (Children's Hospice South West).*



### **BITS FROM THE BELFRY**

Nothing to report from the local belfries but at St Peter and St Paul Church, Kilmersdon, in the Frome Branch, there was some excitement during a practice session on 5<sup>th</sup> November. The 5<sup>th</sup> bell, which is one of a ring of six in the 600 year old bell tower, was knocked down by the tenor bell which had come adrift. The 5<sup>th</sup> then fell two floors to become wedged in the bell trap. The bell ringers fortunately were not seriously injured although one person did fall on the stairs when leaving the ringing chamber! The tenor bell weighs 21cwt and if that had fallen it could have been a far worse scenario. Significant damage was caused but it is hoped that all will be repaired quite quickly.

*Jean Skidmore*

### **PILTON VILLAGE TRUST**

The first AGM of the Trust was held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The main function of the Trust is to look after the Village Hall and the Working Mens' Club, maintaining the building and encouraging its use as a social resource for the village. The chairman, Colin Elkin, reported on the year. The Trustees had focused on five areas: dealing with the 'nuts and bolts' issues of setting up the new charity and the merger of the Village Hall and PWMC; maintaining and improving the facilities; ensuring that an income was generated to implement the charity's objectives; sustaining and supporting the social activities programme; and improved marketing. A company Limited by Guarantee was set up to enable commercial trading and to provide a number of social activities; the main kitchen was upgraded and a new PA system was installed as part of the programme of improvements. The accounts were adopted. There were 8 Trustee nominations and as the constitution allows 7-12, all were adopted. A subsequent meeting of the Trustees confirmed positions on the Trust of the Trustees. The Trustees are: Colin Elkin (Chair), John Boyce (Vice Chair), Marilyn Johnson (Secretary), Pete Cheetham, Neil Ollis, Michael Eavis, Phil Rice, Kevin Maundrill.

*Marilyn Johnson*

### **PILTON CLUB**

"£4, only £4, sometimes £3 and even free??" This was the incredulous response of our guests as they experienced and thoroughly enjoyed Saturday night music, and "What a fantastic bar and atmosphere" they added, "I loved the dancing". This last month's programme has seen bands creating a tremendous atmosphere with their music. 76% of the audience were on the

floor dancing to the beat, grinning from ear to ear, as Dale Fender and his band played many favourites – from Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley to Rod Stewart and Status Quo. The Flatland Boogie band had the toes tapping, and the bodies jiggling, as they gave lively and heartfelt renditions of rock ‘n’ roll, rhythm & blues and soul classics. The Sterioronics, a tribute band for the Stereophonics, entertained superbly. Spencer delivered the unique grit and rocky vocal tones of Kelly Jones – he could have been there!

Bring the extended family and have a party at the Club on Saturday night with your friends. It’s a great place to meet, enjoy the music and have a laugh together and with good value drinks. There are some great nights in store for December.

*Marilyn Johnson*

### **Exotic Gifts from Around the World**

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Kashmiri painted boxes, cushions, table lamps, tribal jewellery, scarves,  
block print bedspreads, throws, carpets, rugs and lots more!*

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 – 5.00pm**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 – 5.00pm**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2.00 – 5.00pm**

01749 890582 [www.sandysorientalcarpest.co.uk](http://www.sandysorientalcarpest.co.uk)

Percentage of proceeds to Shepton Mallet Community Hospital

**The Mid-Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society** illustrated lectures at Caryford Hall in Castle Cary BA7 7JJ, Tuesdays at 11.00am, free parking. £6. All welcome. 10<sup>th</sup> December, “Jewellery of the Renaissance”. For further information contact 01963 350 527. William Salmon.

**Mendip DFAS** meetings are held in the Westex Suite at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet, at 10:30am for 11:00am. 3<sup>rd</sup> December: “Meet Me at the Waldorf: the extraordinary story of two iconic hotels built on Astor feuds, fortunes and art patronage” by Ms. Mary Alexander BA (Hons ), MA. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Tony Lane in advance (670652).

**I.T. for the Terrified** – for all your computer training needs.

Run by a Committee – Staffed by Volunteers (01934.741751)

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We will be **closed for our Christmas break** from 14<sup>th</sup> December to 6<sup>th</sup> January, and will reopen on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

The following week we will hold two **Open House** sessions, where you can drop in and find out more about us, chat to trainers and/or book up if you wish. These will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1.30-3.30pm and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am-12noon. Free entry.

We also run a **Computer Club** on **Thursday afternoons** at 1.30-3.30pm – short tutor-led group tuition, followed by Question Time and then the all-important coffee and biscuits!

Contact us on 01934741751 (we check the answer phone regularly, so leave a message and we will return your call)

or email [itfortheterrified@btconnect.com](mailto:itfortheterrified@btconnect.com)

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**PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**1<sup>st</sup> December Rob Haskins 11.00am8<sup>th</sup> December Charles Donkin 11.00am15<sup>th</sup> December United Village Carol Service 6.00pm22<sup>n</sup> December Rev. Nick Lakin – Holy Communion 11.00am29<sup>th</sup> December Helen Wade 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

**PARISH CHURCH SERVICES**

**DECEMBER 2013**



|                                 |   |               |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>  | <b>Advent Sunday</b>                    |               |
| 11.00am                         | Holy Communion                          | Dinder        |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | <b>Advent 2</b>                         |               |
| 9.30am                          | Holy Communion                          | Pilton        |
| 11.00am                         | Holy Communion                          | Croscombe     |
| 11.00am                         | Morning Service                         | North Wootton |
| 3.00pm                          | Christingle Service                     | Pilton        |
| 5.00pm                          | Christingle Service                     | Dinder        |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>Advent 3</b>                         |               |
| 9.30am                          | Holy Communion                          | North Wootton |
| 11.00am                         | Morning Service                         | Croscombe     |
| 11.00am                         | Holy Communion                          | Dinder        |
| 6.00pm                          | Village Carol Service, Methodist Chapel | Pilton        |
| 6.30pm                          | Holy Communion                          | Croscombe     |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> | <b>Advent 4</b>                         |               |
| 4.00pm                          | Carol Service                           | Croscombe     |
| 6.00pm                          | Carol Service                           | North Wootton |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>Christmas Eve</b>                    |               |
| 4.00pm                          | Carol Service                           | Dinder        |
| 11.30pm                         | Holy Communion                          | Pilton        |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>Christmas Day</b>                    |               |
| 9.30am                          | Family Communion                        | Dinder        |
| 11.00am                         | Family Communion                        | Pilton        |
| 11.00am                         | Family Communion                        | Croscombe     |

|                                 |                    |               |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 11.00am                         | Family Communion   | North Wootton |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>Christmas 1</b> |               |
| 9.30am                          | Holy Communion     | Dinder        |
| 11.00am                         | Holy Communion     | North Wootton |