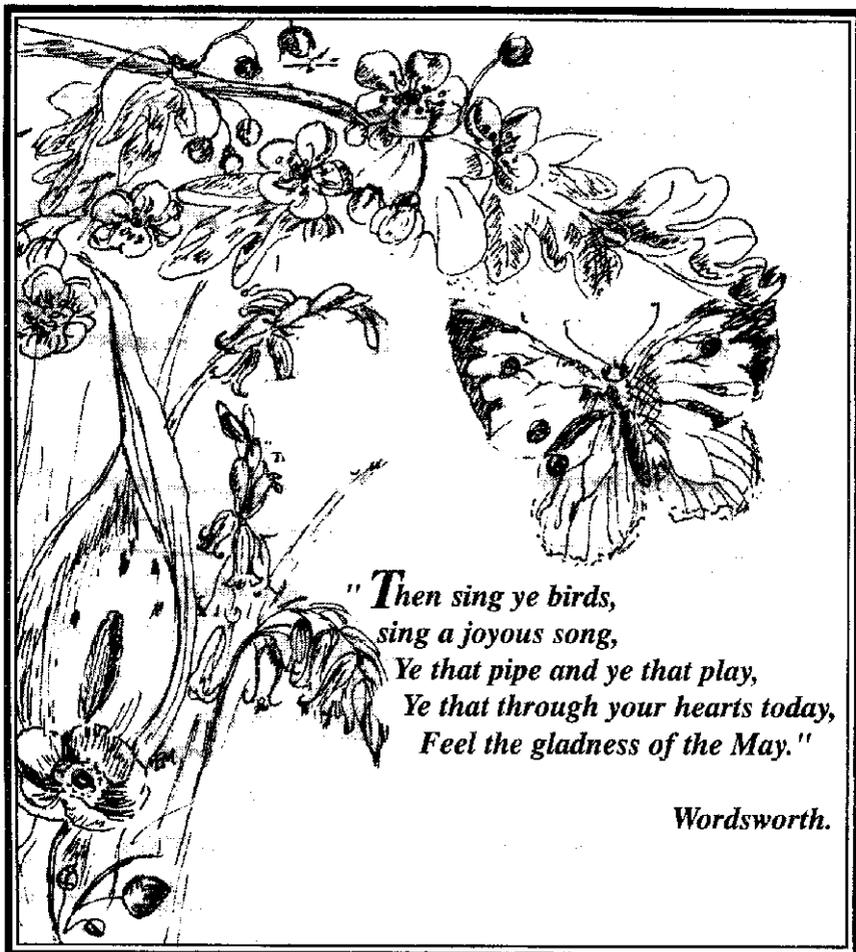


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DINDER**

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## RECTOR'S RAMBLES

We are living in such surreal times, with so many different emotions around us. Some will be enjoying the enforced time out, others struggling with the overwhelming feeling of isolation, some will be struggling to home-school their children; our key workers are working harder than ever, and most of us are missing human contact and longing for that hug. Those of us at home continue to dig, plant, sew, teach, bake, eat, walk, work, cycle, do puzzles.... doing whatever we need to get through this time.

One day this will end. It may be a while in the future but we will be able to look back at this period. I heard someone say we are living the history book of the future. I wonder what they will say, and who will star in the film they are bound to make, hopefully it will be about someone who discovers a vaccine.

I know I am looking forward to the day we can fling open the church doors again, but at the moment it is quite difficult to look that far ahead as we go through the day-to-day experience.

Hopefully we will remember the strength of our community, the way people pulled together. I am sure many of us will remember our Thursday evenings as we all reached out to clap the NHS and support workers; here it seems to be getting louder each week with pots and pans, drums, bells and whistles. It has been a chance to stand together, to show our support and gratitude and to connect with each other.

Social media has also come into its own as we use that to connect. Our churches may be locked but, like many of you, we continue to meet virtually and to pray for our communities. We also know God is not found in a locked church, but in the acts of love and kindness we see all around us and is with us all in the midst of the pain and fear.

A particular passage from the Bible speaks to me at this time. Jesus said it to his friends just before he was going to leave them and go to be crucified:

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.' John 14: 27.

I pray each of you will find that deep inner peace despite the fear and disruption of these times.

God Bless you all.

*Rev. Chris*

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

Compassionate God, we are taught to love our neighbour and to care for those in need. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick and to assure the isolated of our love and your love, in Jesus' name. Amen

We take time  
to remember those who are suffering from this terrible disease,  
all who have lost loved ones,  
all those whose loss or suffering have been turned into the statistics we see on news bulletins.

We take time  
to remember those living in fear,  
those shut in their homes,  
those who have lost their jobs or their livelihoods.

We take time  
to remember our over 70s and those with underlying health problems,  
our friends and neighbours,  
our families.

We take time  
to remember our politicians and policy makers,  
the unseen people who keep everything working,  
our police.

We take time  
to remember with gratitude our front-line NHS workers,  
our health workers and care providers,  
all those working to develop a vaccine.

## **BIBLE READINGS**

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Acts 2: 42 – end	John 10: 1-10
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Acts 7: 55 - end	John 14: 1-14
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Acts 17: 22 - 31	John 14: 15 – 21
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Acts 1: 1 – 11	Luke 24: 44 – end
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Acts 1: 6 – 14	John 17: 1 - 11
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Acts 2: 1 - 21	John 7: 37 - 39

## **ABOUT PEOPLE**

At this difficult time we send our good wishes and prayers to anyone who is unwell at the moment, whether you are at home or in hospital. We also send our best wishes to those who are feeling anxious about themselves or their families and friends.

## **THANK YOU**

**Jim and Eileen Govier** would like to thank all their friends for the kind wishes, cards and gifts received for their Golden Wedding on March 30<sup>th</sup>. 'We dressed up for photographs and enjoyed a Lemon Sponge, made by Sarah, and Prosecco, a gift from chief bridesmaid Rosie. We enjoyed watching the DVD of the wedding and opening our 86 cards. Since then, on 17<sup>th</sup> April, Jim became unwell but after a short stay in hospital he is now safely home.'

## **CORONAVIRUS VILLAGE HELPLINES – NO ONE ALONE**

Each of our villages has set up a helpline and a network of support particularly for those who are at risk and self-isolating.

### **THE HELPLINE NUMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**PILTON:** 07983806643 (manned by volunteers) or Sue Green on 01749 890524 or Kelly Knight on 07931 509104 or [kellyvexton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kellyvexton@hotmail.co.uk) or look at the facebook page: @piltoncoronasupport.

**DINDER:** 07943988925 (manned by volunteers) or Julie Costley-White on 01749 672120

**CROSCOMBE:** Hilary Shergold on [hshergold@msn.com](mailto:hshergold@msn.com) or 01749 343926

Details for Croscombe and Dinder are available on their village emails.

Details of local delivery and collection contacts are available for your village from the sources above.

## **PILTON SHOW UPDATE**

At the time of writing, we are uncertain whether or not Pilton Show will take place in the usual format. IF by some miracle the lockdown and social distancing instructions ease, there will be good cause for celebration, for which several ideas are in the pipeline. No decisions can be made until there is more certainty on a national level. So please keep the first weekend in September, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, pencilled in diaries as we hope to be able to confirm in July, or failing that, August. *Jenny de Gex*, on behalf of Pilton Show Committee

## GOING SHOPPING

We are very grateful for all the shopping volunteers in our villages and amongst our families and friends but many of us are looking forward to going shopping for ourselves or just being able to have a wander round the shops again.

Panic buying seems to have almost stopped although some products are in short supply. However difficult it has been for us it hasn't come to the rationing of the Second World War experienced by some of our villagers.

The Roundabout Team has not been out and about (we're not allowed to) but we have asked some of our villagers for their memories of rationing. They all had lots of tales about the War and some of their memories about food are in the following paragraphs.

Some of the memories are very local to this area: the **Trott family** moved to **East Compton Farm** at the beginning of the War and **Phyllis** helped her mother prepare meals for the family. They tried collecting stinging nettles to supplement vegetables but this was not received with any enthusiasm so once was enough. Phyllis did have the reputation of making the most of rationed food; brother **Roy** says that the family nicknamed her after the Minister of Food because she could start out with 2ozs of butter, then spread it so thinly that she finished up with 4ozs! They were fortunate to be able to turn a paddock into a



vegetable patch and they could use some of their milk for butter, cheese and cream. Bread and cream were often eaten and, of course, a good fried breakfast using fat from a pig that had been killed. As much as possible of their food was produced at home and nothing went to waste: a chicken that went off laying made a good dinner; stewed gooseberries and rhubarb without sugar were not popular and new bread was always kept for a day because less was eaten if it was a bit stale. They missed sugar and sweets and longed for some shop-bought food but were never short of the essentials.

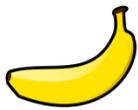
Allotments were very well used during the War. **Dolly Symes** of Croscombe remembers that her father had two allotments near their home in South Harrow on the outskirts of London. Dolly helped him to produce fruit and vegetables to add variety to their rationed food.





**Di Richards** of Pilton remembers meals that included spam fritters, boiled eggs preserved in isinglass and salted beans.

**Joan Chambers** of Dinder remembers that food at her boarding school was always enough but they seemed to live on stews of one sort or another and rabbit pie. At her vicarage home in Tonbridge Wells, they were fortunate to have gifts from parishioners and even on one occasion the butcher conjured up some sausages. Food was plain and ordinary except for the monthly box of more interesting food which came from Canada.



In her childhood in Yorkshire **Enid Challener** of Pilton was given a banana but didn't know what to do with it. She recalls having her gas mask in its little box as she queued with her mother to collect rationed goods like butter and cheese but never for sweets.

The lack of bananas was also remembered by **Sheila Steward** of Pilton from her days growing up in Dumbarton. Sheila was very fond of rice pudding and it was hard to believe her mother when she took the jar of rice from the store cupboard and said that there would be no more until after the War.



**Janet Christie** of Croscombe also grew up in Scotland, in Aberdeen. She herself remembers the delicious rose hip syrup given to children but was glad that she didn't have to have the malt and cod liver oil that was also given to children at that time.

Janet has looked in the recipe book of her mother **Norah** and found some wartime recipes produced by the Ministry of Food.

### **Paraffin Cake.**

4 oz flour                      1 teasp. Vanilla  
3 oz. sugar                    3 tablesp. Liquid paraffin  
3 teasp. B.P.                    2 reconstituted eggs  
Mix all together. Cook in moderate oven for 10-15 minutes. Use two sandwich tins.



## Christmas Cake

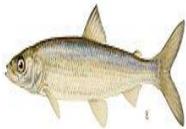
3 oz sugar.  
4 oz. marg.  
1 tablesp. Syrup.  
8 oz flour. 2 level teasp. B.P.  
1 level teasp. Cinnamon  
1 level teasp. mixed spice. 4 dried eggs.  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. dried fruit.



Cream sugar and marg. Add syrup. Mix flour, B.P. and spices.  
Add alternately with reconstituted eggs and beat well.  
Add fruit,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teasp lemon substitute and enough milk to make a fairly soft dough. Bake in a moderate oven for 2 hours.

## Coquet Pudding

$\frac{1}{2}$  lb potatoes . 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz marg. 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz sugar. 2 eggs.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  pint household milk. 1 tablesp. Dried fruit or jam.  
Cook and mash potatoes with margarine. Add sugar and eggs, beating well. Mix in milk and fruit and pour into greased pie dish. Bake for 30 minutes.



In the same way that country people enjoyed local produce from the land, people who lived on the coast made the most of produce from the sea. Janet's brother, **Martin**, writes, "I remember that fish wasn't rationed and being in Aberdeen was an advantage – cod's roe and herring were certainly on the menu." At least we didn't have to eat tinned snoek.

He also had the job of going to the Bus Station to meet the bus bringing half a dozen eggs from their aunt who lived near Arbroath.



The dried egg mentioned in recipes was not universally popular but it was a definite favourite of **Liz Floyd** of Dinder: she was always happy to help her sister eat hers.

Our Roundabout meetings always begin with coffee and biscuits but we have not actually tried any of the recipes above.

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

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### **PILTON PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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There is nothing to put in our Village Diaries so why not look at these dates that all have a connection with the present situation?

### **WHAT'S ON IN MAY**

2<sup>nd</sup> National Brothers and Sisters Day

3<sup>rd</sup> World Press Freedom Day

4<sup>th</sup> International Fire-fighters Day

5<sup>th</sup> World Laughter Day

7<sup>th</sup> World Asthma Day

8<sup>th</sup> V.E. Day

11<sup>th</sup> National Technology Day

12<sup>th</sup> International Nurses Day

(200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Florence Nightingale)

15<sup>th</sup> International Families Day

**Future plans for special events and regular meetings are all 'on hold'.**

**Roundabout will be back as soon as possible.**