

THE  
**ROUNDABOUT**  
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 2014

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

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MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH , 9.00am**

**NOAH, FLOODING AND THE RAINBOW**

Do you remember the story of Noah and the flood from the Bible? It is one of those stories that many people remember from Sunday School days. God tells Noah to build an ark because there is going to be a flood. The animals went into the ark two by two. Then it rains for forty days and nights. The whole earth is flooded. Some time after the rain stops, Noah sends out a dove and it returns with an olive branch in its beak. They know that the land is drying out. Then, once they have landed and all disembarked, they build an altar to God in thanksgiving for saving them. God then puts a rainbow in the sky as a sign of hope for the people.

The victims of recent flooding on the Somerset levels, and other places around the country, are grieving for their losses: houses, countryside, communities and livelihoods. For some, the flooding this year follows similar flooding last year. Many of these people are despairing. How can they find hope?

There was a story on the TV news about the Salvation Army hall in Bridgwater. It had been turned into a make-shift hostel for people from the Somerset levels who could not get back to their homes. They interviewed one of the leaders there who said that they were simply living out their Christian faith. There was a banner clearly visible on the wall behind the tins of food and the piles of towels and jumpers which clearly said: 'God is love.' Behind the words was a picture of a rainbow. This was a story that had made the TV news that day. It was a story about the identity of this group of Christians that was shared with all those who watched the news that day. It was a story about their faith being put into action. It was a story of hope.

In the Bible we read that Jesus said: 'I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me ... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

*Rev Nick Lakin*

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

After the weeks of heavy rain, we think of those most affected by the flooding on the Levels: those whose homes have been severely damaged; the farmers trying to care for and feed their livestock; the local businesses; children and

the sick with difficult journeys to school or treatment.

We pray that a sensible local solution can be found to the problem, and that we all consider how to minimise climate change.

## BIBLE READINGS

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Exodus 24.12-end	Matthew 17. 1-9
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Isaiah 58. 1-12	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7	Matthew 4: 1-11
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Genesis 12. 1-4a	John 3. 1-17
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Exodus 17. 1-7	John 4.5-30 (/42)
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Exodus 2. 1-10	Luke 2.22-35 (or 33-35)

## 6<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am	Holy Communion
11.00am	Family Service
11.00am	Family Service
11.00am	Holy Communion

## Lent 5

Dinder  
Pilton  
Croscombe  
North Wootton



## Fairtrade Fortnight – Open House at The Brambles, Pilton

A reminder that there will be an opportunity to buy Fairtrade produce on:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March At Hilary Austin's, The Brambles, Pilton**

phone: 01749 890561 or e-mail: [hilary.austin2@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.austin2@btinternet.com) for any enquiries.

## LENT MEETINGS

This year we will be meeting on four occasions, once in each village on Monday evenings.

We shall be using *Our Story* produced by the Methodist Church and based on the parable of the vine in John 15. The story will help us think about our

churches and our own faith. Each session will include worship and will use the Bible passage. The sessions will be led by Revd Elaine Brightwell and will last about an hour and a half, including light refreshments. We hope that people will offer lifts as they are able, and do come to as many as you can.

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30pm	<b>Dinder Village Hall</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30pm	<b>North Wootton Village Hall</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	No meeting	
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	7.30pm	<b>Pilton Village Hall/Church</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30pm	<b>Croscombe Church Room</b>

For more details please contact Elaine or a Churchwarden.



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
United Service  
of Holy Communion**

**11.00am at St Mary's Church, Croscombe**

This will be the only service in our Parish churches.

The service will be led by

**The Rt Revd Peter Maurice, Bishop of Taunton.**

Everyone is welcome.

**30<sup>th</sup> March MOTHERING SUNDAY**

There will be special services to celebrate mothers in our 'Mother' Churches on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March **at Dinder at 9.30am, at Croscombe at 11.00am and at Pilton at 3.00pm.**

There will be some of the traditions associated with Mothering Sunday and some new ideas. Everyone is part of our Church family so do come along whether or not you come with children.

**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.

**Congratulations to Elizabeth Thomson**, a former curate, who will be installed as Canon Missioner at Derby Cathedral on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **Baptism**

**Amaya Grace Higgins** was baptised in the Family Service at Pilton Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **Recent deaths**

2014 has brought a large number of deaths to our parishes. Some have taken place in tragic circumstances, some have been very sudden, all have been very sad.

We extend our loving sympathy and prayers to everyone who has been bereaved.

The caring support, friendship and practical help of our communities is always evident and especially so when people are having difficult times. It says a great deal about life in our villages.

The life of **Kathleen Milne** was celebrated in Pilton Parish Church on 27<sup>th</sup> January. She had spent many years living in the village.

Following a short final illness, the life of **Maureen Harris** was celebrated in a service at Pilton Parish Church on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**Sir Frank Holroyd** was remembered in a service at Pilton Parish Church on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Following his tragic death, **Robert Cowling** was commended to God at a service in Dinder Church on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

We are sad to record the sudden death of **Val Stevens**. There will be a private service of cremation and a Thanksgiving Service in Croscombe Church at 11.00am on 31<sup>st</sup> March.



### **Thanks**

Mrs Kathleen Milne died peacefully on 15th January 2014 aged 90. Her funeral was on 27th of January.

Having lived in Pilton since I was 2 years old, she was very well known in the village.

Helen, George and I would like to thank you for all the support and condolences at this sad time. She will be greatly missed. *Totty Milne*

### **Thank you**

Very many thanks to all the people who have been so kind and helpful during the last weeks of Maureen's life and following her death. Julia and I, and all the family, are very grateful.

*Pete Harris*

### **Thanks**

The Roundabout Team thank the Seventh Day Adventists, Croscombe for their generous donation towards Roundabout costs. It is most appreciated.



To prepare for Christian Aid Week in May one or two people from each of our four villages meet to plan an event in each village. We are very grateful to Ellie Doe who has represented Croscombe for the last few years and arranged a coffee morning every year. Ellie is unable to continue and we would love to find someone else in Croscombe to take her place. If you feel that you could do this please contact:

Hilary Austin 01749 890561 or e-mail: [hilary.austin@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.austin@btinternet.com)

### **CHURCH WEBSITES**

We are pleased to announce that our churches have new websites, with details about their history, contact details, services and other events. You can find them at

[www.piltonchurch.org.uk](http://www.piltonchurch.org.uk)  
[www.northwoottonchurch.org.uk](http://www.northwoottonchurch.org.uk)  
[www.croscombechurch.org.uk](http://www.croscombechurch.org.uk)  
[www.dinderchurch.org.uk](http://www.dinderchurch.org.uk)

We want to make the new sites interesting, attractive and informative for anyone who looks at them and, in particular at the moment, for clergy who

may be interested in coming to work here. We are very grateful to Duncan Forrester who has undertaken this task for us. Duncan is in urgent need of photographs with which to develop the websites so please send him any that you can which show church activities and events.

Images must be free of copyright and if they include children please confirm to Duncan that you have obtained permission from parents. For quality reasons they should be between 500kb and 3 mb in size. The address to which you should send your images is [pics@piltonchurch.org.uk](mailto:pics@piltonchurch.org.uk)

*The Churchwardens*

### **THE CARBON FAST CHALLENGE FOR LENT..... and beyond.**

In response to globally recognised ecological concerns, the Church of England dioceses across the South West of England are challenging the culture of ease and wastefulness. Our output of carbon dioxide (CO2) into the atmosphere is fully recognised as causing ecological imbalances.

The PCC s of the churches in the benefice of Pilton, Croscombe, Dinder and North Wootton are responding to the Carbon Fast Challenge for now and the future and if you would like to share the challenge please visit the website [www.thecarbonfast.org](http://www.thecarbonfast.org) to sign up or contact one of your churchwardens or me. Thank you.

*Ted Sayer.* (890650) [ted.sayer@uwclub.net](mailto:ted.sayer@uwclub.net)

### **PRAYER AND A PINT**

**11<sup>th</sup> March**

**at The Crossways, North Wootton**

**at 8.00pm**

For more details, contact Lucy Stankiewicz (890036)

### **FLOODS IN SOMERSET – how can we help?**

The **Somerset Community Foundation** is trying to co-ordinate offers and requests for help and is already distributing small grants to flood victims (01749 344949).

Among the farming community there are now several initiatives:

- **NFU South West** will co-ordinate offers of livestock forage and bedding ;
- The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (**R.A.B.I**) has grants available for farming families and workers (0300 303 7373)

- **Farming Community Network** in Somerset (FCN) is working hard to provide responsive support on request (0845 -367-9990).

You might like to contribute financially:

**Somerset Community Foundation** (Text: Noah95 £10 or lesser amount) to 70070) or via the website <http://www.justgiving.com/somersetcf>

**R.A.B.I.** ([www.rabi.org.uk](http://www.rabi.org.uk))

**FCN** via <http://www.justgiving.com/fcn/donate> marking them "For Somerset Farmers".

## **A CELEBRATION OF CHILDHOOD**

**Easter Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Pilton Parish Church**

Together in Pilton

is planning a display of items from childhood.

We would be very grateful to borrow

Christening robes and gifts,

toys and anything connected with childhood in the past.

There would be someone in attendance all the time.

If you have anything suitable please contact

Hilary Austin (890561) or Gill Eavis (890468).

## **PILTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

The next **Parish Litter Pick** has been arranged for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, meeting in the Village Hall car park at 9.00am. All the necessary equipment will be provided and a hearty soup lunch will be available on your return.

As previously advertised in the Roundabout, Pilton Parish Council are reviewing the options on **The Bier House** and could be willing to sell or rent the property. For full particulars please contact the agents Killens, 10 Sadler Street, Wells BA5 2SE tel: 01749 671172 email [wells@killens.org.uk](mailto:wells@killens.org.uk). All sealed bids to be submitted to Killens Wells Office by 12 noon on 31<sup>st</sup> March .

Next meeting – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

*Jean Warry, Clerk.*

**The Bier House, Pilton**

The more we think about the Bier House, the more we like it and appreciate having it in the village, yet the less we feel we know about it (except that it is now in need of repair).

It seems that generous gifts to the Council – although tried – are not an acceptable solution. This is puzzling because we thought that the Bier House belonged to the village but were told categorically at the Council Meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> that it belongs to the Parish Council.

As we listen to our village friends, we wonder who built it in the first place.

Did it initially belong to the church?

Did it belong to the church for a long period?

Did the church give it to the Council for a specific purpose?

We both belong to the History Group, many of whom know more than we do and share our concerns about the future of this special building. Those of you who have lived in this village a long time probably love it as much as we do.

We need to be at the April meeting of the Parish Council where very radical decisions concerning the Bier House will take place.

Could we find a way to make it truly belong to the village, an asset to groups who have used it, and to others who may use it in the future, and an encouragement to the helpful friends who painted the doors?

*Jean Dilkes and Daphne Cannock*

## **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 should contact Freda 01749 890345 for more information.



### **CROSCOMBE CHARTER MARKET**

The SPRING MARKET will be held in the Village Hall  
between 10 & 12 noon on SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
A few of your favourite stalls are unable to be at this Market

BUT we have some newcomers .....

Beautiful Orchids, Acers & Shrubs

Greetings Cards & Machine Embroidery

Silver Jewellery

Delicious Savoury Dishes, Sweet Bakes & Preserves

Curry Sauces, Apple Juice, Muesli

Knitted Crafts, Hand-made Soaps & Woodcrafts

Quirky Recycled Lighting

Tombola

Quality Bargain Books

Supervised Children's Corner      Tea, Coffee & Cakes  
Help support our chosen charity: The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

## **Friends of St Mary, Croscombe**

*'Friday Night is Music Night'*

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30 pm in Croscombe Church Room**

After the great success of the first two musical appreciation evenings we are delighted to invite you to come and listen again to a selection of recorded music chosen from his collection by Terry McCarthy. Programme notes will be supplied and wine and tea/coffee and nibbles served after the music. This evening will feature Beethoven's String Quartet No. 16 in F major, followed by his 5th Symphony. The programme will last about an hour. Different sorts of music are promised for later occasions – including a 'blues' night! Because space is limited admittance is **by ticket only**. These are available from the Churchwardens (345405 or 345222) and are free to Friends, £2 to others.

### **Sequence Dancing in Croscombe Village Hall**

is on every Tuesday evening, 8 pm - 10 pm. Cost of £1 per person, including a cup of coffee or tea with biscuits (cheaper than staying at home). A fun evening, good company, good music and, if unable to dance already, laugh as you learn. Contact Mr. Charlie Taylor (342258).

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

### **The George Inn, Croscombe**

Steak Nights every **Wednesday** (2 steaks for £22)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March** Cycle Saturday 10am set off for 30 miles

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** Live Music 9pm Veryan's Birthday Bash

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** Cycle Saturday (Novice) 10am set off for 10 miles

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** Kickers Acoustic Music Sing around 8pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March** Curry Night Buffet 6pm

£12 adv. booking, £15 on the night

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March** Cycle Saturday – Stourhead 36 miles 8am set off

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March** Mothering Sunday – open all day, book early

### **Pilton Working Men's Club**

**Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>** - The Stand Alone Empire Acoustic Covers 8pm £4

**Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>** - Carvery Lunch from 12 noon - 2.30pm

**Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>** - BA22 Charity Gig in aid of School in a Bag and Piers Simon Appeal 8pm £4

**Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Quiz Night Max 6 players per team £1 per person 8pm

**Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Carvery Lunch from 12 noon- 2.30pm

**Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>** - Folk/Acoustic Evening. More details from Andy Reilly 07734706257

**Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>** - Defibrillators plus special guests BILLS EELS 8pm £5

**Saturday Morning Breakfast** will be served from 8.30am - 10.30am. Ring Ann for details.

Please book early for **Carvery Lunches** to avoid disappointment.

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

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

**Every Tuesday** – Quiz Night starts at 8.00pm

**Every Saturday** – Steak Night

Free bottle of wine with every two steaks ordered

**Sunday Lunch** – Great Roasts as always

Main Course £7.00, 2 courses £10.00

**Friday March 21<sup>st</sup>** – Curry Buffet

Great choice of dishes to choose from

**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.

**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.

**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)

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

**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

**Fionna Roberts PCH; Classical Homeopath,** BA Hons, RSHom 15 years experience. Clinics in East Pennard & Wells, 01749 890636, [fionna@fionnaroberts.co.uk](mailto:fionna@fionnaroberts.co.uk), [www.fionnaroberts.co.uk](http://www.fionnaroberts.co.uk)

**Jen's English Tuition** [www.jenstuition.co.uk](http://www.jenstuition.co.uk) Qualified English teacher: private classes in Wells and local area 07582192380 [jjtutoring@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jjtutoring@hotmail.co.uk)

**Wellington Boots.** Size 7, used once, £10 Norman 890587

**Home Cleaning Service.** Please call Kath 01749 890906 or 07785541260

**Help with your garden upkeep!** Borders, lawns, hedges, edges and veg patch care. Please call Kath 01749 890906 or 07785541260

### **Fosseway Gardening Club**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm Pylle Village Hall

**Spring Colour – Don Everitt**

New members always welcome

Details from Janet (01749 331306) or Barbara (01749 960438)

## **WHAT'S ON IN PILTON**

### **March**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Fairtrade Open House, The Brambles, Barrow Lane	10.00am – 8.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> History Group, Medieval Deer Parks, Village Hall	7.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, 'Nine 'Til Five', Mickey Fitzpatrick PWMC	2.15pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Library West Compton House	9.20am
Top Street Car Park	9.35am
17 <sup>th</sup> W.I. 'Pilton People', John Fletcher, Village Hall	7.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, "My Retirement Club" Members, PWMC	2.15pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Quiz Night Village Hall. in aid of Somerset Levels Flood Appeal.	
31 <sup>st</sup> Lent Group, Village Hall/Parish Church	7.30pm

### **PILTON HISTORY GROUP**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: James Bond will be talking on **Medieval Deer Parks** with particular reference to Pilton Park. Village Hall 7.30pm.

Members £1 Visitors £2 All welcome

*Richard Raynsford*



**Pilton Ramblers** will meet at the Village Hall car park (for car sharing) at **2.00 pm** on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** for a leisurely

walk of up to five miles. This will include a climb up Glastonbury Tor but the selection of route will depend on the ground conditions after the winter. Come and join them!

*John Wheat 890585*

### **The Somerset Community Foundation's Emergency Flood Relief Appeal**

A quiz night will be held at the Village Hall on **21<sup>st</sup> March**, for this appeal.

£2.50 per person, teams of 4. Plus a raffle. Please come along for a fun evening whilst helping our own local communities.

### **CALLING PILTON PEOPLE!**

Somerset Rural Youth Project is currently working with Pilton Youth Club to put together an audio/media project about Glastonbury Festival. We need your stories, insights and opinions about the festival. If you have something to say and are happy to be filmed for the project, we would be delighted to hear from you. The interviews will be conducted by local teenagers and will take place soon at the youth club. If you'd like to be involved, or have any questions, please call Ben Stevens on 07969190862, email [benstevens@sryp.org.uk](mailto:benstevens@sryp.org.uk) or pop in to the youth club on Thursdays 7-9pm to see him.

### **WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE**

#### **March**

2 <sup>nd</sup> YOS, Village Hall	6.00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Lent Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Club. Village Hall	10.30am
16 <sup>th</sup> Village Hall Bar	12noon – 2.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Village Forum Meeting, 5 Highfield, Dulcote	3 - 5pm

#### **April**

6 <sup>th</sup> Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night, The George Inn	8.00pm
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### **DINDER AND DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB**

February, we thought about Love and the different ways and things we can love. We found out we loved lots of things, including people, animals and cake...!!! We iced some cupcakes which we shared with the congregation in church.

The next Sunday Club is on **Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>** from 10.30am at the Village Hall for children birth to 13 years. Children under 3 years need to have an adult accompany them. Children from any parish are most welcome. Please feel free to come even if you can't come every month, or haven't been for a while! For further information please contact Becky Gilbert 676739.

#### **Mothering Sunday**

We will be giving out posies of flowers to the congregation at the Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please come and help make the posies on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am-11.30am in the Church.

## DINDER VILLAGE HALL BAR

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** The Village Hall will be open from 12 noon serving coffee and drinks from the bar. Everyone welcome.

## YOS

In February our theme was working together. We played a variety of games including the tray game and the Jelly Bean game. This included trying different Jelly Beans some of which tasted of delicious things and some of which didn't!

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be making pancakes and thinking about Lent.

YOS is open to children of all parishes in year 6 upwards. We meet in Dinder Village Hall on the 1st Sunday of each month 6.00pm-7.30pm. For further information please contact Sandra Kirkham 342221 or Becky Gilbert 676739.

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### March

2 <sup>nd</sup> YOS Dinder Village Hall	6.00 – 7.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> Sequence Dancing, Croscombe Village Hall.	8.00pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: The George Inn	9.15 – 9.25am
Honeymead	10.55 – 11.05am
8 <sup>th</sup> Spring Charter Market. Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00noon
12 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> W.I. Meeting. S.D.A. Hall	2.00pm
"Sergeant-at-Mace" by Mrs Weatherhead	
20 <sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens' Club. Fish and Chip Lunch	2.15pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Friends of St. Mary's Musical Evening. Church Room	7.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Club. Church Room	11.00am
27 <sup>th</sup> Moviola Film Night. "Philomena" (12A)	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Village Hall	Tickets £6.00. Licensed Bar

### April

6 <sup>th</sup> Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night, The George Inn	8.00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Croscombe Society Somerset Evening. Village Hall	7.30pm

## CROSCOMBE SUNDAY CLUB

Despite there being a United Service with the Bishop of Taunton at Croscombe on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we will be meeting in the Church Room at 11.00am as usual. All children from birth to 11years are welcome, but children under 3years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. We will be preparing for

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

### **THE CROSCOMBE CLOCK**

The hands of the Croscombe Church clock are disconnected at the moment while parts of the ancient 'works' are being monitored. Unfortunately, a combination of bad weather and the illness of our horological engineer has meant the work has not been completed as quickly as envisaged. We hope normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.



The Churchwardens

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

#### **'Philomena' (12A) Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**

BAFTA nominated film about the true story of a woman searching for her son who was taken away from her when she was forced to live in a convent.

Starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan, this moving and surprisingly funny film is not to be missed.

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

Doors open at 7.00pm Licensed Bar - Programme commences at 7.30pm.

*Christine Walker, Michael Hay*

### **PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE**

The talk by Judith Green – the 'Lavender Lady' – was exceptionally well received. The development of lavender farming to replace a small dairy farm showed a triumph of determination, self-help and belief. A tough lot these Somerset farmers as today's terrible conditions sadly show. Members loved the pictures of the lavender fields in full bloom and of the cakes for sale in the tea room. It is hoped to organise a visit to the farm in the summer flowering season. The sale of goods made with lavender was well supported and, as a result, we all smelt lovely!

Our second meeting was Bingo kindly run by Audrey and Terry. It is such a successful afternoon that many hope it will become an annual event. Winners of a line or a card seemed very happy with their prizes!

Details of our future programme can be found on [www.piltonvillage.co.uk](http://www.piltonvillage.co.uk).

*John Howe*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

FRIDAY, APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> AND SATURDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>

Please keep these dates free for Pilton Players' next production:-

**“FOR YOUR PLEASURE”**

To be held at 7.30p.m. in the Function Room of Pilton Village Hall.

Enjoy an evening of varied entertainment and a light Ploughman's Supper.

Drinks from the Club Bar in the Interval.

Tickets (to include refreshments) - £7 from Pilton Post Office, the Club Bar and Sandra Howe on 890 239 from March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **St George and The Dragon Festival April 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> at The George Inn, Croscombe**

Volunteers are wanted! This will be the first festival held for perhaps hundreds of years --the church wardens recorded a Croscombe village feast celebrating St George in the late 1400's! The landlord of the George even issued his own coinage depicting St George and The Dragon in 1666, so there is a long tradition associating Croscombe with St. George. Now we want to celebrate the legends of this area which contribute to such an interesting heritage.

Local writer Christopher Somerville will read his poem on the story of Bishop Jocelyn and the Dinder Dragon, with school children acting it out. We also want to find some adults who would like to explore and develop a take on the St George and The Dragon myth, with a view to creating a play to perform during the festival. June Trask, a director and producer from Shepton Mallet, has offered to help us out, and she would like to find five or six adults to help her develop a play for this unique event.

We'll also have speakers, musicians, artists, special food, a festival beer and many others involved in the festival, so anyone who would like to participate will be welcome to contact me with their ideas and suggestions. An event such as this can really build a sense of community around a universal theme, so I look forward to developing this with whomever is interested.

*Peter Graham, The George Inn, Croscombe*

### **News from St Cuthbert's Out Parish Council for Dulcote**

**Speed of traffic** The speed of the traffic through the village was measured last September. Most of the traffic travels at 40+ mph so the police will not support a reduction “unless traffic calming features are put in to reduce speeds”. We can still discourage speeds in excess of this: volunteers for Community Speed Watch would be welcome. The way forward seems to be to apply for an SIS (Small Improvement Scheme) i.e. changes to the landscape of the road for traffic calming. To this end I propose:-

**Village Forum:** a meeting at my house (or anywhere else if you like) to discuss anything relating to the village. **Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>** 5 Highfield from 3 - 5pm. I should be grateful if you would let me know if you are coming.

**Other business:** - We have a **grit bin** full of grit/salt. Help yourself as required. Please note the notice on the lid – one doesn't need much.

- There is another **election for a councillor** for North Ward. Please see the village noticeboard for further information or <http://www.stcuthbertoutwellsparishcouncil.co.uk/>

- I've contacted Highways about the **blocked drain** outside the bus shelter.

Next meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Easton Community Hall, BA5 1EH.

All welcome.

*Eleanor Handford ( 674698)*



## **PILTON WI**

Having received tremendous support Pilton Village W.I. is now up and running with an exciting programme for 2014. At our March meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> John Fletcher will be giving a talk on "Pilton People" at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. John's talk will include entertaining anecdotes of life and people in Pilton. For further information please contact: Shirley Watt (330722)

## **CROSCOMBE WI**

Our January meeting was a "bring and share" your own tea afternoon but, before we indulged, there was the business. The minutes were read and signed and the financial report was given by Di Levien who is stepping down as Treasurer after three years of sterling work. Lyn our Secretary then took over, acting as our sewing mistress. We were each given some patterned material and a heart-shaped piece of card, which we used as a template to cut the material ready to sew into a lavender bag, stuffed with wadding and lavender flowers. Some clever folks added buttons and bows to enhance them. It was all great fun and many thanks to Lyn for providing all the materials. While busily sewing, we were served a lovely tea of sausage roll, scones and lots of cake.

All that and not a calorie in sight! All in all, a great afternoon. *Helen Cox*



## **Introducing The Wildlife Group**

We are a group of people, based in the Fosse Trinity Benefice, who have an interest in nature and want to promote its diversity. Individuals in the group bring different skills and knowledge; there is no barrier to joining. The talents people bring range from pure enthusiasm to detailed knowledge about specific

areas of wildlife, and we would like to open up our membership (no fee) to like-minded people from surrounding rural areas,

We meet when we have something to discuss or do. As we get more involved with projects, obviously there are more opportunities to meet up. Come along to one of our activities or contact Bridget for further information.

**Bridget Wadey:** email: [thewildlifegroup@btinternet.com](mailto:thewildlifegroup@btinternet.com); phone 860240

**I.T. for the Terrified – for all your computer training needs.** A skill-sharing, community project. Contact us on **01934.741751** or email [itfortheterrified@btconnect.com](mailto:itfortheterrified@btconnect.com) or check out [www.itfortheterrified.co.uk](http://www.itfortheterrified.co.uk)

### **Mendip DFAS**

Meetings are held in the Westex Suite at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet, at 10:30am for 11:00am

**4<sup>th</sup> March 'Antique Magpie' And The Fascinating World Of Art And Antiques** by Marc Allum, freelance art and antiques journalist, writer and broadcaster. A miscellaneous specialist on the BBC Antiques Roadshow.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Tony Lane in advance (670652).

### **The Mid-Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society Study Day,**

**4<sup>th</sup> March** at Batcombe Jubilee Hall, BA4 6HE. Cost £40 including buffet lunch, teas, coffees. 10.00am till 3.30pm.

**"Vermeer: the musical paintings"**. Lectures, live period music and singing. For further information contact 01934 743 153.

**The Mid-Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society** illustrated lectures at Caryford Hall in Castle Cary BA7 7JJ (free parking).

**18<sup>th</sup> March "Crowns and Chalice: the art of the medieval goldsmith"** at 11.00am. Cost £6. All welcome

For further information contact 01963 350 527.

**HOMEOWNERS!** If your home needs repair, adaptation or essential improvements, call the Council. Mendip District Council may be able to provide a low-interest loan for essential repairs.

Who is eligible?

- Homeowners on a low income (including part home owners) or
  - A tenant liable under the terms of their lease or tenancy for carrying out the works in question.
  - Properties must be in Council Tax bands A – D and normally you must have lived in your home for at least 12 months before applying
- You cannot apply if you are a Housing Association or Council tenant.

[Please also note that any damage due to recent flooding incidents is not applicable to this scheme – for flood damage repairs you should contact your home insurance company]

Call Mendip District Council on 0300 303 8588 or visit [www.wrcic.org.uk](http://www.wrcic.org.uk)

### **Glastonbury Festival Information for Pilton Residents**

Phil Appleton (Village Liaison Manager) is contactable on the Hot Line number **01749 899631**.

For news on obtaining village tickets, please email Beth on [ticketing@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk](mailto:ticketing@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk) or phone 01749 890470.

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

Our next popular Easter Quiz Night will be held at the George Inn, Croscombe, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm. Teams of up to 4; £2.00 per person. Proceeds to Club funds. *Roy Thorne, Hon Sec (674378)*

### **PILTON SHOW SCHEDULE 2014**

Very many apologies, there was an error in the Schedule distributed last month.

The Photographic category ‘Reflections’ was repeated in Section K, at Classes 10 and 13!! Section K should in fact read as follows...

**Section K: Photographic** (maximum size A4 including mount if used)

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| 1: Pilton People     | 9: Down on the Farm                          |
| 2: Mist              | <b>**10: Shadows</b>                         |
| 3: Particularly Pink | 11: Garden Visitor/s                         |
| 4: Speed             | 12: A Somerset Event                         |
| 5: The Elements      | 13: Reflections                              |
| 6: Chimney/s         | 14: The Skate Park                           |
| 7: Street Furniture  | 15: Leaf/Leaves~ a macro/close-up photograph |
| 8: Oops!             |  |

**Please amend** the copy you received last month asap.

Corrected copies available at Pilton Post Office, phone 01749 890357 or from [ck.pilton@btinternet.com](mailto:ck.pilton@btinternet.com) The schedule is also available to download or print from the Flower Show website [www.piltonflowershow.org.uk](http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk)

### **PILTON SHOW COMMITTEE**

The Grants Committee of Pilton Show has met and decided the grants allocated to village organisations from the total of £9,430 available as follows:

Allotments Association	£100	Pre-School	£990
Art Group	£150	Skateboard Park	£990

ASBO's	£260	Playing Fields	£990
Go Green Group	£100	Roundabout Magazine	£300
Happy Circle	£990	Tithe Barn Trust	£500
Methodist Church	£990	The Festival Run	£100
Village Hall Trust	£990	Youth Club	£990
Parish Church	£990		

*Paul Warry - Pilton Show Treasurer*

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

All phone codes 01749 and all addresses in each village unless specified

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

##### **Churchwardens:**

Mr Paul Warry, Sharomayn, Westholme Road BA4 4EB 890434

Mr Maurice Davies, The New House, Pylle Road, Pilton BA4 4BP 890009

##### **PCC Treasurer:**

Mr Paul Warry, Sharomayn, Westholme Road BA4 4EB 890434

##### **PCC Secretary:**

Mrs Jayne Sims, Forge House, Pilton BA4 4AX 890350

**Magazine Collection Point for Pilton:** Roundabout Mail Box at  
3 Abbots Way (not letter box).

#### **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH**

##### **Minister:**

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##### **Chapel Stewards:**

Kirsteen Sumner, Chanters House, East Town 899506

Gordon Taylor, The Long House 890701

Deborah Towner, 18, Hyatt Place, Shepton Mallet BA4 5XY 342614

##### **Secretary:**

Joy Stacey, The Cot, Shop Lane

##### **Treasurer and Property Steward:**

Mr Philip Eavis, Benleigh House, Pylle Road BA4 4BR 890468

#### **CROSCOMBE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

##### **Churchwardens:**

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Mrs Ellie Doe, The Old Gaol, Rock Street, Croscombe, BA5 3QT 345222

##### **PCC Treasurer:**

Mrs Rachel Summerhayes, Dungeon Farm, Croscombe, BA5 3RP 679754

##### **PCC Secretary:**

Mrs Janet Dowding, Livadia, Fayreway, BA5 3RQ 330725

**Magazine Collection Point for Croscombe:** The Village Stores

## **CROSCOMBE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Rudi Puskas 07988 412499  
**1st Elder:** Mr Siegfried Edwards, 01749 672979  
**Treasurer:** Mrs Zaria Search, 20 Honeymead, Fayreway, Crocombe

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### **Churchwardens:**

Mr Ted Sayer, Hillside, Northtown Lane BA4 4AF 890650  
Mrs Christine Raphael, 1 Church View BA4 4BU 890310

### **PCC Treasurer:**

Mr Jeffrey Macklin, Coombe House, Tanyard Lane BA4 4AE 890210

### **PCC Secretary:**

Mrs Rosalind Cross, Eastwell House, Tanyard Lane BA4 4AE 899489

### **Editor, North Wootton News:**

Mr Steve Ruddock, Old Smithy Cottage, Northtown Lane BA4 4AF 890045

## **DINDER PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

### **Churchwardens:**

Mr Clive Chivers, The Pound House BA5 3PQ 678888  
Mr Michael Comer, West House, High Street, BA5 3PL 679468

### **PCC Treasurer:**

Mr Robert Gilbert, Downside, Long Lane BA5 3PQ 676739

### **PCC Secretary:**

Mrs Claire Chivers, The Pound House BA5 3PQ 678888

### **Magazine Representative for Dinder:**

Mr Michael Comer, West House BA5 3PL 679468

### **Magazine Representative for Dulcote:**

Mrs June Cursley, Dulcote House, Dulcote BA5 3PZ 675428

## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Anna Schiffer	11.00am
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr A Pugh	11.00am
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Local Arrangement - United Service	11.00am
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Mr R Bryant	11.00am
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr S Derby	11.00am

Children are always welcome to join our Sunday School.  
Details from Jacquy 890701

**Morning Prayer in Crocombe Church**  
at 8.30am daily, on Monday to Saturday

**A Time of Quiet Prayer in Pilton Church**  
at 9.00am on Wednesdays

**PARISH CHURCH SERVICES**

**MARCH 2014**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March Sunday next before Lent**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service and Baptisms	Pilton
11.00am	Family Service	Crocombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton

**5<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday**

7.30pm	Holy Communion	Dinder
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**9<sup>th</sup> March Lent 1**

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

**16<sup>th</sup> March Lent 2**

9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	United Service at the Methodist Chapel	Pilton
11.00am	Morning Service	Crocombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Crocombe

**23<sup>rd</sup> March Lent 3**

11.00am	United Holy Communion	Crocombe
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**30<sup>th</sup> March Lent 4: Mothering Sunday**

9.30am	Family Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Crocombe
11.00am	Family Communion	North Wootton
3.00pm	Mothering Sunday Service	Pilton

