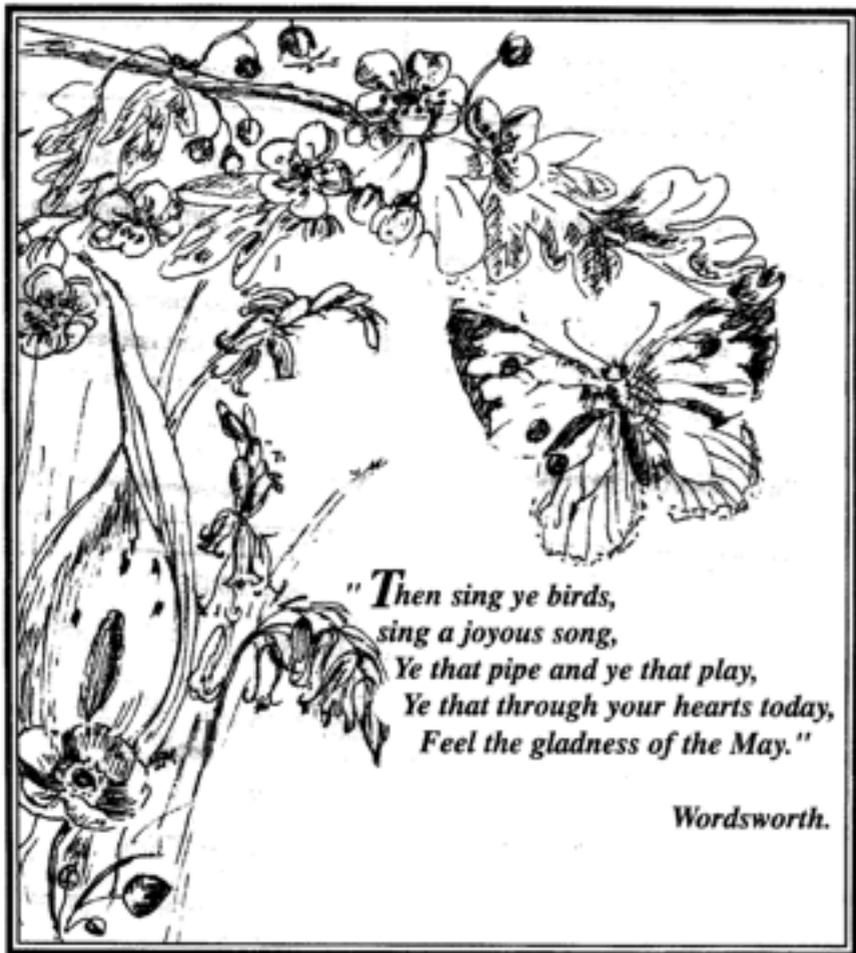


THE
ROUNDAABOUT
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



*" Then sing ye birds,
sing a joyous song,
Ye that pipe and ye that play,
Ye that through your hearts today,
Feel the gladness of the May."*

Wordsworth.

MAY 2014

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**JUNE ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS
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The Forty Days of Easter

For most people Easter lasts for about three or four days and ends at midnight on Easter Monday, but for Christian people Easter is a season that lasts for forty days and for good reason. It reminds us of the enduring hope that we have in God and that God has in us – hope that encourages us to work for a better future for humankind, especially for those who are the poorest and most vulnerable.

By the time you read this I will have joined with many others in supporting the ‘Live Below the Line’ campaign. From 28th April for five days we will be living on £1 a day, both to raise awareness of the issues of food poverty around the world (and in our own country) as well as to raise money for a range of charities who are seeking to address the issue. I will be supporting ‘Send a Cow,’ a locally based charity just outside Bath who focus much of their work in Zambia and other parts of Africa.

They provide poor families with the skills they need to build new lives free from poverty and hunger. By providing training, livestock, seeds and support, they restore hope and create stronger communities for the future. You may, for very good reason, not be able to live below the line yourself but I hope you will be generous in supporting those of us who are.

Later in May you are also likely to receive a Christian Aid envelope through your letterbox. This too will invite us to be generous in our response to the enduring hope that we have in a God who seeks to bring an end to poverty and injustice. This year the focus is on ‘giving people a future without fear’. We know that for a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is part of daily life. Last year Christian Aid, through the churches, raised £12 million. War tears lives apart – our generosity can help put them back together.

The 40 days of Lent are over and the 40 days of Easter are here. We are invited to believe ever more deeply in the reign of God for our world and we are invited to live in confidence and in hope that the God who has raised Jesus from the dead can and will rebuild and revitalise all that poverty and injustice have shattered, with us as willing partners!

+Peter Taunton

PRAYER FOCUS

We thank God for the beauty of the countryside around us, with the new Springtime growth in fields, hedgerows and our gardens. We pray that we can all take responsibility to care for the environment, locally and globally, to the

best of our abilities.

BIBLE READINGS

4 th May	Acts 2.14a and 36-41	Luke 24.13-35
11 th May	Acts 2.42-end	John 10. 1-10
18 th May	Acts 7. 55-end	John 14. 1-14
25 th May	Acts 17.22-31	John 14.15-21

PRAYER AND A PINT

Tuesday 13th May

at Pilton Village Hall 8pm

Short talk by Dorothy Blyth,

a retired Cruse bereavement counsellor.

Prayer and a Pint is every 2nd Tuesday and everyone is welcome. June 10th is at Crossways North Wootton.

Contact Lucy Stankiewicz 890036 or Ted Sayer 890650 if you require further details.

Fifteen of us met at The George, Croscombe on 8th April to listen to a very interesting short talk by Thomas Fowler of the Elim Connect Centre in Wells. He spoke about its history and their wonderful numerous services supporting change for people in Mendip challenged by complex and multiple needs, such as homelessness, addiction, mental health or other life-controlling issues. For more information or ways you can help, contact 01749 677097 or www.supportingchange.org.uk

TEAS FOR TINIES

Our next informal service,
followed by tea and a chat, for young families
will be on

Sunday 18th May – 3.00pm
in Pilton Parish Church



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2014: Give people a future without fear

War tears lives apart. You can help put them back together.

For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is part of daily life. Individuals and communities can make a difference. Last year £12m was raised to help the world's poorest. We hope that you will be able to help during Christian Aid Week by supporting your local Christian Aid events or by giving through the envelope collection.

A range of fund raising events have been planned:

Friday 9th May: 'He's Alive' – a musical produced by Nick Lakin
Pilton Methodist Church on Friday evening

Tuesday 13th May: Coffee evening from 7.00 pm
Ruth Eavis', Hazelmound, Pilton

Friday 16th May: 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' :
entertainment, soup and Puddings
7.00 pm in Dinder Village Hall

Saturday 17th May: Coffee morning 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
Jan Hodge's, 1 Poundfold, Croscombe

Sunday 18th May: Cream teas 3.00pm – 4.30 pm
North Wootton Village Hall

Envelopes are also available. If yours is not collected it may be given to any church member, handed in at an event or at Croscombe Stores or Pilton Post Office.

As always, your donations bring help and support to so many people.

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.

Funerals

Following burial at North Wootton, a Thanksgiving Service was held in Pilton Parish Church to celebrate the life of **Richard Bowditch**, former Tower Captain and bell ringer.



I would like to thank all those who sent cards, telephoned, visited and offered gifts of transport, cake and chocolates whilst I was stuck with one foot in the air following a small op. In particular I would like to thank the ladies of the WI, of whom so many visited and made sure I had company and was being a good patient. How lucky am I to live in Croscombe. *Ellie Doe*

I would like to say a very big “Thank You” to everyone who gave their support and offers of help to Pat during my recent operation and hospitalisation and a special thank you to all the friends who gave Pat a lift to Bristol and visited while I was there. In addition, I would also like to say thank you for all the good wishes, kind thoughts, cards which I received and the prayers said for me. *Howard Sleep*

Thank you to the kind person who found my brand new collar in a field and put it on a fence post for my mum to find. She is very pleased and Dad is now out of the doghouse! Thank you, *Bryn Leach*, the Greyhound.

The Roundabout Team would like to thank the anonymous donors and Croscombe OAP and Children’s Fund for their kind donations to the magazine costs. They are much appreciated.

FLEA MARKET in Croscombe Village Hall on SATURDAY 10th MAY 10.00am ‘til 12.00noon

Find a good quality bargain for yourself or your home – you will find that this is definitely not a jumble sale!

An idea of what you will find - Garden Pots, Canon & Minolta Cameras, Bop-It game, Nintendo DS, Vintage Glassware & China, high quality Fashion Clothes, Coffee Tables, Magnetic World Map, Curtains etc.etc.etc.



Also a big selection of home-grown Fuchsias, quirky Recycled Lighting, Collectibles, pretty Silver Jewellery.

“World Challenge” fund-raising stall (lovely chocolates!)

Tea, Coffee & Home-Made Cakes and Raffle.

Hosted by The Crocombe Society.

40p entry (children free)

Still some tables left - £5 in advance 01749 343502.

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE ORCHESTRA

May Concert, Saturday 17th May at 7.00pm in Crocombe Village Hall

The concert has a very Russian feel this time, not perhaps a very auspicious choice in view of world politics, but one that was made before the problems in Ukraine arose.

Our programme begins with an overture by Glasounow, and includes two dances from Borodin’s “Prince Igor” (Kismet), and three from “Swan Lake”. Our soloist is Josh Butterworth, who is playing Mozart’s “Concerto in G Major” with us. Josh has been our leader for the past year, and will be leaving after the concert to go to Imperial College. We would like to thank him for his contribution to the orchestra, and wish him well for the future.

Entry at the door: Adults: £5, under 14s: £1.00 which includes refreshments, available during the interval.

We look forward to seeing you.

Jo Sackett, Secretary

MOVIOLA in Crocombe Village Hall,

“August: Osage County” (PG) Thursday, 29th May

Starring Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts and Ewan McGregor, this award winning black comedy is sure to hold your interest. Don’t miss it!

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

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

Summer Season:

26th June ..The Invisible Woman

31st July ... The Grand Budapest Hotel

Christine Walker, Michael Hay



Save the Children

Save the Children Week

As you receive this Roundabout, it will be Save the Children week, which runs from April 27th until May 3rd .

House to house collections will be taking place around both Pilton and North Wootton.

We also hope to hold a coffee morning with sale of cakes, marmalade and plants in Pilton on Saturday 31st May so please look out for posters with details.

Two members of our group, Lysbeth Ballantyne and Liz Mayhew, recently were invited to a Royal reception in Devizes with our President HRH Princess Anne to celebrate volunteering in the South West.

Thanks to the notice in last month's Roundabout, Pilton group now have a Treasurer in Gail Milne who saw the notice and volunteered. Our thanks to both Roundabout and Gail.

Liz Mayhew and Lysbeth Ballantyne

FIRST WORLD WAR ANNIVERSARY

With the national coverage gathering momentum, at a local level a few members of Pilton Village History Group are researching into the stories of those names commemorated on the War Memorial. Although much of this can be done from archives, we would be interested to hear from anyone who has any personal recollections or mementoes - diaries, documents, letters, photos - handed down through their descendants or relatives.

We know from press reports that about 80 men from the village went to the Front: 22 names are on the Memorial. So what happened to the other 60 who presumably came back – does anyone know who these were? Are there stories within your family or from hearsay?

We are also trying to piece together a picture of Pilton 100 years ago, to set this in context. Again, if anyone has family papers or memories that have not yet been lodged with the History Group, do please let us know, or if you are prepared to be interviewed, we could come and have a chat.

Please contact Scott Baldwin scott@piltonvillage.co.uk (890657)
or Jenny de Gex jennydegex@btinternet.com (890465)
or Celia Clark cejark.woodford@tiscali.co.uk (890512)

PILTON ART GROUP

A reminder that on **Thursday 1st May** Richard Turner, an expert in using soft pastels, will be giving us a demonstration on all aspects of using pastels. **2.00pm in Pilton Village Hall.** Everyone welcome. £2 including refreshment. More information from Paula on 890323 or Malcolm on 890488.

PILTON ART GROUP – EXHIBITIONS

We have on-going exhibitions at the Crown Inn in Pilton. Each exhibition is themed. This time it is landscapes, buildings and flower studies. We have teamed up with Ian Sumner who exhibits selective photographs; these are for sale, as are some of the paintings. We thank Allen, Rosemary and Richard for the use of this excellent venue.

PILTON SHOW: NEW STALLS

If anyone has any bright ideas and can also *run* new stalls, it's time for some changes to inject fresh energy, so please contact Ruth Eavis on 890607. Please note there will no longer be a Bathroom Stall this year but we need something fun, lively (and profitable) to replace this.

Also, would anyone like to man the Children's Stall on the day plus some advance collecting for it? For the past few years this has been on a table together with the Emporium but has done better as a separate stall on its own. Children's items can also be collected and stored with Emporium goods, if more convenient to drop off items together. Please call Ruth (890607), or Jenny (890465), who will store things until September.

PILTON FLOWER SHOW

The organisers hope it's not too much to ask that every household makes at least one entry! The schedule is online at www.piltonflowershow.org.uk. Look out for some new classes, especially "*Vegetables grown by a 14 year-old & under (no entry fee)*" and "*4 eggs, same size & colour*".

It's good growing weather now, so there's plenty of time to plan ahead and prepare your entry. Without entries, the marquee would look so empty and there would be no Show. So please, have a go: you could surprise yourself and win a prize!

A general plea for more helpers & stewards : some early and some during the morning, plus others at the end for clearing-up (4.30-5 pm) before the Supper and Barn Dance. Please contact Chris King on 01749 890357. (ck.pilton@btinternet.com)

CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

www.croscombe-parish.co.uk

Neighbourhood Plan – we will not have permission to formally proceed until the end of May but councillors and volunteers will start to work on three major areas – housing (where, how many, type, sustainability etc); facilities (street lighting, mobile phone/broadband speed, support for both young and old residents etc) and infrastructure (access, footpaths, parking etc). Anyone who would like to input on any of these areas or others not mentioned n please contact me or the Parish Clerk.

All details and minutes relating to the plan will be posted on the website.

Highways have promised signs at Maesbury advising against heavy lorries using Thrupe Lane. Hopefully, this should solve one congestion area.

Be careful at this time of year to lock sheds and garages as there have been a couple of burglaries in the vicinity; it is prime time for garden equipment theft.

Clive Mitchell has replaced Patrick Gilliat on the Council. There were no other volunteers.

Next Meeting: The Annual General meeting is at 7.30 pm on May 14th in the Church Room. All are welcome.

Hilary Shergold

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Litter pick. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the litter pick on Saturday 29th March; there were twenty-four bags of rubbish collected.

Footpaths. It is the landowner's responsibility to ensure that stiles and gates are maintained in good order and that footpaths are kept clear and useable even when a field is cultivated. Permission must be obtained from SCC to re-route a footpath.

Ragwort. This plant produces bright yellow, densely packed flowers and can be seen growing around the parish and the surrounding countryside from May to October. It is poisonous and, if consumed by horses and other grazing animals, can be fatal. Please take action if it is growing on your property. For more information: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/horses/topics/ragwort.htm>

Annual Council Meeting Wednesday 7th May in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Jean Warry, Clerk

CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB OUTING TO OAKHAM MUSEUM

Wednesday, 21st May, leaving the George Inn at 10.00am

Croscombe Senior Citizens' Club have arranged a trip to Oakham Museum near Bristol, where the past comes to life – displays of historic stores, engines, tractors etc., all under air-conditioned cover, plus a cafeteria and a large farm shop.

All are welcome. The cost, which includes entrance fee, is £11.50 for members and £16.50 for non-members.

If you wish to join us please contact Gill Way (344929)

or Iris Gaines(343908).

PILTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Flowers: we have vacant plots, one whole and two halves and we would like to turn one half plot into a community flower bed. Would any flower arrangers etc. like to help with this project of providing cut flowers for the village? For more information please telephone Paula on 890323.

Chickens: we are considering having chickens again at the allotment. If you are interested in participating in a chicken rota, eggs being the prize, please contact Freda 890345 for more information.

CROSCOMBE RESIDENTS:

SPARE PLOT ON THE ALLOTMENT SITE (behind the village shop). Does anybody fancy joining our happy band and growing their own vegetables and flowers? Please contact Maggie Cridland for more details: telephone 330110 or maggie.cridland@btinternet.com

Fosseway Gardening Club

Tuesday 13th May – 7.30pm Pylle Village Hall

Club Evening

New members always welcome

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

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

January

1st C. Stonehouse £25

2nd T. Chichester £15

February

1st Mrs. J. Sackett £25

2nd D. Wilkins £15

March

1st J. Vosper £25

2nd Mrs. I Gaines £15

EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB

The George Inn, Crocombe

Steak night every **Wednesday**

Wood-fired Pizza Night every **Friday 6-8pm**

Curry Night on **Thursday May 29th**

Acoustic Open Mic evening **Saturday 10th May 9pm**

Live music **Saturday May 24th**

Taste of the Mendips Beer & Cider Festival **May 23rd -May 27th**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our first St. George & the Dragon Festival. The festival stirred many people's interests in the ancient legend and the eternal fight of good and evil. The Multiple Sclerosis Society was the beneficiary of profits raised through the donations of participants.

Pilton Working Men's Club

Saturday May 10th - Soulville Express 8pm £4

Sunday May 11th - Carvery Lunch 12noon -2.30pm

Friday May 16th - The Joe Burt Experience 8pm Tickets £8 PWMC Loyalty Card Holders £5. Tickets from Ron England 07592805693

Sunday May 18th Evening Bingo 7pm - 7.30pm

Friday May 23rd -The Olde Boston Tea Party Acoustic Evening 8pm £2.50

Sunday May 25th - Carvery Lunch 12noon - 2.30pm

Saturday Morning Breakfast will be served from 8.30am-10.30am

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

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

The Crown Inn, Pilton

Friday 2nd May – Curry Night Buffet £12

Every Tuesday – Quiz Night, free entry

Every Wednesday – Take-out night: Fish and Chips

Chicken and Chips, Burgers, Curry etc

Every Saturday – Free bottle of wine with every two juicy char-grilled steaks

Every Sunday – Great Roast Lunches straight from the oven

Main Course £7.00, 2 courses £10.00

Spring/Summer Opening Hours; Monday closed except Bank Holidays

Tuesday 6.00pm, Wednesday – Sunday 12noon and 6.00pm

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

Beauty Therapy in the comfort of your own home: waxing, eyelash and eyebrow treatments, manicures, pedicures, facials and spray tanning. Sophie.Smallwood@yahoo.com or 07748338745

Carpentry and Joinery 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, www.fionnaroberts.co.uk

Jen's English Tuition www.jenstuition.co.uk Qualified English teacher: private classes in Wells and local area 07582192380 jjtutoring@hotmail.co.uk

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

Tomato Plants for sale – 3 varieties 75p each. Also multi-purpose compost and gro-bags, runner bean plants, courgette and cucumber plants available from Tony Hodges, Little Orchard, Croscombe, 01749 345322

Fujifilm finepix F31fd silver digital camera £50 **Garmin nuvi 1340** Sat-Nav £40 Both boxed & all accessories Tel. 343502 (Croscombe)

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

May

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| 1 st PCC Meeting. Church Room | 7.30pm |
| 10 th Croscombe Society Flea Market. Village Hall | 10.00am – 12.00noon |
| 17 th Village Orchestra Concert. Village Hall | 7.00pm |
| 14 th Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting.
Church Room | 7.15pm |
| 15 th Senior Citizens' Club. S.D.A. Hall | 2.15pm |
| Steve Greenhaugh "Older 60+ Drivers" | |
| 17 th Coffee Morning for Christian Aid at 1 Poundfold | 10.30am-12.30pm |
| 20 th W.I. Annual General Meeting. S.D.A. Hall | 2.00pm |
| Resolutions and Quiz. | |
| 21 st Senior Citizens' Club Outing to Oakham Museum (See notice).
Leave The George Inn at 10.00am | |
| 25 th Sunday Club. Church Room | 11.00am |
| 28 th Mobile Library: The George Inn | 9.15am – 9.25am |
| Honeymead | 10.55am – 11.05am |
| 28 th W.I. Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642) | |
| 29 th Moviola Film Night. "August: Osage County" (PG)
Licensed Bar. Tickets £6. Village Hall | 7.00pm for 7.30pm |
| 30 th "Friday night is Music Night" Church Room | 7.30pm |
| June 14 th Charter Market. Village | 10.00am – 12.00noon |

CROSCOMBE SUNDAY CLUB

We will be meeting in the Church Room on Sunday 25th at 11.00am. All children from birth to 11 years are welcome, but children under 3 years old will need to be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Sandra (342221) or Bobbie (938148).

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE

'Friday Night is Music Night'

Friday 30th May 7.30 pm in Crocombe Church Room

We are delighted to invite you to come and listen to a selection of recorded music. This month Terry is enlightening and entertaining us with a programme entitled 'The Blues – Primitive to Sophisticated'. So wear your shades and be ready to chill! Programme notes will be supplied and wine and tea/coffee and nibbles served after the music. The programme usually lasts about an hour. 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.

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

May

1 st Mobile Library, West Compton House	9.20am
Top Street Car Park	9.35am
1 st Art Group – Pastel Demonstration, Village Hall	2.00pm
7 th PCC Meeting, Parish Church	7.30pm
7 th Annual Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
9 th 'He's Alive', musical event, Methodist Church	
12 th History Group, Village Hall	7.30pm
13 th Christian Aid Coffee Evening, at Hazelmount, home of Ruth Eavis	from 7.00pm
13 th Prayer and a Pint, Village Hall	8.00pm
14 th Pilton Show Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
15 th Happy Circle, Safety on the Road, PWMC	2.00pm
18 th Teas for Tinies, Parish Church	3.00pm
19 th W.I. A.G.M. Village Hall	7.30pm
23 rd , 24 th Selling Exhibition, The Barn, West Compton	2.00– 5.00pm
24 th Ramblers, Village Hall Car Park	2.00pm
28 th Happy Circle, 'Every Picture Tells a Story', PWMC	2.00pm
28 th Playing Field AGM, The Pavilion	7.30pm
31 st Save the Children Coffee Morning (see posters for details)	



PILTON RAMBLERS will meet at the Village Hall car park (for car sharing) at 2.00 pm on Saturday 24th May for a five-mile circular walk from Blackmoor car park, Charterhouse. This will include a gentle descent of Velvet Bottom before climbing via Rhino Rift to a high point at the wireless station. Then there will be a long descent along Rains Batch back to Blackmoor. Along the way it is hoped to identify Bronze Age quarrying, Roman lead extraction workings and the remains of Victorian lead smelting flues. In fact the route passes through the site of a Roman town, together with an amphitheatre and a fort but the ramblers will have to look very carefully because little remains of this era. Anyone is welcome to come along.

John Wheat 890585

PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

On 12th May, Anne Marie-Wilkinson will be talking about and showing photographs from the Philips collection of portraits.

Start 7.30pm in Village Hall. Members £1 Visitors £2 All welcome.

Richard Raynsford

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

May

4 th YOS, Village Hall	6.00pm
8 th PCC Meeting	7.30pm
11 th Rogation Holy Communion. Church	9.00am
16 th Christian Aid (See notice)	
18 th Sunday Club Village Hall	10.30am
18 th Village Hall Bar, coffee and chat	12noon – 2.30pm

Everyone very welcome.

June

15th Dinder Open Gardens.

Full details will be in the June Roundabout. Contact Roy Thorne for details.

YOS

Congratulations to all in YOS for a fantastic **Palm Sunday drama**. You all worked really hard and supported each other. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic group of young people to work with. Thank you also to some of our younger Sunday Club members who were involved!

In May we will be rehearsing for our next performance at the Christian Aid Supper. We also hope to see you at the Rogation Sunday walk on **May 11th**. Details are in this edition of the Roundabout.

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.

DINDER & DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

We hope you all had a peaceful Easter and enjoyed seeing some sunshine at last!

The next Sunday Club is **Sunday May 18th** from 10.30am at village hall for children birth to 11 years. Children under 3 years need to have an adult accompany them. Children from any parish are most welcome. For further information please contact Becky Gilbert 676739.



Friday, 16th May

‘Keep the Home Fires Burning’ – entertainment,
soup and puddings

Hall



7.00 pm in Dinder Village

CROSCOMBE WI

Some apologies but many members attended an interesting meeting in March. We began with business, including our local Fun Day, Quiz arrangements, Outings etc. and a mention of the memorial service of Val Stevens, a member who will be sorely missed.

Our talk was by Gill Weatherhead, who had been Sergeant at Mace for thirty years in Wells. It was very interesting. Gill was the Mace Bearer to the Council and the Mayor, and was appointed after answering an advertisement for the post. She was surprised to be accepted as they had not had a female bearer before. In fact, she was the only female Mace Bearer in the UK. Obviously, the uniform did not fit, but once properly rigged out, Gill joined the guild to learn more, and worked her way through the ranks.

One of many funny occasions was when the Queen visited Wells. The Mace had to be held upside down, as it represents the Queen, so at that moment was redundant. Made in 1660 of silver gilt, the Mace is 39” long and 7lbs in weight, a beautiful piece of craftsmanship. Gill also brought many photographs of different times throughout her thirty years. *Lyn Manvill*

PILTON VILLAGE W.I

Our March meeting started with a very interesting talk labelled “Pilton People”, presented to us by our village neighbour and friend, John Fletcher. Many thanks, John. *Christine Davies*

PILTON PLAYING FIELD AGM

to be held at the **Pavilion**, on **Wednesday May 28th** at **7.30 pm**

After failing to find officers from the representatives of village organisations which formed the Pilton Playing Field Management Committee (PPFMC) the Trustees of the Old Pilton Working Men's Club and Village Hall (the Trust) were approached and asked if they were willing to become Trustees of the Playing Field; this was agreed.

Legal advice resulted in an amendment to the 1966 Trust Deed and a resolution, as recommended by the Charity Commission, was presented to the November 2013 PPFMC meeting. The representatives of village organisations voted unanimously to accept the resolution.

The effect of this change is that the Trust Trustees are Trustees of the Trust and also Trustees of the separate Playing Field Trust.

The annual election for Trustees will be held in November when Parishioners are entitled to stand for election as Trustees and to be voted into office by villagers.

Robert Kearle

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE

Sandra and I were sorry to miss the 'My Retirement' talks by members. We have been told that they were interesting and informative. Thank you if you were brave enough to speak!

The birthday lunch was a great success. Thank you, George, for making the first abortive booking and the final, happy one. We all arrived at the Brook House Inn full of expectation and we were not let down. A friendly welcome and a spacious room greeted us. The Happy Circle with drinks inside it and friends to chat to can produce a volume of noise Glastonbury Festivals would be proud of – who needs massive amplifiers?

Our meal was served quickly by cheery staff. Good main meals and alpine high dishes of a very wide selection of vegetables were enjoyed. Delicious desserts followed. Excellent! We all went home replete and happy – that's what our Circle is about!

John Howe

CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Our March fish and chips lunch at Whitstone's in Shepton was every bit as good as ever. The place was packed, with a queue waiting for tables all the time we were there, which speaks for itself. Maybe batter is unhealthy, but theirs tastes so good, and the fish inside it is always so plump and delectable.

Ralph passed round details of the three outings chosen last month, to Dartmouth, Sidmouth and Oakham Museum near Bristol. Ring Ralph on 342250 if you want to join us.

March winds were raging, but the glorious daffodils all around us on the journey put a song in our hearts.

Barbara Lippett

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BITS FROM THE BELFRY

It is with great sadness that the Pilton bell ringers have to inform you that Richard Bowditch, for many years our Tower Captain, died on 31st March.

Richard started to ring aged 14 when the vicar of Pilton and North Wootton rounded up the young people to learn how to ring so that the three bells of North Wootton could be heard once again.

Richard taught many people to ring, he was a patient teacher and you always felt you were in safe hands as you learnt how to control the lump of metal on the end of your rope. Richard established a tower that welcomes ringers of all abilities and makes sure that everyone feels valued.

In the 1990s Richard knew that Pilton's old wooden bell frame badly needed to be replaced. Money was donated and grants obtained so that in 1996 a new steel frame was installed. Initially the original bells were re-hung but by the Millennium two new bells had been added.

Richard was an excellent ringer and could ring many complex methods. He was a key member of a number of very skilful ringing bands.

Richard organised our Tuesday night practices so that everyone had a chance to learn and improve. We often made him despair but he never gave up on us. He had many phrases that we will continue to use and they will remind us of him and make us smile.

Richard was always saying.... "Don't let the talking stop the ringing".

Richard, our commitment to you, we won't. *Maureen Tofts*, Tower Secretary

**PILTON
PLAYERS**

presented 'For Your Pleasure'. What a pleasure it was and enjoyed, I'm sure, by every member of the audience. John Howe, our witty MC, opened the evening and we sadly learned that George West was unwell. We missed you George and hope you will soon recover. Sheila Steward was the first on stage imploring us not to put our grandmothers up there! She made such a

good job of it that you wouldn't dare disobey her! That was the start of a variety of short plays and sketches. One very short one was 'My Decision' with Joe King, Kathryn Worrall, John Boucher and Karl Pearce. Excellent, all of them. There was Joe King and Sheila West in Pam Ayres' 'Boyfriend to Stay' – very good and very believable. Wendy Lynn was also very good in 'Gardeners' Question time'. A.A.Milne's 'The King's Breakfast' included Sandra Howe, Emily Close, Sheila Steward and John Boucher and royally good it was too. 'Great White Sale' had Sheila Steward, Alison Ward and Chris King bringing much laughter with an awesome tongue twister. A wonderful evening with a Ploughman's supper too and Jack and Bill to finish! Thank you to John and Alison for bringing it together and to the Players for taking part.

Margaret Miles

PILTON VILLAGE TRUST (a charity)

The Trust works for the village. Its main job is to look after the building which houses the Village Hall, Post Office, Youth Club and Working Men's Club. The Trust is therefore focused on both maintenance and social use. The role has its own challenges: firstly to generate funds, and manage them, in order to maintain and improve the building, and secondly to encourage villagers to enjoy using it, which means knowing what people want.

The Trustees meet regularly to face these challenges. Routine building maintenance and various improvements (often hidden but essential ones - like heating) are undertaken; better 'deals' with service providers have generated efficiency savings; a broader programme of social activities is underway, mainly through the Working Men's Club; and a small group of villagers are working together to 'dress the walls' with photos of villagers enjoying activities in Pilton. The Trustees are interested in receiving your views and comments, so please forward them. Better still, think about whether you would like to play a more active role by becoming a Trustee yourself (elections are in November) or by registering an interest in helping.

Marilyn Johnson (secretary) 899487

THE CLUB

Music feeds the soul! It constantly changes, develops and moves on, creating an ever richer bank of creativity, invention and enjoyment. Surely, everyone has found some music that satisfies their own taste, lifting them from the ordinariness of the everyday. And music feeds the soul of the Working Men's Club! The Live music programme on Saturday nights continues to bring to Pilton musicians, young and old, who just enjoy playing, with an audience that just enjoys experiencing it. The first of the Acoustic nights took place, upstairs in the Village Hall, creating a great evening and atmosphere. The Emerging Talent Competition brought in eight bands competing for a place at Glastonbury - and they had been whittled down from the thousands of

hopefuls! Do you want to play? Would you be interested in an open mic night. Or would you like to meet together with others to explore classical music, the blues, folk, jazz? There will be a room where you could do that, and also have a drink or two from the bar to add to the pleasure. Music is part of Pilton life; it's inseparable from the Working Men's Club. Make and enjoy music together there with friends.
Marilyn Johnson(899487)

Mark Church Flower Festival during Friday 6th , Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th June - 10.30-4.00pm. Theme will be Wedding Anniversaries. Tea and Cakes available. Contact 01278 641225 for more details.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

If you are able to offer any Accommodation for the next **Glastonbury Festival....late June** ...anything considered...please contact Mike on 01749 899125

(Flat, room, summerhouse, bed, breakfast /shower/bath etc. Required mainly for agents, workers, media folk and, sometimes, a performer)

DINDER AND CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

Fixtures commence 2.30pm

Sunday 4 th May,	Corsley	Home
Sunday 11 th May	Kingsdon	Home
Sunday 18 th May	Allerton	Away
Sunday 25 th May	Rode	Home
Sunday 1 st June	Axbridge	Away

Roy Thorne, Hon Sec 01749 674378

I.T. for the Terrified

Courses and workshops:--Introduction to Tablet Computing workshop

2nd May £5.00; eBay course on 8th May at 10am for £20 for 3 weeks; Introduction to iPad computing workshop 9th May £5.00. Introduction to Windows 8 workshop 16th May £5.00.

Photo Management course with Picasa on 5th June for £25 for 6 weeks; Otherwise, book a 1:1 with one of our volunteers.

We can cover most topics on most computers at most levels. We also run a **Computer Club on Thursday afternoons** at 1.30-3.30 Contact us on **01934 741751** or email itfortheterrified@btconnect.com or check out www.itfortheterrified.co.uk (Registered Charity No. 1130308)

Mendip DFAS Meetings are held in the Westex Suite at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet, at 10:30am for 11:00am
Anyone wishing to attend should contact Tony Lane in advance (670652).

The Mid-Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society - £6 at Caryford Hall in Castle Cary BA7 7JJ (free parking).

For further information contact 01963 350 527.

North Somerset Decorative & Fine Arts Society (NSDFAS)

Lectures are held at the 37 Club between Woolavington and Puriton.

Wednesday 7th May at 7.00pm. Tim Bruce-Dick: "Sir John Soane and John Nash, Two Great Regency Rivals "

Further details contact Rosie Lishman (01278 722579)

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

4 th May	Mrs Helen Wade	11.00am
11 th May	Miss Patricia Fuller	11.00am
18 th May	Chapel Anniversary - United Service - Rev Ward Jones	11.00am
25 th May	Rev Nick Lakin - Holy Communion	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

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

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

MAY 2014

4th May	Easter 3	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service	Pilton
11.00am	Family Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11th May	Easter 4 Rogation	
9.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Prayers	Croscombe
1.00pm	Prayers	Pilton
3.30pm	Evening Service	North Wootton
18th May	Easter 5	
9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	Chapel Anniversary Service, at Methodist Church	Pilton
11.00am	Morning Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe
25th May	Easter 6	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
9.30am	Morning Service	North Wootton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Morning Service	Dinder
June 1st	Sunday after Ascension Day	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service and Baptism	Pilton
11.00am	Family Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton

