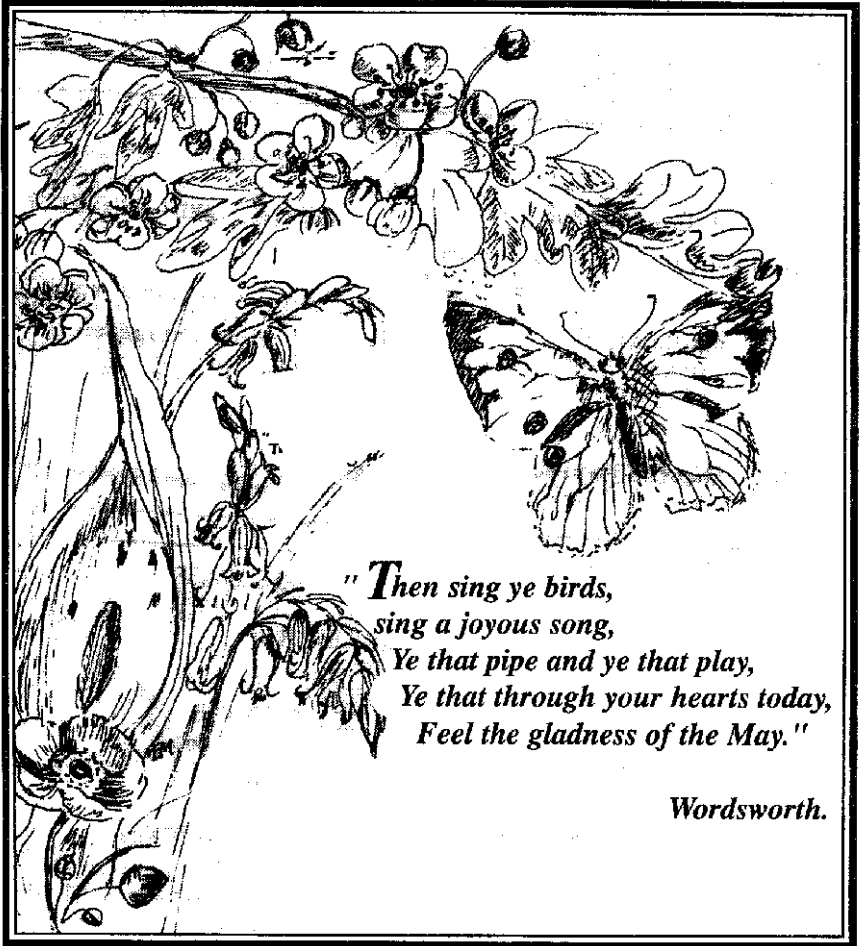


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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



*" 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 2015

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PEACE BE WITH YOU

Re-reading *the* resurrection accounts in the Bible this year I was struck afresh by the number of times that the risen Jesus said to His followers “Peace. **Peace be with you**”. The early disciples were afraid. Afraid of many things and were locked away. Hiding from everybody. Fear was holding them back. Jesus spoke Peace to them because that was what they needed to hear most of all. He didn’t accuse or blame them for their unbelief, he simply spoke peace to them.

For many in the UK - international terrorism is seen as the biggest threat facing the world. It topped a YouGov poll of the public’s global concerns last September, with 77% of those questioned naming it as the most serious issue, significantly ahead of armed conflicts (60%), pandemics (52%), climate change (39%) and nuclear war (31%).

What are you afraid of? What do you fear most? While there may be some common threads, each of us has our own fears. It was fear that brought the disciples together behind locked doors. And Jesus enters the room to give them the only thing that can take the fear away, “Peace be with you.”

In both the Old and New testament the word SHALOM is used for PEACE. The root meaning of shalom is to be whole or sound and this leads to translations that speak of completeness, wholeness, well-being, to body, mind and spirit.

Shalom is not an absence of troubles and pain but the promise of God’s presence with us in the midst of them. Jesus offered His followers what they needed most at that particular moment. TRUE SHALOM. Words that He spoke over and over again. “Peace I give to you.” He wants us to know this “peace” that brings “order, harmony, and spiritual well-being”.

In John’s Gospel (20:21) the Risen Jesus came through the locked door and offered His peace. The same Jesus offers that peace to us. Peace in our pain, fear, uncertainty and doubt. Peace that goes beyond our understanding and our circumstances.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Elaine Brightwell

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

This year's round of Annual Parochial Church Meetings is now completed. As many of you may know, Michael Comer and Clive Chivers have decided to stand down as Churchwardens in Dinder after many years in the role. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication over the years. We would also like to welcome Mary Browning and Ros Comer as they take over the role in Dinder from 20th May.

Please continue to pray for all the Church Wardens, old and new, as their roles in the church are both busy and essential, keeping our churches running smoothly and in good order.

We have also had some changes to our PCCs and would like to thank all those who are standing down this year. We welcome the following new members:

Croscombe - Catherine Dietrich

Dinder - Jill Gibbons and Joe Handford.

Chris Butler

PRAYER AND A PINT

**The next meeting will be on MONDAY 11th May
at Crossways Inn North Wootton at 8pm**

Prayer and a Pint is an opportunity for discussion/learning in a relaxed atmosphere every 2nd Monday each month and everyone is very welcome to come and join us.

For further details or information please contact
Chris Butler 01749 899061 butlerchristine19@gmail.com

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

The funeral service for **Francis Lambert**, formerly of Croscombe, was held in Croscombe Church on 23rd March.

Edith Jones, nee Stokes, formerly of Croscombe, died on March 25th. Her funeral service was held at Mendip Crematorium and her ashes interred in Croscombe churchyard.

We send our loving sympathy to their families and friends.

ROGATION SUNDAY 10TH MAY

Rogation this year falls on May 10th. It is the tradition on this Sunday to beat the bounds of Parishes. To walk our whole Benefice boundary would be rather over-ambitious so instead, as usual, we will be organising a walk between our four Parish Churches. This year we will also be having a travelling Communion service (one part happening in each church). The route chosen, together with the approximate times of the Church Services, is as follows:

1.Beginning at Dinder with bacon butties in the Village Hall at 9.00am and then Communion Part 1 in the church at 9.30am. Beginning walking at 9.45am.

2.Walking to North Wootton for coffee and Communion Part 2. Estimated time of service 11.30am.

3.Walking to Pilton for lunch (please bring your own food, drinks provided) and Communion Part 3. Estimated time of Service 1.15 pm

4.Walking to Croscombe for Communion Part 4 and Tea. Estimated service time of service 4.00 pm.

5. For anyone with any energy left - Walking from Croscombe to Dinder.

Please do join us for as little or as much as you can do. For those of us who will not be walking, or who do not feel they can walk the whole route we aim to arrange shuttle transport between the churches, so if you do require a lift please let me know.

There is no charge for breakfast or tea. However collection tins will be available if anyone would like to make donations towards the work of Christian Aid (this is the start of Christian Aid week). *Chris Butler*

CROSCOMBE 3RD SUNDAY SERVICES 11.00am SERVICE.

We have decided not to have the 11.00am Third Sunday Morning Prayer service during the summer months. There will still be a service on May 17th but there will be no services at this time in June, July and August. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause. However, the 6.30pm Communion service on that same Sunday will still take place and all other services continue as before.

The PCC will be discussing the future of this service in its June meeting, so if you have any particular views please do let me know in advance of that meeting. *Chris Butler*

THANKS A MILLION!

2014 was a year in which we thought much about the dedication of our armed forces in the First World War, some of whom were awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

In our long lasting peace I would like to nominate a candidate for a civilian Distinguished Service Medal – Jean Warry, our retiring Parish Clerk.

Jean has worked tirelessly on our behalf for thirty-six years. Her dedication in supporting the Parish Council, governing the village in a fair, helpful and progressive way has been exemplary. She has gone about her business in a humble way, respectful of all those of different, passionately-held views with whom she has had dealings. This is the sort of personal integrity we must value, seek to emulate and, above all, say a huge ‘thank you’ for.

I know first-hand the hours of work Jean has put in (surplus to the job) in our front room helping Sandra to negotiate some tricky issues.

Please allow me to express thanks from whole village to Jean for a job totally well done on our behalf. If you meet Jean in our village streets please say your personal thanks to our unsung but essential heroine!

Thank you, Jean. You deserve a long and happy retirement with your family and your so-supportive husband – Paul.

John Howe for Pilton Parish Council.

BHOPAL JUMBLE SALE

I would like to thank everyone who was involved with our highly successful jumble sale held in aid of the Bhopal Medical Appeal on Saturday 21st March. Through the generosity of contributors and donors, helpers and buyers we raised a fantastic £1400. I am so grateful and I know the BMA will be too. In fact the amount raised will buy two much needed computers and more. All the unsold items went to the SOS Africa shop in Shepton Mallet so nothing was wasted.

Many thanks again,

Fiona Case.

PS The auction last December raised enough to pay for a doctor's salary for a year!



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th – 16th May

Foreign Aid has come under scrutiny in recent weeks, so it is important for you to know that none of the money raised during Christian Aid Week goes to governments or individuals but to support previously agreed projects overseen by Christian Aid and its partner organisations. Christian Aid aims to bring an end to poverty around the world, working in 40 countries with 726 local partner organisations.

A range of fund raising events have been planned:

Tuesday 12th May: Coffee evening from 7.00 pm
Ruth Eavis', Hazelmount, Pilton

Friday 15th May: Soup, pudding and 'our favourite things'.
7.00 pm in Dinder Village Hall

Saturday 16th May: Coffee morning 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
Jan Hodge's, 1 Poundfold, Croscombe

Sunday 17th May: Cream teas 3.00 – 4.30 pm
North Wootton Village Hall

There will be house to house collections during the week and envelopes will also be available in each of the churches in each village. These can be returned to any church member or taken to one of the events above.

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

PRAYER FOCUS

As we enter Christian Aid Week, we think of all the charities working in difficult circumstances to bring help, food, water and support to people in need throughout the world. May we support them with our prayers and give generously to their appeals for funding for their works.

BIBLE READINGS

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| 3 rd May | Acts 8: 26-end | John 15: 1-8 |
| 17 th May | Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end | John 17: 6-19 |
| 24 th May | Acts 2: 1-21 | John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15 |
| 31 st May | Isaiah 6: 1-8 | John 3: 1-17 |

Fosseway Gardening Club
Saturday 9th May - Plant Sale

at Ditchat Jubilee Hall, 10.00am – 12noon

Tuesday 12th May – Club Evening

Pylle Village Hall (The Old School on A37) – 7.30pm

New members always welcome

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

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



Fair Daffodils – we weep to see you haste away so soon.....

You may have noticed that there are fewer daffodils by the roadside this year – or even in your own garden.

Many of these were planted for the Millennium celebrations – and that was 15 years ago. We have had some glorious displays, but meanwhile the bulbs have increased – and have become too congested to bloom well. Inspection of the clumps reveals a mass of closely packed leaves but few if any flowers.

We gardeners need to take action! - and we have three choices:

1) Lift and divide the clumps now or soon. If the leaves are still green avoid damaging or cutting them. Replant singly or in small groups a few inches apart.

2) Lift the bulbs and lay them in a shallow V-shaped trench in an odd corner of the garden (reasonable soil and not too shaded), covering with soil and again without damaging the leaves. Lift the dry bulbs in the Summer, remove the withered foliage, and replant in Autumn.

3) Mark the clumps VERY carefully so that you can find them later, when the foliage has died down. Lift, divide and replant in early Autumn.

The bulbs may take another year off while they recover, but they will be back!

Andrew Pugh

DINDER OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 14th JUNE : 12 Noon - 5pm (last tickets 4pm)

If you love summer gardens, this is an event not to be missed. A variety of lovely Dinder gardens, large and small, will be open, together with a large wildflower meadow where you can sit and picnic or just stroll. Light refreshments will be provided in the Village Hall and there will be a bric-a-brac stall, a plant stall and 'ice-cream alley'. The beautiful Grade 2* listed church will be decked with flowers and the popular play area will amuse younger visitors.

Proceeds from this event will go to Dinder Church and Dinder Village Hall. This promises to be a lovely day out so please make it a date in your diary.

Stella Elston 673766

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

The Committee continues its efforts to raise funds for the update of the Hall and held a Spring Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th April. It was a beautiful and profitable morning, the cakes were mouth-watering and we appreciated the support of all who came.

The Hall Committee is also most grateful to those who have responded with a donation to the letter which was sent to all residents. Thank you very much.

Tickets for our Grand Raffle to be drawn on Fun Day, 11th July, with a First Prize of £100, a Second Prize of a £50 Argos Voucher, and other prizes, are being sold now and you can obtain them either from a Committee member or at the Village Stores.

MOVIOLA in Crocombe Village Hall

“The Theory of Everything” (PG 13)

Thursday, 28th May 2015

Eddie Redmayne stars as the renowned astrophysicist, Stephen Hawking, in this multi- award winning film. It is a story of the life of this man, who is seen by many as 'one of the greatest living minds', and is based on the memoir 'Travelling to Infinity, my Life with Stephen' written by his former wife Jane. An incredible film, do come and join us!

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

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

Christine Walker, Michael Hay

PILTON FESTIVAL RUN comes back for another year !

We are delighted to announce that there will be a 3rd **Festival Run** this year, on Sunday **11th October**.

Last year's Festival Run was a great success, and runners enjoyed the variety of the three courses (2km, 5km and 10km) over the Festival site. Highlights included close encounters with the Pyramid Stage, the Stone Circle, the Pirate Ship and other noted landmarks along the way. This year, by popular local demand, we will increase the numbers to 600 runners but keep to this limit to preserve the friendly, local atmosphere and buzz of a smaller event.

A big thank you to the 80 local volunteers and to our many local business supporters who enabled us to pass so much of entrants' fees to charity.

Entries are expected to open on **1st May**. Further information can be found on <http://www.piltonvillage.co.uk/festival-run.html>, on facebook (Thefestivalrun) and twitter (@thefestivalrun)

or email: thefestivalrun@gmail.com

Christopher Bond

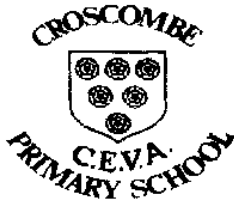
PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE

Night-club bouncer and self-confessed naughty boy to inspired artist and teacher! What an engrossing and enjoyable afternoon Sean Clarke gave to Happy Circle. When did we see such concentration as members folded paper squares to make a trinket box? Will any of them progress to making the wonderful paper origami sculptures on display for our delight? If anyone who runs a club reads this then book himhe is a revelation as an artist, performer and person.

More art! This time great photography as Brian Smith illustrated comprehensively how he loves his visits to India. Not only were the photos of high technical skill but taken with an accomplished eye – emphasising form, colour and contrasts of stillness and movement.

The flavours of India were expressed in vivid pictures of market stalls of fruit and vegetables, steaming cauldrons of rice and plates of exotic street food but most particularly in the portraits of people. The photos of happy children, united families, friendly shopkeepers and the turbaned old soldiers of Rajasthan will long live in our memories. Thank you, Brian for sharing your passion and skill with us, proving that armchair travel can broaden the mind!

John Howe



Before the Easter holidays, being 'funny for money' was very successful and the sale of special funny face cookies and cupcakes helped us to support Comic Relief. FOCs arranged a Disco and there was an opportunity for parents

to join Years 4 and 5 at an 'egg-citing' Science session at Whitstone School. On a visit to the Blue School Year 6 pupils were amazed to see some unusual experiments – a banana frozen by liquid nitrogen was strong enough to hammer a nail into a piece of wood!

Conkers' class made a very successful visit to SS Great Britain Museum where they learnt about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the construction of his 'Iron Ship'. More visits to the Forest School are also taking place but one of the highlights has been the residential trip to Liddington. Mr Heath went to see how things were going and he said, 'On visiting the children on Thursday evening I found them hugely excited and eager to tell me about their varied activities. From climbing Jacob's Ladder and abseiling, to Pirate games, they seem to have enjoyed their challenges. Parents may wish to note that they were also keen to show off their remarkably tidy bedrooms(!).'

Do look out for the report on our recent SIAMS Inspection.



MAY DAY COFFEE MORNING!

A Coffee Morning to raise funds for Cancer Research UK will be held on Monday, 4th May 10am-12pm at Stook House Farm, Littlemoor Road, Mark TA9 4NL. (Two miles down the road beside Mark Church) Cakes, Bring & Buy, raffle, plants etc.

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CROSCOMBE VILLAGE SHOW and FUNDAY

This year's Village Show and Funday is **SATURDAY 11th JULY**.

We hope you are starting to plan for the items you intend to enter in the Show. This year there is the opportunity to sell your exhibit. Exhibitors may place a 'For sale at end of Show' sign next to their exhibit which may be sold between 4.15 and 4.30 pm. This will be a private arrangement between buyer and seller. Full details will be included in the Show Rules in the official programme.

We are lucky to have the use of the Hall and School Field and the Funday Committee is delighted to have been able to donate £400 towards the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund. As usual, there will be no entry fee to the festivities but donations towards expenses will be gratefully received. Collectors with buckets will be there to receive your gifts.

Do make sure the date is in your diary. Come along, bring your friends and family and have an excellent day out!

The Committee



CROSCOMBE WI

Our March meeting was different from usual, as our Social Secretary had organised a trip to Burns the Bread for 7.30 pm. After our business meeting all members attending went to Glastonbury for a tour around the bakery.

The founder, Bob Burns, gave 19 members a big welcome with a choice of white or red wine or fruit juice. He introduced us to relations and members who worked in his bakery and after a brief history of the business we went down to the pastry room with our aprons and hairnets. We looked a sight, but it caused hilarity. After a demonstration we were given four pasties to crimp, causing more fun and laughter. Whilst they were cooking we had an informative tour of the premises, before we returned to the original room for a lovely buffet. The pasties were brought up, judged and, very kindly, gift tokens were handed out. Pat Sleep, our competition judge, came out on top, well done!

On leaving, we were presented with a goody bag, containing our pasties, a loaf of bread and a fruit cake, how generous! We were also told that the £10 per person we paid to attend was only a donation and would all go to St. Margaret's Hospice. As you may gather, a very good evening was had by all.

Lyn Manvill



PILTON VILLAGE WI

Our May meeting on the 18th is our AGM. Margaret Oxlade from Beckington will be joining us to discuss this year's Resolution which will become a national campaign backed by the whole of the WI movement. For further information please contact: Shirley 330722

Shirley Watt

PILTON PLAYERS

“Sudden Death at Thornbury Manor”

by Chris Lewis and Carol Hutton.

What a wonderful evening out in Pilton! It was as though we were watching a radio play being recorded with the cast coming forward to ‘record’ their parts at the microphones when required. A BBC Newsreader introduced each act and informed us where the scene was supposedly taking place. Sound engineers provided amusing effects on stage.

In the radio play itself on Thursday evening, Richard Maltravers was the villain of the piece, being nasty to just about everybody. Other members of his family were his long-suffering wife and children, along with an angry boyfriend. Of course, there have to be servants under suspicion, and a murder mystery wouldn't be complete without a creepy doctor. Red herrings and motives abounded and really got our grey cells working hard when the murder took place.

All the cast performed excellently and were cleverly directed by Alison Ward and John Howe. We were served a delicious ploughman's supper at the interval, and during pudding we discussed our theories and questioned the cast in their characters to try and figure out the culprit. I was hopelessly wrong in my suspicions, but it was thoroughly good fun investigating!

Helen Hobden

EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB

Pilton Working Men's Club

Carvery Lunches in May: Sunday May 17th and 31st

Saturday May 2nd (Bank Holiday weekend) 10.30am - 2.30pm
Breakfast/Brunch/Lunch

Wednesday May 6th 11am - 2pm
Coffee and Cakes, Light lunches

Saturday May 23rd (Bank Holiday weekend) 10.30am - 2.30pm
Breakfast/Brunch/Lunch

Music Events at Pilton Working Men's Club

Friday 8th May "Back to the Shack" at the F.A.N.
Tickets £3.50 on the door

Saturday 23rd May Pilton Party auditions
"MACHINE PEOPLE"
Tickets £2.50 on the door

The Crown Inn, Pilton

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 Hot Roast Lunches, straight from the oven,
choice of meats

Main course £8.00, two courses £12.00

Curry Night Friday 15th May £12.00

Lunch time cold servery starting in May 12.00 – 2.00pm
Choice of main item, salad bar and new potatoes.

The George Inn, Croscombe

Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm; 6-11pm

Friday 10am-3pm; 5-12midnight

Saturday 11:30am-midnight

Sunday 11:30am-11pm

Steak Night every **Wednesday**

Live music **Sunday May 3rd** 8pm

Curry Night **Thursday May 28th** 6pm

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

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. $\frac{3}{4}$ bedrooms, 3 baths, 100m from sea, fantastic views to Looe Island. Ample car parking. Contact Peter and Vervan Graham, The George Inn, 342306 www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

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

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Holiday Cottage. Centre of Wells. 1 Bed, 1 Bath. Sleeps 2. Dogs welcome. Contact Geraldine on 07799312373 or 01749899104. geraldine.hoy@live.co.uk.

The Luxe Cleaning Company: Weekly, fortnightly or monthly, professional, affordable and reliable domestic cleaning. Please call Alice 01749 938735 07853067211

Dog Walking and Pet Sitting 07709 739508. Please visit website for details www.premierpetcarers.co.uk

Weekly ironing help available in Croscombe/Dinder area. Collected or in your own home. Excellent references and very reliable. Call 01749 860638 to discuss.

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, 345322

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

All events in Dinder Village Hall

May

1st First Friday Bar, special guests Steve Abbott and the Three Blind Mice Band. See separate notice for ticket details. 7.30pm

15th 'Soup and Puddings' evening at 7.00 pm. Between the delicious home-made soups and puddings the main course will be served – musical entertainment performed by the young and not-so-young of Dinder. Everyone very welcome. The evening is free, but donations to Christian Aid are requested. The bar will be open.

17th Dinder and Dulcote Sunday Club

17th The Third Sunday Bar from 12 noon. Coffee, a drink and a chat with friends and neighbours.

June:

1st Dinder Village Forum at 7.30 pm.

14th Dinder Open Gardens – see separate notice.

YOS

Hope you all had a fantastic Easter Holiday and are enjoying the sunshine.

In May YOS have been invited to be involved with the Christian Aid event 'Soup & Pudding' on May 15th. We will not meet on the first Friday in May as our meeting for that month will be a rehearsal for this event.

Rogation Sunday – This takes place on the 10th May and involves walking across the four parishes with stops for services and refreshments (details on page 27). YOS members are welcome to join in so please contact Sandra 342221 or Becky 676739. All children and young people need to be with a responsible adult.

We will be meeting as normal in June!

DINDER and DULCOTE SUNDAY CLUB

We had a lovely meeting in April after our super Mothering Sunday service in March. Sunday Club for May is Sunday 17th.

Sunday Club is from 10.45am 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.



Back by popular demand!

STEVE ABBOTT AND THE THREE BLIND MICE BAND

Friday 1st May 7.30 pm

Dinder Village Hall

Music and Dancing at the Friday bar. Come along and join the fun!
Please contact Margaret Bancroft (674943) or Jill Gibbons (689112) to
book/pay for tickets. £6 per person.

DINDER and CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

May fixtures

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| Sunday 3 rd | Ditcheat | 2.00pm | Home |
| Sunday 10 th | Kingsdon | 2.00pm | Home |
| Sunday 17 th | Allerton | 2.00pm | Away |
| Sunday 24 th | Rode | 2.00pm | Home |
| Wednesday 27 th | Midsomer Norton | 6.15pm | Away |
| Sunday 31 st | Axbridge | 2.00pm | Away |

June fixture

Sunday 7th Devizes 1.30pm Home

New players are always welcome. *Roy Thorne*, Hon Sec. 674378

CROSCOMBE SOCIETY

Sincere thanks to all involved in the recent Quiz Night in the Village Hall. The winner was the Village Hall Fund, the prize £500.

Future events for your diaries -

Treasure Hunt Thursday 18th June

Somerset Evening Thursday 17th September

AGM Thursday 15th October

Continued support for these events really appreciated. Griffins Green upkeep is ongoing with planned enhancements this year - enjoy this lovely space.

New members always welcome.

Ian Baker

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

May

- 7th General Election and Local Election, Village Hall
- 13th Annual Parish Meeting Church Room 7.15pm
Parish Council Meeting, Church Room 8.15pm
- 16th Christian Aid Coffee Morning at 1 Poundfold 10.30am-12.30pm
- 16th Croscombe Village Orchestra Concert Village Hall 7.00pm
- 21st Senior Citizens' Club. SDA Hall 2.15pm
Talk by Mrs Wall. 'Letting Rip in the Departure Lounge'.
- 22nd Mobile Library Honeymead 11.20-11.30am
The George Inn 11.35-11.45am
- 24th Sunday Club Church Room 11.00am
- 27th W.I. Scrabble Club (Details from Helen Cox, 343642)
- 28th Senior Citizens' Club Outing: Tiverton Barge Trip
- 28th Moviola Film Night Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm

June

- 13th Summer Charter Market Village Hall 10.00am-12.00noon

CROSCOMBE SUNDAY CLUB will be meeting in the Church Room on Sunday 24th May 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).

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE ORCHESTRA

Our May concert is on **Saturday May 16th** at 7.00pm in Croscombe Village Hall. Michael Bevan will be our soloist, playing Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 2, a dynamic piece with plenty of good tunes. The overture is "Russlan and Ludmilla" by M.J.Glinka. The programme also includes Beethoven's well-known Symphony No.8.

Refreshments will be served during the interval.

We look forward to seeing you at the concert; your support is greatly appreciated.

Jo Sackett, Secretary

THE CROSCOMBE DIARY is being re-instated. If your Club/Society is arranging an event you can now e-mail alisonhodges@hotmail.com to make sure that no other event is being held on the same date in the Village, and also add your event to the diary.

Alison Hodges

NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE VILLAGE STORES

Phil and Shelley Critchley left the Stores in mid-April, after over six years at the helm. Their achievements at the shop were much appreciated and they will be missed by many. But there are only nine months remaining in the lease and we'd like your help to return the shop to its prize-winning standards.

We've brought back the basics and expanded the selections of produce, meats, dairy, dry goods and more. If you'll drop in to shop and let us have your ideas for improvements, we'll share a free tea or coffee with you any weekday in May between 9am and 11am.

Please come and tell us what you think. We look forward to seeing you!

Peter and Veryan Graham

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE SHOP HOURS

Monday -Friday 7am-7pm

Saturday 7am-6pm

Sunday 9am-12noon

Closed Bank Holiday Mondays.

NEWS FROM CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

www.croscombe-parish.co.uk

Neighbourhood Plan – We are continuing to work on this and each Councillor now has a monthly goal to complete. The relevant objectives can be seen on the website under the Neighbourhood Plan page which will be updated regularly.

All Councillors, except for Marie Parkes who has resigned, stood again in the recent Parish Council nominations; we thank Marie for her hard work and excellent village representation over the past few years.

There is a Councillor vacancy that will be advertised and should be filled soon.

Spring – now that we are experiencing very welcome warmer weather, hedges and weeds are growing at a fast rate. Please try to trim and maintain any external hedges and other vegetation to allow safe passage. Unfortunately, Somerset C.C. no longer has the funds to do the work as in the past.

Next Meeting. – Annual General Meeting 7.15 pm on 13th May in the Church Room. All are welcome.

Hilary Shergold

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

May

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| 6 th | United PCC Meeting, Parish Church | 7.30pm |
| 11 th | History Group at Perridge House, meet at Car Park | 6.50pm |
| 11 th | Pilton Show Meeting, Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 12 th | Christian Aid Coffee Evening, Hazelmount (Ruth Eavis') | 7.00pm |
| 13 th | Happy Circle, AGM and 'Still living with the boss', PWMC | 2.00pm |
| 13 th | Annual Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 16 th | Ramblers, Village Hall Car Park | 2.00pm |
| 16 th | Theatre and Art for Children, Village Hall (please book) | 2.30pm |
| 18 th | Village W.I. AGM, Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 19 th | Croakers, Crooners and Contraltos, Methodist Church | 7.30pm |
| 22 nd | Mobile Library, Top Street Car Park | 2.35 – 2.50pm |
| | West Compton House | 3.00 – 3.10pm |
| 27 th | Happy Circle, 'Looking back but not in anger' PWMC | 2.00pm |
| 28 th | Mobile Advice Unit, Village Hall | 12.30 – 2.30pm |
| 31 st | Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation, Village Hall | 9.30am |

PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY

Monday 11th May, Visit to Perridge House, meet at the Village Hall Car Park 6.50pm.
Richard Raynsford



PILTON RAMBLERS will meet at the Village Hall Car Park at **2.00 pm** on **Saturday 16th May** for a six-mile circular walk and everyone will be welcome to join them. The proposed route strikes across the Festival Site to Cockmill and then along the Pennard Hill ridge to Sticklinch and back to Pilton.

John Wheat 890585

PILTON SHOW EMPORIUM

If you are having clearouts over May Bank Holiday weekends, there is now some storage space available for smaller items for Emporium donations but not yet for larger items such as furniture.

A correction to last month's phone numbers: Ruth Eavis's number is, of course, 890607 and Jenny's 890465.

Pilton Show Committee

THEATRE AND ART FOR CHILDREN in Pilton and the neighbouring villages.

“**The boy who bit Picasso**”- Come and play with Tony and Picasso. We'll have loads of fun, make crazy pictures and we'll tell the story of how a young boy became friends with one of the greatest artists who ever lived.

An interactive theatre show for children aged three to eight and their families. With story-telling, music and lots of chances to make your own art. Be sure to wear some play clothes because it's going to get messy.

Saturday 16th May 2.30pm Pilton Village Hall, £6 adult £4 child. Limited numbers so please book in advance.

Call or text Lucy on 07814 678356 to reserve tickets.

CROAKERS , CROONERS & CONTRALTOS

Want to join a fun choir, or just come and listen?

Come along to our first meeting on Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Pilton. Sing for fun and enjoyment. No auditions necessary, just enthusiasm. You'll find that singing does you good! All kinds of music.... favourites, pop, songs from the shows, and more. Sorry, we couldn't afford Gareth Malone, but we have a really enthusiastic and experienced young musician to put it all together. Who needs Gareth ??

Sing for your supper? Well perhaps a coffee and biscuit !

Come along on the 19th to meet her and let's get singing.

Strictly non-competitive (At present !!)

Mike Case

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Once again additional B&B (or just bed) accommodation is required for visitors to the Glastonbury Festival. Many of the requests come from professionals and workers in the entertainment industry; others are simply festivalgoers who don't want to rough it. If you are able to offer accommodation of any kind please contact Mike & Fiona Case at Pilton telephone 899125 OR mikifi@sky.com

“THE HOUSES IN PILTON”, a Pilton History Group Project

The History Group is starting to record as much as we know about all the houses that are currently in Pilton. We want to include all the ‘modern’ houses as well as those that have been here for many years.

We would love to add photos to our archives, either originals (that we can borrow, copy and return) or copies. We would like photos of both the front and back and of any features (internal or external) you think might be interesting to us now and to future Piltonians.

Later we will be asking if you will help us with collecting any history of your house (e.g. whose land it was built on, what extensions have been added etc.) but for now, if you have time to look through any of your photos, or time to take some new ones, we would love to hear from you. At our November meeting we will be displaying all the photos we have in our archives of Pilton houses. You might like to come and browse and see just what the rear of houses look like!

Maureen Tofts, 890332 or Celia Clark 890512
Pilton History Group Archivists.

VIVA LA ESPAÑA

May I thank everyone who helped to make the Spanish evening such a happy event – firstly, the Limited Company and the Trustees for use of the premises. Then the entertainers – John B & Kathryn (Bren & Reg); Christopher Ross and Ben Ruddock for gentle guitar music; Latido Flamenço for their flamboyant dancing and the Roger Bond quartet who rounded off the evening.

Great raffle prizes came from Michael who won his back to much mirth. A highlight of the evening were the tapas – how fortunate we are to have Jackie joining the team as caterer! Tummies are already rumbling at the prospect of Sunday lunches and further delights from the kitchen.

Then, thanks to individuals – Marilyn for her paintings and her never-ending support; Colin Elkin for guitar, electrics and financial prowess; the smiling bar staff led by our hardworking manager – Natasha; Kate at Party Packs for decorations and to all who helped get the rooms and stage effects ready and with waitressing and clearing up. Finally, Sandra, the real power behind this Game of Thrones!

John Howe

BITS FROM THE BELFRY

John Taylor & Co started work on Croscombe bells on 9th March. The clappers, wheels, pulley blocks and badly corroded parts of the frame were removed ready to be taken back to Taylor's works at Loughborough. Also, the main bearing assemblies were dismantled, cleaned and replaced. Over the next two weeks, the cast iron and steel frame was cleared of rust and cleaned down. All the metalwork was painted with a high oxide primer to inhibit future corrosion, followed by an undercoat and a red enamel finish.

After a break of two weeks, work was resumed. The frame has been concreted into the tower walls, and reassembly of all the bell fittings will follow. We will have to allow a few weeks for the concrete to cure fully, but hope to be able to ring for a short period to commemorate VE Day on 9th May. Normal ringing will resume in June.

May 8th 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day; the unconditional surrender of the armed forces of Nazi Germany.

The UK Government has invited cathedrals and churches to ring their bells, just as ringers did seventy years ago, and has proposed a guide time of 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 9th May for as many church bells as possible to be ringing.

The ringers of Pilton and Croscombe plan to ring, celebrating Victory and remembering all those whose lives were changed by the devastation of war.

Maureen Tofts and Ken Brown

Mendip NADFAS 12th May

“Caravaggio and the Counter Reformation”.

Talk by Mrs Alice Foster, MA, at the Bath & West Bar & Restaurant (formerly the Westex Suite), B & W Show Ground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN, 10.30 for 11.00am. Details:www.mdfas.org.uk. Guests welcome.

Mid-Somerset NADFAS 19th May:

“ Breughel's Scenes of Country Life”

NADFAS illustrated lectures, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary, BA7 7JJ, Tuesdays at 11.00am. Free parking. £6.
Information 01963 350 527.

'INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION'

Pilton Village Hall

Sunday 31st May 9.30 am–12.30 pm

£15 (includes tea/coffee and cake)

This workshop will be a morning of sitting practices, which explore the journey towards meditation through mindfulness. By developing the skills to look at the mind and let go of unnecessary mental activity, you can enhance your quality and enjoyment of life. This workshop is suitable for both beginners and experienced practitioners of Yoga and meditation. I am a British Wheel of Yoga teacher and have undertaken specialist training in Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 'Calm Abiding' (Shamatha). I continue to study and practise meditation of the Mahamudra tradition. This workshop will be based on these teachings but they are suitable for all, and no belief system is a prerequisite. There will be a raffle on the morning to raise money for the Umbrella Nepal charity. Please contact me to book or find out more Tel: 890199 or e-mail: robertsonyoga@aol.co.uk

Adele Robertson

PILTON OPEN EVENING

Thanks to everyone who attended the Pilton Village Trust Open Evening and made it such a success. My favourite quote was "In all my 30 odd years of being involved with the Club I have not seen such a wide cross-section of Villagers turn up here apart from when collecting tickets". Ideas for social events were collected, 36 villagers signed up to be a 'Friend of Pilton Village Trust', suggestions for a building name were taken, plans scrutinised for the Multi User Gym Area on the Playing Field; and there was discussion about the refurbishment of the Worthy Room. There was support for improving ambience and décor generally, qualified by valid concerns over the proposed extension to the wooden floor area, the room acoustics, new furniture, its placement and storage. The Trustees are taking all of your comments on board and the revised plans are now being fully costed. Thank you once again. YOUR continued support and use of the Working Men's Club and Village Hall will ensure that this wonderful facility stays at the heart of village life.

Scott Baldwin



Community Fun Choir!

Join us for our first rehearsal at *Pilton Methodist Church*,
19.30-21.00 on Tuesday 19th May 2015

No audition necessary!

I.T. for the Terrified – for all your computer training needs. A skill-sharing, informal, community project. Run by a Committee – Staffed by Volunteers.

We offer 1:1 sessions to help you to use a computer, iPad, Tablet, smartphone or Mac in a friendly environment. No exams, no pressure – just a volunteer sharing their individual ways of using technology. So why not book a 1:1 with one of our volunteers? You can bring your own laptop/Tablet/iPad/smartphone, or use our machines. We can cover most topics on most computers/devices at most levels.

Also available – eBay course – how to buy and sell on eBay; 7th May 10-12 £20 for three-week course.

Thursday afternoons **COMPUTER DROP IN** £2.00 per visit. Ideal for a small problem that doesn't need a full 2-hour session. No need to book – just drop in (term time only).

Closed Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May and half term, 25th -29th May.

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I.T. for the Terrified, The Old Cowshed, Station Road, Cheddar. BS27 3AG. (Next to the War Memorial - not the Market Cross). Opening hours match Kings Academy term times.

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

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| 3 rd May | Mrs H Wade | 11.00am |
| 10 th May | Rev. N Lakin - Holy Communion | 11.00am |
| 17 th May | Rev. D Hills - Chapel Anniversary, United Service | 1.00am |
| 24 th May | Mr R Haskins | 11.00am |
| 31 st May | Rev. R Sims | 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

Morning Prayer in Pilton Church

at 9.00am on Wednesdays

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

MAY 2015

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| 3rd May | Easter 5 | |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | Dinder |
| 11.00am | Family Service | Pilton |
| 11.00am | Family Service | Croscombe |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | North Wootton |
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| 10th May | Easter 6 Rogation Travelling Communion Service | |
| 9.30am | | Dinder |
| 11.30am | | North Wootton |
| 1.15 pm | | Pilton |
| 4.00pm | | Croscombe |
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| 17th May | Easter 7 | |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | North Wootton |
| 11.00am | United Service at the Chapel | Pilton |
| 11.00am | Morning Service | Croscombe |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | Dinder |
| 6.30pm | Holy Communion | Croscombe |
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| 24th May | Pentecost | |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | Pilton |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | North Wootton |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | Croscombe |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | Dinder |
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| 31st May | Trinity Sunday | |
| 11.00am | United Benefice Holy Communion | Dinder |
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| 7th June | Trinity 1 | |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | Dinder |
| 11.00am | Family Service | Pilton |
| 11.00am | Family Service | Croscombe |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | North Wootton |