

THE
ROUNDAABOUT
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"If there's ice in November that will bear a
duck,
There'll be nothing after, but sludge and
muck"*



NOVEMBER 2013

Parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder

All phone codes 01749 unless specified

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**DECEMBER ROUNDTABLE DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS
MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2013, 9.00am**

MEMORIES

Whenever we hold family gatherings, there is a cousin of mine who often says: 'I remember when...' He then proceeds to share a family story from the past, often the distant past. These stories draw nods of recognition from older members of the family as the events being spoken of are brought back to life in their imaginations. These stories often lead to related stories being shared by others as memories are stirred.

There is an increasing interest today in family history. Programmes such as 'Who do you think you are?' are fascinating for many people. We may not know the celebrity who is the focus of these programmes personally, but the story of their heritage we often find fascinating. These kinds of programmes help us to appreciate just how important our history is to our own sense of identity. The internet has enabled people to explore their history and get in touch with family members around the world in a way that would have been impossible a few years ago. As we become connected to other family members and learn about their lives, so we understand more about ourselves.

Just as the stories of our lives help to create our identity as individuals so family stories help to create a sense of identity for our particular family. Shared memories help to develop deeper relationships. Of course, this is true for all of us in a variety of circumstances but it is particularly true within most families. Indeed, whenever members of a family meet together they will start telling each other stories of what has happened to themselves and other family members. There is a sense in which we understand our lives in the present better by having an understanding of our family and our roots.

The Bible tells Christians that it is important to keep re-telling the stories of our faith to one another. At the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples to share bread and wine to remember what he was going to do for them by dying on the cross. As Christians share the bread and wine today, we are reminding one another of the story at the centre of our Christian heritage and, more importantly for our twenty-first century lives, we are reminding one another of our shared Christian identity as members of God's family, the Church.

Rev. Nick Lakin

PRAYER FOCUS

As the days get shorter, we remember all who find the darker times difficult. We pray that they and those who grieve for loved ones will be aware of God's presence with them, however dark and difficult life seems to be.

BIBLE READINGS

3 rd November	Ephesians 1: 11-end	Luke 6: 20-31
10 th November	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5; 13-end	Luke 20:27-38
17 th November	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13	Luke 21:5-19
24 th November	Colossians 1: 11-20	Luke 23: 33-43

Susan Green – Licensed Reader

At a service in Dinder on 6th October tribute was paid to Susan Green in recognition of her twenty-five years as a Reader in the parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder. Since she was licensed on 1st October 1988, Susan has worked tirelessly to support David Osborne, Gordon Millier before him, and now Elaine Brightwell, and we are sure she will support our future priest whenever he or she is appointed.

After taking early retirement from Brookside School Street, where she had held the posts of Head of Infants and, for a time, Deputy Head of the whole school, she went on a course in Bristol to help her in her work in our four parishes. Asked whether she had considered ordination, her reply was that she would have to move away and she felt that her work was here.

Early on in David's time as Rector he suggested that we should have some "away-days" so that we could get to know one another better. Susan organized these with her customary efficiency and attention to detail, and they have been a great success,

Thank you, Susan, for all that you have done in the past and for your continuing invaluable support in our four parishes during the current vacancy.

Y.O.S.

meets as usual in Dinder Village Hall on **Sunday 3rd November 6.00 – 7.30pm**. More details from Becky Gilbert (676739) or Sandra Kirkham (342221).

A SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

A time to remember those we love

Pilton Parish Church
Sunday 3rd November at 4.00pm

A service for anyone in the parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder who would like to remember in prayer someone who has died.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY- 10th November

Services in the four parishes

In **Pilton** starting at 10.55am there will be a formal Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Conduit Square, followed immediately by a Remembrance Service in the Parish Church.

In **Croscombe** there will be an Act of Remembrance in the Parish Church, starting at 10.55am, and followed by a Remembrance Service.

At **North Wootton** there will be a Family Service appropriate for Remembrance Sunday but prepared and led with the thought that there may well be people of all ages at the service. This will begin at 10.55am with a short Act of Remembrance.

At **Dinder** there will be Holy Communion at 6.30pm.
Anyone is welcome to any of the services in the parish churches.



ADVENT SUNDAY:
UNITED SERVICE of HOLY COMMUNION
at DINDER, 11.00am. All are very welcome to come .

PRAYER AND A PINT

The new programme for Prayer and a Pint continues to meet every second Tuesday. The next meeting will be on 12th November at 8.00pm in Pilton Working Men's Club. The theme will be " Chaplaincy in the Army " led by Maurice Davies. All are welcome.

More details from Rob Davey (899206) or Lucy Stankiewicz (890036).

TEAS for TINIES

The next informal service,
followed by refreshments and a chat,
for young families from all our parishes will be on

Sunday 17th November – 3.00pm

in Pilton Parish Church

ABOUT PEOPLE

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

We send our good wishes and prayers to anyone who is unwell at the moment, whether you are at home or in hospital. We remember those receiving treatment and those awaiting the results of tests.

Baptism

Alexander Teddy Mead was baptized at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Dinder on Sunday 20th October

Funerals:

Ken Dilkes' funeral service was held in Pilton Church and followed by cremation on 20th September.

Gladys Chilcott who grew up in Pilton was commended to God in a service in Pilton Church on 24th September.

Family and friends gathered in Pilton Church for the funeral service of **Julia Evans** on 3rd October.

The funeral service of **Richard Croker** was held at Dinder Church on 18th October.

We send our loving sympathy to all these families.

Congratulations to our **Archdeacon Nicola** on her election as a regional representative to the House of Bishops. The presence of women at the highest level in the Church of England shows how their contribution to the future of the church is valued.

Harvest Festival at Pilton Parish Church

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event – those who gave flowers and produce, who decorated the church, and those who worked towards the success of the Harvest Supper. £200 was raised from the auction of goods and this will help the work of CMS who are involved in initiatives around the world such as providing schools in Sudan and Pakistan. The Salvation Army gratefully received tinned produce that had been donated.

THANKS

From the Revd David Osborne

Madron and I thoroughly enjoyed our years in Pilton. When we arrived in July 1994 we were warmly welcomed into the four communities of Pilton,

Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder. We made many friends and there were too many good times to describe.

As Rector I had the privilege of being able to share in some significant and deeply personal occasions with many of you. Some of them were very sad. Others were joyful. I am grateful that you were willing to involve me and allow me to make some kind of contribution to what was happening.

When we left in September you gave us a great send off with many cards and letters, generous gifts, and a good party and final service. Thank you very much for all that you gave us during our time in the Pilton area, and when we left. When we have decided how to spend the money that you gave us I will let you know.

Meanwhile, we hope and pray that church life will continue to flourish while there is no Rector, that the process of choosing a new one goes well, and that you will be able to make your new parish priest as welcome as you made us. We are already settling into our new home and over the winter will slowly become involved in the life of our new community. It is good, now, to be here.

David Osborne

Ron England would like to thank everyone who attended and supported The British Liver Trust event on September 14th .

Money raised: Raffle £175, Donations £117, Profit from Ticket sales £290, Grand total £582.

Jim & Eileen Govier & Family would like to thank all friends that sent messages of sympathy to them after the sad passing of Eileen's sister Nancy Bryant on September 12th .

Thanks to all who attended **Julia Evans** funeral on 3rd October , and also those people who were unable to attend but were there in thought and prayer. Julia would have been very touched. Thank you for all the cards of sympathy and donations made to the British Heart Foundation.

With love, John, David, Gemma and family.

CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Development Plan : we would welcome your views on this long term project. Our Village Design Statement is now on the website, along with our minutes and agendas.

Possible reintroduction of Speed Watch: This will require training volunteers to use the hand-held speed-camera for recording motorists and passing their

car numbers on to the police for a warning letter to be issued. Please contact any councillor if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

Complaints about a high level of dog fouling around the village: Please do not leave dog mess on pavements/road verges but place it in the bins provided or take it home. An active concern for the safety and appearance of the village is always welcome.

If you could maintain the appearance of the village by clearing rampant weed growth in your immediate vicinity, it would benefit all; unfortunately, there are no longer the County funds for their removal. Similarly, please keep any drains by your property clear of refuse/leaves as drain clearance has also been affected by local government cuts. Please let us know if you require assistance or if there is any location causing particular concern.

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm on November 13th in the Church Room. All are welcome. **Web site:** www.croscombe-parish.co.uk *Hilary Shergold_*

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Don't forget Remembrance Sunday on November 10th when we shall be using the new steps to reach the Memorial.

In 2012 money was raised by generous residents to finance the Pilton Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. The original idea to purchase a Memorial Stone with the surplus money faced unforeseen difficulties and so, the Jubilee Committee, with Council's support, have agreed that the money should be given to Pilton Playing Field Committee to purchase two or three seats for the Playing Field. There should be sufficient money to pay for future maintenance. Come and sit and watch the skate boarders!

Following the village questionnaire we are in discussion re further Affordable Housing in Pilton. The field north of John Burns' Cottages has been very kindly made available by Michael Eavis and talks are in progress between Mendip DC and the South West Housing Society. The plans being presently discussed but not finalised are for six 2 bedroomed houses, two 3 bedroomed houses and two one bedroomed houses – i.e. ten houses in total with 22 parking spaces. We will keep you in touch.

The next Council Meeting is on November 6th at 7.30.p.m.

Sandra Howe.

MUSICAL JOURNEY ON FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Acclaimed cellist and composer Emily Burridge will perform her programme *Bach, Burridge and Into the Amazon* in Pilton Church. A former music scholar of Wells Cathedral School, she has worked with famous musicians, in both classical and pop worlds and also lived with Indian tribes in the Amazon basin in Brazil, for whom she formed a registered charity in 1995.

Movements from Bach's sublime cello suites will be interwoven with some of her own melodic compositions, some accompanied by percussion.

Then we go on a fascinating journey into the Amazon, enhanced by projected images, as her original haunting and lyrical cello music is merged with recorded prayers and songs of the Xavante Indians and sounds of the rain forest .

Recent reviews include *The Musician*: "fascinating and unique" and *European Progressive Music*: "deep, thoughtful and also lifts your spirits".

Doors open 7 pm for 7.30 pm concert, with interval. Advance tickets (cash or cheques only) £10 / £8 OAPS from Jenny de Gex 01749 890465 (jennydegex@btinternet.com) Shepton Mallet Tourist Information 01749 345258, Pilton Post Office or on door if available (best to check first).

For further reference please visit Emily's website: www.emilyburridge.com

Take Art

"You and Me" Friday 22nd November, Pilton Village Hall 7.30pm.

An award winning fringe play touring the country is coming to Pilton!

A touching, teasing and intoxicating play about 2 Spanish sisters.

Suitable for families.

Please contact Lucy on 899574 for tickets in advance or from the Pilton Post Office. Tickets also available on the door £7/£4.

Lindy Hop Workshop - Learn to Swing Dance in a day

Sunday 24th November 11am-15:15pm, £25 full / £20 concessions for the day; pre-booking essential. Village Hall, St Marys Lane, Pilton.

4-hour workshop covering the basics of Lindy Hop. All welcome, no need to bring a partner. Everyone guaranteed to be dancing by the end of the day.

Teachers : Giles Lord and Tashi Gregorska

Advance booking required, email: swingbookings@gmail.com.

Further information please email or contact Giles on 07740394655.

Please bring lunch or book a roast at the Working Men's Club.

MADE IN PILTON - pre-Christmas Sale

The special *Made in Pilton* stall, as seen at Pilton Show, will be open for sales on the evening of Thursday 7th November, between 7.00 and 8.30 pm at the Village Hall. So come along and get early Christmas presents, such as calendars for 2014 with Pilton scenes, and all manner of handmade items and crafts.

Tea and coffee will be served. Funds raised will go to Pilton Show, allocated by the Grants Committee to village organisations seeking funding for 2014 projects.

Christmas is coming!!!

Do you have friends or relatives interested in Pilton, or have you yourself only recently moved to the Village???

What about buying a copy of the excellent book produced for the Pilton Village History Group by the late Keith Harlow?

Entitled "**Aspects of Pilton's History**", it is very well illustrated and has 95 pages. It provides a fascinating glimpse into many aspects of Pilton's varied and interesting past!

Copies are available at £6.50 from Pilton Post Office, The Crown, Pilton Working Men's Club or Christine King (01749 890357)

ck.pilton@btinternet.com

Janet Dowding of Croscombe has written and published "**The Toll-houses of Somerset**". The book includes details of all the toll-houses, pictures, historical facts and useful directions on where to find them.

Copies (£9.95 each) can be bought direct from Janet (330725).

Theatre Tickets for Sale: 'Wolf Hall' at the RSC, Stratford. Adaption of Hilary Mantel's marvellous novel about Thomas Cromwell. Unfortunately, we can no longer use two tickets for Monday 10th February 2014 7.30pm @ £25 each. Also available accommodation at Travel Lodge for three nights (or one night) £28.66 per night for the room, 8th, 9th, 10th February. Please ring Alison on 01749 890716 or Norman 890587.

ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 9th November-11.00am – 4.00pm

Pilton Village Hall

Paintings, pottery, woodcraft, general crafts.

Come and join us. Tea and Biscuits

Organised by Pilton Art Group

More information from Malcolm (890488) or Paula (890323)

Pilton Community Allotment Association

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 13th November 7.30pm

Pilton Village Hall

Vacant plots available.

We are considering a plot for group tenancy.

Details from Scott (890657) or Paula (890323)

Old Pilton Working Men's Club and Village Hall

Annual General Meeting and Trustee Election

It is a year since the villagers voted for the Trustees of the Old Pilton Working Men's Club and Village Hall Charity. Do come along to the Annual General

Meeting on Thursday 14th November at 7.30 p.m. to vote for this year's nominees. The Charity exists to provide and maintain a village hall and social club for the use of all Parishioners and we hope the Trustees reflect the diverse interests of the community they represent.

Within the next year Pilton Playing Fields should be incorporated into the Charity.

Nominations are welcomed from residents of the Parish who feel they have the skills, experience and enthusiasm to help promote and provide facilities for the use of those in the area of benefit now and for the future.

Nomination papers are available from the Post Office and the Working Men's Club and completed nomination forms will be accepted until 6th November. Please see village notice boards for details.

Colin Elkin, Chair of Trustees

FILM EVENING
'The Economics of Happiness'
Pilton Village Hall

'This film delivers a powerful message about globalization: it is the small, local economies around the world that are preserving traditions, cultures and communities and ultimately safeguarding our happiness.'

Voices from six continents – 68 minutes

Thursday 28th November – 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Followed by light refreshments

Royal British Legion Pilton Branch Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 28th November at 7.30 pm. It will be held in the larger hall (Bourne) on the top floor of the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome.

Liz Elkin, Branch Secretary

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Festival Run Saturday 2nd November at 10.30am. 5km (2km for juniors).

Details from: Christopher Bond (bondchristopher@btconnect.com) or Chris

King (ck.pilton@btconnect.com) Entry forms: piltonvillage.co.uk website

PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP 4th November 7.30 Village Hall

Jenny de Gex will be talking about the production of the 'Pilton People' book.

All welcome Members £1 Visitors £2.

Richard Raynsford

PILTON SHOW

All suggestions for new classes will be welcomed : please send these to Chris King by mid-November. ck.king@btinternet.com or phone 01749 890357.

Please come along to the **AGM on Tuesday 5th November** at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm to air your views or if you would like to join the Committee. All are welcome. The meeting is followed by cheese and wine.

Pilton Show Committee

PILTON RAMBLERS' last walk of the year will be in the local area and tailored to suit the weather conditions but with a maximum distance of five miles. Anyone wishing to come along should meet at the Village Hall car park at **2.00 pm, Saturday 9th November**.

John Wheat (890585)



GABRIEL'S COMMUNITY ORCHARD, PILTON

This year's apple crop has been very rewarding and with the help of some willing volunteers, we have produced about three hundred and fifty bottles of apple juice. So please make a note that the new season's juice is available at £2.30 a bottle (there is a discount for those who have helped in the orchard or with the juice production this year). Don't forget to stock up for Christmas. Contact Christine Davies (890009) or Joe King

(890357).

MOVIOLA in Croscombe Village Hall,

'Summer in February' (15) Thursday, 28th November

A story of love and loss in a bohemian artist's colony in Edwardian Cornwall, starring Dominic Cooper of Downton Abbey fame. Watching this British film is a delightful way to spend a chilly November evening.

Tickets: £6 available at the door or Croscombe Village Shop

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

Christine Walker, Michael Hay

GLOBE CARNIVAL CLUB

Grand Christmas Bingo

At **Wells City Football Club**

Monday 25th November

and at

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

On Monday 9th December
Jackpot House £100 at both venues
Doors open 7.00pm – Eyes down at 8.00pm
First class prizes donated by local businesses and
supporters of Globe Carnival Club
Contact Wendy on 01749 675877



W.I. in PILTON

Following a recent luncheon to discuss the future of Pilton W I, it was decided to hold a Christmas Party on Monday 9th December at 7 p.m. In the Winding Lake room at the Village Hall Pilton.

A warm invitation is extended to all who are interested. Bring a friend. Join us for a fun evening. All will be very welcome.

For further information please contact: Ruth 890607, Margaret 890504, Rita. 890348.

SHEPTON MALLET CARNIVAL – Wednesday 14th November

Please remember that there will be a road closure order on the A371 from Shepton Mallet to Wells between **10.30pm and midnight**.

ABBEYFIELD - independent living for the elderly in a caring sheltered house in Wells.

Please call about our current vacancies; Tel: 01749 - 679049 Wells@abbeyfield.com

EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUB

Pilton Working Men's Club

Saturday November 2nd The Flatland Boogie Band 8.30pm £4

Saturday November 9th Sterioronics (Tribute Band) 9pm £5

Advanced Tickets only from R. England 07592805693.

Saturday November 16th Carvery Lunch 12noon-1.30pm.

Sunday November 17th Evening Bingo 7pm for 7.30pm.

In aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Saturday November 23rd Undercover 8.30pm £4

Sunday November 24th Carvery Lunch 12noon- 1.30pm.

Friday November 29th Bernie Scott, Spiritual Medium and Reiki Master
7pm for 7.30pm Ticket £8 includes nibbles.

Saturday November 30th Jack by the Hedge 8.30pm £4.

Please book early for Carvery Lunches. Tickets on sale from Bar from
November 9th and 29th.

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

The Crown Inn, Pilton

Every Tuesday: Quiz Night

Every Wednesday: Takeaway Night

Every Sunday: Real home-cooked Sunday Lunch £7.00

Friday 1st November: Seafood Buffet

Saturday 9th November: Massive Firework Display with optional Bonfire Supper

Friday 15th November: Caribbean Buffet Night

The George Inn, Croscombe

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

Every Wednesday is Steak Night: 2 steaks for £22.95

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

Saturday 2nd November 10am Cycling Group 30 mile

Sunday 3rd November 8pm Cricket Club Quiz

Friday 15th November 8 pm Live Acoustic & Classical Guitar

Saturday 23rd November 8 pm Live Music with the Shadrach Doyle Experience

Thursday 28th November 7 pm; **Friday 29th November** 7:30pm

MS Fundraising Film Premier of "Saving Mr. Banks" (pg) tickets £12.50 available from the George

SMALL ADS

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

Garden Maintenance – call Dave Williams on 01749 345446

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holiday in Cornwall – Family-run farmhouse B & B and self-catering cottages in a stunning setting, St Newlyn East, Nr Newquay. Details www.degembris.co.uk or 01872 510555

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

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

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

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

Monkey Puzzle Soft Play: Soft play sessions at Croscombe Village Hall, 1-3pm Thursdays November 7, 14, 21, 28; and December 5 and 12. Contact Liz on 07956 536242 or visit www.monkeypuzzlesoftplay.co.uk for more information.

For Sale: A Next mirrored-console dressing-table and 3-drawer chest £100 o.n.o. Contact 0784 928 2843

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

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE STORES for Christmas Turkeys and all the trimmings. A One Stop Shop to cater for Christmas Tel: 345 853

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

November

- 3rd All Souls' Service , at Pilton Church 4.00pm
3rd Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night, The George Inn 8.00pm
10th Remembrance Day Service. St. Mary's Church **10.55am**
13th Mobile Library. The George Inn 9.15am – 9.25am
Honeymead 10.55am – 11.05am
13th Parish Council Meeting. Church Room 7.30pm
19th W.I. Meeting. S.D.A. Hall 2.00pm
Richard Raynsford: "Hidden Secrets of Churches & Chapels".
21st Senior Citizens' Club. Bring and Buy Sale. S.D.A. Hall 2.15pm
24th Sunday Club. Church Room 11.00am
27th W.I. Scrabble. (Details from Helen Cox, 343642).
28th Moviola Film Night. Village Hall 7.00 pm for 7.30pm
"Summer in February" (15).

December

- 6th Christmas Fair at Croscombe School 2.00pm – 4.00pm
14th Christmas Charter Market. Village Hall 10.00am – 12.00noon

Croscombe Sunday Club is on Sunday 24th November, meeting in the Church Room 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. Children can be collected at 12.00 noon from the Church, following the end of the service.

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

Calling all Stallholders!



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

The Christmas Market is held in school and has a variety of stalls to browse. It is a lovely festive event and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. The Friends of Croscombe School are currently asking for stall holders who might be interested in running a stall at this event. The cost would be £10 per stall. If you are interested, please contact Tiffany on 01749 938384.

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

November

2 nd Festival Run, Festival Site	10.30am
3 rd All Souls' Service	4.00pm
4 th Pilton History Group, Village Hall	7.30pm
Jenny de Gex on making the book "Pilton People"	
5 th Pilton Show A.G.M., Village Hall	7.30pm
6 th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
7 th 'Made in Pilton' Sale, Village Hall,	7.00 – 8.30pm
9 th Art Exhibition, Village Hall	11.00am – 4.00pm
9 th Ramblers, Village Hall Car Park	2.00pm
12 th Prayer and a Pint, PWMC	8.00pm
13 th Happy Circle, Amusing Tales – Pat Hase, PWMC	2.00pm
13 th Community Allotment Association AGM, Village Hall	7.30pm
14 th Mobile Library West Compton House	9.20am
Top Street Car Park	9.35am
14 th Old Pilton Working Men's Club and Village Hall	
AGM and Trustee Election, Village Hall	7.30pm
27 th Happy Circle, Club Memory Box, PWMC	2.00pm
28 th 'The Economics of Happiness' Film, Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
28 th RBL Pilton Branch, AGM, Village Hall	7.30pm
29 th Musical Journey, Concert, Parish Church	7.00 for 7.30pm

December

7th Pilton Churches Working Together Christmas Fayre

PILTON SHOW AGM

All are welcome to come along to the Show AGM on Tuesday 5th November at 7.30 pm, after which cheese and wine will be served.

Please bring your ideas and comments, in particular concerning the Flower Show as the organisers are revising the schedule very soon. If you are unable to come to the meeting but have positive suggestions or comments concerning the Show, please contact Chris King directly on ck.pilton@btinternet.com

PILTON SHOW 2013 GRANTS

The 2013 Show surplus will be announced at the AGM. All of the surplus goes to village organisations, a substantial proportion of which is made available on a grant basis. If you represent a Pilton organisation and would like to apply for funds, please obtain an application form from the Post Office or from the Show Treasurer. Completed forms should be returned by 30th November.

Paul Warry, Hon Show Treasurer

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

November

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| 3 rd Cricket Club Quiz Night, The George Inn, Croscombe | 8.00pm |
| 6 th Planning Committee, Easton Church Rooms | 7.00pm |
| 17 th Dinder and Dulcote Sunday Club, Village Hall | 10.30am |
| 17 th Village Hall Bar All welcome | 12.00-2.30pm |
| 18 th Book Club "The Love of a Good Woman" by Alice Munro | 7.30pm |
| Ring Mary (672558) for further details. | |
| 22 nd Save the Children Coffee Morning, Sharcombe Farm | 10.30am-12noon |
| 27 th Planning Committee, Easton Church Rooms | 7.00pm |

December

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| 6 th Christmas Dinder Village Hall Lunch (Pre-book) | 12.30pm |
| (See full details in notice below) | |



CHRISTMAS DINDER VILLAGE HALL LUNCH



Our last lunch for 2013 is on Friday 6th December. This is our traditional Christmas Turkey Roast followed by a selection of delicious desserts, all for £5.50. Drinks are bought separately at the bar. Could you please pre-book by phoning: Liz Hoare (670477) or Margaret Bancroft (674943) and state if you require vegetarian. Please pay at the door when you arrive. Doors open at 12.30pm. Do try to book early as this is our most popular lunch! We all look forward to seeing you on the day.

Dinder & Dulcote Sunday Club

In October we thought about the things we find easy and the things we need to work hard to achieve. The word for the day was perseverance. We also enjoyed playing with the parachute!

The next Sunday Club is **Sunday 17th November** from 10.30am at Village Hall for children from 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.



Save the Children

COFFEE MORNING for SAVE The CHILDREN
22nd November 10.30am-12noon

Sharcombe Farm, Dinder BA5 3PF (behind Village Hall)

Christmas cards and gifts, home-made produce, raffle, bring-and-buy.

Entry £1.00 to include coffee and biscuits

“THE TIMES THEY ARE A’ CHANGING” !

The **regular Friday Coffee Mornings at Dinder Village Hall** are now starting at the later time of 11.00am and finishing at 12.30pm. This is a great time to get away from the housework and gardening. Sit down, relax with coffee and biscuits and have a chat with your friends and neighbours. Everybody is welcome.

DINDER AND CROSCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

The second of our popular Quiz Nights will be held at the George Inn, Crocombe on Sunday 3rd November at 8.00pm.

Teams of up to 4. £2.00 per person.

Roy Thorne, Hon. Secretary

USED STAMPS and MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Please continue to save all your used stamps and milk bottle tops (red, green and blue) for me to pass on to the various charities who are always grateful for your donations. Stamps can be left at the village shop or my home. Milk bottle tops can be left at my home - Livadia, Fayreway, Crocombe.

Many thanks.

Janet Dowding.

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Mendip NADFAS Meetings are held in the Westex Suite at the Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet, and anyone wishing to attend should contact Tony Lane in advance on 01749 670652

5th November “Musical and Cultural Life in Shakespeare’s England” by Mr. Jeremy Barlow

Mid-Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society illustrated lectures at Caryford Hall in Castle Cary BA7 7JJ, Tuesdays at 11.00am, free parking. £6. All welcome. **19th November. “Rescuing Zeugma from the floodwaters of the Euphrates”.**

For further information contact 01963 350 527.

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE

It was nice to see so many members at the Church to remember the life of our dear friend Ken Dilkes and afterwards at the Club. Our thoughts remain with Jean and we look forward to seeing her back with us in the near future.

Wednesday September 18th saw us off to Weymouth for our annual Summer Outing. In Pilton the day dawned dull and damp, but on our arrival at Weymouth the sun came out and shone for the rest of our stay. "Thank you once again Mary" for looking after us. Plenty of shopping, sunbathing and many of us enjoyed fish and chips. All too soon we were on our way to West Bay for a short stay, enjoying a welcome "Cuppa" before a very pleasant journey back to Pilton. Thanks to Avalon Coaches, our Hostess Maureen and driver Brian for being so helpful, nothing too much trouble.

This was our last trip of the year, but hopefully 2014 will see us off on some new adventures in the sun leaving the thoughts of winter a distant memory. You do not have to be a member to join us on our trips; visitors are always welcome subject to places being available.

George West



PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE REPORT



A different sort of meeting this month – we were the guests of Kate Turner and her staff at Party Packs in Westbury-sub-Mendip. How well we were entertained!

Busy hands were delving into box after box of party goodies on the warehouse shelves. All bright, all fun, all reasonably priced and a few just slightly naughty – orders are in the post or online for those!

What a super theme for a business sending out 300 orders each day all aimed at giving people, from two years to however long they can party, a good time.

The stock comes from England and lots from the Far East. We were impressed by the workforce who are devoted to their work and to Kate. Party packing obviously creates a great working environment and work opportunities for the apprentices.

Thank you Kate for an afternoon greatly enjoyed by us all!

John Howe

CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS

The Hall was full to capacity for our September meeting, to hear a heart-warming and compassionate talk on animal rescue from the owner of Happy Landings in Pylle. There is an ever-open door for any sort of unwanted pet as well as farm animals, and they are chipped, neutered and nursed to peak condition. We heard about a Rottweiler, a nervous wreck through being beaten with chains, who became a different dog after three years with their behaviourist; a goose who insisted on mothering piglets; ferrets at play who were more entertaining than T.V., and battery hens in heaven after a life in barbaric conditions. Did you know that Staffordshire bull terriers were once called “nanny” dogs because you could not wish for a gentler or more reliable guardian for a baby, but have developed a bad name only because of being deliberately bred for fighting? If you want a pet, do go to Happy Landings who have a very good record for matching and re-homing (Tel: 860350).

Many happy returns to Ron and Vera with birthdays in August, and grateful thanks to Vera for a super fruit cake for tea.

Barbara Lippett

CROSCOMBE W.I.



We started the September meeting with business chat, sorting out such items as Christmas dinner, finance, calendars, diaries, forthcoming events etc... all necessary for our future.

Then we were introduced to Simon Anderson. Sadly, after an accident in 1999 at 42 years of age, he is now in a wheel chair. He decided not to give in to his

dilemma and keep active by doing charity work to help others like himself.

His mission was to introduce us to “Support Dogs” and he had brought two beautiful liver-coloured German short-haired pointers that support him.

He explained that “Support Dogs” is a national charity which trains dogs to transform lives by assisting adults and children. The dogs can be trained to do almost anything required of them. There are currently three types of “Support Dogs”: Disability Assistance Dogs, Seizure Alert Dogs and Autism Assistance Dogs. “Support Dogs” is the only organisation in the United Kingdom to train Seizure Alert Dogs.

After his interesting and informative talk, he and his wife gave us a short demonstration on what his two dogs could do. What a lovely afternoon! And, as usual, it finished off with a nice cup of tea and chocolate biscuit.

Lyn Manvill

“THE WAR AGAINST THE TALIBAN”

There was an excellent turnout at the Pilton Village Hall on Saturday 10th October to hear the well-known journalist and author, Sandy Gall, give a talk on the background to the conflict in Afghanistan, including his views on where the West had failed. Using much of the material from his latest book, “The War against the Taliban”, Sandy Gall gave a balanced view of the factors leading up to the inclusion of NATO forces to shore up the Afghan Government in Kabul against the Taliban forces, and the effect that neighbouring countries, and tribal interests, had on Afghanistan’s internal security. The talk raised nearly £900 and Sandy generously donated this sum to the Royal British Legion. The money will be forwarded to the Legion Home at Dunkirk House, near Taunton, and to Legion House in Weston-Super-Mare. The local Branch of the RBL has been active in supporting both establishments that care for ex-servicemen and their dependants, mostly drawn from this area of the country.

Bill Southcombe

A few signed copies of Sandy Gall's book "War against the Taliban" (£8.99) are available from the Rays at The Manor House, West Compton. (890 582).

News from ‘The Club’

Oh what a night! An enthusiastic audience of around 100 people enjoyed the lively music of the Drystones – a duo who energetically and enthusiastically entertained with their own lively jigs (even one song!), with guitar, fiddle, whistle and electronic drum. The cheers from the audience showed just how much their incredible energy transmitted to everyone’s enjoyment. No wonder they played at Glasto this year! The same night Nick Parker returned to the Club with Clare Tarling – their talented folk playing and singing impressed.

It's all part of the regular 'Saturday Night Music'. Piltonvillage.co.uk has the complete programme.

The Club is a great place to meet, with its well-stocked bar, and a loyalty card gets you even cheaper drinks. Skittle and team-skittles compete most weekday evenings. Skittles is a long established part of 'The Club' and the 4-a-side skittles competition has just finished; "AWCG" won, with "Winalot" as runners-up. Late November the Triathlon starts on Sunday nights. It's a great atmosphere as teams compete in skittles, darts and pool, and an ideal time to socialise.

Just in case you hadn't heard – there is a dinner dance on Saturday 7th December. Tickets are going fast.

Marilyn Johnson

CROSCOMBE 100 CLUB

The Croscombe Village Hall Committee say a big thank you to all contributors to the 100 Club. Due to your very generous support over the years, the funds raised have helped enormously towards the ever ongoing maintenance of the Hall.

Given the cost of processing cheques, it was agreed by the committee to drop the lowest prizes. Thus the bi-annual prize of £100 is retained (June and December) along with the two prizes of £25 and £15 every month, instead of £25, £10 and £5.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to try your luck, please contact Gill Way (344929).

100 CLUB DRAW 2013

August

1st Shelley Critchley £25
2nd Elaine Willmott £10
3rd Ian Davidson £5

September

1st Deborah Walker £25
2nd Andy Ollis £10
3rd Trevor Harris £5

October

1st V Graham £25
2nd Mike Dowell £10
3rd Mark Godrum £5

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

At their A.G.M, the Croscombe Village Hall Committee was re-elected for the present year with only one change – Peter Graham of The George has agreed to be our licensee in place of Barry Vidler.

Recently the Committee have investigated some additions to the Hall, for which there is clearly support, and are hoping to be able to present detailed plans as soon as possible.

Miranda Spenlove-Brown, Secretary

FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 12th November – 7.30pm Pylle Village Hall

The Answer Lies in the Soil – David Usher

New members always welcome

Details from Maureen Harris 01749 890426

PILTON PLAYERS

Pilton Players performed two one-act comedies under the banner title “Oops!”, entertaining the capacity audience with a plethora of fun and a superlative buffet of finger food in the interval.

The first play, directed by John Howe (who also performed), was set in a care-home, where two residents tried to relieve their boredom by staging a mock abduction of a young carer, hoping this would provide themselves with cigarettes and alcohol while forcing her fiancé to set a wedding date. Needless to say, all goes horribly wrong, a situation fully exploited by the cast.

The second play featured a quiz evening, with eight team members proving a far from harmonious combination, with constant contributions to a swear box in aid of the village church funds. Brilliantly cast and acted, tight direction by Alison Ward coupled with a clever and at times risqué script combined to deliver a thoroughly enjoyable performance.

The performances were made possible by the host of behind-the-scenes supporters but this time without the long-time and highly valued assistance of Martin Steward, now sadly missed.

Nigel Lane

BITS FROM THE BELFRY

Ringers from Pilton and Croscombe towers have taken part in two quarter peals: **St Thomas a Becket, Pylle, on 1st October in 45 minutes - 1260 changes of Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob)**

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| 1) Peter Felton | 4) Joe King |
| 2) Maureen Tofts | 5) Ken Brown |
| 3) Helen Brown (C) | 6) Colin Elliott |

St Mary the Virgin, Croscombe, on 2nd October in 46 minutes – 1260 changes of Bob Doubles

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| 1) Gordon Johnson | 4) Terry Nichols |
| 2) Helen Brown (C) | 5) Ken Brown |
| 3) Tim Phillips | 6) Neil Tulley |

This was the first quarter peal for Gordon and birthday compliments to him.

Unfortunately on 30th September at Dinder, the ringers had a very annoying near miss trying for a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles when the fifth rope broke about 40 changes from the end with one bob to go! The ringers were 1) Gordon Johnson 2) Helen Brown (C) 3) Alison Wickson 4) Ken Brown 5) Tim Phillips 5) Sean Rodgers.

The B & W Association 8 bell striking competition was held on 28th September at South Petherton. 13 teams representing 10 branches took part. Glaston Branch, which included Don & Kate Cobb from Pilton, were 4th.

Jean Skidmore



Save the Children

Pilton and District group of Save the Children have been very busy trading Christmas cards over the last few weeks and the sale at West Compton raised over £700.

The generosity of the Parish Church PCC in donating half of the collection at Rev. David Osborne's last service was much appreciated and the sum of £240 has been sent for the work being done by the charity in Syria.

North Wootton also gave half of their Harvest lunch and sale proceeds to go to Syria and this amounted to £320. In addition we were again invited to sell cards at the North Wootton cafe which raised £175.

All of this could not have been achieved without the help of our volunteers and the generosity of the various organisations involved in both villages.

More than 2 million children have fled from Syria and are presently being housed in temporary camps. With the onset of severe weather the need for warm clothing, blankets and health clinics is urgent and the money donated has been sent to Syria to help.

Ending on a happy note the "name the doll" competition was won by John Howe and the doll was called Sophie.

Save the Children thank all who have helped in any way.

Lysbeth Ballantine, Chair Pilton and District group

PILTON UNITED

Pilton United have had a very good start to the season winning all four of their league games. Unfortunately we lost to Worle Rangers (Weston-Super-Mare League) in the 2nd Round of the Somerset F.A. Intermediate Cup.

Our next home games are on:

November 2nd v Evercreech Rovers Kick off 2.00pm

November 23rd v Camerton Athletic Kick off 2.00pm

Top 4 First Division Table, Mid-Somerset Football League 20/10/2013

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1	<u>Westfield A.</u>	5 4 1 0 16	13
2	<u>Pilton United.</u>	4 4 0 0 22	12
3	<u>Stoke Rovers.</u>	5 4 0 1 14	12
4	<u>Temple Cloud.</u>	5 3 0 2 12	9

So why not come to Pilton Playing Fields and support your local team?
Refreshments are available to be purchased throughout the game with all
proceeds going to the football club funds.

Jackie and Claire Rose

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

3rd November Mr R Haskins 11.00am
10th November Remembrance Service - United at Parish Church **10.55am**
17th November Rev Nick Lakin – Holy Communion 11.00am
24th November Mrs M Bossom 11.00am

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

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

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2013

3rd November	All Saints	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Family Service and Baptism	Pilton
11.00am	Family Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
4.00pm	All Souls Service	Pilton
10th November	Remembrance Sunday	
10.55am	Remembrance Service	Pilton
10.55am	Remembrance Service	Croscombe
10.55am	Remembrance Service	North Wootton
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Dinder
17th November	2 Before Advent	
9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	Morning Service	Pilton
11.00am	Morning Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Croscombe
24th November	Christ the King	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
9.30am	Morning Service	North Wootton
9.30am	Morning Service	Dinder
11.00am	Holy Communion and Baptisms	Croscombe



1st December
11.00am

Advent Sunday
Holy Communion

Dinder