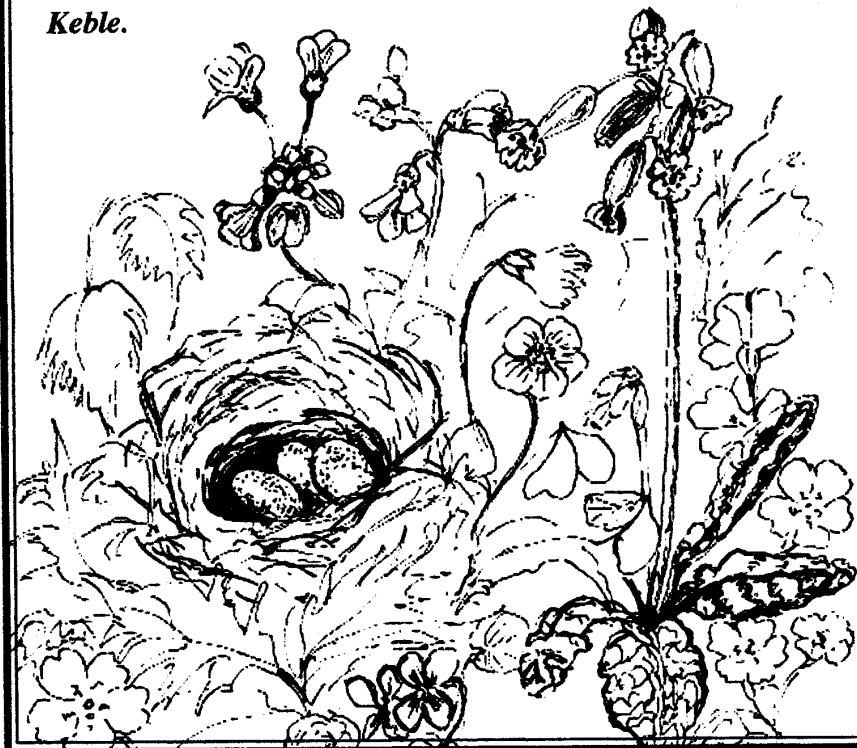


THE
ROUNDAABOUT
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"Soon oer' their heads blithe April airs shall sing;
A thousand wild flowers round them shall unfold;
The green buds glistern in the dews of spring,
And all be vernal rapture as of old"*

Keble.



APRIL 2024

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WORSHIPPING IS KEY

In January I was back in my old Diocese of Exeter, marking the death of Sabine Baring Gould 100 years before.

What an extraordinary person he was, with an incredible range and roundedness of learning and interests, in an equally full and fulfilled life. He was a great traveller and prolific writer of biographies, folklore, travel books, theology, novels and hymns, including some, such as 'Onward Christian Soldiers', that remain popular today. He was a linguist and translator; and, as an archaeologist on Dartmoor, very much a pioneer in the field. For many, his greatest achievement was his collecting the old folk songs of Devon and Cornwall, providing inspiration for such composers as Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Holst. He was also the Squire of Lewtrenchard and, being ordained, he appointed himself as parish priest as well!

This he saw as his true vocation. His responsibility, and that of the local church, was the cure of souls from cradle to grave. This meant a care for the spiritual wellbeing of all in the community and for their bodily and social welfare too. Striving for good health and housing must go hand in hand with growth in faith and prayer. All should be encouraged to full humanity, to holy discipleship, to the recognition, and use, of whatever gifts anyone possessed for the common good.

But, underlying all of this, one other aspect of this great man's life speaks very strongly to me now. That is how he understood worship and its relationship to the whole of life. 'To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God'.

Worshipping is key. I am reminded of the later words of Archbishop William Temple: 'It is sometimes said that conduct is supremely important, and worship helps it. The truth is that worship is supremely important and conduct tests it.'

Bishop Michael Langrish, Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells

PRAYER FOCUS

Despite the sad news of problems throughout the world, Spring has returned with increasing daylength and new flowers emerging in the hedgerows and gardens each week. Whilst remembering the suffering of others, let us enjoy the wonders of life around us and give thanks that we live in this beautiful area.

PSALMS

The Psalms set for April speak of the sufficiency of God's and Christ's support and reassurance for those who call in distress.

7 th April	Psalm 133
14 th April	Psalm 4
21 st April	Psalm 23
28 th April	Psalm 22: 25-end

BIBLE READINGS

7 th April	Acts 4: 32-35	John 20:19-end
14 th April	Acts 3: 12-19	Luke 24: 36b-48
21 st April	Acts 4: 5-12	John 10: 11-18
28 th April	Acts 8: 26-end	John 15: 1-8

ONLINE SERVICES

A weekly service with hymns and a sermon is available from the Church of England website.

Please Google: **CofE online services,**

Click on weekly service. There is no need to sign up.

Scroll down and click on the picture for the service.

DATES FOR COMPLINE ON ZOOM

on the following Sunday evenings:

7th and 21st April

If you would like further details about joining in this simple evening service, please contact rector.pcnd@gmail.com

BENEFICE STUDY GROUP continues to meet fortnightly at the home of Tim Wotton in North Wootton on a Monday morning at 10.30am. Anyone is welcome to join us. For more details, please email rector.pcnd@gmail.com

Susan Green



PILTON CHURCHES TOGETHER
CELEBRATING THE 175th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PRESENT PILTON CHAPEL
WITH

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APRIL 14th 3.00pm at the Coffee Shop
Booking essential at £14 each –

contact Gill/Philip on 890468

or philipeavis@gmail.com (very limited places)

PILTON CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

The speaker at the third Sunday **United Service in the Parish Church at 11.00am on Sunday 21st April** will be Canon Jonathan Lloyd, County Ecumenical Officer for Churches Together in Somerset. He will be talking to us about some new developments as the two churches in Pilton continue to develop our work together.

DURING THE VACANCY when there is no Rector...

... church life will go on.

For any enquiries you can contact the Churchwardens in your own parish or Susan Green. Their contact details are advertised every month in the magazines.

You can also send any emails to rector.pcnd@gmail.com

These messages will be forwarded to someone to deal with.

BISHOP MICHAEL TO VISIT ZAMBIA

Bishop Michael will be making his first visit to Zambia as Bishop of Bath and Wells this month, having previously spent time there during his career as an epidemiologist.

Commenting on his visit, which takes place from 22 April to 5 May 2024, Bishop Michael says, "I am really looking forward to be going back to Zambia. It takes the whole world to know Christ and I am so excited at the thought of all I will learn from our Zambian brothers and sisters. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to explore how we can potentially work together on a joint environmental project involving our schools."



CATHEDRAL ADMISSION CHANGES

Wells Cathedral has announced changes to its admission guidelines from 22nd April. **Free passes are available to local people** and to parishioners in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, with a new entry charge for tourists. It will remain free to enter for worship, prayer, and to light a candle. The monies raised by the £14 tourist admission charge will go towards the care of the cathedral building and its mission.

Information about the Parish Pass and how to apply for it is available from the [Wells Cathedral website](#).

ABOUT PEOPLE

We welcome new people to our villages and hope that you settle happily in your new homes and that you will soon be able to enjoy the groups and events that make up village life and help you to be part of life here.

We send our good wishes and prayers to anyone who is unwell whether you are at home or in hospital. We remember those receiving treatment, those awaiting the results of tests and the families and friends who care for needy people, and we send our loving sympathy to people recently bereaved.



**Alzheimer's
Research
UK**

The Power to Defeat Dementia

THANK YOU!

As some of you, particularly in Pilton, may know, I took part in the challenge recently to do "29 Miles in 29 Days in February" for Alzheimer's Research UK.

I set myself the task of covering at least one mile EVERY day, come rain or shine, and indeed I did get VERY wet some days! I completed the Challenge, wearing my bright orange hat, and I took a picture of the hat in a different place around Pilton each day.

My target was to raise £100... this was soon surpassed, and due to the amazing generosity of over almost 60 people, in fact you have helped me raise over £925 by mid-March...

People have been so lovely, and I just wanted to say 'thank you' for the support and the donations, and particularly to those people who donated anonymously, whom I haven't been able to thank directly....

Chris King (890357)

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

April

2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	Sequence Dancing.	Village Hall	8.00pm
6 th	Coffee Morning.	Village Hall	10.00am – 12 noon
7 th	Croscombe Community Orchard Picnic.		3.00pm – 6.00pm
7 th	Dinder & Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night.		
		The George Inn	8.00pm
8 th	Film Night. "The Miracle Club" (Cert. 12A).		
		Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
9 th	Women's Group.		2.00pm
18 th	Senior Citizens' Club		2.15pm
21 st	"I Piano" – Take Art Theatre Show for families.		
		Village Hall	2.00pm and 5.00pm
25 th	Friends of St Mary's Music Afternoon.	Church Room	3.00pm

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday April 6th.

At Croscombe Village Hall,
from 10-00am to 12noon.

Fresh organic coffee and delicious home-made cakes.



CROSCOMBE COMMUNITY ORCHARD PICNIC

Sunday, April 7th 3-00-6.00pm

Croscombe Community Orchard

cordially invite you to an afternoon of food, drink and fun for all the family, and for us all to enjoy seeing the first blossom on our trees.

It will also be a chance to catch up on plans for the orchard into Summer and Autumn - all ideas and suggestions are very welcome. Refreshments available: Hot dogs, salads, scones with clotted cream and jam, cider punch and other good things will be available to buy, or bring your own picnic. All proceeds will go towards new benches and tables, as well as upkeep.

Everyone welcome to come and enjoy this community event.

Mary Cadogan



SEQUENCE DANCING

We meet on Tuesdays at 8.00pm in Croscombe Village Hall. Any new members will be more than welcome. If you do not know how to sequence dance, we will be more than happy to teach you. Please come and join us. *Lyn Manvill 07780 661327*

CROSCOMBE FILM NIGHT

Monday April 8th at Croscombe Village Hall

“The Miracle Club”.

A 2023 comedy-drama starring Maggie Smith and Kathy Bates.

Certificate 12A £7.00 entrance

Doors open 7.00pm, film commences 7.30 pm

Bar available



FAMILY THEATRE: “I PIANO”

Sunday 21st April 2.00pm and 5.00pm

Croscombe Village Hall, Fayre Way, BA5 3RJ

“Oh no! The piano has lost its music! But a little girl wants to help the piano find it again, and together they set off on

a magical adventure...”

“I Piano” combines thrilling theatre with stellar piano playing, and enchanting shadow puppetry with live audience interaction. The show is perfect for families as the visuals captivate younger children while the story is deep enough to hold older children, it engages everyone including parents and grandparents.

This is the latest professional theatrical show hosted by Croscombe Frolics thanks to the support of Take Art - Somerset’s rural touring charity.

“I Piano” is at Croscombe Village Hall on Sunday 21 April at 2pm & 5pm with tickets £9 adults / £4 child or £26 family (2A+3C) via

www.takeart.org/whats-on or The George Inn or

richard.cronin567@btinternet.com (939485)

CROSCOMBE MUSIC AFTERNOON

Our April music appreciation session is on **Thursday 25th April** in the Church Room. The music starts at 3.00 pm and the programme will be Lyatoshinsky Symphony No 5 and Shostakovich Symphony No 6. Short programme notes are provided.

The music lasts for about an hour followed by a cuppa and a chat. New 'listeners' will be made very welcome.

Entrance £3 - free for Friends of St Mary's. Donations towards the cost of church maintenance gratefully received. Contact Terry (345139) or Jenny (345405) for more details or if you are hoping to come.



POSTAGE STAMPS I am still collecting postage stamps - used, unused, U.K. and foreign - for the charities (RSPB at present). They can be left at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe. Charities are always grateful for donations. Many thanks for those received recently.

Janet Dowding

CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS

Contact *Lyn Manvill 07780 661327*

CROSCOMBE WOMEN'S GROUP

Contact *Lyn Manvill 07780 661327*

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The Crown, Pilton, 890300, info@thecrownpilton.com

Pilton Club, 890162, www.piltonclub.com piltonvh@gmail.com

Pilton Community Coffee Shop, Top Street, BA4 4DU

Pilton Village Hall, 890162, piltonvh@gmail.com

Pilton Playing Field Pavilion, 899125

The George Inn, Croscombe, 342306, www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk
mobile: 07892 699297

The Cross, Croscombe, 343352, www.cross-croscombe.co.uk

Croscombe Village Hall, www.croscombevillagehall.org.uk
346445 (9-5 Mon-Fri)

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITES

www.piltonparishcouncil.org
www.croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk

Harriet Sandys

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WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

April

1 st Open Day, The Manor House Barn, West Compton	2.00-5.00pm
3 rd Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.00pm
8 th History Group, Village Hall	
'From Boy to Man', Bryn Hawkins	7.30pm
11 th Pilton Players AGM, Pilton Club	7.30pm
14 th PCWT Tea, New Room Coffee Shop (see details on page 5)	
17 th Happy Circle, Village Hall	
'Japan', a talk by Ian Williamson	2.15pm
19 th Ukephoria Jam, Pilton Club	8.00pm
28 th Playing Fields AGM, Playing Fields Pavilion	5.00pm

May

6 th Village Jumble Trail (see details on page 15)	from 11.00am
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COFFEE SHOP HALF YEAR DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUSES

The volunteers who run the Coffee Shop have just distributed the donations and surpluses for the half year to February 29th.

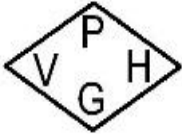
A further £2588 has been given away. Full details of donations for the past year are displayed at the Coffee Shop, the Club, Parish Church and the Chapel.



Pilton Players are holding their AGM in the Perridge Room at Pilton Club on Thursday 11th April at 7.30 pm. All welcome!

If you are interested in what the Players are up to but cannot make the meeting, please contact Steve Lowe on 899298 or e mail stevebarlow2steves@outlook.com.

Steve Lowe, *Joint Chair*.



PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

The April meeting of the Pilton Village History Group will be

on **Monday April 8th in Pilton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Bryn Hawkins, who is the chairman of the Somerset Miners' Welfare Trust, will tell us of his story "**FROM BOY TO MAN IN THE SOMERSET COALFIELD**"

"I will tell you about the history of my family in the mining industry from 1908/09, with a special story about my grandfather when he was shot in the legs. My own story started at the age of 14, when I started my engineer's apprenticeship at the end of July 1956 with the National Coal Board at Camerton pit, where my father had also started work at 14. It upset me when all the other lads were going underground, and I had to wait until the second week in September to take my first excursion in the cage to go down the pit. I ended up at Norton Hill Colliery having worked for the NCB until 1973, when the final pits closed."

The talk will be illustrated and include some film material.

ALL WELCOME – Members free Visitors £4 Refreshments



PILTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

Welcome to the start of a new growing year!

WE CURRENTLY HAVE A COUPLE OF HALF-PLOTS AVAILABLE at Pilton Community Allotments at the corner of Top Street and Neat Lane! We have

recently had a few changes to our ploholders, and have sadly said goodbye to a tenant who is in poor health and another very long-standing ploholder.

This means that we have been able to welcome several new ploholders since the autumn.

We hope they will have a great time growing lots of lovely organic food at the [Pilton Community Allotments, Somerset](#).

Please email piltonallotments@gmail.com or phone 890357 for more information!

PILTON 200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to March 2024 winners.

1st prize - £30 - Tracey Mapstone

2nd prize - £10 - Vicci Gate

3rd prize - £5 - Nicola Thorpe-Billing

If you would like to join the Pilton 200 Club to support the Village Hall and for your chance to win cash prizes each month, please call 07723 058086 or email - moulderterry@aol.com for more details.

UKEPHORIA JAM

Ukephoria Jam is a jolly and fun musical evening for everybody. Packed with ukulele players, ukulele groups, singers, kazoos and other instruments, we meet up to share and play our favourite songs. It is a free event where everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy or join in.

Our next Ukephoria Jam is on **Friday 19th April** at Pilton Club, starting at **8.00pm** Free event - Bar open

Please email ukephoriajam@gmail.com or find us on Facebook for more information.

BHOPAL MEDICAL APPEAL

We'll be having our usual stall opening onto Pylle Road for the village **Jumble Trail on Bank Holiday Monday May 6th**, so please start thinking about making generous donations! This is to raise funds for the BMA clinics, helping people still affected by the appalling Union Carbide gas disaster in India some **40 years ago**, providing medical care, education and community support and caring for families still damaged by the chemical gas leak and now the ongoing contaminated water poisoning.

Smaller items can be donated/collected any time, but storage space is limited for larger items until after Easter. Please contact either Fiona (899125) or Jenny (890465) Preferably boxed or bagged up, please: they will be stored at the latter premises.

PILTON SHOW CALENDAR

The theme for the 2025 Show Calendar will be WILDLIFE IN BRITAIN – a slight variation from what anyone who has the 2024 Calendar will see billed as ‘Wildlife in Pilton.’ We felt as it was likely to be the last Show Calendar – unless anyone would like to take this on in future – we should widen the brief to include all of Britain, to give more variety. The calendar has been printed annually for the last 12 years but as the current production team are retiring, and people rely less and less on printed calendars and diaries, it is time to close down.

The Flower Show schedule is now available (*details below*) so please support the Photographic Section by entering this category, and get clicking from now on, wherever you may be in the British Isles. From birds and butterflies to frogs, puffins, seals, stags, toads try to capture that magic moment!



PILTON FLOWER SHOW

The Pilton Flower Show Team are happy to announce that the Schedules for the classes at the Flower Show are now available - plenty of time to get your entries ready!!!

a) Schedules can be printed off at the website

www.piltonflowershow.org.uk

b) PAPER COPIES (on bright red paper!) are available at four places this year...The New Room Coffee Shop

Pilton Co-op

The Crown, Pilton

Pilton Club

Thanks to all of them.

*** One point to note is that this year, Section J is open to ALL Sixteens and under.

Contact the Flower Show Team on piltonflowershow@gmail.com or 890357 if you have any queries.

PILTON SHOW PROGRAMME ADVERTISING

Anyone wishing to advertise please contact Hilary Austin (890561). All programme copy to be in by mid-May.

HAPPY CIRCLE

Dudley read us a description of transport built and piloted by children in the 1940s and 50s. One essential vehicle was the soapbox, or dilly, usually an assembly of a wooden box, pram wheels and a wooden chassis steered by string with feet for brakes and powered by an enthusiastic push from friends. A decent hill added to the fun and very little traffic meant it was 'safe'.

Boats and rafts were necessary if there was a pond or stream. We heard of the maiden voyage of a half barrel boat which had string attached ready to retrieve HMS Barrel on demand. Captained by a young cousin the boat was launched but rather than sail straight it went round and round, as did the string. When the lad stood and asked to return to land the string was pulled, the barrel rotated, and the captain shot into the pond.

Members contributed their own recollections of home-built sledges, carts and boats enjoyed during the long holidays of childhood.

We are looking forward to Ian Williamson's talk about Japan at our meeting on April 17th.

Liz Elkin

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

We would like to thank everybody who turned out for the **bi-annual litter pick**. It was another successful morning.

The **Parish Council Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday 15th May at 6 o'clock in the Club Room at the Village Hall. This meeting is designed to discuss what the Parish Council has done in the previous year. And more importantly it is your opportunity to discuss the things you would like us to look at in the year ahead. Please do come along.

The **Housing Working Group** have supplied to the PPC a factual report on how the low-cost housing in the village is allocated. This will be made available to all via the PPC website once it has been reviewed by the councillors. We would like to thank the Housing Working Group for putting this together.

Lastly, the permanent **speed reduction** in Pilton and East Compton is being progressed and there is a chance that this may happen prior to this year's Festival.

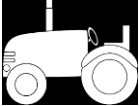
www.piltonparishcouncil.org



VILLAGE VOICES

FREE CONCERT - MAY 14TH 7.30pm Advance Notice -
Save the date.

(Full details in next issue of Roundabout)



COMMUNITY FARM

I am looking to set up a Community Farm in Pilton, to improve access to affordable, locally produced meat and veg and to provide a place to learn how to do these things, improve our health and wellbeing and expand on the community fridge principles. Ideally, we would need around 4 acres. If you know of any land available to buy or long-term lease, please contact Kelly at kellyexton@hotmail.co.uk or 890683.



PILTON SCARECROW TRAIL

For those who may wish to start dreaming up ideas or finding props, the theme for this summer's Scarecrow Trail in this Olympic year will be "OLYMPIC SPORTS PAST and PRESENT". To be displayed for village walkabout and people's voting between 24th August and 3rd September, so that scarecrows can end up on the Playing Field for Pilton Show on Saturday 7th September. Further details will be announced concerning entry dates.



USED POSTAGE STAMPS

I am collecting used stamps for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society so if you have any, they can be dropped off at Meadow Lea, Shutwell Lane, Pilton BA4 4DY. Thank you in advance.

Felicity Samuels

“SMASHED in the CELLAR”

Exhibition at Wells Museum, 8 Cathedral Green.

Featuring 500 years of pottery that was thrown out in 1820; an oil painting on loan from the Goldsmiths’ Company, London, and artworks by local artist Duncan Cameron.

Open to view until 11th April

10.00am - 4.00pm. Tuesday- Saturday.

Entrance £4.00.

Cantilena Choir from Glastonbury

invite you to a concert of music

in St Mary’s Church Glastonbury on Friday 12th April 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Music Director Tony Bevan and Organist Matthew Redman.

Handel Dixit Dominus and J.S Bach Cantata No 4

Tickets £12.50 available from Choir members

Dicketts Glastonbury High Street and on the door.

Email: cantachoir1@gmail.com or telephone 01458-830520
for more details.

The Arts Society Mendip.

Tuesday 2nd April

“The Culture of Ukraine”. Rosamund Bartlett, writer, lecturer and translator, will describe how shared cultures bind these multi-ethnic peoples together, exploring the sacred art and architecture of Kyiv with its links to Byzantium, and the distinctive characters of Odesa and Lviv. The folk traditions in song and embroidery have influenced modern painting, haute couture and borsch. The talk will begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall **This lecture will not be available on Zoom**. Guests are welcome for a fee of £10. Further details, including information about

becoming a member and full programme available on our website; www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk.

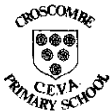




WEST PENNARD SCHOOL

Thoughts of brighter times to come were on everyone's minds in the last few weeks as the incessant rain continued to fall. We started thinking ahead to the summer and to our next big project for improving the school and the opportunities for the children. We are going to build a new playground to replace the castle play area that we currently have. The School Council met with Mrs Clarke to discuss ideas of what the children would like, and we have started to consult with various play equipment firms to see what is possible and to give them the design brief to build something wonderful for the children. It looks possible that we can relocate some of the existing equipment still in good condition to elsewhere in the school to make another play area. We have started raising funds and we are on our way to making it happen, having had some kind donations already. If there are any businesses in the local area looking to donate to a worthy cause, please get in touch.

Tony Wheat, Headteacher



CROSCOMBE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Croscombe, we pride ourselves on offering smaller class sizes, creating an environment where every child receives the attention, support, and individualised instruction they need to thrive. This has been reflected during the past term which was filled with excitement and community spirit.

World Book Day was a highlight, with pupils and staff dressing up as their favourite characters, igniting imaginations and celebrating literature.

Some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils had the incredible opportunity to collaborate with "Make the Sunshine CiC" (a performing arts group) in a special performance titled "My Magic Memory Jar and Me." This collaborative effort brought together the talents of our pupils alongside those from other local schools, showcasing the power of unity, creativity, and community spirit.

I would like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt wishes to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their upcoming SATs. Their hard work, dedication, and resilience have been nothing short of inspiring, and we have every confidence in their ability to succeed. Good Luck!

Chris Partridge, Executive Headteacher

LOCAL SCHOOLS

If you are still looking for a school for your child, do get in touch with our local schools and find out how they can support your child's educational journey. Whether you're interested in scheduling a tour, meeting with staff, or simply learning more about the curriculum, the staff are there to help every step of the way.



FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday April 9th

Fosseway Gardening Club talk by Hillary Little on
'Gardening on the wild side of Dartmoor'.

7.30pm Pylle Village Hall.

Visitors welcome

Details: 07772008594

MENTAL HEALTH

The excessive flood anticipation, alerts and resultant flooding that we have experienced locally recently can have a detrimental effect upon our mental health.

There is help out there – **Somerset Talking Therapies** treat referrals caused by natural disasters as a priority. You can be referred by your GP or self-refer at <https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/somerset-talking-therapies/online-referral-form/>

Community Council for Somerset Village Agents can be contacted at 01823 331 222 or visit their website at <https://ccslovesomerset.org>

Mindline offers a listening service – 01823 276 892 / 0800 138 1692 – www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/our-services/open-mental-health

And finally – do talk to neighbours and friends.

Parishes of Pilton, Crocombe, and North Wootton

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www.stmaryscrocombechurch.org

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

April 7th Rev Tina Swire

April 14th Tricia Muggeridge

April 21st Churches Together at the Parish Church 11.00am

April 28th Moira Cowell

All services at the Chapel begin at 10.30am

OUR PARISH CHURCHES

The churches of Pilton, Croscombe and North Wootton are beginning to work more closely with the churches of the Fosse Trinity Benefice (Ditcheat with Alhampton, East Pennard and Pylle). Everyone will be very welcome to visit any of the churches and attend any of the services.

The Churchwardens

CHURCH SERVICES AT DINDER

We hope to be able to publish details of services in the future but they are unavailable at present.

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

APRIL 2024

7th April	Easter 2	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Pilton
14th April	Easter 3	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
21st April	Easter 4	
9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00 am	Pilton Churches Working Together (at the Parish Church)	Pilton
28th April	Easter 5	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
5th May	Easter 6	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	North Wootton