

THE
ROUNDAABOUT
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*“Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of peace to you.”*

The Iona Community



AUGUST 2023

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RECTOR'S RAMBLES

Many of you will be aware that I am going to be leaving this Benefice in September to take up a new role as Rector of the Sodbury Vale Benefice in Gloucester. Although it is exciting to be taking on a new challenge, I am also very sad to be leaving the wonderful villages that have been my home for almost nine years (Just a quick note that if any of the couples getting married in September read this, do not worry. I will still be taking your weddings before I move!).

Next month will be my final letter so this has put me in a reflective mood as I look back over my time here. My overriding memories will be of all the different people I have met, and the kindness I have seen and been on the receiving end of, and the laughter and tears I have shared with many of you.

Most of us, if we are honest dislike change, but we know it is an inevitable part of life. So, I thought I would be consistent and offer you another poem, this time about change.

“The Tide Rises, the Tide Falls” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The tide rises, the tide falls,
The twilight darkens, the curlew calls;
Along the sea-sands damp and brown
The traveller hastens toward the town,
And the tide rises, the tide falls.

Darkness settles on roofs and walls,
But the sea, the sea in the darkness calls;
The little waves, with their soft, white hands,
Efface the footprints in the sands,
And the tide rises, the tide falls.

The morning breaks; the steeds in their stalls
Stamp and neigh, as the hostler calls.
The day returns, but nevermore
Returns the traveller to the shore,
And the tide rises, the tide falls.

I wonder how you read this. As a lover of the sea, for me it is comforting that the natural rhythms of the world continue, but maybe we would all hope some echo of our footprints remain behind as we move on.

Rev. Chris

PRAYER FOCUS

In this holiday season, we pray for school children and their staff that they may have time to rest, relax and enjoy the summer, whether at home or away. We pray for the safety of all travellers and the emergency services who come to our rescue when things go wrong.

PSALMS

This month's Psalms include praise for the greatness and goodness of God, thanksgiving, and prayer for help.

The psalms that can be read on Sundays in August are:

6 th August	Psalm 145: 15-end
13 th August	Psalm 85: 8-13
20 th August	Psalm 116: 67
27 th August	Psalm 138

BIBLE READINGS

6 th August	Romans 9: 1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
13 th August	Romans 10: 5-15	Matthew 14: 22-33
20 th August	Romans 11: 1-2a,29-32	Matthew 15: 21-28
27 th August	Romans 12: 1-8	Matthew 16: 13-20

BENEFICE STUDY GROUPS

We continue to meet together as follows:

Benefice Bible Study Group meets fortnightly on a Monday at 10.30am in North Wootton at the home of Tim and Felicity Wotton.

Puzzling Questions Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the New Coffee Room, Pilton at 2.30pm. Our next meeting is on 1st August, please do come and join us.

Anyone is welcome to join us and please feel free to ring me if you would like more details (Rev. Chris Butler 899061).

Compline 6pm on a Sunday evening.

A few of us come together on Zoom each Sunday at 6.00pm to share in a short service of compline (night prayer). It is a lovely way to mark the end of the week and if anyone else would like to join us or receive an electronic copy of the compline service to do at home, please do email me at the address in the magazine.

Rev. Chris

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Everyone is invited to

Sunday 10th September
UNITED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
at Pilton Parish Church
at **11.00am**

for Revd Christine Butler's final service in the Parishes

followed by a
BRING and SHARE LUNCH

We hope that as many people as possible will join us after the service
in Pilton Village Hall and PWMC.



Tea and coffee will be available
and the bar will be open.



Please bring something to share, savoury or sweet,
to the Hall/PWMC by 10.45am before the service.

The food needs to be ready to serve, sliced or cut as appropriate so
that everyone helps themselves to a variety of delicious finger food.
Plates and serviettes will be provided but no cutlery.

A presentation to Chris will be made at the end of the service.
Donations can be given to any Churchwarden,
cash or cheques made payable to 'PCWD – Joint A/C'.

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome **Ella Sylvia Gilson** who was baptised in Pilton Church on 2nd July.

FUNERALS

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families and friends mourning the following deaths:

Ron Borthwick of Pilton, whose funeral service is scheduled to take place at Mendip Crematorium on Wednesday 19th July.

Julia Catherine Causer (Kate) of Croscombe, whose funeral service is scheduled to take place on Friday 21st July at St Mary's Church.

DINDER - Date for your Diary **Friday September 29th.**

On Michaelmas we will be having a special celebration in Dinder Church. Our Church is named after St Michael and All Angels, so Michaelmas is the day of our patronal festival. This year we will be welcoming the choir from St John's Glastonbury who will be joining us to sing a Choral Evensong. We will also be blessing some nearby woods which are being renamed St Michael's Woods and having a celebration afterwards in the Village Hall. Exact timings will be confirmed next month but do put the date in your diary and come and join the celebration.

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

August

- 1st OAP and Children's Fund Outing to Weymouth
Leave from The George at 9.00am
- 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Sequence Dancing. Village Hall 8.00pm
- 8th Women's Group. Village Hall 2.00pm
- 17th Senior Citizens' Club.
Afternoon Tea, 3 Bennetts Close 2.30pm
- 27th Open-Air Theatre. "Uncle Vanya" by Anton Chekhov.
(See page 8) Meet by the Village Hall at 1.30pm and 4.30pm

CROSCOMBE WOMEN'S GROUP

At our July meeting we had Jim Scott, telling us how he became involved with helping others in times of crisis.

He started by telling us he had an addiction to travel, joined the Merchant Navy, left at 22, decided to travel for six months, only to return after 42 years, some journey.

He visited the Virgin Islands where he realised that the houses made of wood were not very sturdy in times of hurricanes, although cheap to repair. In such desperate times, people needed much assistance and so he set up a charity to help victims. The most help needed was money and he managed to raise \$600,000 in his little office. He would go for two weeks to areas to see where the money was most needed.

Jim then joined REACT, a charity providing humanitarian aid where it is most needed, He was properly trained to also assist residents. Volunteers are a mix of ex-military and civilians, and work in units of four (one being a medic). Not being government funded, they can remain neutral.

This talk was most interesting, and many questions were asked after the talk. Thank you, Jim, you helped make a very enjoyable afternoon.

Tea and homemade cakes, supplied by Barbara, rounded our meeting off.

Lyn Manvill (343833)

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

At our June meeting, we had a ham and cheese salad lunch followed by strawberries and cream. This has been a tradition for many years now, a very enjoyable tradition it is, I might add.

After lunch we had two lovely people, Cathy and John, who played some beautiful music, memorable tunes where we could all join in if we wished. This was followed by tea and scrumptious cakes brought in by Iris to celebrate her 80th birthday. What an afternoon!! I just find it a little sad that so few people wish to join us on these occasions, but may I say a big thank you to all who made it a wonderful afternoon.

Our next meeting is 17th August at 3, Bennetts Close for Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm

Lyn Manvill (343833)

PLAY-IN-A-WEEK

“Uncle Vanya” by Chekhov – Sunday 27th August

The annual open-air theatre production by local students in Croscombe is “Uncle Vanya” by Chekhov and takes place on Sunday 27th August at 1.30pm and 4.30pm. Audiences were wowed by their performances of Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” in 2021 and last year by a contemporary version of Moliere’s “Tartuffe”. This year’s production is “Uncle Vanya”, in the “fresh”, acclaimed 2020 adaptation by Conor McPherson that combines both humour and soulful insights from this turn of the 20th Century theatre classic.

Meet by Croscombe Village Hall. Free entry – donations welcome. Indoors if rain.

FFI 07771 814270 / www.croscombevillagehall.org.uk



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.

Contact Lyn Manvill 343833

VILLAGE VENUES

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)**

Dinder Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITES

clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org

www.croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk

“LANDSCAPES and INSPIRATIONS”

Monday 14th to Saturday 19th August

10.00am -3.00pm

at Pilton Community Coffee Shop, Top Street, Pilton. BA4 4DU

An exhibition of artwork inspired by the landscapes of the West Country
by local artist Steve Cobbin.

Further details: stevecobbin01@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

August

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| 1 st Puzzling Questions Group, New Room Coffee Shop | 2.30pm |
| 2 nd Happy Circle, Village Hall | 2.15pm |
| Patagonia with Ian Williamson | |
| 2 nd Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 7 th Last date to enter Scarecrow Competition (see page 12) | |
| 16 th Happy Circle, Summer Tea (venue to be confirmed) | 2.15pm |
| 30 th Final date to vote for Scarecrow entries | |

September

- 2nd, 3rd Pilton Show Weekend (see page 12)

Closure Announcement - private event:

Sorry, but **Pilton Club** will be closed for a private function on Friday 4th August, because we are celebrating our Golden Wedding Anniversary!! All friends who have missed the invitation will be more than welcome to join us from 7.30pm for the evening's entertainment.

Mike and Fiona Case

PILTON COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

The volunteers staffing the Coffee Shop will be distributing the half year profits early in September.

If your organisation wishes to apply to the volunteers, please contact the treasurer – philipeavis@btinternet.com

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE

Our coach trip around the Glastonbury Festival site was fascinating. We had coffee and cake at Goose Hall and then enjoyed excellent views of some of the extraordinary sights that make the festival special. Carhenge, the ribbon tower, the flags, the flowering tree, Glastonbury on Sea – all on our doorstep and made accessible by this kind offer to our Club. Thanks to Mark Cann, our guide, and thank you to Michael for making the trip possible.

We held an open afternoon so that curious villagers could come along and take part in one of our meetings. We had lots of plants for sale, delicious cakes, a bring-and-buy and an excellent raffle. The chocolate I won has gone, the jam is very tasty, and the plants are doing well – perhaps we should have another open session soon.

Liz Elkin



PILTON SHOW 2nd and 3rd SEPTEMBER

Saturday Fete and Flower Show from 2.00-5.00pm. Entry with programme £1 – available from New Room Coffee Shop and Pilton Club or on the gate.

Details for Flower Show entries: <https://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk/>
Sections F (Crafts & Specials) and K (Photographic) can be entered on evening of Friday 1st from 5-7.30 pm. Otherwise, entries on Saturday between 8.30-10.45 am.

The list of Stallholders was in July Roundabout and will be on village noticeboards: please bring cash to spend and support them! Bouncy Castles, children's area, coconut shy, skittles, traditional sideshows, teas and bar. Judo display at 4.00pm, prize giving at 4.30pm.

Saturday afternoon's main entertainment at 3.00pm will be the **PIRATE TAXI** – a delightful mix of circus and theatre from internationally acclaimed *Pirates of the Carabina*. Taking place in, on and around an old-school London taxi, sometimes serious, but more often funny, come to enjoy humour, music and aerial performance, suitable for all ages.

The **evening Barn Dance** led by *Rapsallion* and their caller is from 7.00-11.00pm (£5 for adults, children up to 16 free: tickets available from New Room Coffee Shop and from Jenny 01749 890465). Pop's Thai Kitchen will serve food from 7.30-9.30pm.

On **Sunday 3rd from 2.00-5.00pm**, weather permitting, the village Cricket Match will be revived, not held since 2016. Plan your team and contact Andy Reilly 07734 706257 to take part. Possibly also a Penalty Shoot-Out! Welly Wanging competition, in remembrance of former Chairman, Hugh Berry. Music provided by Pilton's own Ukulele Group.

The weekend concludes with Churches Together Thanksgiving at 6.30pm in Pilton Parish Church

SCARECROW TRAIL

See details on page 12



CROSCOMBE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a busy end of term at Croscombe School.

The production of "Alex in Wonderland" was a great success. The children did brilliantly and all the support from parents, family and villagers was very much appreciated. The show would not have been possible without Lydia Williams, Tanya Tyreman, James Packer, the Croscombe Frolics team, and others helping behind the scenes; thank you all so much!

The whole school joined in with the annual Sports Day. It took place on the Playing Fields and was luckily scheduled during a window of sunshine before the heavy rain returned! There were many competitive races with the green team ultimately victorious. There was also a very competitive parents' race! Thank you to Mr D and his team for organising it all so well.

The Year 6s celebrated the end of their time at school with bowling and pizza; thank you to Shaun Horan for organising. Good luck to all the year 6 children going to their new schools in September. *Anna Hay*



PILTON SCARECROW COMPETITION "FAIRY TALES"

Free to enter but **please confirm by 7th August latest**. Please either complete forms that will be at New Room Coffee Shop or Co-Op, or email Jackie directly on jackieinskip@icloud.com with entry details

i.e. your name, scarecrow name, contacts, location (post code).

A Map will then be compiled: these and judging slips will be available for use while walking around the village seeing the displays between 19th and 29th August, choosing your favourite. Most votes wins! **All votes to be in by 30th August latest** (info on forms) so scarecrows can then come to the Playing Field for Pilton Show on 2nd September, where prizes will be awarded.

SMALL ADS

Daniel's garden maintenance. Lawns cut, seeded, turfed. Hedges cut, garden clearance, Patio-laying, jet-washing, fencing plus fence painting. Weeding. Call Daniel 672832 or 07936 583986

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Dry Stone Walling by Giacomo – do you have a stone wall that needs repair or rebuilding? Please call 07759 477660 for a quote

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Oriental carpets and decorative items from Central Asia and India, Manor House Barn, West Compton. Open by appointment 890 582 www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk

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Fully qualified domestic/personal carer available. References on request. Call Mel, 07565 760361.

PRESSURE CLEANING. Paths, Garden Walls, Patios, Driveways, Decking, Iron Gates etc. Removes algae and ground-in dirt/grime. Call Steve on 01749 595224

KYMCO electric mobility scooter. Very little used so in very good condition. Batteries recently serviced. £200 or any reasonable offer. Contact Janet Dowding 01749 330725.

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

6th August Moira Cowell

13th August David Parker

20th August Rev Tina Swire

27th August Ken Young

All services at 10.30am

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

AUGUST 2023

6th August Trinity 9

10.30am United Benefice Holy Communion Pilton

13th August Trinity 10

9.30am Holy Communion Pilton
11.00am Morning Service Croscombe
11.00am Holy Communion North Wootton

20th August Trinity 11

9.30am Holy Communion North Wootton
11.00am Morning Prayer Pilton
11.00am Holy Communion Dinder

27th August Trinity 12

9.30am Holy Communion Pilton
11.00am Holy Communion Croscombe
11.00am Morning Service North Wootton

3rd September Trinity 13

10.30am United Benefice Holy Communion Croscombe
6.30pm Pilton Show Service

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