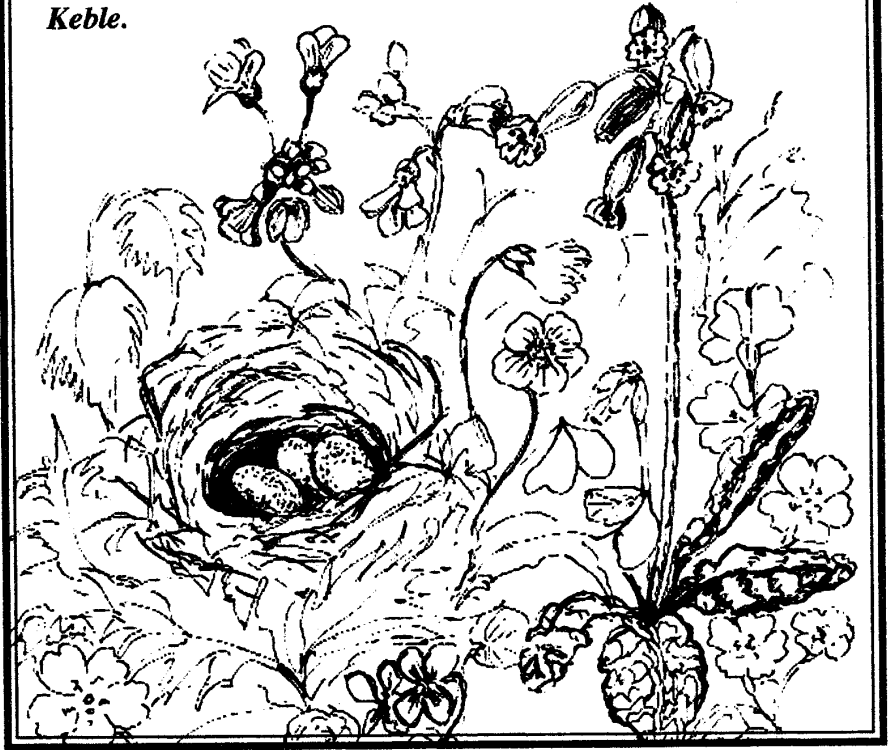


THE  
**ROUNDAABOUT**  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"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 2023

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*All phone codes 01749 unless specified*

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## RECTOR'S RAMBLES

I wonder what April brings to mind. Maybe like me, you had to plough your way through Chaucer in school, and the words of the beginning of The Canterbury Tales come to mind, well at least the translated from old English version, which say:

“When in April the sweet showers fall  
That pierce March’s drought to the root and all  
And bathed every vein in liquor that has power  
To generate therein and sire the flower.”

I always thought ‘April showers’ was a recognition of the unpredictable nature of April’s weather, but it turns out I was wrong. It appears the actual quote was written by a poet called Thomas Tusser in 1557, possibly inspired by Chaucer:

‘sweet April showers  
bring May flowers’

Doesn’t this suddenly make the quote far more positive and logical? It also shows I have made the wrong assumption all my life, and a slightly negative phrase has suddenly become positive. I suspect there will be showers in April but I will try and remember the positive and look forward to beautiful flowers in May, which I imagine many gardeners already do. Another happening in April this year is Easter, another time when an apparent negative ends up positive (ok, I know that is stretching the connection a bit). We often need the hard times to really appreciate the good celebrations, although for some there have been too many hard times lately.

In the lead up to Easter, we prepare for Holy Week when we will think about the last week of Jesus’ life and try to understand some of his journey, his hardest time. From the triumphant entry to Jerusalem, the Passover meal, the emotions in Gethsemane, to the depths of betrayal, and the pain of the crucifixion.

It is this journey through Holy Week that is so important to understanding our faith and our God. Some of the services may not be easy, especially those on Good Friday, when we are led into thinking about and maybe sharing some of the pain and betrayal of Jesus (obviously just a small echo), but how can we truly celebrate the wonder of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday unless we have shared some of those depths? So please do come and join us when you can – full details of the services are in the magazine.

*Rev. Chris*

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

The Easter season heralds new life, warmer weather and longer hours of daylight. We see these signs and hear the good news of the Easter message that bring joy and hope. We remember people in special need of hope in their lives especially in Ukraine and in areas affected by climate change.

## **PSALMS**

This month's Psalms include thanksgiving and trust in God and the familiar words about the Good Shepherd.

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

2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-end
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Psalm 16
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-end
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Psalm 23

## **BIBLE READINGS**

2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	Matthew 21; 1-11
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Acts 10: 34-43	Matthew 28: 1-10
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32	John 20; 19-end
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	Luke 24: 13-35
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Acts 2: 42-end	John 10: 1-10

## **BENEFACTURE STUDY GROUP**

We continue to meet in North Wootton fortnightly on a Monday morning at 10.30am at the home of Tim and Felicity Wotton. Anyone is welcome to join us and please feel free to ring me if you would like more details (Chris Butler 899061).

## **THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

Over the next couple of months, the Parishes will be holding their Annual Meetings. One of the things we will be discussing is our new Deanery Plan which may result in some changes for our parishes in the future, so do come along if you would like to be involved in those discussions:

<b>Croscombe</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2.30 pm in the Church Room
<b>Pilton</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm in the Church
<b>North Wootton</b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May after the 11am service, location tbc.
<b>Dinder</b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May at 3.30, location tbc.

## 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.

### Funerals and Deaths

We remember **Mike Davey** whose funeral took place at Mendip Crematorium on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

We are sad to report the death of **Finn Christensen** of Steanbow, Pilton on 15<sup>th</sup> February. His funeral service was held at Mendip Crematorium on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

It is with sadness that we record the death of **Lady Showering** of Dinder.

We are sad to report the death of **Sally Norman** of Pilton. Her funeral service is planned for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at Mendip Crematorium.

**Doreen Sullick-Fereday** of Pilton died peacefully on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of all these people.



Thank you for a generous donation to Roundabout Magazine from Croscombe and Dinder Frolics.

We are very grateful to everyone who advertises in the magazine. The income from advertisements and donations from organisations and individuals enables us to provide Roundabout free each month to every home in Pilton, Croscombe, Dinder and Dulcote.



Thank you to everyone who supported my last Traidcraft Open House at the end of February.

Traidcraft, which started trading 43 years ago and was instrumental in developing Fairtrade, sadly went into administration on 24<sup>th</sup> January. Over the years they have helped some of the poorest people to become self-sufficient and enjoy a better standard of living with acceptable working conditions and fair pay for their produce.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in our villages who has bought Traidcraft products from me over the last 16 years. Although there is only a very small mark up on goods, this all adds up and I have been able to send £4500 back to their charitable arm to help those less fortunate than ourselves to continue trading. I am particularly grateful to the North Wootton café for allowing me to sell there on a regular basis. Anthony and I will miss your hospitality and your delicious cakes!

*Hilary Austin*

*Thank you,* Hilary and Anthony, for all the work you have put into selling Traidcraft goods. We shall miss the ready availability of so many goods and goodies.

### **PILTON CHURCH BOILER APPEAL**

The efficiency of the new boiler has been much appreciated this winter. In one year, we have successfully raised almost enough to cover the cost of installing the new boiler. A further donation from the Community Coffee Shop has been most gratefully received and generous donations from church members and friends of the church have enabled us to be very close to the target of £27,000. For further details on making donations to make up the shortfall, please contact Paul Warry on 890434.

*Congratulations* to **Revd Christine Butler** who was awarded an M.A. in Theology, Imagination and Culture by the University of Winchester following a course of study at Sarum College.

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### April

1 <sup>st</sup> Coffee Morning. Village Hall	10.00am – 12noon
4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> Sequence Dancing. Village Hall	8.00pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Women's Group. Visit to Milton Lodge, Wells	2.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> "Make Me Dance." Take Art Dance Theatre. Village Hall	7.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Film Night. "Living". (Cert. 12A). Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Church APCM. Church Room	2.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens' Club. Talk by Miriam Cheal on Medical Detection Dogs. Village Hall	2.15pm



Croscombe Village Hall  
**Coffee Morning - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
10.00am – 12noon

### CROSCOMBE WOMEN'S GROUP

Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> April will be a visit to Milton Lodge to see the spring flowers. Time 2.00pm, cost £5. Afternoon cake and tea/coffee available at extra cost.

Please let Jill Marten-Smith (343036) know if you wish to attend, about a week before so she has numbers. Thank you.

*Lyn Manvill*

### CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT

Croscombe Film Night presents

**"Living."** (cert. 12A)

Staring best actor Oscar nominee Bill Nighy.

A story of an ordinary man who makes a supreme effort  
to turn his dull life into something wonderful.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm start. Village Hall.

Admission £7.00 Bar available.

### CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Our next meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm in the Village Hall. Miriam Cheal will give a talk on Medical Detection dogs. Any non-member welcome at a cost of £2.

*Lyn Manvill*

## **CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB**

The March meeting was our annual fish and chip lunch at Whitstones in Shepton Mallet. As always, the food was very enjoyable, and company good with lots of conversation. It was a very busy lunch time, complimentary to the food I would say. Members also had a dessert to finish off, most having a knickerbocker glory, a blast from the past! As the majority of our members sadly live alone, a trip out for a traditional English lunch is always appreciated. It was certainly a pleasant couple of hours.

Anyone wishing to join us at our monthly meetings will be made most welcome.

*Lyn Manvill 343833*

## **CROSCOMBE WOMEN'S GROUP**

**February meeting** It was a pleasure to welcome back Richard Raynsford for his talk and slide show on "Building in Somerset over the Ages". I suppose it was a small step from using caves, then trees and bushes, to fashioning crude blocks of building materials from clay, mixed with horse manure and "anything else they could find". You couldn't push them over, and, covered with a deep thatch roof with a sensible overhang, they were watertight. There are still cob cottages standing today, as he showed us.

Then came stone, and a map of Somerset revealed the large variety of stone available, from beautiful Ham stone to Bath stone to blue lias. Last of all, we saw pictures of houses made of corrugated iron (not unknown in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century), and a pre-cast concrete one in Bridgwater, not as hideous as it sounds. Which goes to show, it's the architect that makes a building pleasing or repugnant, not the base material.

Many thanks to Richard for his engaging style. *Barbara Lippett*

**March meeting** Adam Lee, accompanied by a colleague and a border collie, came and gave us a talk on the history of Happy Landings.

It was opened in May 1995 originally as a cattery but today they take care of many different animals. Adam said their motto was "If it's four legged or feathered and needs help and we can, we will".

Lots of improvements were able to be made recently with the help of many volunteers as funds are not always readily available. He said it cost around £20,000 per month to run with all utility costs rising and large vet bills alone. In 2021/22 they rescued 227 animals and rehomed 222.

The talk and slides were certainly an eye opener and very interesting. Happy Landings do have a wish list on Amazon for supplies.

We finished off as usual with tea and biscuits.

*Lyn Manvill*





## **SEQUENCE DANCING**

We meet on Tuesdays at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Any new members will be more than welcome. If you don't know how to sequence dance, we will be more than happy to teach you.

Please come and join us.

*Contact Lyn Manvill 343833*

## **ART EXHIBITION**

**"Three Views"**

**18<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**at**

**Wells & Mendip Museum**

**Tuesday – Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm**

**Free Entry**

Local Artists Gillian Flack, Wendy Lovegrove and Jan Brame are exhibiting work which includes local views, portraits and still life.

## **DANCE THEATRE:**

**"Make Me Dance" by Norway's Panta-Rei Dance Company**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm**

**Croscombe Village Hall, Fayre Way, BA5 3RJ**

"Make Me Dance" is a dance theatre production from Norway's acclaimed Panta-Rei Dance Company. With three dancers and a DJ, they explore the drives within us all to create.

Conceived for a multi-generational audience who will feel immersed within the performance space itself. This is the latest in a series of professional theatrical shows hosted by Croscombe Frolics thanks to the support of Somerset's rural touring charity Take Art.

"Make Me Dance" is at Croscombe Village Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm with tickets £12 adults / £9 Under 25s or Low-Income and £35 family (2+3) via [www.takeart.org/whats-on](http://www.takeart.org/whats-on) or The George Inn or [richard.cronin567@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.cronin567@btinternet.com)

*Richard Cronin 939485*



## **CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Thank you to all those who have subscribed to our 100 Club. The first draw will take place at our next coffee morning on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 10.00am-12.00pm.

We are planning to hold a Coronation coffee/ morning / lunch on 6<sup>th</sup> May where you can enjoy the company of your friends, have some refreshments and watch the Coronation of King Charles on a big screen /large TV. Details to follow.

Over the years several groups of the village have disbanded hence their representation to the Village Hall Committee has been depleted. We really need some new people to join us.

*Sheila Wilkins* Chairman

## **POSTAGE STAMPS**



Please continue to save your postage stamps from letters and parcels for the charities (RSPB at present). They are always grateful for the stamps which can be left at my house – Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe. Many thanks.

*Janet Dowding*



### **The Arts Society Mendip (Live and online)**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**‘Picasso and Cubism: Art is a lie by which we understand the truth’.** Douglas Skeggs traces the early career and aspirations of this rebellious artist to

The Arts Society Mendip on 4<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am, in Croscombe Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom – links will be sent to all members). Guests welcome for a fee of £6. Full programme available on our website; [www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk) (Spaces still available for Liverpool visit, 24 Sept, 5 days, cost from £649. See website/visits or contact Carol Landman, 07968029092).

## PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Please report any blocked drains to the **Flood Working Group** through Cllr Tom Hollings on [t.hollings@piltonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:t.hollings@piltonparishcouncil.co.uk) or Cllr Kelly Sumner on [k.sumner@piltonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:k.sumner@piltonparishcouncil.co.uk) and remember that any drainage systems on private land are the owners' responsibility to maintain.

Are you interested in the **wildflower verge planting scheme**? If you are interested in helping with this, contact the Clerk on [clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org) . The first job will be to clear the site in preparation for planting.

Thank you to all the Litter Pickers who did a great job in February!

The **Coronation Weekend** preparations for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>May are well underway. If you would like to be involved, contact Jenny on 890465.

**Parish Meeting** – we have the Parish Meeting coming up in May. We want you to come and share your views of what you want to see happening in Pilton. So, watch out for announcement of the date!

## CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

We have had to increase **the precept** but as you are all aware by a minimal amount. This is because our reserves are very low, and we need to rebuild monies in order to provide any additional future services and requests. All existing standard services are funded.

**Our clerk**, Gill Pettit resigned but we have been fortunate to recruit a replacement, Joe McGhee, a village resident. Our website will give contact details. **Minutes and agendas** will be displayed on the village notice boards and on our website in due time for you to comment.

We have set up **village zones** where a councillor will be responsible for a particular area of the village. These will be displayed on the website with relevant contact details. The aim is for you to be able to link directly with a councillor if you wish to raise a concern. Although at any time you can freely contact any councillor.

We will be continuing with the **parish plan** which had to be halted in order to recruit a new clerk; we welcome concerns and comments.

We will now be **meeting every 8 weeks** in order to save money. However, any urgent business or planning applications will create an emergency meeting which will be advertised so that interested parties can attend.

Please contact any councillor, at any time, with observations and queries.

*Hilary Shergold, Chairman*

## 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 07936583986

**Daniel's property maintenance** Roof repairs. Gutters cleaned, repaired and renewed. Interior and exterior painting and much more. Call Reg 672832 mob 07518116140

**Give your garden a treat. 2-year-old well-rotted horse manure** sold by sack or load. 100% organic. Contact 890582

**Chimney Clean:** Chimney sweep, clean and efficient service est. 1985. Please ring Colin on 07596 534861

**West Country Gardening and Landscape Services** for all types of tree, hedge, shrub and garden work. We also do one off garden tidying. Licensed waste carrier. 01458 210237. 07961 986871

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

**Piano Tuition** Ex music examiner welcomes all ages and grades (incl. diploma) for lessons in Pilton. Call Barbara Murray on 07799 383546 or 890193

**Oriental carpets and decorative items** from Central Asia and India, Manor House Barn West Compton. Open by appointment 890 582 [www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk](http://www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk)

**HandyMatt** Property maintenance, repairs and improvements including plumbing and electrical works. Call Matt or Kelly for a quote 890683, 07931 509104 or 07753 265879.

**Looking for Land.** We are looking for land as close to Top Street in Pilton as possible to set up a community farm. Please call Kelly 07931 509104 if you can help.

Adverts on this page can be changed every month and are useful for the sale of one-off items. We charge 50p per Roundabout line per month. This helps towards the cost of producing Roundabout and we hope that it also offers a service to the community.

Our contact details are on the inside front cover, or you can use the email address [magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk](mailto:magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk)

### PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITES

[www.piltonparishcouncil.org](http://www.piltonparishcouncil.org)  
[www.croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk)

## VILLAGE VENUES

The Crown, Pilton, 890300, [info@thecrownpilton.com](mailto:info@thecrownpilton.com)

Pilton Club, 890162, [www.piltonclub.com](http://www.piltonclub.com) [piltonvh@gmail.com](mailto:piltonvh@gmail.com)

Pilton Community Coffee Shop, Top Street, BA4 4DU

Pilton Village Hall, 890162, [piltonvh@gmail.com](mailto:piltonvh@gmail.com)

Pilton Playing Field Pavilion, 899125

The George Inn, Croscombe, 342306, [www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk)  
mobile: 07892 699297

The Cross, Croscombe, 343352, [www.cross-croscombe.co.uk](http://www.cross-croscombe.co.uk)

Croscombe Village Hall, [www.croscombevillagehall.org.uk](http://www.croscombevillagehall.org.uk)  
346445 (9-5 Mon-Fri)

Dinder Village Hall

### WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

**April**

21<sup>st</sup> Third Friday Film Club, Village Hall

7.30pm

### FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting is on

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Pylle Village Hall.**

Claire Hart promises an entertaining and informative talk on the concept 'Square Metre Gardening' using raised beds and vertical gardening to increase vegetable production on small plots. This month's competition is 'Flowers grown from bulbs massed as a small pyramid'. Come along for the evening's entertainment and stay for a chat and a cuppa.

Visitors £2, Annual Membership £12 to include tea, coffee and a biscuit.

### PLANT SALE

Our Annual Plant Sale is on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** 10.00am – 12.00noon at Ditchat Village Hall. BA4 6RB. There will be a wide variety of plants to choose from at reasonable prices. Please come along and support us. Contact Jill for more information on 07772008594.

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### April

5 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, 'India's Golden Triangle' Claire Axten The Club	2.15pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> Open Days at West Compton see below	
12 <sup>th</sup> GFEL Meeting, Village Hall	6.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, Birthday/Coronation activities The Club	2.15pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Church APCM, Parish Church	7.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> History Group, 'A Dip into the Pilton Archives', Maureen Tofts and Nicky Davey, Village Hall	7.30pm

### May

1<sup>st</sup> Jumble Trail

## OPEN EVENTS AT WEST COMPTON

### OPEN DAY

at the Pottery, West Compton House

together with

**Granite and Gorse** jewellery from Cornwall

on **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April** from **10.00am to 5.00pm**

We look forward to welcoming you.

Harriet Sandys

Oriental Carpets, kilims & Decorative Items from Central Asia and India

### OPEN EASTER WEEKEND

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm – 5.00pm**

New stock of nomadic carpets, jewellery and Indian jackets have just arrived. Discount on old stock. Do bring friends and family

**The Manor House Barn, West Compton. Shepton Mallet BA4 4PB**

[www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk](http://www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk)

### PILTON UKULELE GROUP

Each person needs to have their own ukulele, a music-stand and a tuner. We meet **every Thursday evening** at The New Room Coffee Shop on Top Street and a small donation to cover the hire of the room is required. Contact [piltonukulelegroup@gmail.com](mailto:piltonukulelegroup@gmail.com) for more information.

*Dan Climo*

## GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL MEETING

Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts Ltd will be meeting with Pilton Parish Residents and Pilton Parish Council at Pilton Village Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm.

There will be a designated part of the meeting for residents to comment and/or ask questions to GFEL, Police and Mendip District Council.

There will be an opportunity for residents to speak during the meeting and we request that points are made succinctly and not repeated so that as many people as possible can participate within the meeting. There will be opportunities after the meeting to expand on issues with the Village manager and GFEL team.

Outside of the Resident section public participation will be at the Chairman's discretion.

*Hannah Russell-Yarde, Licensing Team*



### PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting of Pilton Village History Group will be on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April (fourth Monday) at 7.30pm** in the Worthy Room at Pilton Village Hall.

We have changed to the fourth Monday just for this month. Our May meeting will be on the third Monday,

because of the Coronation Bank Holiday on our usual second Monday!

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**"A Dip into the Pilton Archives"**

**Presented by our Archivist Maureen Tofts, ably assisted by Nicky Davey.**

Our April meeting will be one of our yearly dips into our extensive archives, which are housed in several cabinets at the Village Hall. This year it includes 'lost letters' which give an insight into Pilton's nineteenth century social history, and then a journey through a number of recent twentieth century archive additions and the stories and information that they can reveal! The evening will end with the opportunity to look at our brand-new archive 'catalogue'. You will be able to search it for the very first time, using several laptops that we will be making available. If you find something that is of interest, we may also be able to produce the original item for you to peruse then and there!

Hopefully also on Zoom. Contact us for the link on 890357

Members free, Visitors £2. Refreshments provided.

*Chris King, [piltonvillagehistorygroup@gmail.com](mailto:piltonvillagehistorygroup@gmail.com)*

## PILTON'S COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP HALF-YEARLY DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS

The Volunteers are pleased to announce the latest half-year distribution of profits as follows:



Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal	£1000
Yemen UN Appeal	£750
Pilton Parish Church	£500
Salvation Army - Shepton Food Bank	£500
Community Fridge (Electricity cost)	£120

Many thanks to everyone who supports the Coffee Shop which makes these donations, on behalf of the village, possible.



### PILTON SHOW

September may seem a long way off but the **Emporium** traditionally starts collecting your generous donations from spring cleaning/clearances onwards! So, if having a clear-out, please think of us but remember that we are not an equivalent to the Tip – everything must be in working order (mechanical /electrical) and nothing broken, please!

Please contact Ruth on 890607 or Jenny 890465, where items will be stored. No large items just yet, until nearer the time, but smaller ones, preferably boxed or bagged up, can be accepted from Easter onwards. Please also note **NO BOOKS** as there will *not* be a bookstall this year: after careful consideration, we feel it's neither time nor cost effective. More information will follow about other stalls in June and July.

### SCARECROW TRAIL

Further details will be announced next month but for those who may wish to start dreaming up ideas, or finding props, the theme for this summer's Trail, to end up on the Playing Field for Pilton Show, will be **FAIRY TALES!**





## **PILTON CORONATION CELEBRATIONS WEEKEND 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> MAY**

Pilton plans to mark this historic occasion with village events on the Playing Field, thanks to the Parish Council and Village Trust.

**On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, after the church bells ring out, there will be a **Treasure Trail** on the way to the Field, where we will party from 4.30 – 11.00pm. Teas, coffees, cakes; picnic boxes and activities for children. Optional fancy dress for all, as free interpretations of Kings and Queens. From 6.00 – 7.00pm, Pilton Players romp through history.

Bar opens 6.15pm.

From 7.00-11.00pm, music and dancing, with food from 7.00-9.00pm.

**On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am, Coronation Celebration Service** for all ages in the marquee, with participation of *Village Voices*.

From 12.00pm onwards, join in the nationwide **BIG LUNCH**. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN** (as for a street party or outdoor events).

**At 2.00pm, re-enactment of the classic 'drag' football match from Pilton's 1953 Coronation celebrations!**

**Get your teams together and dress up!**

*If you have bright ideas or can help over the weekend, do please let us know or come to the April meeting, announced on Facebook Pilton Village Community Page.*

*Coronation Team c/o Jenny 890465 [jennydegex@btinternet.com](mailto:jennydegex@btinternet.com)*

**THE GRAND ANNUAL PILTON JUMBLE TRAIL**  
**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**  
**MAY 1<sup>st</sup> 11.00am – 3.00pm**

The Jumble Trail is back for 2023, hopefully bigger and better than ever. Calling ALL villagers - please register now with either John Shearlaw (Laurel Cottage) or Tracey Mapstone (Oathills) to put your location (house or garden) on the fantastic map drawn by Pilton artist Liam O'Farrell.

Then all you will need is your jumble, maybe a sign or two, and a modest donation to Children's World, Glastonbury, which John or Tracey will collect on the day.

Please note that both the Crown Inn AND the Club will be open and part of the fun on the day.

Enquiries to [john.shearlaw@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk](mailto:john.shearlaw@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk) or ring 07748 353919.

*John Shearwater*

**PILTON JUMBLE TRAIL – Monday May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**BHOPAL MEDICAL APPEAL**

We'll be having our usual stall on Pylle Road for the village Jumble Trail in May, so please start thinking about making generous donations!

This is to raise funds for the BMA clinics, who are still helping people affected by the appalling Union Carbide gas disaster in India some 38 years ago.

Storage space limited for larger items until Easter but smaller things can be donated/collected any time.

Please contact either Fiona (899125) or Jenny (890465) Preferably boxed or bagged up, please: they'll be stored at the latter premises.

*Fiona Case*

## PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE

Steve Derby called his talk 'Life and times of a stupid boy'. He started work at the National Provincial Bank in 1959 and compared his early years in banking with the establishment run by Mr Mainwaring in 'Dad's Army'. He remembered the relationship between staff and customers when everyone was known by name. Each afternoon all transactions were accounted for, and everything had to balance to the penny. If it all balanced first time it was declared a 'shotter'; if not everyone stayed until the last penny was reconciled. In 1978 he became a training officer - 'best job ever'. Staff training was through encouragement and support, within specific rules, but Steve still felt the pressure of 'You tell 'em, Pike'.

We had an active afternoon when Carrie Hemmings gave us a taste of a Love to Move session. Audience participation was high as we attempted the Lambeth Walk, singing and marching, whilst seated. The Charleston was a piece of cake but some cross-lateral activities made tapping your head and rubbing your stomach appear easy. Hokey Cokey in a chair caused plenty of laughter. The session was fun and several voices asked, 'Can you come back?'  
*Liz Elkin*

### **The £2 Bus Fare Extended until the End of June**

The Somerset Bus Partnership has welcomed the Government's decision to provide an additional £75 million. This will enable bus operators to continue to cap their single adult bus fares at £2. The £2 flat fare introduced in January is now set to continue through to the end of June. Bus users in Somerset will be able to continue to travel on most bus routes in the county and beyond for just £2. It is worth remembering that this initiative applies to cross-boundary services, which means you can travel for example from Street to Bristol or Wells to Bath or Frome to Bath for just £2.

For more information on this scheme:

<https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/busit>.

[somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com)

<http://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Somerset-Bus-Partnership-105704811629827>

*Peter Travis, Co-Chair Somerset bus Partnership*



## **WEST PENNARD**

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The second half of the Spring Term not only brought out lovely blooms of daffodils at school, but also a great deal of eager faces, new and old, ready to learn. We have had the great pleasure of welcoming a number of new children to the school over the last few months and it has been pleasing to see how well they have settled into the school and the area as a whole, for those that have moved into catchment. We look forward to forging long and lasting friendships and learning together in the years to come.

We had a very successful Book Week, overseen by our English Coordinator, Mrs. Pinsent. The school was awash with intricate and interesting costumes on World Book Day. The children and staff all dressed as a book character, all in order to promote a love of reading...and to have fun! I certainly had some interesting reactions walking into Glastonbury Tesco dressed as Supertato! Luckily, I didn't get trapped in the frozen aisle looking for the Evil Pea! It was great to see so many smiles and such creativity on display. Through the week, every child made a picture book linked to the narrative that they had been studying in English. On Monday it was time to 'drop everything and read' and on Tuesday parents were invited in to share books with the children. On Wednesday we had a grand book swap and on Friday our enrichment tutors shared their favourite books with the children.

*Tony Wheat, Headteacher*

## **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*

**Folk concert by Cornish duo "Our Atlantic Roots" in MARK CHURCH, Church Street, Mark, Somerset TA9 4NG, Friday 14 April** at 7.30pm. Tickets 07725 149581 £10 Adult £5 Under 16s. An evening of great music in our beautiful church. [www.ouratlanticroots.com](http://www.ouratlanticroots.com)

**Citizens Advice Mendip** calls for more volunteers to help in the cost-of-living crisis

Citizens Advice Mendip is now looking to recruit new volunteers to help people struggling with problems ranging from benefits and tax credits, debt and Universal Credit to housing.

Last year saw an unprecedented demand for its services from over 3,600 people with more than 16,000 problems across the district. It can only do this work thanks to its 44-strong team of volunteers.

The charity is looking mainly for volunteer Advisers to handle incoming calls on its Adviceline. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided, but basic IT skills are essential. Above all it requires a non-judgemental attitude and a desire to empower local people who need help. Trainee volunteers will be expected to successfully complete self-study modules, supplemented by online sessions with a supervisor, and to commit to a minimum of two half-day sessions a week.

<https://www.citizensadvicemendip.org.uk/volunteer.html>

**Bath and West Community Energy** are a not-for-profit community benefit organisation who develop community owned renewable energy projects.

For more details see [flexcommunity@bwce.coop](mailto:flexcommunity@bwce.coop) or call Julia on 07784 144439

### **CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL – CLEANER NEEDED**

The hall would like to recruit a cleaner for 3 hours a week at £15 an hour. If you are interested then please contact me and I will pass your details to the chairman, Sheila Wilkins.

*Hilary Shergold, [h.shergold@icloud.com](mailto:h.shergold@icloud.com)*

### **ONLINE SERVICES**

If you do not receive these at present and would like to, please email [rector.pcnd@gmail.com](mailto:rector.pcnd@gmail.com) Services can also be found at "A Church Near You/Pilton "St John the Baptist".

## **Parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder**

Phone codes 01749 and addresses in each village unless specified.

### **PILTON PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

#### **Churchwardens:**

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#### **PCC Treasurer:**

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#### **PCC Secretary:**

**Magazine Collection Point for Pilton:** Roundabout Mailbox at  
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### **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH**

**Minister:** Rev. Tina Swire. Glaswell House, Coxley, BA5 1RQ  
595759

#### **Chapel Stewards:**

Gordon Taylor, The Long House 890701

Mrs Deborah Towner, 18 Hyatt Place, Shepton Mallet 342614

**Secretary:** Mrs Deborah Towner (as above)

#### **Treasurer and Property Steward:**

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### **CROSCOMBE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

[www.stmaryscroscombechurch.org](http://www.stmaryscroscombechurch.org)

#### **Churchwarden:**

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### **CROSCOMBE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Rio Espulgar 07824 878 553

**Elder:** Mr Simon Hawkins 07958 656 705

**Treasurer:** Ms Yolán Search 342857

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### **PCC Secretary:**

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Mrs Mary Browning, 1 Bagot Walk, Wells BA5 1WA 705252

### **PCC Secretary:**

Mr Clive Chivers, The Pound House, BA5 3PQ 678888

### **Roundabout Representative:**

Mrs Alison Mayall, Church View BA5 3PB 675861

## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

2 <sup>nd</sup> April (Palm Sunday)	Rev. Tina Swire
9 <sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday)	Rev. Margaret Crawshaw
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Pilton Churches Working Together <b>11.00am at the Parish Church</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tony Stevenson
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Local Arrangement

All services at the Chapel at 10.30am followed by Coffee

## PARISH CHURCH SERVICES - April 2023

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
<b>10.30am</b>	United Benefice Service	North Wootton
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Week</b>	
7.30pm	Compline	North Wootton
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
7.30pm	Holy Communion, Stripping the Sanctuary	Croscombe
8.30-9.30pm	The Watch	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
12.00noon	Meditation	Dinder
2.00pm	Meditation	North Wootton
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
9.30am	Easter Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	Easter Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Easter Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Easter Communion	Dinder
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter 2</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
11.00am	PCWT Morning Service, at the Parish Church	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Dinder
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter 3</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Morning Service	North Wootton
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter 4</b>	
10.30am	United Benefice Service	Pilton
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter 5</b>	
11.00am	Village Coronation Celebration Service Pilton Playing Fields	
2.00pm	Coronation Service	North Wootton