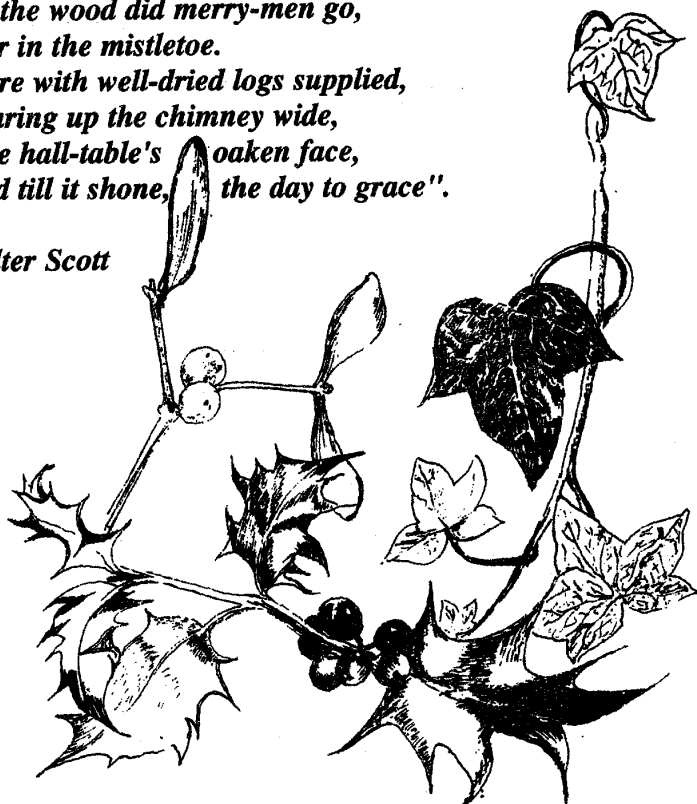


# THE **ROUNDABOUT** CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"The damsel donned her kirtle sheen:  
The hall was dressed with holly green:  
Forth to the wood did merry-men go,  
To gather in the mistletoe.*

*The fire with well-dried logs supplied,  
Went roaring up the chimney wide,  
The huge hall-table's oaken face,  
Scrubbed till it shone, the day to grace".*

*Sir Walter Scott*



DECEMBER 2023

## PARISHES OF PILTON, CROSCOMBE, NORTH WOOTTON AND DINDER

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**JANUARY ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL  
IS MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 9.00AM**

## A UNIQUE STORY

When I speak to my Mum on my birthday, she often recalls to me the events that surrounded my arrival in the world. These include nearly being born in the hospital lift, my older brother being smuggled in to see me under my Dad's overcoat and of various aunts sneaking onto the maternity ward out of visiting hours by wearing their WRVS uniforms.

Each of us has a unique story about our birth. At Christmas we'll be recounting once again the story that we share about another birth - the birth of Jesus. Across the world we'll be re-telling and re-enacting what happened in Bethlehem more than 2000 years ago. We'll recall the journey of Mary and Joseph, the birth in the stable, the arrival of the shepherds, the song of the angels, the visit of the Magi.

Our own birth stories are unique to each of us. Jesus's is common to us all. And not just because we all know about it. For in our recollection of Jesus's birth, we'll also be remembering that in him, God came to be at one with us. In Jesus God arrived to share fully in our humanity, experiencing complete solidarity with every aspect of our human condition. Jesus is 'God with us' – in trenches in Ukraine, bomb shelters in Israel and Gaza, in hospital wards where loved ones die, in relationships where there is conflict and distress.

Just as much as he is with us in our greatest joys and our deepest woes, Jesus is also for us. One of the earliest teachers of the Church said this: 'He became what we are so that we might become what he is.' The baby born in Bethlehem stands with us not only in all that we experience. This child also comes to offer us the possibility of opening every part of our lives to the transforming power of God's life of love and joy and peace. He comes so that every day we can become a little more like him.

This is the good news of Christmas and may it be yours this year.

A very Merry Christmas to you all.

*Bishop Michael*



## PRAYER FOCUS

We remember at Christmas those people who, amid the celebrations, may be facing a lonely or sad time and those struggling with the cost of living. We pray that we are sensitive to those amongst us needing

support at this time and are generous in our giving to the Christmas charities who work with the homeless and hungry.

## PSALMS

The Psalms for December Sundays speak of praising and worshipping God for his goodness and faithfulness to us.

3<sup>rd</sup> December Psalm 80:1-8  
10<sup>th</sup> December Psalm 85:8-13  
17<sup>th</sup> December Magnificat  
24<sup>th</sup> December Psalm 98  
25<sup>th</sup> December Psalm 96  
31<sup>st</sup> December Psalm 148

## BIBLE READINGS

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Isaiah 64:1-9	Mark 13: 24-37
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 40:1-11	Mark 1: 1-8
17 <sup>th</sup> December	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1: 6-8,19-28
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 52: 7-10	John 1: 1-14
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Luke 2: 1-20
31 <sup>st</sup> December	Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3	Luke 2: 15-21

**BENEFACTURE STUDY GROUP** continues to meet fortnightly 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](mailto:rector.pcnd@gmail.com)

**PUZZLING QUESTIONS GROUP** meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the New Room Coffee Shop, Pilton at 2.30pm. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please do come and join us.



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### **St John the Baptist, Pilton**

17<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm Handbell Ringing

#### **At the Methodist Church**

6.00pm Village Carol Service

### **24<sup>th</sup> December – *Christmas Eve***

8.00pm Christmas Eve Communion

### **25<sup>th</sup> December – *Christmas Day***

11.00am Christmas Day Service

### **St Mary the Virgin, Croscombe**

16<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm Carol Service

### **25<sup>th</sup> December – *Christmas Day***

11.00am Christmas Day Communion

### **St Peter's, North Wootton**

16<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Carol Service

### **24<sup>th</sup> December – *Christmas Eve***

6.30pm Christmas Eve Communion

### **St Michael and All Angels, Dinder**

17<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm Carols with the Swan Singers

### **24<sup>th</sup> December – *Christmas Eve***

4.00pm Carol Service

### **25<sup>th</sup> December – *Christmas Day***

9.30am Christmas Day Communion

Please join us to celebrate Christmas at these special services. If you are unable to come and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact a Churchwarden.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

You can find information about services by googling 'St Michael's Shepton Mallet'. A weekly bulletin is available and includes details of services for the Roman Catholic churches of St Michael's Shepton Mallet, St Joseph and St Teresa's Wells and St Mary's Glastonbury.

## 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*

## 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.**

## 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](mailto:rector.pcnd@gmail.com)

These messages will be forwarded to someone to deal with.



## JANUARY ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE

is 9.00am, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December



**The Roundabout Team** would like to thank everyone who supports the magazine. We wish our readers, contributors, advertisers, printers and deliverers a very Happy Christmas and send you our best wishes for 2024.

## 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.

### Deaths

We send our loving sympathy to the families and friends of anyone who has died recently.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November the funeral service of **Jack Ford** was held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Croscombe, followed by interment in the Burial Ground.

The funeral service of **John Carter** of Shepton Mallet took place in Pilton Parish Church on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.



### THE ARTS SOCIETY MENDIP

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

*The Art of the Cartoonist.* Harry Venning, a practising and award-winning cartoonist, looks at the early cartoon icons of Cruickshank and Hogarth and follows the

development of the art form to more modern artists like Schultz and Giles. He will also demonstrate some of the tricks of the trade. The talk will begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (**please note that this lecture will not be available on Zoom**). Guests are welcome for a fee of £10. Alternatively, annual membership covering 10 lectures is £53pp or £102 for a couple. Further details and full programme available on our website: [www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk)

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### December

1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> 'A Christmas Carol', Parish Church	7.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Christmas Fair, Tithe Barn	9.30am-3.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Puzzling Questions, New Room Coffee Shop	2.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> West Pennard School Choir, Parish Church	11.00am
9 <sup>th</sup> Ukulele Concert The New Room	7.00pm-9.00pm
11 <sup>th</sup> History Group, Village Hall 'Folk Carols of the West Country'	7.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle Christmas Tea Party, The Club	2.15pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Village Carol Service, Methodist Church	5.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle Christmas Lunch, The Bell	
24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Communion Service, Parish Church	8.00pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Morning Service, Parish Church	11.00am



in association with

**VILLAGE VOICES, PILTON HANDBELLS**

and **THE WORTHY WAITS**

present Steve Barlow's adaptation of Charles Dickens'

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Pilton Parish Church at 7.30pm**

Tickets (including mince pie and first drink)

£10 adults, £5 children (under 16)

Email Peter Lawrence for tickets: [lisp@mac.com](mailto:lisp@mac.com)

Tickets available at Pilton Community Coffee shop

on Wednesday mornings in November 10.30 – 11.30am

There have been many TV and film versions of this much-loved tale. This version places Dickens' gifts as a storyteller to the fore in a faithful retelling of the original story compiled and directed by the current chairman of Pilton Players, Steve Barlow.



**PILTON CHRISTMAS MARKET.**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

9.30am-3.30pm

Tithe Barn. BA4 4EE

Free entry Free Parking

Food, drink, and gifts all in this beautiful historical Barn.



**PILTON UKULELE GROUP (PUGS)**  
**Christmas Concert**

In the New Room

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 7.00-9.00pm**

Free Entry.....Do come and join us.

Refreshments, coffee, and cakes available to purchase



**THE PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP**

presents our final and festive evening of 2023...

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in Pilton Village Hall.**

Yvette Staelens will sing and talk about ...

**"Folk Carols of the West Country - folk carols and winter traditions."**

*Yvette is a Visiting Research Fellow at Bournemouth University; she researches folk song and works with community choirs across the UK and internationally.*

*"During research into the collecting journeys of Cecil Sharp in Somerset, I became interested in some of the local carols and traditions he recorded. My motivation when seeking out carols and midwinter songs was that I was looking for material for my choirs to sing at Christmas concerts. This led to many research journeys and discoveries. A particularly interesting feature of community singing in the area occurs in a church context. 'West Gallery Singing' is a wonderful archival collection of hymns and carols, composed locally, for harmony singing by church quires that incorporated both singers and musicians, sometimes with locally-made instruments and oddities such as the serpent."*

Members and visitors are most welcome to this meeting.

Members free, Visitors £2

Festive refreshments, in the form of mulled wine, Gabriel's Orchard apple juice and mince pies provided.

*Christine King*

## PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

The **Community Survey Steering Group** is getting underway, the first task being to ask residents for the three hot topics that they would like to see included in the consultation. These can be wide-ranging – anything that affects the parish that Council may consider or discuss with other authorities or community groups.

Please note that the **Burial Ground Fees** will increase from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. The new fees can be found on the Pilton website. <https://www.piltonparishcouncil.org/burial-forms>

Calling for **volunteers to grit roadways and paths** that are not covered by Somerset Highways. Can you help? We are told that NFU insurance covers this work.

Please contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org) on any of the above items.

Please could all residents and landowners ensure that they **trim their hedges and vegetation** so that they do not encroach on thoroughfares.

**Mobile Coverage during the festival** – Many residents experienced problems with broadband and mobile access during the festival. To attend to this, GFEL are consulting with residents. Please let them know your thoughts through this link <https://forms.office.com/e/u89J3nAage>.

Lastly, but by no means least, thank you for the excellent turnout for the **October Litter Pick**. Your support was very much appreciated.

## NOTICE FROM WORTHY FARM

As you know, Worthy Farm is a busy working farm. Please can we remind locals taking advantage of a walk in our beautiful surroundings to stick to the paths and to avoid any busy working areas around the farm buildings and offices.

Please also keep dogs on leads at all times, for the safety of the animals and people living and working on the farm.

We also respectfully ask that you do not post any photos taken at the farm on social media.

## PILTON VILLAGE TRUST 200 Club Draw November 2023

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Ron England

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Carrie Hemmings

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Mandy Rossiter

## PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE

Chris King gave us a fascinating talk on Annie Naish. Annie took photographs in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century using glass plates. She recorded rural life with wonderful photos showing agricultural and domestic practices of the time. Chris initially found some of Annie's pictures as postcards and then discovered this early female photographer lived a few miles from Pilton all her life. Annie was the mother of Harold and Frank Naish who made cider at Piltown Farm for many years.

In November, we welcomed Philip and Gill Eavis with their annual video show of Pilton events. The first film was 40 years old and featured John Howe and Margaret Windsor as Jack and Bill. The script was brilliant and the performance, in broad Somerset, was hilarious. It was a personal delight to see my mother and being reminded of how entertaining she was. We watched the celebrations at the Tithe Barn for the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee and the Pilton Players entertainments for the Coronation of King Charles. We had the largest attendance at Happy Circle for a long time. We are so fortunate that Philip records these events for posterity. Please keep it up and come back next year!

*Liz Elkin*

## PILTON SHOW LOST PROPERTY

Although this was posted on Facebook after September's Show weekend and again recently, at the time of writing the following items remain unclaimed and after 1<sup>st</sup> January will be given to charity or put on next year's stalls!

Left on field by skittles: Primark black and white stripey bag, containing lime green lampshade (bought from the Emporium) and one small knitted chicken!

Children's clothes: Olive green camouflage hoodie (*George* 6-7 yrs); Blue cardigan with initial 'A'; Mustard yellow sweatshirt with black hearts (*ABA* 4-5 yrs).

Flower Show leftovers: Dartington glass mini vase; ribbed glass pint tumbler; small child's bead chain.

Barn Dance: Smiley black/yellow bag containing silver torch.

**Please call Jenny to claim (890465)**

## CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEAS?

If short of ideas, three Pilton publications, as fundraisers for different aspects of the village, will be on sale at the Tithe Barn Christmas Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (or from Jenny on 890465 afterwards).

**More Pilton People** (£7) is available either on its own or bound together with 2012's *Pilton People* for £12. Cash or cheques only, please. For newcomers to the village, these are light-hearted histories of Pilton life and characters, with random contributions but we hope reflecting appreciation for this special and unusual village. **Every home should have a copy!**

**Pilton Show's 2024 Calendar** based on the theme of the 2023 King's Coronation, containing images by prize-winning Pilton photographers, will also be available (£6).

Also on sale for only £2.50 will be *Pilton Psalms*, an illustrated booklet based on the Sunday service of that Coronation weekend, containing the results of our erstwhile vicar's version of the game of consequences – different people writing each line and passing on, with amusing results.

*Jenny de Gex*

### Enjoy a Christmas Treat from Pilton's Community Orchard



Why not give yourself, your family, and your friends a Christmas Treat?

Gabriel's Orchard has had a bumper year, with a very good apple crop, and our juicing and bottling season has now come to a successful conclusion.

75cl bottles of fresh apple juice are available at only £2.50 each, or at a bargain price of £2.00 each if you buy six.

This pasteurised juice keeps well for many months. Our stock is now held at Mulberry Cottage, Bread Street, Pilton.

Phone 890357 or [jk.pilton@btinternet.com](mailto:jk.pilton@btinternet.com)

Enjoy a local product with zero food miles!

## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

11.00am Decorating the Christmas tree and crib in the church  
12noon Christmas lunch in Village Hall. Bring and share lunch.  
Visit from Father Christmas  
3.00pm Carols and cakes, in the Church. See notice below.

### CAROLS AND CAKES

Start your Christmas in style!

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm in Dinder Church.

Join the Swan Singers in celebrating Christmas with music for choir and favourites for audience participation. Tickets £10 including a glass of mulled wine and festive cakes.

To book your place, contact Jane Thorne on 674378 or [janethorne13@gmail.com](mailto:janethorne13@gmail.com) by December 10<sup>th</sup>.



### CROSCOMBE, DINDER AND DULCOTE

A big thank you to the seven door-to-door collectors and to Terri at The Cross and Peter and Veryan at The George for wielding/hosting tins for this year's appeal. And, of course, an even bigger thank you to all of you in the villages who gave so generously. This year we raised £850!

A wonderful effort.

*Jenny Mitchell*

### PILTON and NORTH WOOTTON

We would like to thank our dedicated door-to-door team: Peter, Trish, Andrew, Colin, Paul and Richard for assisting in what we hope to be our best year ever. Also huge thanks to the kind allowance of our static points located at: The Village Churches, The Working Men's Club, The New Room Coffee Shop, The Co-op and Crossways Hotel.

We managed to raise an amazing amount this year in cash, cheques and card payments, although unfortunately we are still awaiting confirmation of the amount collected via our District's QR code therefore we cannot give a final total until next month's edition of the Roundabout.

We would personally like to thank everyone who made a donation to help our Armed Forces Community.

*Peter and Trish Cheetham*

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

**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

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

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

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## **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**

## **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITES**

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

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### December

2 <sup>nd</sup>	"Festive Frivolity" The Dream Team	Village Hall	7.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cricket Club Quiz	The George	8.00pm
5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sequence Dancing	Village Hall	8.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Brass Cleaning	St Mary's Church	10.00am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Charter Market	Village Hall	11.00am- 2.00pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	OAPs' Christmas Dinner	Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Citizens' Club Christmas Lunch	The Cross	12.30pm for 1.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service	St Mary's Church	4.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Film Night	Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
	"Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny"		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Singing around the Village	Start at Griffin's Green	6.00pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Service of Holy Communion for Christmas Day	St Mary's Church	11.00am

### ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE – BRASS CLEANING

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am.**

Come and join a merry band who meet each year to dismantle the candelabras and give them and the rest of the church brass a good polish in time for Christmas. Dusters and Brasso provided (and coffee and mince pies!) – bring your own rubber gloves.

*Croscombe PCC*

### ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE - FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm**

Our Family Carol Service will be held on Saturday again this year. As ever, mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service so please stay and enjoy the fare and a chat with friends old and new. This year, to ease the load on the sommeliers, donations of ready-to-mull wine (available in all good supermarkets!) and/or mince pies would be most gratefully received and can be given to any member of the PCC. Do come and enjoy the Church with its Christmas Tree, floral decorations, and candle-lit candelabras, sing some favourite carols and have a glass of festive cheer! A wonderful start to the Christmas Season.

*Croscombe PCC*





## **CRICKET CLUB QUIZ**

**Come and join us.**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 8.00pm at the George Inn, Croscombe.



**THE DREAM TEAM** present:

An “**Evening of Festive Frivolity**” and jolly holly fun!

Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm

in Croscombe Village Hall.

Quizzes, games, challenges and more.

Festive supper included. Tickets £15 per person.

Bar and raffle with brilliant prizes.

Get your tickets from Sarah Cowell (343337) or Hilary Cain (428015).

All proceeds to Promise Works and Croscombe Playground Fund.

## **CROSCOMBE CHRISTMAS CHARTER MARKET**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**11.00am to 2.00pm**

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

Please come and celebrate with us and help raise funds for Croscombe Village Primary School. We have got a brilliant selection of food, produce, arts, crafts, and gifts. We will have a selection of Christmas Trees from Rocky Mountain Nursery. Along with a raffle and refreshments, the school will also have a stall. There will be lots for the whole family to enjoy. Please watch out for updates on Facebook and Instagram.

For more information or if you are keen to get involved with our brilliant community market, please contact Candy on 07970640842, or

[candy@candystanley.com](mailto:candy@candystanley.com)

## **CROSCOMBE OAPS' CHRISTMAS DINNER**

will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

All Croscombe residents of pensionable age and their spouses/partners are very welcome.

This is always a lovely evening, free of charge, with a three-course Christmas Dinner cooked by The George and entertainment provided by Mr Tim Pitman.

Please let us know asap if you would like to come by phoning:

Imelda 343788 or Sheila 07870266027

or message Alison Hodges [alisonhodges@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonhodges@hotmail.com)

## **CROSCOMBE CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT.**

“INDIANA JONES and the DIAL of DESTINY”

Certificate 12a

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. 7.30**

Croscombe Village Hall

Admission £7.00 Under 18s £3.00\*

\*\*\*Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. \*\*\*

Free Mince Pies and a glass of Mulled Wine

Bar available



## **CAROL SINGING AROUND CROSCOMBE**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** from 6.00pm, starting at Griffin's Green and finishing by 7.00pm at The George Inn for a mince pie.

Everyone welcome to join Croscombe Frolics and friends singing carols around the village and collecting for The Lawrence Centre, The Connect Centre and Croscombe Church.

In the event of very bad weather on the night we will postpone until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

Further information from Richard Cronin (939485)

## **CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS**

In October, we had our annual salad lunch with apple pie and cream. It was sad that we first had a minute's silence for one of our dear members, Shirley Mears, who had been with us a long time. Her husband blessed us with his presence, which was good.

There were, sadly, only nine of us who attended. Our Club is depleting rapidly so after the meal we had a discussion as to where to go next year. Do we try and carry on or do we fold? It was decided we would try one more year as all members are single and enjoy the afternoon out. Any new members would be very welcome.

We finished our afternoon with a couple of quizzes and, of course, our usual cup of tea.

Thank you to all who helped make the afternoon so enjoyable.

Our **December meeting** is our Christmas lunch at the Cross on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm.

*Lyn Manvill 07780 661327*



### **SEQUENCE DANCING**

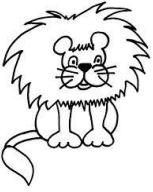
We meet on Tuesdays at 8.00pm in Croscombe Village Hall. Any new members will be more than welcome. If you do not know how to sequence dance, we will be more than happy to teach you. Please come and join us.

*Lyn Manvill 07780 661327*

## **CROSCOMBE WOMEN'S GROUP**

There is no meeting in December.

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**“THE ZOO THAT COMES TO YOU”** by Scarlet Oak  
Theatre of Bristol.  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at Croscombe School.  
Organised and funded by Croscombe OAP’s and  
Children’s Fund, and Frolics.

This was a fantastic show by two actors and animal puppets, combining fun and education.

The children were enthralled by the theme of caring for the planet’s endangered species and important topics like conservation, pollution, sustainability, and the need to balance needs of people against welfare of animals.

In addition to the one-hour morning show, there were two workshops appropriate for different age groups later in the day.

I would like to thank those of you who kindly contributed to the fundraising that made this event possible.

*Ian Baker*



**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*

### **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*



## **HARRIET SANDYS**

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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2pm to 5pm**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2pm to 5pm**

**or by appointment.**

Tel: 890 582 or email: [harrietsandys@freeolamail.com](mailto:harrietsandys@freeolamail.com)

### **CHRISTMAS POP UP Food, Drink & Festive Gifts**

29<sup>th</sup> November 6pm-9pm

30<sup>th</sup> November 10am-9pm

1<sup>st</sup> December 10am-9pm

2<sup>nd</sup> December 10am-4pm

3<sup>rd</sup> December 10am-4pm

At Southmill House, Dulcote, Wells, BA5 3NU 07753184244

### **CANTILENA CHOIR** from Glastonbury

invite you to a concert of music by William Byrd and his contemporaries  
in West Pennard Church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

Music Director Tony Bevan

and Organist Matthew Redman.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

Tickets £12.50 available from Choir members,

Dicketts Glastonbury High Street and on the door.

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

Phone codes 01749 and addresses in each village unless specified.

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

#### **Churchwardens:**

Mr Paul Warry, Sharomayn, Westholme Road BA4 4EB 890434

Mrs Sheila West, Staddlestones, Mount Pleasant BA4 4BL 890448

#### **PCC Treasurer:**

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3 Abbots Way (not letter box).

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

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#### **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:**

Mr Philip Eavis, Benleigh House, Pylle Road BA4 4BR 890468

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

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

#### **Churchwarden:**

Mr Terry McCarthy, Rectory Cottage, BA5 3QJ 345139

#### **PCC Treasurer:**

Mr Terry McCarthy, Rectory Cottage, BA5 3QJ 345139

#### **PCC Secretary:**

Mrs Janet Dowding, Livadia, Fayreway, BA5 3RQ 330725

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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

## **NORTH WOOTTON PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER**

### **Churchwardens:**

Mrs Christine Raphael, 1 Church View BA4 4AD 890310

### **PCC Treasurer:**

Mr Jeffrey Macklin, Coombe House, Tanyard Lane BA4 4AE 890210

### **PCC Secretary:**

Mrs Elizabeth Lester, Church View, BA4 4AD

### **Editor, North Wootton News:**

Mr Steve Ruddock, Old Smithy Cottage, Northtown Lane BA4 4AF  
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## **DINDER PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

### **Churchwarden:**

Mrs Jane Thorne, 1 Derricks Close, BA5 3PD 674378

### **PCC Treasurer:**

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

### **PCC Secretary:**

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

### **Roundabout Representative:**

Mrs Rachel Niven, West End Cottage, Church Street BA5 3PE  
689179

## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Rev Alistair Bolt
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Patricia Fuller
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at 5.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Rob Haskins
31 <sup>st</sup> December	To be arranged.

Apart from the Carol Service, all services at the Chapel begin 10.30am



**PARISH CHURCH SERVICES  
DECEMBER 2023**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Advent Sunday**

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Croscombe

**10<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2**

9.30am Holy Communion Pilton

11.00am Holy Communion Croscombe

11.00am Holy Communion North Wootton

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**

4.00pm Carol Service Croscombe

6.30pm Carol Service North Wootton

**17<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3**

3.00pm Carols with the Swan Singers Dinder

5.00pm Handbells

5.30pm Village Carol Service at the Chapel Pilton

**24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

4.00pm Carol Service Dinder

6.30pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion North Wootton

8.00pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion Pilton

**25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

9.30am Christmas Holy Communion Dinder

11.00am Christmas Morning Service Pilton

11.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion Croscombe

**31<sup>st</sup> December First Sunday of Christmas**

10.30am Benefice Service North Wootton

**7<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany**

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Dinder