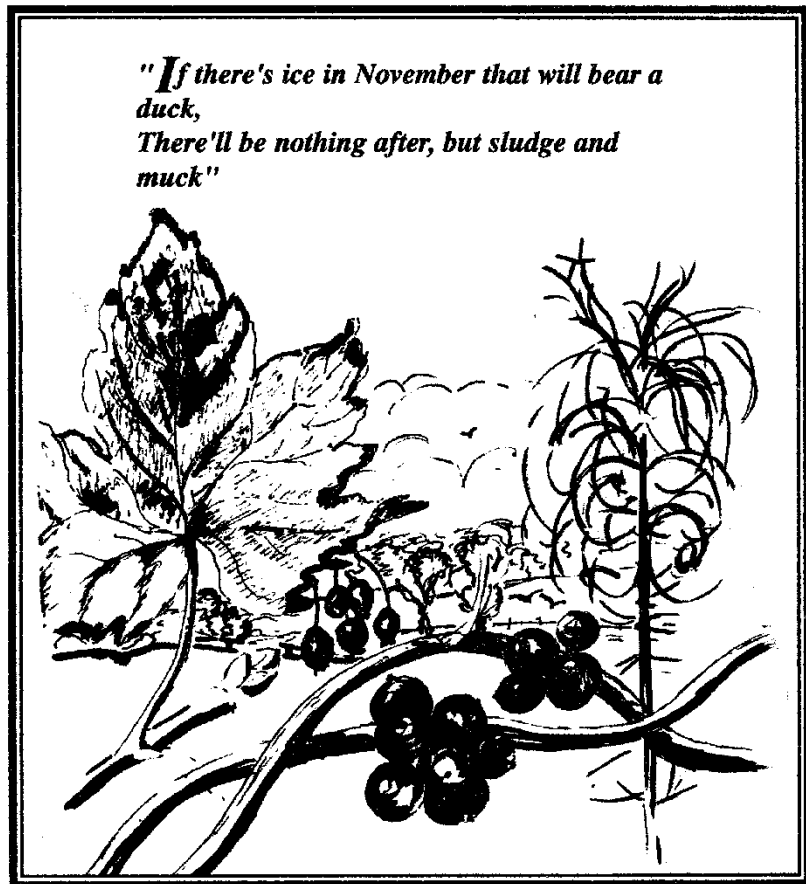


THE
ROUNDAABOUT
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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



NOVEMBER 2022

PARISHES OF PILTON, CROSCOMBE, NORTH WOOTTON AND DINDER

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RECTOR'S RAMBLES

Each October and November I find myself in awe of the beauty of Autumn as the leaves on the trees take on the most amazing hues of red and brown. Years ago, watching the American political series, "The West Wing", I was introduced to the concept of 'leaf peeping.' To go leaf peeping you travel to an area of the county where the autumn colours are particularly spectacular and take photos. It is an activity often associated with the wonder of New England in the Autumn, or the Fall as they know it, something I would love to see one day. Many of you may have done that rather nearer home as you visited the maples at Stourhead or Westonbirt Arboretum, or just enjoyed watching the different colours in our villages, but did you know that you had gone leaf peeping!

The trees shed their leaves to protect themselves during winter and to make sure they store enough energy as they wait for next spring. They need to conserve their energy over winter to be able to re-emerge in spring.

There is a well-known reading, which can be found in the biblical book of Ecclesiastes, that reminds us that our lives also have seasons. Here is an extract from it:

3 There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens
2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

The author of Ecclesiastes is thought to be someone looking back through their life. They have realised that no one can go through life without experiencing peaks and troughs. I am sure if you look back through your life you will have known good times and bad times, it is unavoidable. For many, there have been too many troughs recently so maybe the trees and the reading are helpful reminders that spring follows winter and that these too shall pass. I pray so.

Whether you turn to God for support, or close friends and family, my prayer for all of us is that we can celebrate with each other's happy moments and be there for each other in those troughs.

Rev. Chris

PRAYER FOCUS

Although we may struggle with the rising cost of living, looking round the world we can see that we are fortunate compared with so many other people. Let us remember the needs of others, give aid if we are able and not waste the world's resources that we all need.

PSALMS

This month's Psalms include praise and thanksgiving for God's goodness.

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

6 th November	Psalm 17
13 th November	Psalm 98
20 th November	Psalm 46
27 th November	Psalm 122

BIBLE READINGS

6 th November	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end	Luke 20: 27-38
13 th November	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13	Luke 21: 5-19
20 th November	Colossians 1: 11-20	Luke 23: 33-43
27 th November	Romans 13: 11-14	Matthew 24: 36-44

BENEFACTURE STUDY GROUPS

We continue to meet together as follows:

Fortnightly Monday at 10.30am: Our Benefice Study Group meets in North Wootton at the home of Tim and Felicity Wotton.

Puzzling Questions Group will be meeting on **Tuesday 1st November at 2.30pm** in the New Coffee Room, Pilton. All welcome to come along, this month our topic is "*How can I be happy?*"

ADVENT BOOK CLUB

Rather than a course around Advent this year, I thought we would have an Advent Book Club. This year I wonder if you would like to join me in reading a book based around the themes of Advent. Those of you who would like to, can then get together weekly to discuss it. If you are interested, please let me know by Tuesday 15th November so that I have an idea of numbers and let you know which book I will be reading (feel free to suggest one as long as it is linked to the theme of Advent).

Rev. Chris: Rector.pcmd@gmail.com.

ALL SOULS' SERVICE
Sunday 6th November at 3.00pm
in Pilton Parish Church.

Time to pause and remember those who have died. Each year we offer space for anyone and everyone to come along to a church service to remember people who have died. Earlier this year we came together as a nation to mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II and for many there was a quiet strength gained by mourning together. We hope this service gives that same opportunity to be with others who are mourning.

Everyone is welcome to attend whether your bereavement is recent or longer ago. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those who have died.

If you know anyone else who might find this service helpful, please let them know, they and you will be most welcome.

Rev. Chris

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES
SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER

In **Pilton** starting at **10.55am** there will be a formal Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial; at the same time there will be a similar Act in the Parish Church for those who find the hill difficult. These will be followed by a United Remembrance Service in the Parish Church.

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

At **North Wootton** Church there will be a Remembrance Service beginning with an Act of Remembrance at **10.55am**.

A Remembrance Service is also planned to take place in **Dinder** Church.

BENEFICE MEETING
New Date - Sunday 27th November 10.00am
At CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Due to the death of The Queen, we had to cancel our last joint meeting where we planned to review our service pattern. The new date for this meeting is Sunday 27th November when we will meet in Croscombe Village Hall at 10.00am for an Advent Communion Service. We will then review the results of the recent survey and consider the way forward for our Churches. As before, we will finish with a lunch, so please do bring some finger food to share; tea and coffee will be provided.

DINDER CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Saturday 24th December

Last year, due to Covid restrictions we held an outdoor Carol Service in Dinder. Many people commented how much they enjoyed being outside and we are open to the idea of doing that again this year. However, we do not have enough people to help us put this on. Is there anyone who would either be able to help decorate the Lych Gate or take part in a nativity play (children and adults needed)? Please let either me or Jane Thorne know as soon as possible (email Rector.pcnd@gmail.com) If there are not enough volunteers, we will revert to the more traditional Carol Service in the Church.

Rev. Chris

WEST PENNARD SCHOOL 'CAROLS IN OUR COMMUNITY'

Wednesday 30th November

West Pennard School has formed a travelling choir and will be singing in the three churches that form part of the school's catchment area. The school invites you to join them at their first carol service in **St Peter's Church, North Wootton, at 9.30am** or their second carol service in **St John the Baptist's Church, Pilton, at 11.00am**, both on Wednesday 30th November. The concluding carol service will be in St Nicholas' Church West Pennard at 2.00pm.

STREETLINK – Helping the Homeless

I am sure many of you feel slightly helpless when you see homeless people in our villages. It is difficult to know what to do for the best. I have discovered there is an online reporting system called Streetlink which has been set up to make sure homeless people can get the help they need. You can find them at <https://www.streetlink.org.uk> Once you register with them you can let them know the location and rough description of the person. They then send to the correct, independent local homelessness outreach team, so that they can locate the individual and connect them to support services.

Having used them recently I am impressed with the system and the response of the Mendip outreach team.

Another way of providing support is by supporting the work of local organisations such as the Connect Centre in Wells, details of which you can find at <https://www.connect-centre.org.uk>

Rev. Chris

THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER

Many of us know well Bob Dylan's song 'The Times They Are A-Changin'. Was it written with us in mind? None of us could have predicted the changes that we have seen in 2022. The death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth, the accession of a new King, a war in Ukraine, a cost-of-living crisis. None of these were on the cards as we made our New Year's resolutions on the 1st of January. Yet happen they have. And whether we like it or not, we're forced to agree with Bob Dylan's lyrics that the times are indeed changing. What can see us through these days?

A phrase that's often used about the period through which we're going is 'unprecedented'. I'm not sure it's entirely valid! Previous generations have faced situations as challenging or more than ours – seasons of plagues, wars, famines, and conquest. The times in which the New Testament was written were, for its writers, periods of profound uncertainty. Its writers faced violence and vulnerability, conflict, and dispute. Yet into their times they were able to speak words of hope, confidence and assurance.

One such phrase that stands out for me is a line from the letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews was written in response to a time of persecution and the possibility of people falling back from the faith as a result. Into its time and ours, the writer of the letter makes an extraordinary claim: 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.' (Hebrews 13:8)

Just imagine! The one who walked in Galilee has been there for his people throughout time, is with us now, and will be whatever the future may hold.

So respectfully, I have to disagree with Bob Dylan. In his song he tells us that in the face of times that are 'a-changin', we'd better start 'swimmin'. Much better than hyperactive splashing, I suggest, is to live out our vision to 'live and tell the story of Jesus'. For it's as we do so that we can hold fast to the one who is constant and unchanging, who holds us always in the palm of his hands; Jesus Christ who is 'the same yesterday, today and forever.'

Bishop Michael Beasley
Bishop of Bath and Wells

WELCOME

The final step of Bishop Michael becoming the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells will take place when he is installed at a service at Wells Cathedral on **Saturday, 12th November, at 3.00pm.**

While Bishop Michael legally became Bishop of Bath and Wells in June and has already been out and about visiting parishes and deaneries, the service in November marks his formal welcome to the diocese.

People from across Bath and Wells, many of whom have been involved in the selection and interview process, will have a role in the service. They include school children and young people, people from church communities across Bath and Wells, community and charity representatives, and local leaders of other faiths.

The ticketed service will be livestreamed via the diocesan Facebook page so individuals and churches across the diocese and beyond can share in the occasion.

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.

Weddings

Congratulations to **Mr and Mrs James and Anna Browning** (née Powell) who were married in St Michael and All Angels, Dinder on Saturday 15th October.

Baptisms

We welcome **Juliet Elizabeth Anne McConnell** who was baptised in St John the Baptist's Church, Pilton on Sunday 9th October.

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

November

1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	Sequence Dancing.	Village Hall	8.00pm
7 th	Concert by tenor, Gregory Steward	Village Hall	7.30pm
8 th	Women's Group. Jumble Sale	Village Hall	2.00pm
12 th	Coffee morning.	Village Hall	10.00am-12noon
13 th	Remembrance Sunday Service, St. Mary's Church		10.55am
17 th	Senior Citizens' Club.	Village Hall	2.15pm
	Bring and Buy Sale		
21 st	Film Night.	Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
	"Fisherman's Friends One and All" (Cert 12A)		
26 th	Brass Cleaning.	St. Mary's Church	10.30am
27 th	Benefice Meeting and Service of Holy Communion, followed by Bring and Share Lunch.	Village Hall	10.00am

CONCERT by GREGORY STEWARD

Gregory, a professional tenor, will present a programme of romantic and popular songs from Les Miserables, Carousel, South Pacific and West Side story, including The Impossible Dream, O Sole Mio and Nessun Dorma.

Croscombe Village Hall

Monday 7th November at 7.30pm

Tickets: £12, to include refreshments. Under 18s free

To book tickets, please contact Gregory on 01458 211197

Or email: gregorystewardtenor@gmail.com Or on the door.



SEQUENCE DANCING is on Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th at 8.00pm, in Croscombe Village Hall.

Contact Lyn Manvill 343833.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CROSCOMBE

Christmas is coming, the brass is getting black....

Please come and help clean the brass in the church on

SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER at 10.30am.

Polish provided. Just bring yourselves and your rubber gloves.

Jill Marten-Smith



CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT

Monday 21st November

“Fisherman’s Friends One and All”

Cert 12A Based on a true story

Doors open at 7.00 pm film starts 7.30 pm

Entrance £7.00 Bar available.

CROSCOMBE CHARTER MARKET

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Market. We raised £325 for the Somerset Welcome Fund. It was a great day and, luckily for us, the sun shone! An extra big thank you to Jane Bennett for singing and Croscombe Primary School for the bouncy castle.

Christmas Market, in support of the Somerset Welcome Fund.

Our next market will be on Saturday 10th December, 11.00am-2.00pm.

Expect lots of festive fun stuff, as well as all our regular stalls.

Croscombe Village Hall, Fayre Way, BA5 3RJ.

Contact Candy for more information on 07970640842.

CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

The new playground was officially opened by Judge Rinder, the sun shone, and villagers attended both the opening and the regular Charter market. It was a lovely community day.

The steering group has been discussing the Croscombe Community Plan and it was universally agreed that there should be a Community Hub set up for villagers to go to chat, keep warm in the winter months and use for support both mentally and physically. We would appreciate comments on where you would like this to be and what format would be the most supportive.

Please forward any ideas and suggestions to any councillor or specifically to myself on: cllr.shergold@croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk or calling me on 07585507728.

We are setting up a cemetery maintenance group of volunteers who will ensure the cemetery is regularly conserved and to enhance its appearance. This will probably be a monthly check with any remedial work carried out. Anyone who would like to be a volunteer or who has suggestions for improvements then please contact myself on the above links as I will be the Council liaison for this group.

Hilary Shergold Chairman

CROSCOMBE WOMENS' GROUP

Our October meeting concentrated on art and gave members the opportunity to experiment with either water colours or pastels.

With guidance, alongside lots of banter and laughter, some seriously good paintings developed. It was good to see so many taking part, and I think members had an enjoyable afternoon and surprised themselves with their artwork.

We finished our afternoon deciding where we would go for Christmas over a nice cup of tea and home-made biscuits from Barbara.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 8th November at 2.00 pm** in the Village Hall when we are having a **Jumble Sale**. All welcome.

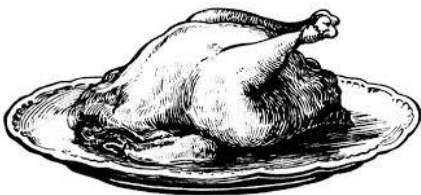
Lyn Manvill

CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS

The next meeting is on Thursday 17th November, at 2.15pm in the Village Hall.

We are having a Bring and Buy sale, all welcome.

Lyn Manvill



CROSCOMBE OAP CHRISTMAS MEAL

Monday 12th December.

The annual Christmas Dinner for Croscombe OAP's and their partners will again be held in Croscombe Village Hall.

There is no charge but please book your places with Imelda North (343788) or Sheila Wilkins (343068).



Save the Children

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT IN AID OF SAVE THE CHILDREN

On behalf of the Wells Branch of Save the Children, very many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this concert. It was an evening of wonderful music, joyously performed by the orchestra, conducted by Jim Swainson. The performance by the soloist, Xiaowen Shang, was outstanding. Special thanks to all the orchestral players, to Jim, who worked so hard organising the event and to all who donated delicious canapes. The event raised an amazing £1,400!

Hilary Cain



CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is hard to believe we are already starting the second half of the Autumn Term.

Just into term there was our **40 for the Federation 2022** which has raised over £11,000 for the Federation in the last two years. Well done to all the walkers and a huge thank you to their sponsors. So far this term children have visited Millfield School for a fantastic Commonwealth Games sports experience, attended regular swimming lessons and Forest School; October saw Acorns making a lovely visit to Burcott Mill to learn about food production, and Bluebells enjoyed Orchard Park Farm.

Our Harvest Service was at the church with parents and carers joining us. We offered produce which was blessed by Rev. Chris and then taken to local food banks. And of course, we sang our favourite Harvest song, "Cauliflowers fluffy and Cabbages green", showing pictures of vegetables and chickens in different mediums. Lots of us were at the Village Harvest Market and witnessed Judge Rinder open the exciting new playground equipment. (Many thanks to the Parish Council and volunteers for all their efforts.)

Here are some dates for your diary if you would like to visit:
Open Morning - Wednesday 9th November 9:15am to 10:15am
Open Evening - Wednesday 16th November 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Taster Sessions - Thursday 1st December (Available for all ages - Reception to Year 6)

Di Levien - School Governor

OCTOBER EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUBS

PILTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB (890162)

piltonvh@gmail.com

Pilton Club

Tuesdays -Thursdays 7.00-10.00pm

Friday 6.00-10.00pm – Food served 6.00-8.00pm

Saturday 7.00 -10.00pm - Sunday 12.00noon – 4.00pm

Sunday Carvery 12.00noon – 2.00pm

Eat in or take away

THE GEORGE INN, CROSCOMBE (342306)

www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

For October opening hours see the website

5pm-9pm Monday – Thursday 5pm-10pm Friday and Saturday

Closed Sunday evening.

Take away or eat at the pub is available daily until 1 hour before closing times and include:

Curry on Thursday

Fish and Chips Any time

Pizza Saturday Night.

Call to order in advance please 342306 or 07892 699297

Village Shop – open daily 8.00am – 2.00pm

PILTON NEW ROOM COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

(Next to the Pre-school and Chapel)

Managed and run entirely by volunteers

This month we will be open from

Monday to Saturday

10.00am to 12.30pm

If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers please call

Philip or Gill on 890468

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.

Chantry Construction: stone walling, drives, block paving, patios, extensions, mini-digger and driver. Contact Paul Merrett 01373 836787 or 07855343388.

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

Domestic Cleaning Services. For references and details please call 01749 689099 or email pattinson321@yahoo.co.uk

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

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

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

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

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITES

www.piltonparishcouncil.org

www.croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

November

1 st Puzzling Questions Group, New Room Coffee Shop	2.30pm
2 nd Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
6 th All Souls' Service, Pilton Parish Church	3.00pm
7 th History Group, 'Music Makers of Somerset' with the Somerset Russets, Parish Church (see page 16)	7.30pm
9 th Happy Circle, PWMC	2.15pm
13 th Remembrance Sunday Service, War Memorial and Parish Church	10.55am
21 st Pilton Show AGM, Village Hall	7.00pm
23 rd Happy Circle, PWMC	2.15pm
27 th AGM Village Trust, Village Hall	7.30pm
30 th West Pennard School Carols at Pilton Parish Church	11.00am

December

3rd, 4th Christmas Market, Tithe Barn 10.00am-3.00pm



Our team of house-to-house volunteers will endeavour to get to as many households as possible. The static poppy collection boxes will be located in the following areas of the Villages: Church of St John the Baptist, Pilton, Church of St Peter, North Wootton, Pilton Co-Op, Pilton Working Men's Club, Pilton New Room Community Coffee Shop, The Crown Inn, Pilton, and Crossways Hotel, North Wootton. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Pete and Trish Cheetham 890442



Very sadly Pilton Players have had to take the hard decision to postpone our next production, which was planned for November 18th and 19th in Pilton Village Hall. It was not an easy decision.

There were a variety of reasons that in the end proved insurmountable, not least that we had to do some re-casting and we do not have sufficient depth in numbers to do this, as well as some other problems.

We felt we could not be sure we would do ourselves justice and put on a production that we were proud of.

We will instead be starting our preparations for the Mummings' Play, due to take place as part of the **PILTON WASSAIL** on 14th January at the Tithe Barn in Pilton. Make a note in your diary for it!

Christine King 890357

THE SOMERSET RUSSETS CONCERT

Monday 7th November

7.30pm start

THE SOMERSET RUSSETS present music and songs for our interest and delight! Don't miss this village concert for all in **Pilton Parish Church**.

If you have not heard The Somerset Russets before, then you're in for a treat! It should be very popular, so get there promptly...

“Music-makers of Somerset”

The Somerset Russets, a diverse group of musicians, present the music of some of the men and women who have kept the county singing and dancing over the last three hundred years.

Learn about their lives and listen to their music and songs, arranged for winds, strings and squeezey things.

£2.50 on the door .

About The Somerset Russets

Formed in 2012, The Somerset Russets are a group of musicians dedicated to recreating the sound of the players who accompanied the lives of ordinary people in the eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Village bands accompanied not only the singing in church but also the dancing at weddings and other festivities. They provided the music for the annual village club day march too. Individual fiddlers and squeezebox players played for step-dancing in local pubs.

The Russets bring this music to life on strings (fiddles and cello), winds (flutes, oboe, clarinet, recorders and bass clarinet) and squeezey things (treble, baritone and bass concertinas and accordion). Usually playing as an ensemble of 15-18 players, the band's members come from across the county but they like to see themselves as an international band as two members travel from as far away as South Wales!

On their last visit to Pilton, they entertained us with a general introduction to village bands. Their new show combines music and readings to celebrate local musicians and singers in particular.

Organised by Pilton Village History Group

PILTON COMMUNITY FRIDGE and SEED BANK UPDATE

The shed, which is home to the community fridge and freezer, now also has a seed bank box for sharing seeds. Anyone can donate seeds; anyone can take seeds. Please follow the guidance by the box and contact Kelly at kellyexton@hotmail.co.uk or on 890683 with any questions or if you would like to join the volunteer team.

COMMUNITY FARM

I am looking to set up a community farm in Pilton, to improve access to affordable, locally grown 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 / 890683

PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Growth overhanging footways/roads

Landowner Responsibility

Pilton Parish Council would like to remind parishioners that it is the property or landowner's responsibility to cut back hedges, trees and/or garden growth sufficiently, ensuring that no overgrowth affects footways or carriageways.

It is also property or landowner's responsibility to remove all clippings following cutting.

Landowners have a duty under the Highways Act 1980 to ensure that the highway is not obstructed.

Anything overhanging must be at least:

- 2.3m above the footway, cycleway, or verge
- 5.3m above the road surface

Overgrown hedges next to footpaths and roads pose a real hazard to people who are disabled or visually impaired and young children or pedestrians, who risk injury or damage to their faces or clothing from thorns and branches. If the pavement is narrow or the obstruction is excessive, they may be forced into the road.

On junctions and bends, overgrown hedges may obstruct sight lines and the clear view of motorists. They may also obscure traffic signs or streetlights, increasing the risk of accidents.

clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org

**AGM OF PILTON VILLAGE TRUST (CHARITY NO 233541) AND
ELECTION OF TRUSTEES FOR PILTON VILLAGE TRUST AND
PILTON PLAYING FIELD TRUST**

Sunday 27th November, 7.30pm Worthy Room

The Trustees ensure the Playing Field and Village Hall building are maintained and developed for the use of Parishioners. Nominees, proposers and seconders must live within the parish of Pilton as at 5th November 2022 or be an Honorary or Life member of Pilton Working Men's Club as at 31st December 2012 and be over the age of eighteen as at 5th November 2022. An eligible person may propose not more than one nominee and second not more than one nominee. Trustees are elected for one year.

Nomination forms and a ballot box will be available in the lobby of the Village Hall on the 5th November and completed nomination forms and resolutions for discussion at the AGM must be posted into the ballot box by 7.00pm Sunday 20th November.

If there are more than 12 nominations for Trustees an election will be held on the 27st November at the AGM. Do consider helping to maintain our village assets for future generations and stand as a Trustee.

Reports to be presented at the AGM will be available in advance on the Pilton Village Trust website – www.piltonvillagetrust.uk

PILTON SHOW AGM

Reminder, our AGM will be held in the Worthy Room at the Village Hall – brief business then drinks etc and socialising – at **7.00pm on Monday 21st November**. All are welcome.

The Show cannot continue without support and help, particularly from younger villagers as the committee are all growing old with the Show!

There are many new people in Pilton now: please come along and get involved, it can be fun! As few tedious meetings as possible...and new ideas welcomed.

Any queries please contact Jenny 890465.

MORE PILTON PEOPLE

The sequel to 2012's *Pilton People* will be on sale at the Christmas Fair in the Tithe Barn on Saturday 3rd December.

This is an appendix to the original, covering the last decade, a living history of a colourful village, which sadly now has a definite full stop, as it was intended to mark a cheerful Jubilee, not the end of an era.

Available in two formats, either the two bound together or for those already owning the original, just the Appendix *More Pilton People*. We are still working out costs but will announce these in December.

Despite the digital world and social media, some of us still like a printed page, to keep for posterity. Highly illustrated throughout, the aim as before is to "remember with a chuckle" and celebrate the community, although as we all know, it has been a strange decade.

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE

Members visited Spindle Cottage in Binegar, the home of Angela and Alban Bunting.

In 1966 the couple had the vision to buy two almost derelict cottages, which date back to the 17th century, and turn them into the quirky delight that is Spindle Cottage. There are mouse houses, a doll's house cupboard, carved wooden pillars, artistic joys at every turn all created by Alban and dressed, with great care, by Angela.

In the garden Alban constructed playhouses for the grandchildren. Ruth's Cottage is a two storey Gothic style stone building with a spiral staircase; Tom's Lodge an Elizabethan, thatched, half -timbered house with lattice windows and Charlotte's Post Office is a fully stocked Victorian shop with the Postmistress's bicycle parked outside. All are beautifully built and furnished. Any child, or adult, would be enchanted. We finished the afternoon with a superb, homemade, cream tea. Thank you, Alban and Angela, for sharing your unique home.

In November we look forward to hearing more tales from Dudley and seeing which films Philip and Gill will bring to entertain us.

Liz Elkin



THE PILTON CHRISTMAS MARKET

3rd – 4th December, from 10am to 3pm at the Pilton Tithe Barn.

Enjoy shopping at this wonderful medieval tithe barn. Beautiful gifts locally made.

Enjoy tea, coffee, mulled wine, and cider. Delicious snacks and a brazier fire to keep you warm.

Access via Red Gate on Steanbow Farm, BA4 4EE

Disabled Access - Free onsite parking

PERFECT CURVE FITNESS & DANCE

Classes at the Pilton Pavilion

Wednesdays:

Kids Dance for Fun

4.00-4.30pm Age 5-7 £3.50

4.30-5.25pm Age 8-14 £5.00

Adults Dance For Fun

6.30-7.30pm £8.00

Thursdays

9.30-10.30am Pilates £8.00



Classes are term time only. All abilities welcome.

For information of other local classes or to book your place please email sarahhenderson08@hotmail.co.uk

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

FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

The next Club meeting is on **Tuesday 8th November at 7.30pm at Pylle Village Hall.**

Roy Cheek will talk on a subject dear to our hearts:

'My Low Maintenance Garden'.

Roy has extensive experience as a horticultural consultant to many notable gardens, including the restoration of the Jekyll planting in the Formal Garden at Hestercombe.

This month's competition, 'Evergreens presented as a small wreath or as a circular arrangement', aims to draw out the creative talents in preparation for the festive season.

Do come along for the evening's entertainment and stay for a cuppa.

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

Please note: The next meeting will be on **10th January**

Contact Jill for more information on 07772008594.



The Arts Society Mendip (Live and online)

1st November

"Bruegel: The Seasons of the World". Gavin Plumley will explore how this artist's novel approach changed the

focus on landscape art.

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



ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE Christmas Market

Friday, 25th November 12noon – 4.30pm

Haselbury Mill, Crewkerne. TA18 7NY

Parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and Dinder

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PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

6 th November	Rev. Gill Warren
13 th November	Remembrance Service at Parish Church 10.55
20 th November	Rev. Margaret Crawshaw
27 th November	Steve Derby

Services at the Chapel at 10.30am followed by Coffee

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2022

6th November Celebration of All Souls

3.00pm United Benefice Service

Pilton

13th November Remembrance Sunday

10.55am Remembrance Service

Pilton

10.55am Remembrance Service

Croscombe

10.55 am Remembrance Service

North Wootton

10.55 am Remembrance Service

Dinder

20th November Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent

9.30am Holy Communion

North Wootton

11.00 am Holy Communion

Dinder

27th November Advent 1

10.00am United Benefice Holy Communion
Croscombe Village Hall

Croscombe

4th December Advent 2

9.30am Holy Communion

Pilton

11.00am Holy Communion

Croscombe

11.00am Morning Service

North Wootton

ONLINE SERVICES

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