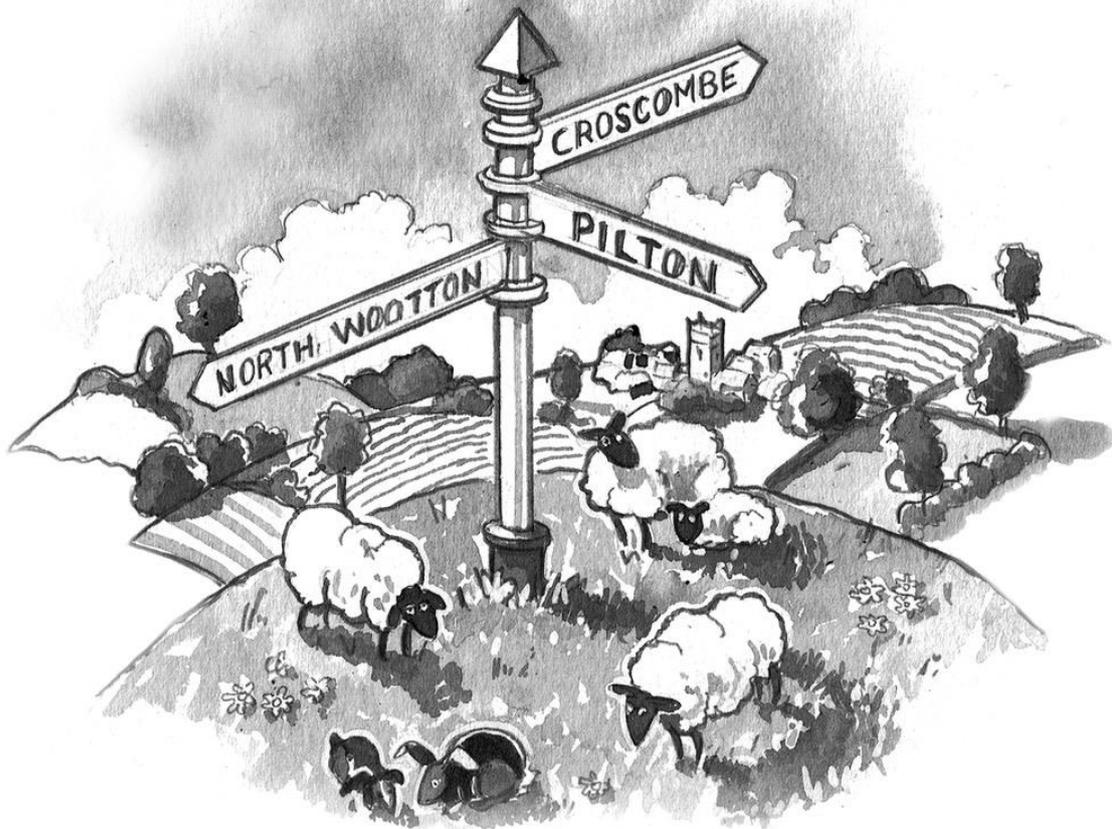


# The **ROUNDAABOUT** Magazine

February 2025



## **Enquiries about material for the Roundabout**

Please send emails to the email address [magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk](mailto:magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk). All material in word or email please. **Deadline for the March edition is 16 February**

## **Data Protection Ruling**

We are grateful for material for the Roundabout, which we distribute in our benefice and available on the website. If you have any concerns about GDPR please contact us

## **For this month we are just covering Small Ads. We aim to include advertising again in March edition**

### **Small Ads**

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## **The Roundabout is back**

It is with great delight that we are able to welcome back “The Roundabout” magazine which has always been so popular and helpful to the local community. We would like to acknowledge the team who have kept the Roundabout in publication to date and thank all who have been in touch to share your support for the Roundabout continuing.

This, February issue, being our first issue is a different format and slightly shorter, as we have endeavoured to get one out as soon as possible. Because of time constraints we have still many people to contact, in particular our valuable advertisers whom we are contacting at the current time to prepare for the March issue, when we plan for the Roundabout to be back to its full glory. As the magazine develops, we welcome new ideas and content to share from around the community.

At present, we are a very small team and working with Crocombe volunteers, to provide some information in the Crocombe section. In addition we have been talking with the team at North Wootton, who also have their own magazine “North Wootton News” and they will be sharing content ensuring coverage from all three parishes. Should anyone wish to volunteer to help in any way then please do contact us.

The Roundabout is and has always been a free magazine to its readers and we feel it is important to continue it in its current format, being paper based with past issues being uploaded to the Parish Council website as before [piltonparishcouncil.org/roundabout](http://piltonparishcouncil.org/roundabout)

Importantly the magazine is funded by our advertisers and by those who care to make a small donation towards costs. If you feel you would be able to assist in this regard than please e-mail us at [magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk](mailto:magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk). All donations would be welcome however small.

Thank you from the current editorial team. Liz Richards & John Broxup in Pilton. Please email [magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk](mailto:magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk)

## **Why is it called “The Roundabout”**

*Well not a lot of people know this but between the parishes of Pilton, North Wootton and Crocombe there is a hill called The Roundabout. This hill is the only point with views over all three parishes. Thank you to Liam O’Farrell, a local Pilton artist - [liamofarrell.com](http://liamofarrell.com) - for providing us with the new cover image depicting the hill (Map reference ST 58506 43515)*

## **The Parishes**

We are all blessed to be in such a wonderful part of the world with fabulous scenery, history, people, diversity and facilities, alongside a great local community spirit

## **Poem**

Communication is hard you see,  
but in the end,  
It is key,  
To that great relationship,  
We all want and need. “Amy”

# CROSCOMBE

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE - February

4 <sup>th</sup> Arts Society Mendip. Village Hall	11.00am
8 <sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning. Village Hall	10.00am-12noon
10 <sup>th</sup> Film Night. Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Women's Group. Village Hall	2.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> Crocombe Frolics Panto	7.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> Sequence Dancing. Village Hall	8.00pm

### The Arts Society Mendip - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

*Fakes and Forgeries* with Marc Allum. Marc is, himself, a collector of fakes, and will focus on our age-old fascination with faking and forging. Citing some of the greatest exponents and illustrated with challenging examples, you may never look at art or antiques in the same way again! The talk will begin at 11.00am in Crocombe Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom – a link will be sent to members and guests). Guests are welcome for a fee of £10. We always welcome new members - further details, including information about becoming a member and our full programme is available on our website - [www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk)

**Crocombe Village Hall Coffee Morning:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am to 12noon.  
Home-made cakes and organic coffee. Raffle and book stall. All welcome.

**Crocombe Film Night:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Crocombe Village Hall. "Small Things Like These" certificate 12. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Admission £7.00 Bar available  
While working as a coal merchant to support his family, Bill Furlong (Cillian Murphy) discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent and uncovers truths of his own forcing him to confront his past and the complicit silence of a small Irish town controlled by the Catholic Church.

**Crocombe Frolics present "AVAST BEHIND!":** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm, Crocombe Village Hall. Tickets are £12 Adults / £6 Under 16s so get your ration from The George Inn, Crocombe or Howard Slep on [h.slep@btinternet.com](mailto:h.slep@btinternet.com) (01749 342693) or by plotting a course to [www.ticketsource.co.uk/crocombe-frolics](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/crocombe-frolics)

*Ahoy, mateys!* This half-term set sail with Crocombe Frolics on the swashbuckling panto adventure, Avast Behind! Find out if young Jim and Polly can overcome the villainous Long John Silver and survive an encounter with the undead. If Dame Hawkins will be all at sea and if the pirates' treasure will curse them all.

## **Croscombe Women's Group**

Sad to say, due mainly to illness, there were only 6 members present for our January meeting when we had another slideshow from Richard Raynsford, this time on war-time defences in Somerset.

Because there was a real threat of invasion by Germany in 1940, in the space of only three months concrete pillboxes and anti-tank structures were thrown up all over England, running the entire length of the East and South coast, around Bristol and London and up the centre of the country. Our area was part of the Bristol defence line. The remaining structures are not subject to any preservation order, but due to their bulk and strength, most are still visible today. There's a pillbox in plain sight a few feet from the main road between Dulcote and Wells, while a walk through Sharcombe Wood in Dinder will reveal several anti-tank structures. Thank you, Richard, for your genial presentation of a solemn subject. February 11th will be at the Village Hall with Kate Risdon on the History of Braille. Barbara Lippett

## **Postage Stamps**

I am still collecting postage stamps - used, unused, U.K. and foreign for charity (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

## **Winter Wonderland – thank you**

The Dream Team would like to thank everyone who supported our Winter Wonderland event in the village hall on December 7th and contributed to its success. We very much appreciated the hard work of our volunteers on the night and the generosity of all who came and those who donated raffle prizes. Together we raised £2,100 for Children's Hospice South West which is a fantastic sum!

## **Sequence dancing**

We meet on Tuesdays at 8.00pm in Croscombe Village Hall. Any new members will be very 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

## **St. Mary's Church, Croscombe**

A new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared (it is revised every 6 years). Everyone on the present list will receive a new form to fill in but, if anyone else would like to apply to go on the Electoral Roll, please contact Janet Dowding, Livadia, Fayre Way (01749 330725). The deadline for applications is 26 February and the new list comes into effect on 12 March 2025.

## **Your Village Hall Needs You!**

The Village Hall in Croscombe is at the heart of our community, a place where memories are made and friendships grow. To keep it thriving, the Village Hall Committee is applying for grants to improve its windows, doors, and car park—but we can't do it without your help! We want to hear from you! Whether it's a class you attend, an event you cherish, or simply a space you love, your thoughts on what's needed are invaluable to shaping the hall's future.

Please take a moment to fill in a consultation form, available at The George Inn, the Hall, or by requesting one via email from Pauline Drew at pauline.drew@hotmail.co.uk (07415 034814). Your voice matters, and together, we can ensure our hall remains a welcoming space for generations to come. Thank you for being part of something special.

# PILTON

Pilton has an abundance of groups, associations and energy. A sample of what is on offer is listed below and should anyone else have any ventures that are not included please let us know. Following on from this a few of the groups have given a small synopsis and we hope to be able to include one from each of the groups and organisations over the months to come.

It is important that where possible people use the facilities on offer. We currently have a great thriving pub in the Crown, a Village Hall and bar under new management, a tithe barn, playing fields with hall and with the Co-op, a shop and post office, to name but a few. However, if we do not use these facilities, they may be lost to us, these are difficult times and they all need your support to survive.

## **Village Groups (please send us additional groups that have been missed)**

Allotment Association	Art Group
ASBO (maintaining footpaths and bridleways)	Bell Ringers
Dance	Food Bank
Football	Gabriels Orchard
Hand Bells	Happy Circle
History Group	Judo
Pilates	Pilton Players
Pilton Playing Fields	Pilton Village Hall Trust
Table Tennis	Tai Chi
Tithe Barn	Village Voices
Wassail	Writers Group
Ukulele	Yoga

## **A word from a few of these clubs and associations**

### **Pilton Allotments**

*Pilton Community Allotment Association Ltd. Pilton, Somerset, UK, A Registered Cooperative*

It's the start of a new year!!!

Why not have a go at growing your own delicious, healthy and very fresh organic food?

Pilton Allotments currently have a few plots available to rent to anyone from Pilton or nearby communities. Phone [01749 890357](tel:01749890357) or email [piltonallotments@gmail.com](mailto:piltonallotments@gmail.com) to find out more.

### **Pilton Writers Group**

For the past 32 years Pilton Writers has been active and meets on Monday evenings once or twice a month. Dates are decided after each meeting to ensure best attendance numbers.

Writers are encouraged to bring some of their own work and a theme is decided for a short workshop on the night. Membership is free and new members and beginners are particularly welcome. For details, please ring or text Mike on 07791 583984.

## Happy Circle

Happy Circle welcome the over 55s, both men and women, at the Pilton Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month to make new friends and share life experiences.

Our program for the year commenced on Wednesday 15th January, with a game of bingo run by Audrey and Terry and super prizes. Some future dates for your diaries

- February 19th, we have a talk from the History group It is called "Potpourri from Pilton archives"
- March 19th. we have a talk on Naples from Ian Williams
- April 16th we are going out for a lovely birthday lunch
- May 21st is our AGM, with a look at our favourite photos
- June 16th festival memories

We always meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, starting at 2:15pm. It's great fun and currently our annual fee is only £12. £1:50 for each meeting or £2 if you'd like to visit. Any questions please contact Freda Boyce - fabfreda@btinternet.com

## Pilton Village History Group

**"Somerset's Secret Chart Makers"**: Monday 10th February, at 7.30pm in Pilton Village Hall, and will be our short AGM followed by our speaker. ALL WELCOME: Members free, Visitors £4. Refreshments will be provided.

The secret work undertaken to produce the D-Day maps and charts used on the 6th of June 1944 was undertaken in Somerset. The story behind how some 35 million items were produced by the Admiralty's Hydrographic Department is brought to light by Dr. Adrian Webb. His illustrated talk contains first-hand accounts of events in the war in Bath and Taunton. Dr. Adrian Webb is an independent author, researcher, lecturer and publisher. He holds an MA and PhD from the University of Exeter and was previously Head of Archives at the UK Hydrographic Office.

Date for your diaries. Pilton Village History Group is excited to let you know that in March we will be holding two Open Sessions at Pilton Village Hall:

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2 - 4.30 pm and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10 am -12.30 pm.

We will have loads of items from our archives out on display, including documents, maps, artefacts and photos; also there will be a chance to search our website, and for you to bring along anything that you would like us to scan and copy for you, and to add to our website [www.piltonhistory.org.uk](http://www.piltonhistory.org.uk)

## Village Voices

"Village Voices Community Choir" is a friendly group who just enjoying singing! All abilities and ages are welcome. We meet weekly on a Tuesday evening, 7:30 - 9:00 pm at The Cafe Rooms in the Methodist Chapel, Top Street, Pilton BA4 4DG.

There's no charge for your first evening with us so you can "try before you buy" and it's only £5 per session after that. Our terms roughly fall in-line with the "School Calendar". Harvey Brink is our Music Director (Deputy Director of music at Wells Cathedral School), who brings the best out of us by simply making our choir sessions fun.

Do drop me an email if there is anything else you wish to ask or drop into one of our sessions. We look forward to meeting you. Shirley (Admin) villagevoices22@btinternet.com

## **Yoga: Weekly yoga and chair yoga classes in Pilton**

We are in our 20th year of practicing Yoga together in Pilton (and surrounding villages). In our 90 minute in-person and online Yoga classes, all elements of a traditional Yoga practice are included. We start with a few minutes focusing on our termly topic, followed by 5-10 minutes of purification breath work (traditional Yogic pranayama). Up to an hour of Yogic exercises and postures (Asana) follow, finishing with a lying guided relaxation. At the end of the class, when the Yoga has settled and calmed our minds, we sit for a short meditation.

Our Asana practice is a mindful practice with attention fully in the body. Generally, we focus on one posture at a time, or two linked poses, with attention to body alignment and breath. Variations are offered to deepen the practice or to make postures appropriate for any conditions requiring modifications. This is not a flow or fitness Yoga class and is most suitable for those looking to improve their wellbeing through incorporating strengthening, stretching, breath work and meditation into their weekly Yoga practice.

These are mixed ability classes suitable for all, from beginners to experienced Yogis. In our weekly 60-minute Chair Yoga class, we incorporate all the elements of Yoga in a sitting and standing practice. This class is suitable for those who do not want a floor-based exercise class, but wish to benefit for the wholistic practice of Yoga.

For more information or to arrange to try a class, please visit my web site [www.adeleyoga.co.uk](http://www.adeleyoga.co.uk) or e-mail me: [robertsonyoga@aol.co.uk](mailto:robertsonyoga@aol.co.uk) Adele Robertson, *British Wheel of Yoga qualified teacher*

## **Pilton Players**

Pilton Players have, with a few interruptions for world wars and global pandemics, been putting on plays in the village for over 100 years. With a membership that has included novelist John le Carré and Sir Michael Eavis's dad, we have a proud heritage to live up to.

Unfortunately, in recent years we've found it hard to recruit new members - and for many of our existing members, the foothills of middle age are barely visible in the rear-view mirror. This makes it hard to cast the 13 year old Juliet - and limits the number and range of productions we can offer.

In January this year we performed a mummings play at the Wassail, in conjunction with Gabriel's Orchard and Village Voices. Readers will remember that in 2023 the same forces, along with local musicians and handbell ringers, staged a highly successful production of *A Christmas Carol* in the parish church.

Our next planned production will be in November this year when we will be performing a new adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Snow Queen*. This, like *A Christmas Carol*, is an ambitious production in which we again hope to be joined by a number of village groups.

We are looking for new members - especially younger members to take on the roles of Gerda's kidnapped friend Kay, The Princess, The Prince and The Robber Girl. Anyone who was unable to come along to the auditions held in January can still arrange to try out for a part by e-mailing [stevebarlow2steves@outlook.com](mailto:stevebarlow2steves@outlook.com) or calling/texting 07788 752869. Rehearsals start in September and we hope to see some fresh faces to give us old timers a run for our money!

Steve Lowe, Chair, Pilton Players

## **The 2025 Pilton Wassail**

A big 'WAES HAEL' from Pilton Players and Gabriel's Orchard (the groups that bought you this year's Wassail) to the 200 of you that came to celebrate this ancient festival with us at Pilton's wonderful Tithe Barn, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

It was lovely to have our own Village Voices lead our lusty singing and to see a skilled display of energetic dancing by the Cam Valley Morris Men.

A heartfelt 'thank you' to the Connock family at Latcham & Tamblyn for kindly donating all the fuel that kept us warm, and to Rob Hargrave for setting-up and being in charge of the sound system for Pilton Players' Mummers Play.

We much appreciate the help from the door crew: Lis Lawrence, Candy Bowman and Jane Boucher and from the Wassail Tot crew: Dee Nobbs and Di Richards.

Also more thanks go to the Nicholsons of Cumhill Farm for the use of their orchard, and to Robert Kearle and his team for sorting out all the very important things, like bins, chairs, tables and a host of other things.

## **Free to good homes - native trees, various types and sizes**

As a hobby, I grow native trees from seed or from 'volunteers', and then offer them free to good homes. If you would like any of the following, please contact me (details below), giving an idea of which and how many you are interested in, and what they would be used for... community project, field border, in memory of someone, or in your own garden etc...

I will give a few days for replies, then be in touch...

A) Bare-rooted - Walnut and Hazel

B) Pot-grown - Horse Chestnut / Hazel (lots) / Birch / Sycamore / Ash / Oak (one only)

Joe King - 01749 890357

## **Pilton Community Coffee Shop**

Pilton coffee shop is situated in Top Street, adjoining the Methodist church and is open Mon-Sat 10-12.30. The views are fantastic and the interior bright and airy. We offer a selection of cakes; bacon rolls and cheese toasties with a choice of teas and coffees.

All profits made by the cafe are given to charities chosen by the volunteers and we also sell handmade accessories, so always check us out for your present shopping. The coffee shop is run by volunteers and has donated their profits from 1/3/24 - 31/12/24 to the following charities.

£1,000.00 to Dorothy House Hospice

£1,000.00 to St. Margaret's Hospice

£1,000.00 to Children's Hospice South West

£500.00 Food Bank Salvation Army Shepton Mallet

£415.00 WHY We Hear You Frome

£415.00 Julian House Bath

We would like to express a huge thank you to all our lovely customers and look forward to welcoming you.

## **Pilton Parish Council report February 2025 Roundabout**

It is very pleasing that the Roundabout is continuing. A big thank you to the team making this happen

### **Update on Whitstone Hill / Abbots Way**

Cllr Sully has been supporting Pilton Parish Council in attempting to get the work done on Whitstone Hill and she is also working with individuals to help with their issues. Somerset Council does have the work scheduled to be completed in this financial year.

It is very concerning and dangerous that Pylle Road and St Mary's Lane suffer badly from running water that ices over in cold weather. Tessa Munt MP has been contacted to support Pilton in getting these problems attended to.

In the meantime, parishioners are encouraged to report via Report a Problem on the Road on the Somerset Council website <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road> each time there is a problem. If a problem arises out of hours, the number to call is 0300 123 2224. (Please note that Fix My Street is not a Somerset Council dedicated portal.)

### **Community food fridge**

It is very concerning that food is being taken from the fridge and strewn in the streets. This food is intended for those in need and is placed in the fridge in good faith. We sincerely hope that the perpetrators or those who know them will take measures to ensure that it does not happen again.

### **More about the Pilton Community Food fridge**

The village has a team of volunteers working to reduce food waste through the redistribution of food that would normally be thrown out, via the community fridge and freezer. These are located in a small shed at the opt of Barrow Lane, near to the entrance to the Methodist Church, which has been operating for a few years.

Opening hours vary depending on the level of food, time of year and volunteer opening or closing; however, it is typically open by 9AM until dark or the food runs out. Anyone is welcome to take any produce that they would like, but we politely ask that users only take 1 of any high value items such as meat or fish. There is a facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Piltonfridge> where volunteers post if there is a particular glut of something - please get in touch if you have any questions or would like to join the team.

### **Pilton Parish Church Electoral Roll**

A new Church Electoral Roll (membership list) is being prepared as it is required to be revised every 6 years. Membership shows a commitment to the Church and enables members to stand for the Parochial Church Council and to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

A notice about the revision of the Electoral Roll will be displayed in the Church porch from the 26 January 2025.

I will provide an application form for completion to all those currently on the Electoral Roll. More application forms will be available in the Church for anyone wishing to join or just give me a ring. The deadline for applications is 3 March 2025 and the new list comes into effect on 10 March 2025. Jean Warry, Electoral Roll Officer, (01749 890434)

## **The Pilton Stage & Village Hall**

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the overwhelming amount of support we have received from all over the village, and we are extremely grateful to you.

Change in anything is rarely welcomed as it usually involves getting used to new ways and new ideas, but with your continued support it will be us, the people of Pilton who benefit most from those changes. It may be worth noting that since The Pilton Stage Ltd took over the management, only 4% of the time thus far has been dedicated to music with the rest of the time serving community groups such as The Pilton Players, The History Group, Happy Circle and Skittles. Do not be fooled by the name!

Hopefully the launch of a new website, **thepiltonstage.com** will provide further information continue to update everyone regarding upcoming events and opening times. It also provides a suggestion page which encourages input and ideas regarding worthwhile future events. (The Facebook 'Pilton Stage' page will continue to mostly serve musicians and music events so in general please refer to the website for local information).

Finally, Sunday Lunches will soon be a permanent feature!

Coming up for your diaries:

Feb 1st	HEAT 3 of The Pilton Stage Auditions (6 of the best unsigned UK artists)
Feb 8th	THE PHOGUES one of the best POGUES Tribute bands in the country & support
Feb 14th	VALENTINES DAY Evening event
Feb 22nd	HEAT 4 of the Pilton Stage Auditions (6 of the best unsigned UK artists)
March 30th	MOTHERS DAY 'MEGGA BINGO' Details on the website.

## **Glastonbury Festival**

*"Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts Ltd will be meeting with Pilton Parish Residents and Pilton Parish Council at Pilton Village Hall at 6pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025.*

*There will be a designated part of the meetings for residents to comment and/or ask questions to GFEL, Police and Somerset Council. There will be an opportunity for residents to speak during the meetings and we request that points are made succinctly and not repeated so that as many people as possible can participate within the meetings. There will be opportunities after the meetings 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."*

## **Glastonbury Festival Village Tickets**

Information on Village tickets for Pilton residents was sent out to all eligible properties in January. The deadline for completing your requests is 28th February. For any questions please contact Elizabeth or Joanna on 01749 899055 or by emailing [ticketing@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk](mailto:ticketing@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk) ahead of the deadline."

## **Glastonbury Festival 2025 – Village liaison**

All parishioners have been sent a letter from The Village Liaison Team. This letter contains important festival information and dates for you. If you have not received our letter by the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, then please contact us.

The Village Liaison/Hotline Team (Tracey, Phil & Laura)  
Hotline Email: [villagehotline@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk](mailto:villagehotline@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk)  
Hotline Telephone: 01749 899631

## Shepton Judo Group

Shepton judo club is a friendly club with over a hundred members. We have whole family's training together and we have an age range of 4-84.

Judo is a brilliant martial art an Olympic sport a great form of self-defence and an excellent way to get fit. We have recreational players in our club and national/international players.

We run 4 days a week from Pilton Village Hall

For more info Message or phone Dianne on 07940 716737

Email [diannew25@googlemail.com](mailto:diannew25@googlemail.com) or follow Shepton judo club on Instagram or Facebook

## Pilton Ukulele Group

Do you play the ukulele? Would you like to learn? Pilton ukulele group meets weekly every Thursday from 7pm to 8.30pm.

We also run a beginner group for over 18's from 6.30pm every Thursday. We operate as a not for profit group but we do appreciate a donation towards the hire of the rehearsal space. £3 for main group, £1 for beginners.

Please contact Dan Climo via [piltonukulelegroup@gmail.com](mailto:piltonukulelegroup@gmail.com) for main group enquiries or [pugratspilton@gmail.com](mailto:pugratspilton@gmail.com) for beginner enquiries

## The Crown Pilton. What's happening at The Crown

Feb 5th 7pm start: Have I got Booze for you. Pilton's very own quiz night hosted by Reg!!!

Feb 7th 8pm-12am - "Pound for the sound" Music night - DJ Ruston and Hoop. Local DJs bring the good vibes!!

Feb 12th 8pm - Folk night in the bar, bring an instrument if folk is your thing, (or even if it's not)!!!

Feb 14th - "Pound for the Sound" Music night. Pilton's Mighty J

Feb 16th 2pm - Sunday Sessions. Stevie P and Jade, live guitar and violin in the Bar whilst you enjoy a banging roast.

Feb 19th 7pm - Pilton Pop Quiz - anything more appropriate in Pilton than a pop quiz? Reg is on it again!!!

Feb 21st 8pm-12am - "Pound for the Sound" music night - DJ Lightfoot. One of the Lemon Lounge originators. Pure Bangers!!!

Feb 25th 630pm-830pm - Salt and Vinegar Cinema Night - Konkombe - The Nigerian Music Pop Scene (dir. Jeremy Marre, 1979) .....along with Takeaway Fish and chips

Feb 26th 730pm-930pm - Pilton's Big Comedy Night Out. Comedians

TBC <https://thecrownpilton.com/pilton-somerset/piltons-big-comedy-night-out/>

Feb 27th - Open Mic night - Bring an instrument song or poem

Feb 28th 8pm-12am "Pound for the Sound"

Art Exhibition Upstairs - Gemma Trickey Artist <https://www.gemmatrickey.com/>

Mar 5th 7pm start - Have I got Booze for you. Pilton's very own quiz night hosted by Reg!!! Ring us to book in!!!

Mar 12th - Folk night in the bar, bring an instrument if folk is your thing, (or even if it's not)!!!

Mar 16th - Sunday Sessions - Live music in the bar whilst you enjoy a banging Roast!!!

Mar 19th - Pilton Pop Quiz - anything more appropriate in Pilton than a pop quiz? Reg is on it again!!!

Mar 25th - Salt and Vinegar Cinema Night - The Velvet Underground. A **documentary** on the rock band **The Velvet Underground** - Lou Reed, John Cale (later replaced by Doug Yule), Sterling Morrison and Maureen Tucker. Along with Takeaway Fish and chips

Mar 26th - Pilton's Big Comedy Night Out. Comedians TBC

<https://thecrownpilton.com/pilton-somerset/piltons-big-comedy-night-out/>

Mar 27th - Open Mic night - Bring an instrument song or poem

# **NORTH WOOTTON**

## **Crossways Special Offerings**

**Every Tuesday:** Pizza Night - £12 for a 12" Pizza.

**Every Wednesday:** Nepalese Night - 2 course Authentic Nepalese food for £18.00.

**Every Thursday:** Choice of Curry for £10.00.

**Every Friday:** Steak Night £16, sirloin / rump with all the trimmings.

**Wed to Fri Lunch Special** - 12noon to 3:00pm. Main & Desert for £12.00.

Reservations Highly Recommended

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## **Village Hall**

Sarah and the Village Hall Team are working on the events programme for 2025.

## **Folk Music**

For all comers interested in having a go, we meet in North Wootton on a Monday morning. Please call Fiona on 07777 609699 or text Claire on 07982 444637 for more details. Regular opportunities for sessions too.

## **Quiz Night**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month at the Crossways Hotel, Quiz Night, 7pm start, £2 pp on the night. - All Welcome.

## REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE

Someone once asked the great Anglican monastic theologian Herbert Kelly this question: 'How do we know what the will of God is?' to which he famously answered, 'We don't. That's the joke.'

Kelly is right: we can't know precisely what God's will is in a certain situation. But we can open up opportunities for God to 'come through' our actions, and building community is a key way of doing this. In any situation we can try and tune our lives a bit more to God. And across our diocese our commitment to our communities is key to this.

So, when we meet people, a simple smile shows the person before us we see them as a friend. This is not to suggest ignorance or naivety. We are not unaware of the limitations and imperfections of a person, but we are prepared to focus more deeply, to the depths of the heart in each person. To seek out the goodness that only love and trust can bring to birth.

As a Cistercian writer recently put it: 'Let us welcome each person as Christ, because in all truth it is Christ whom we welcome. 'You did this to me' (Matthew 25). Let us look for the beloved face of Christ in each person, for each is his true face.'

But why start our focus on community, with those around us, and not God? Good question. Perhaps it is best explained by a lovely saying from the Desert Father, John the Dwarf: 'You don't build a house by starting with the roof and working down. You start with the foundation.'

They said, 'What does that mean?'

He said, 'The foundation is our neighbour whom we must win. The neighbour is where we start. Every commandment of Christ depends on this.'

*Toby Wright, Dean of Wells*

### Date for the diary

Our next United Service for the seven churches in our new benefice grouping is **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Ditcheat.**

### BIBLE READINGS

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Hebrews 2: 14-end	Luke 2: 22-40
9 <sup>th</sup> February	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Luke 5: 1-11
16 <sup>th</sup> February	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	Luke 6: 17-26
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Revelation 4	Luke 8: 22-25

**Benefice Study Group** continues to meet fortnightly at the home of Tim Wotton in North Wootton on a Monday morning at 10.30am. Anyone is welcome to join us. For more details, please email [rector.pcnd@gmail.com](mailto:rector.pcnd@gmail.com)

**Puzzling Questions Group** meets in the New Room Coffee Shop, at the Methodist Church, Pilton at 2.30pm. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Please do come and join us.

**Dates for Compline on Zoom** on the following Sunday evenings: 9<sup>th</sup> February and 23<sup>rd</sup> February

If you would like further details about joining in this simple evening service, please contact [rector.pcnd@gmail.com](mailto:rector.pcnd@gmail.com)

## **Pilton Churches Working Together**

Our next service will be held in Pilton Parish Church at 11.00am on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Have you ever wondered about the people who are guides in places like Glastonbury Abbey? Do come along and listen to Revd Dr Mark Hutchinson who has been meeting people there for ten years.

## **About People**

### **Baptism**

**Lila Jeanne Franklin** was welcomed in baptism on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December at Pilton Church.

### **Deaths**

We are sad to report the death of **Jim Govier**. His funeral service was Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January in Pilton Parish Church.

With sadness we report the death of **Vernon Blyth** for whom a Thanksgiving Service took place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January in Pilton Parish Church.

We send our loving sympathy to all bereaved families.

## **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.

## PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Steve Derby
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Revd Dr Marcus Totchon, District Chair
16 <sup>th</sup> February	PCWT at the Parish Church, <b>11.00am</b> Revd Dr Mark Hutchinson
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Tina Swire

Chapel Services begin at 10.30am.

## PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

### FEBRUARY 2025

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemas</b>	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	<b>Ditcheat</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
<b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	North Wootton
11.00am	PCWT Service	Pilton
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Morning Service	North Wootton
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	+ Croscombe