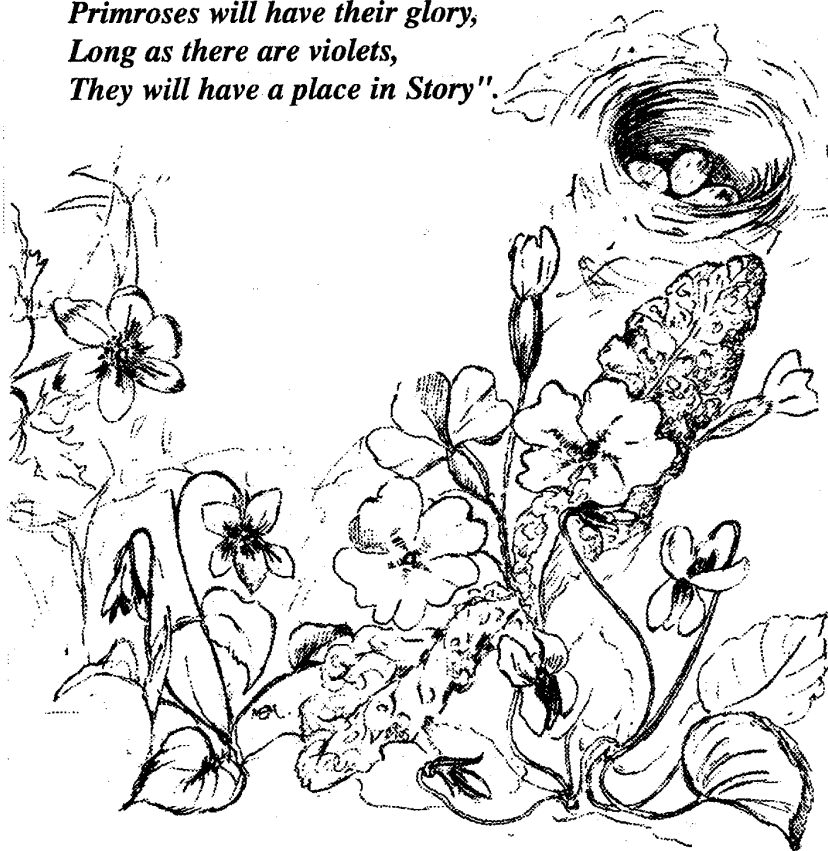


THE  
**ROUNDABOUT**  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"Long as there's a sun that sets,  
Primroses will have their glory,  
Long as there are violets,  
They will have a place in Story".*



**MARCH 2024**

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## **EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

Over the Easter season, there are several special services in our benefice.

In mid-Lent, (10<sup>th</sup> March) we celebrate Mothering Sunday...a time to remember not only our mothers but also all those who have played a role in nurturing us through our lives.



On 24<sup>th</sup> March, it is Palm Sunday when palm crosses are blessed and handed to us to remind us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey and welcomed with waving palm fronds and shouts of joy.



Then we turn to the quieter, more reflective time leading up to Easter, with the special Communion service to commemorate the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> March), followed by Good Friday services with the account of Jesus' crucifixion.

And finally, the joyous celebration of Easter Day (31<sup>st</sup> March) with the finding of the empty tomb and the appearance of the risen Lord Jesus to his friends in the garden.

In addition, for families with children, there are special events in Dinder, at St. Michael and All Angels Church. (See details on page 4).

Everyone is most welcome to join in these services. Details of the times and churches are on the back page of the magazine.



**ST MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS  
PARISH OF DINDER and DULCOTE**

We will be celebrating our time together at  
**the final Benefice Service of Holy Communion in  
Dinder**

**on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am**

**Acting Archdeacon Charlie Peer will lead the service.**

This will be followed by a Bring-and-Share Lunch in the Village Hall. Jane Thorne has arranged for the Hall to be open from 10.15am in order to leave food before the service.

Do come along to the service and to the lunch afterwards as we celebrate so many friendships and events that we have enjoyed together.

**DINDER and DULCOTE FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

You are warmly invited to join in with our Easter celebrations which will all be at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Dinder

**Good Friday – 29<sup>th</sup> March**



Meet at 10.00am at the church to help make the Easter Garden, hear the Easter story (up to Good Friday) and enjoy hot cross buns.

Please bring gloves and a trowel if possible!

**Easter Sunday - 31<sup>st</sup> March**



Meet at the church at 10.20am for the second part of the Easter story followed by the eagerly anticipated Easter Egg Hunt!

There will be a Communion service in the church at 11.00am which all are welcome to stay for.

*Becky Gilbert* [gjar@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gjar@hotmail.co.uk)

**CHANGING TIMES.....**

This will be the last edition of Roundabout to include Dinder and Dulcote, and a new chapter in the story of these two parishes begins on 1<sup>st</sup> April. The help with the production and delivery of the magazine by all those involved in the villages over our time together has been greatly appreciated.

Former relationships are greatly valued, and new ways forward in all the parishes are looked for with positivity and hope for the future of our churches and parish life.

## PRAYER FOCUS

Currently, the world feels full of strife with major elections in several countries and the presence of war in Ukraine, Palestine and many other areas. We pray that sense and reason may prevail amongst all people, to enable fair and just outcomes.

## PSALMS

The Psalms set for March include recognition of and thanksgiving for God's faithfulness when we call for help in times of trouble.

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Psalm 19
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Psalm 34:11-20
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Psalm 51: 1-13
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Psalm 116:9-end
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Psalm 22
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Psalm 118:14-24

## BIBLE READINGS

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Exodus 20: 1-17	John 2:13-22
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Exodus 2: 1-10	Luke 2: 33-35
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	John 12: 20-33
25 <sup>th</sup> March	John 12:1-11	
26 <sup>th</sup> March	John 12:20-36	
27 <sup>th</sup> March	John 13: 21-32	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Exodus 12:1-14	John 13:1-17,31b-35
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Acts 10:34-43	John 20: 1-18

## 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.**

## DATES FOR COMPLINE ON ZOOM on the following Sunday evenings

3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> March

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

## STUDY GROUPS IN LENT

**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** meets in the New Room Coffee Shop, Pilton at 2.30pm. Their Lent course based on the DVD and book "**Chocolat**" will begin on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and subsequent Tuesday afternoons (12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>).

There will also be a **CROSCOMBE LENT GROUP** on **alternate Wednesdays in Lent at 2.30pm at Livadia, Fayreway**, on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March.

For more details, please email [rector.pcnd@gmail.com](mailto:rector.pcnd@gmail.com)

*Susan Green*

## PILTON CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER.

The Pilton Churches Together team are pleased to announce that the Church Leader (Corps Officer) of the Shepton Mallet Salvation Army, Major Sheila Westlake will be leading the "**Third Sunday**" service on **March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am at the Chapel.**

Everyone is invited to join the united village service to hear more about the activities of the Salvation Army in and around Shepton Mallet.

## 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.

## 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 are sad to report the death of **Keith Catley** of Pilton. A service took place at Mendip Crematorium on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Zaria Search** of Croscombe died on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Her funeral is scheduled for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at Mendip Crematorium.

After a long illness **Tony Court** of North Wootton died on 27<sup>th</sup> January. A service is scheduled to take place in St Peter's Church, North Wootton on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February followed by a private cremation.

We send our loving sympathy to people recently bereaved.

## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER

### March

1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for booking for Fish and Chip Quiz night (see below)

3<sup>rd</sup> United Benefice Service. St Michael's Church 10.30am

Followed by Bring-and-share Lunch. Village Hall

### DINDER FISH AND CHIP QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Doors open 6.15pm Eyes down 7pm

Fish and Chips served from 8pm

**£15 per person**

Tables of 8 but you can book individually, and we will allocate you to a table.

**Pre-booking/payment essential** - for catering reasons deadline to book is **1<sup>st</sup> March**.

Contact Rachel or Niv on [NivsinDinder@gmail.com](mailto:NivsinDinder@gmail.com) to book (stating number of places required)

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### March

5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> Puzzling Questions, 'Chocolat' New Room Coffee Shop	2.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Pilton Players Meeting, Pilton Club (details below)	7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> History Group, Village Hall 'A Dip into Pilton's Archives' Maureen Tofts	7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Ukephoria Jam, Pilton Club	8.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> APCM, Parish Church	7.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Happy Circle, Village Hall, 'A Boy and his Toys'	2.15pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service, Parish Church	7.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> Studio Open Day, West Compton House (details below)	10.30am – 5.00pm
31 <sup>st</sup> Easter Day Services at both churches (see pages 23, 24)	

**PILTON  
PLAYERS**

**are seeking NEW MEMBERS!**

Following our highly successful production of A Christmas Carol in December, we are looking to assemble an even more formidable cast for future productions.

We will be reading scripts and discussing plans for the 2025 season  
**on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

**in the Perridge Room at Pilton Club. Come and join us!**

Steve Lowe, *Joint Chair*.

Contact: [stevebarlow2steves@outlook.com](mailto:stevebarlow2steves@outlook.com) : Tel 899298



### **STUDIO POTTERY OPEN DAY**

**at West Compton House, BA4 4PD**

On Saturday **30<sup>th</sup> March** from 10.30am – 5.00pm  
and

**Granite and Gorse,**

Handmade jewellery inspired by the wild landscapes of Cornwall.  
Everybody welcome – we look forward to seeing you again.





## **PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP**

The meeting this month is on

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**at 7.30pm at Pilton Village Hall**

and it has a purely PILTON theme.

**"A Dip into Pilton's Archives"** is presented by Maureen Tofts, our archivist for the last 10 years, who says...

"This will be slightly different from previous archive evenings, as it will focus on just two areas.

I will show a large number of photos that came to us from the family of Gavin Thomas. Some are photos that Gavin took of other Pilton photos, some going back to the early 1900s, as well as photos he took himself that are mainly of the village in the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

The other aspect of the evening will be an opportunity to see some of the artefacts we have recently been given; some dug up and some found lying in buildings. Steve Tofts, who has a passion for Archaeology, will talk us through some of these.

No doubt some of you will recall snippets and anecdotes about what is shown, and these will add to our enjoyment of the evening, so please be prepared to add what you know. However, for some it will all be new and will add to your understanding of our village, one that has a rich heritage".

*Chris King 890357*

## **UKEPHORIA JAM**

Ukephoria Jam is a new jolly and fun musical evening for everybody. Packed with ukulele players and groups, singers, kazoos and other instruments, we meet up to share and play our favourite songs. Everyone is welcome to enjoy or join in.

**Our next Ukephoria Jam is  
on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
at Pilton Club,  
starting at 8pm.**

Free event - Bar open

Please email [ukephoriajam@gmail.com](mailto:ukephoriajam@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook for more info.



## PILTON SHOW

September may seem a long way off, but the **Emporium** traditionally starts collecting your generous donations from spring cleaning/clearances onwards! If you are having a clear-out please donate items but remember, we're not an equivalent to the Tip – everything must be in good working order and nothing broken, please!

Please contact Annette Smith (890285) or Jenny de Gex (890465), the latter for storage.

No large items just yet, please, but smaller boxes or bags can be accepted from now.

Please also note: **NO BOOKS** as NO bookstall. After careful consideration, we feel it is neither time nor cost effective. More information will follow about other stalls in June and July.

## PILTON SHOW PROGRAMME ADVERTISING

Anyone wishing to advertise please contact Hilary Austin (890561). All programme copy to be in by mid-May.



## PILTON SCARECROW TRAIL

For those who may wish to start dreaming up ideas or finding props, the theme for this summer's Scarecrow Trail in this Olympic year will be "OLYMPIC SPORTS PAST and PRESENT". To be displayed for village walkabout and peoples' voting between 24<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September, so that scarecrows can end up on the Playing Field for Pilton Show on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Further details will be announced concerning entry dates.



## **PILTON FLOWER SHOW**

Good News!

The Flower Show team have already met three times and have been working on the Schedule for the 2024 Show.

We are happy to announce that this will be available around the beginning of March!

It will be on the Pilton Community Facebook Page, on the website [www.piltonflowershow.org.uk](http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk) and paper copies will be available in several places as well.

Make sure you get your copy, so you can make a start sewing, crafting, growing and clicking that camera.

Let's have a record number of entries this year!

Pilton Show dates are 7th & 8th September 2024.

Any queries please email [piltonflowershow@gmail.com](mailto:piltonflowershow@gmail.com)

## **PILTON 200 CLUB WINNERS**

### **January**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £30 - John Broxup

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £10 - Mikael Nyblom

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £5 - Gill Eavis

### **February**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £30 - Kelly Sumner

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £10 - Colin Elkin

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £5 - Joanna Thoms

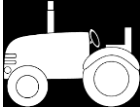
If you would like to join the Pilton 200 Club for your chance to win cash prizes while raising funds for the Village Hall please call - 07723 058086 or email - [moulderterry@aol.com](mailto:moulderterry@aol.com) for more details.

## HAPPY CIRCLE

On January 31<sup>st</sup> we had a very interesting talk from Chris King about the missing chandelier which now hangs in Pilton church. Where did it go? Who found it? And why it took so long to be put back in the church? We were interested to know where it was made and by whom.

Next meeting is February 21<sup>st</sup>, 'A Boy and His Toys'. All are welcome.

*Freda Boyce*



## COMMUNITY FARM

I am looking to set up a Community Farm in Pilton, to improve access to affordable, locally produced 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](mailto:kellyexton@hotmail.co.uk) or 890683.

## PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council agreed to move forward with Somerset's plan of speed reduction in the Parish, at East Compton A361 to 50mph. 20mph at Pilton from the top of Park Hill to the bottom of Whitstone Hill A361 and 20 mph throughout Pilton village. We hope to move this through quickly and have it in place by the end of Summer. We did ask for more areas to be covered by the 20mph limit but we are happy to get as much as we did, this time.

The next GFEL open meetings are April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There are a number of properties that have foliage overhanging a road. This reduces the visibility and can cause danger to fellow parishioners. There is limited time to cut back before nesting season so, I implore you to do the neighbourly thing and cut back ASAP.

Lastly, we have provided links on the Parish Council Website to report issues, such as potholes, fly tipping, abandoned cars etc. This is by far the quickest way to get action from Somerset Council.

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

## GLIMPING THE GLORY OF GOD

Recently Jane and I made our first trip to Iona which is accessed by small boat from the adjacent island of Mull. According to tradition Columba and twelve companions went there in 563AD. The monastery they founded became a centre of mission and teaching and played a crucial role in the conversion to Christianity of Scotland and the Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Northumberland.

However, during the Viking invasions the monastery was destroyed and abandoned, until 1938 when the **Revd George MacLeod** re-founded a community there and rebuilt the Abbey. MacLeod was an unconventional and at times controversial figure. He became a pacifist, despite having served in World War One. He saw action in Greece and then at Ypres and Passchendaele for which he was awarded the Military Cross and the French Croix de Guerre for bravery. After ordination he turned his back on prosperous prestigious parishes to become minister at Govan, a parish in a poor part of Glasgow with considerable social problems. However, he is best remembered for founding the Iona Community as an international ecumenical community which emphasized mission, political involvement, the ministry of healing and worship. Through this he sought to keep the Church connected with an increasingly secular industrial society.

It is whilst on Iona that he is attributed with popularizing the concept of "**Thin Places**," a concept which comes from Celtic Christianity. Celts believed that in some places God's presence seems more tangible, more accessible than elsewhere. Places where heaven and earth seem to touch, where the holy and the human meet. Places where the Spirit of God is at work in ways that we can sense, where both beauty and brokenness co-exist.

I believe that God can and does meet us everywhere, that he is present with us on every step of life's journey. Nonetheless, for those early Celtic Christians on Iona, looking at where sky and sea met, it must have seemed that they were on the edge of the world, where heaven and earth met. We were only on Iona for a day but as we left, I felt I had glimpsed something of the glory of God and that something of the peace of God was coming back with me.

May the Lord be with us all wherever we are and whatever we do.

**Rt Revd Peter Hancock**

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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

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



**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*

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### March

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dinder and Croscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night		
	The George Inn		8.00pm
5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sequence Dancing	Village Hall	8.00pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Group	Livadia, Fayreway	2.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday Service,	St Mary's Church	11.00am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Group		2.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Croscombe Village Jumble Sale,	Village Hall	10.00am-1.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Group	Livadia, Fayreway	2.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Senior Citizens' Club	Fish and Chips Lunch (Contact Lyn)	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of St Mary's	Music Afternoon, Church Room	3.00pm
31 <sup>st</sup>	Service of Holy Communion for Easter Day,	St Mary's Church	11.00

### THANKS

Belated thanks to the OAP & Children's Fund for a most enjoyable evening in December, with the, as always, delicious Christmas meal. We, the OAPs, so appreciate all the hard work that goes into making it such a happy time.

Special mention to the committee: Nick Fowler, Imelda North, Sheila Wilkins, Ian Baker, Tim Ford and Alison Hodges.

*Dick and Margaret Acworth*

The Roundabout Team gratefully acknowledge the kind donation from Croscombe OAP and Children's Fund. It is much appreciated.

### CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS

The January meeting was our usual musical afternoon to greet the New Year. We had a duo called "John and the General", John with his friend Michael, playing all 60's music. It was such an enjoyable time with opportunities to join in as with this era many members knew the words. The afternoon was rounded up with lovely homemade biscuits from one of our senior members.

The **March 21<sup>st</sup>** meeting will be our fish and chips lunch at Whitstones so could members let me know if you wish to attend ASAP. Thank you.

*Lyn Manvill 07780 661327*



## **CROSCOMBE WOMEN'S GROUP**

The January meeting was a general one, with thoughts as to where the group wish to proceed and with ideas for the future. Sadly, not many members did actually attend but hopefully the discussion we had and choices made for the future will be acceptable.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm.

*Lyn Manvill 07780 661327*

## **CROSCOMBE VILLAGE JUMBLE SALE**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am to 1.00pm

Croscombe Village Hall

Aside from all the usual jumble sale items, we will have some free children's activities and refreshments.

Any proceeds will go towards the village playground project.

Keep your eye on the village Facebook groups for updates.

Please contact Candy on 07970640842

or email [candy@candystanley.com](mailto:candy@candystanley.com) for more information.

## **THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE, MUSIC AFTERNOON**

Our March music appreciation session is on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** in the Church Room. The music starts at 3.00 pm and the programme will be Nielsen Symphony No 5 and Holst Symphony in F Major. Short programme notes are provided.

The music lasts for about an hour followed by a cuppa and a chat. New 'listeners' will be made very welcome.

Entrance £3 - free for Friends of St Mary's. Donations towards the cost of church maintenance gratefully received. Contact Terry (345139) or Jenny (345405) for more details or if you are hoping to come.



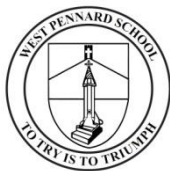
## **SEQUENCE DANCING**

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*



## WEST PENNARD SCHOOL

Our girls' and boys' football teams took part in the finals of their respective leagues at the astro turf pitches in Street earlier this term. It has been fabulous to be able to run both teams this year and to see how they have progressed. The girls came to a magnificent 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The boys beat St Ben's in the final to win their cup competition. Huge congratulations to both the teams for their efforts and sportsmanship this year.

We were fortunate to be joined by Alex and Kayleigh from the RSPCA (West Hatch) Centre towards the end of term. They came to talk to us about animal welfare and safety. The children were so thoughtful with their questions, and discussed how they could advocate for animals in a safe manner. The children made a wonderful sculpture of a hedgehog to remind them of the visit. Miss Holmes loved the cross-curricular element of this visit as she got to witness the progression of skills in clay work from Reception to Year 6 as part of her coordination of Art. Thumbs up all round! The children will be using the visit as a stimulus to write poems in Book Week.

*Tony Wheat, Headteacher*



## CROSCOMBE CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we bid farewell to the winter term, we reflect on the joyous moments and achievements that have defined these past six weeks.

Our pupils embarked on some educational adventures, from exploring the historic Wells Cathedral to immersing themselves in rural life at Stratton-on-the-Fosse farm. These trips provided valuable opportunities for hands-on learning and discovery.

Adding to the excitement, our Frosty Fun Friday Kids Disco, held at the Village Hall, brought laughter, music, and dancing to our students, creating memories.

We are also very excited about the upcoming Croscombe pantomime 'Frankenstein' where three of our pupils, Ethan, Eliza, and Ralph, will grace the stage. Their participation fills us with immense pride. We wish them the very best of luck.

As we prepare for the term ahead, we want to thank our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and the parish community for their ongoing support and commitment to our students' success and well-being.

*Chris Partridge, Interim Executive Headteacher*



**The Arts Society Mendip.  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 11.00am**

*The Arts and Crafts Movement in England's Churches.* Kirsty Hartsiosis, an Arts and Crafts specialist, writer and curator, will describe how the movement altered the course of church decoration and eventually the design of modern churches. The talk will focus on the church at Brockhampton, Herefordshire, perhaps the finest Arts and Crafts church in England. The talk will begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom – a link will be sent to members and guests). Guests are welcome for a fee of £10. Alternatively, annual membership covering the remaining 6 lectures is now £40pp. Further details and full programme available on our website; [www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk).

**The Arts Society Mendip  
Spring Day of Special Interest**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March Croscombe Village Hall 10.00am – 3.00pm approx

***Brilliance and Innovation from Holbein to the Huguenots:  
European Artists in Tudor and Stuart England***

with Anne Haworth, lecturer and guide at the V&A, the British Museum and the Royal Collection Trust, Sotheby's Institute and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London. Places are £30 for non-members. For more information and details of how to book a place please see our website - [www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk).



**FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB**

**Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>**

talk by Dr Burroughs on 'Illegal Immigrants'.

**7.30pm Pylle Village Hall.**

Visitors welcome

Details: 07772008594

## **“SMASHED in the CELLAR”**

**Exhibition at Wells Museum**, 8 Cathedral Green.

Featuring 500 years of pottery that was thrown out in 1820; an oil painting on loan from the Goldsmiths Company, London, and artworks by local artist Duncan Cameron.

Open to view until 11<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am - 4.00pm. Tuesday- Saturday.

Entrance £4.00.

## **Cantilena Choir from Glastonbury**

invite you to a concert of music

in St Mary's Church Glastonbury on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Music Director Tony Bevan and Organist Matthew Redman.

### **Handel Dixit Dominus and J.S Bach Cantata No 4**

Tickets £12.50 available from Choir members

Dicketts Glastonbury High Street and on the door.

Email: [cantachoir1@gmail.com](mailto:cantachoir1@gmail.com) or telephone 01458-830520 for more details.

## **The Rotary Club of Shepton Mallet**

Our Rotary Club is part of a worldwide organisation with a stated mission of public service to others, promote integrity, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional and business leaders.

We have been able to recruit new members but are always looking out for people who wish to join us.

Rotary is non-political and non-religious and consists of over 46,000 clubs worldwide.

Funds are raised for local, national, and international organisations. Manpower is provided to assist such events as The Bath & West Show, The Mid Somerset Show, Glastonbury Festival and Extravaganza, and Shepton Mallet Carnival. The Club is proud of the annual Shepton Mallet Firework Display which it now organises.

Hundreds of local organisations have been helped by the Club since its formation in 1949.

At the heart of all this is a chance to get together every week with a group of friends, have a meal, a drink and a chat.

We are keen to accept new members and if you are interested in any or all of our activities, please contact Keith Jenkin 0787 606 4189.



## ANNUAL PILTON VILLAGE JUMBLE TRAIL AND OPEN DAY

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 11.00am onwards**

**Entries are now open.** To book a place and be on the map, please contact Bracken Hollings on [brackenmay@hotmail.com](mailto:brackenmay@hotmail.com) or 07738431257.

We hope as many villagers as possible can take part, either as buyers, sellers or spectators. The event will raise valuable funds for the charity Children's World.

### RECENT PILTON PUBLICATIONS

Three Pilton publications, as fundraisers for different aspects of the village, will continue on sale at the New Room Coffee Shop (or directly from Jenny on 890465).

***More Pilton People*** published 2022 is available either on its own (£7) 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 village. ***Every home should have a copy!***

Pilton Show's **2024 Calendar** based on local celebrations for the 2023 King's Coronation, containing images by prize-winning Pilton photographers, will also be available at reduced price £5.

Also on sale will be ***Pilton Psalms***, an illustrated booklet based on the joint churches together Sunday service of that Coronation weekend, with 'anon' contributions from the results of a version of the game of consequences, with lines written then passed on. Only £2.50!

*Jenny de Gex*

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Mrs Rachel Niven, West End Cottage, Church Street BA5 3PE  
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## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Evans
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Tina Swire
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Churches Together with Major Sheila Westlake Church Leader Shepton Salvation Army
March 24	All age service
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Jacqueline Cobb

All services at the Chapel begin at 10.30am

## **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 (Ditchheat 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*

