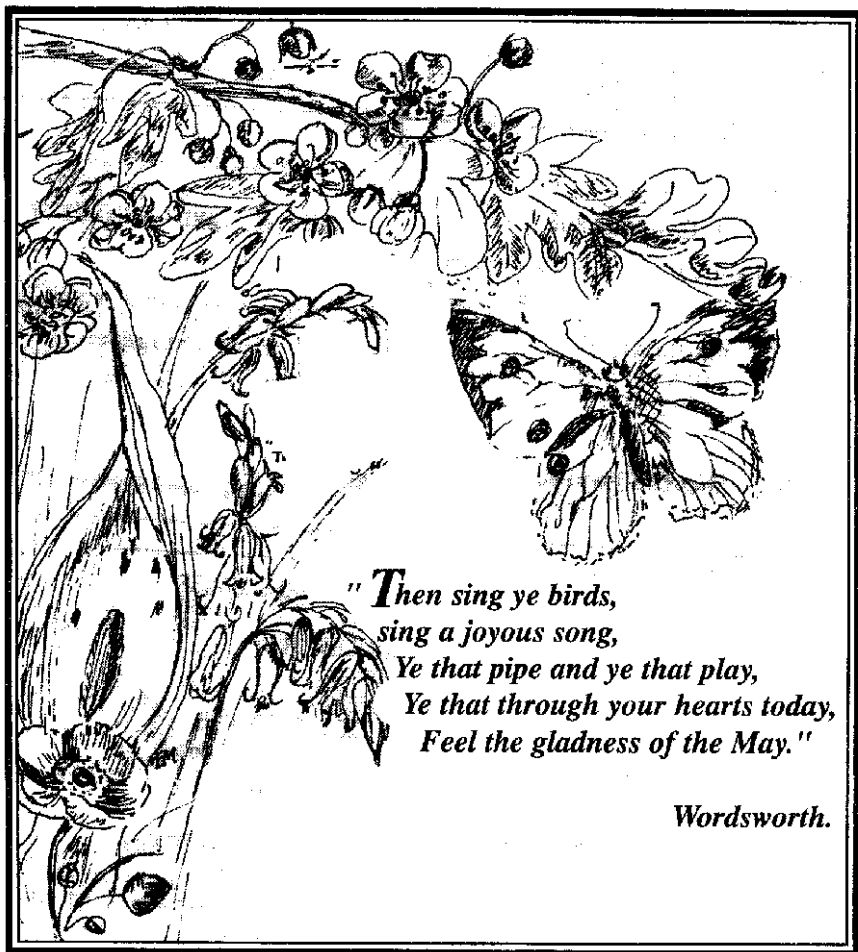


THE  
**ROUNDAABOUT**  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



*"Then sing ye birds,  
sing a joyous song,  
Ye that pipe and ye that play,  
Ye that through your hearts today,  
Feel the gladness of the May."*

*Wordsworth.*

MAY 2024

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## LISTENING – A CHALLENGE

Everyone likes to be listened to, however old or young we are. We rely on family and friends to listen to us when we are taking part in ordinary conversation and especially when we are anxious about ourselves or about someone for whom we care.

Cesca Priestley is the Diocesan Growing Faith Adviser; she responds to some questions for reasons for the importance of listening to young people.

*“Why do young people sometimes feel that they are not listened to?”*

Young people often feel things are decided for them, or they are not included in discussions about things set up for them.

*How can we listen to young people more effectively?*

Carving out time is the most important thing. Give them the opportunity to be involved. Meet them where they are and think of a couple of simple questions that are relevant to something you would like their input on.

*Why is it important that we hear from young people?*

We need to value and listen to what they say which often brings new ideas that everyone can share.”

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt Revd Michael Beasley, is offering the challenge to churches to listen to young people and develop the involvement of young people in church life.

That challenge may not apply to everyone reading these magazines but listening does. How can we take up the challenge to listen to the people in our lives and on the fringes of them?

Based on an article in *Manna*, a magazine produced by the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

*Susan Green*

## PRAYER FOCUS

Our seasons are changing but we look forward to the full beauty of Spring in our gardens and in the countryside around us in this month of May. This is a difficult year for farmers and market gardeners following so much wet weather and we remember the struggle there is to produce the crops that are needed each and every day. We pray for the well-being of the farming community in these difficult times and for our wise use of resources.

## PSALMS

The Psalms set for May include praise for God as Creator and provider of our needs.

5 <sup>th</sup> May	Psalm 98
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Psalm 1
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Psalm 104: 26-end
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Psalm 29

## BIBLE READINGS

5 <sup>th</sup> May	Acts 10: 44-end	John 15: 9-17
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end	John 17: 6-19
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Acts 2: 1-21	John 15: 26-27; and 16: 4b-15
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Isaiah 6: 1-8	John 3: 1-17

## 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:

**5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**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)

## **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, and we send our loving sympathy to people recently bereaved.

### **Baptism**

**Henry Neil Oatley** was welcomed in Baptism at a service in St Mary's Church, Croscombe on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Death**

The family of **Marigold Warwick-Pendarves** of Pilton are sad to announce her death on 4<sup>th</sup> April after a long illness. A service to commemorate and celebrate her life is planned to take place at the Mendip Crematorium on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.

**PUZZLING QUESTIONS GROUP** meets in the New Room Coffee Shop, Pilton at 2.30pm. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please do come and join us.

### **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.

### **ROUNABOUT MAGAZINE**

There seems to be some concern in our benefice over the future of Roundabout. When we have a new priest-in-charge and when we join with the Benefice of Ditchheat with Alhampton, East Pennard and Pylle there may be changes to church service times and the magazine but at the moment, the magazine will continue in its present format.



**Christian Aid Week this year  
will be 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Christian Aid provides humanitarian relief and long-term development support to some of the less developed countries. Projects are agreed and costed before any money is given and money is never donated to individuals or governments.

There are three events in our villages which we hope that you will support.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Cream teas from 3.00pm  
at North Wootton Village Hall**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Open House, 10.00am – 7.00pm  
at The Brambles, Barrow Lane, Pilton,  
the home of Anthony and Hilary Austin (see below)**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Coffee morning 10.30am – 12.30pm  
at the home of Jan Hodge, 1 Poundfold, Croscombe**

This year **Pilton sees a change of venue** and event and I feel that we must say a huge thank you to Ruth Eavis who has opened her home and hosted a coffee evening for the last 30 years. I know that many of you have supported the event because of Ruth but I hope that people will still support the Open House at the Brambles.

People will be welcome at the Brambles all day from 10.00am until 7.00pm for coffee, light lunches and cream teas or just to meet and have a chat.

There will also be a Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall.

If you are unable to make any of the events, Christian Aid envelopes are available from the Austins and if you are able, please gift aid as this increases your donation.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the above events.

*Hilary Austin*

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### May

1 <sup>st</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> The Manor House Barn, West Compton	2.00 - 5.00pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Village Jumble Trail	from 11.00am
7 <sup>th</sup> Puzzling Questions, New Room Coffee Shop	2.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Village Voices Concert, Pilton Chapel	7.30 - 9.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, Bingo, Village Hall	2.15pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Annual Meeting, the Club	6.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Open House at The Brambles, home of Anthony and Hilary Austin (details on page 6)	10.00am – 7.00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Parish Council and Festival Meeting, Village Hall	6.00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Car Park passes assistance, Village Hall	7.30-8.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Car Park passes assistance, Village Hall	2.00–4.00pm

### BHOPAL MEDICAL APPEAL

We'll be having our usual stall opening onto Pylle Road for the village **Jumble Trail on Bank Holiday Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>**, so please start thinking about making generous donations! This is to raise funds for the BMA clinics, helping people still affected by the appalling Union Carbide gas disaster in India some **40 years ago**, providing medical care, education and community support and caring for families still damaged by the chemical gas leak and now the ongoing contaminated water poisoning.

Smaller items can be donated/collected any time. Please contact either Fiona (899125) or Jenny (890465) Preferably boxed or bagged up, please: they will be stored at the latter premises.



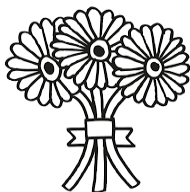
### VILLAGE VOICES

#### "From Somerset to the Sea"

an evening of Somerset folk songs and shanties

We are performing with two other choirs at Glastonbury but we would love to have an audience at Pilton Chapel on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 to 9.00pm

No charge. Please come, join and listen to the choir being put through their final rehearsal.



## PILTON FLOWER SHOW

### ONE HELPER NEEDED PLEASE

Are you an 'early bird'? Or could you be one, on just one morning, for us?

We are looking for someone who could help out for about an hour and a half, starting at 6.30am in the marquee on the Saturday of Pilton Show – 7<sup>th</sup> September.

The tables are already set up, but we have to cover them, and lay out all the class notices and dividers etc., before the morning stewards and exhibitors start to arrive at about 8.15am. You would then be free to leave...

### SCHEDULES now available

We also like to remind everyone that the Schedule for the classes at the Flower Show is now available – so plenty of time to get your entries ready!!!

a) It can be printed off at the website [www.piltonflowershow.org.uk](http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk)

b) PAPER COPIES (on bright red paper!) are available at four places this year...

The New Room Coffee Shop

Pilton Co-op

The Crown, Pilton

Pilton Club

With thanks to all of them...

\*\*\* One point to note is that this year, Section J is open to ALL Sixteens and under

Contact the Flower Show Team on [piltonflowershow@gmail.com](mailto:piltonflowershow@gmail.com)  
or 890357 if you have any queries or can offer to help.





## PILTON SHOW

In addition to the usual stalls, the children's stall will this year be located apart from the Emporium, near the children's area. So when having your clear outs, please think of this and keep donations for different stalls separate!

Full stallholders list will be on notice boards and Facebook from June and in Roundabout from July. Flower Show schedule is on [www.piltonflowershow.org.uk](http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk) and printed versions available in Pilton Co-Op and New Room Coffee Shop.

Once the Jumble Trail on 6<sup>th</sup> May is over, if you're having a clear out please think of the Emporium as donations of bric a brac will be welcomed – please call Annette (01749 890285) or Jenny (01749 890465): the latter will provide storage until the Show. No large items until August please! And NO BOOKS again this year.

### CRAFTS STALLS FOR PILTON SHOW

Inviting any Pilton crafts makers to take a stall on the field showcasing and selling their creations for the Show's Saturday afternoon 7<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Jenny (01749 890465) or [jennydegex@btinternet.com](mailto:jennydegex@btinternet.com)



## PILTON SCARECROW TRAIL

Further entry and judging details available in July but start thinking now about making scarecrows based on THE OLYMPICS PAST AND PRESENT. To be displayed for village walkabout and people's voting between 24<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September, so scarecrows can end up on the Playing Field for Pilton Show on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.



## **Message from Glastonbury Festival Village Liaison Team – Village Passes and Information Letters**

By now residents should have received 2 letters from the Village Liaison Team. The first being a general introduction letter and a second one outlining the process for pre-ordering Green Car Park and Pilton Village access passes for 2024. If you have not received either of these letters please contact the Village Liaison team.

### **Festival/Parish Council Meeting**

Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts Ltd will be meeting with Pilton Parish Residents and Pilton Parish Council at Pilton Village Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.00pm.

There will be a designated part of the meeting 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 meeting. There will be opportunities after the meeting to expand on issues with the Village Manager and GFEL team.

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

### **Access to Festival Site.**

From Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, the festival site (Worthy Farm) will become a designated construction site. We therefore ask that you do not enter the festival site or walk your dogs on the site. Notices will be displayed and the relevant orders to close footpaths have been obtained. If at times, some areas might still be accessible and you do come onto the site please keep away from areas of operation and please respect all working areas and any request to move away from areas where work is taking place.

### **Drop-in Sessions**

To answer any queries or to assist with the vehicle/car park passes pre booking system the Village Liaison team will be at Pilton Village Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May between 7.30pm – 8.30pm and on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2.00-4.00pm

*Tracey Mapstone*, Village Liaison Manager, 899631  
[villageliasion@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk](mailto:villageliasion@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk)

## **PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE**

Last month the members enjoyed a games afternoon. Sheila and George brought Shuffleboard which no one had played before but soon everyone joined in, some trying out a new experience and some showing competitive spirit. John was declared the winner. Skittles was also a new game for some who delighted in the terminology: flopper, spare, sticker-up. Ruby was not new to the game, and it showed, consistent play gave her top score. Tea and biscuits completed a fun afternoon.

*Liz Elkin*

## **PILTON 200 CLUB WINNERS**

Congratulations to the April 2024 winners.

1<sup>st</sup> prize - £30 – John Broxup (returned)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £10 – Jo Thoms (returned)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £5 – Susan Green

If you would like to join the Pilton 200 Club in support of the Village Hall and for your chance to win cash prizes each month, please call 07723 058086 or email – [moulderterry@aol.com](mailto:moulderterry@aol.com) for more details.

## **PILTON SHOW CALENDAR**

The theme for the 2025 Show Calendar will be WILDLIFE IN BRITAIN – a slight variation from what anyone who has the 2024 Calendar will see billed as ‘Wildlife in Pilton’. We felt as it was likely to be the last Show Calendar – unless anyone would like to take this on in future – we should widen the brief to include all of Britain, to give more variety. The calendar has been printed annually for the last 12 years but as the current production team are retiring, and people rely less and less on printed calendars and diaries, it is time to close down.

The Flower Show schedule is now available (*details on page 8*) so please support the Photographic Section by entering this category, and get clicking from now on, wherever you may be in the British Isles. From birds and butterflies to frogs, puffins, seals, stags, toads .... try to capture that magic moment!

## **PILTON SHOW PROGRAMME ADVERTISING**

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

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

## **PILTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**

This year's meeting is at the Club on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 6 o'clock. The meeting is your opportunity to discuss what you would like PPC to look at in the coming year.

We will also update you on:

Speed Reduction, Affordable Housing, Flooding and Glastonbury.

We also hope to have some of the local groups to talk about what they do and when they meet. The meeting is very informal and is your time. Children welcome. Please do come.

### **PPC monthly update**

There will be one more GFEL meeting with the Parish Council and parishioners before the Festival on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 6 o'clock in the Club. This is your opportunity to ask GFEL any direct questions you may have.

*Kelly Sumner*

### **Decorative Items from Central Asia and India The Manor House Barn, West Compton BA4 4PB**

Open Days

**May Bank Holiday 2024**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2.00-5.00pm**

Beautiful oriental carpets, rugs and runners, cotton kaftans and nightwear, silver and gold semi-precious stone earrings, carved wood furniture from the North-West Frontier and lots more!

Email: [harrietsandys@freeolamail.com](mailto:harrietsandys@freeolamail.com)



### **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*

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**Pilates Bliss:** Private, Customised 1:1 Mat Pilates Lessons. In Glastonbury at my Home Studio, or Online. Please contact Emma, via email: [pilatesbliss19@gmail.com](mailto:pilatesbliss19@gmail.com)

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**Dave Cox** – Handyman and odd jobs service. 07919 584737

**Coal Merchants,** Latchem & Tambllyn. Based in Pilton. Quality Coal, Logs and Kindling. Please contact 07983 593 573

**Kay's Kaynines** Home from Home Boarding for dogs. We are licensed and do it your way. Call 890481

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Adverts on this page can be changed every month. We charge 50p per Roundabout line per month. This helps towards the cost of producing Roundabout and we hope that it also offers a service to the community. Our contact details are on the inside front cover, or you can use the email address [magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk](mailto:magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk)

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### May

- 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Sequence Dancing. Village Hall 8.00pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning. Village Hall 10.00am -12noon  
11<sup>th</sup> Fund-raising dinner in aid of Medical Lifelines, Ukraine.  
Village Hall 6.45pm for 7.30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Women's Group. Village Hall 2.00pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens' Club, Afternoon Tea: The Cross 3.00pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Coffee Morning.  
1, Poundfold, the home of Jan Hodge 10.30am – 12.30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Croscombe Village Orchestra Concert. Village Hall 7.00pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Film Night. "Wicked Little Letters" (cert.15).  
Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Friends of St Mary's Music Afternoon. Church Room 3.00pm

### Advance notice

### July

- 6<sup>th</sup> Garden Gaiety, with The Dream Team. Village Hall 7.30pm

## CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

At Croscombe Village Hall

**10.00am to 12noon**

Fresh organic coffee and delicious home-made cakes.

## FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR MEDICAL LIFELINES UKRAINE

**To include a short talk and authentic Ukrainian meal**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm** (doors open 6.45)

**Croscombe Village Hall**

Local woman Harriet Ray is joining a convoy of ambulances driving to Ukraine to deliver vital medical equipment, lifesaving supplies and the ambulances themselves. By joining us for this very special evening we can together help her achieve her fundraising target.

The evening will start with a short talk by Harriet to explain more about the work of Medical Lifelines Ukraine, then an authentic Ukrainian meal will be served prepared by Ollie Baker, head chef at The George Inn and Mary Cadogan of Bramble Kitchen.

We will keep you on your toes with a lively quiz, plus the bar will be open all evening and there will be great Raffle prizes (donations very welcome).

Tickets £20 available from Peter and Veryan Graham at the George Inn on 342306 or click the QR code on posters around the village.

## **CROSCOMBE FILM NIGHT**

Croscombe Film Night Presents

### **Wicked Little Letters.**

When Edith and fellow residents begin to receive wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities, foul mouthed Rose is charged with the crime.

CONTAINS STRONG LANGUAGE.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.** Please note we are showing this film on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month not the 2nd as normal.

Certificate 15. doors open 7.00pm to commence at 7.30pm  
Bar available.

## **CROSCOMBE VILLAGE ORCHESTRA**

**Our May concert is on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 7.00 pm in Croscombe Village Hall.**

The overture is Beethoven's "Egmont", followed by Rachmaninov's "Piano Concerto No.2". The soloist is Charles Wookey. After the interval and refreshments we are playing "Mina" by Elgar and finishing with a favourite, Brahms' "Variations on St. Anthony Chorale".

Entry by programme at the door, Adults £5, Children £2.

This is another lovely programme, enough to take our minds away from the rain. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Jo Sackett, Secretary*

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

Our May music appreciation session is on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May** 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. (This is the programme we had to postpone in March.) 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.

## **CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS**

There are two reports this month for February and March. As it happens, the February speaker didn't arrive, and only six members turned up. What does one do in this situation? No, we didn't abandon the day, we all sat around one table and chatted, starting with was "what illness had we had lately?" A subject to get things off your chest, I can tell you, it was eye opening! We then had a Twenty Question quiz, and because there were so few of us we shared the chocolate I had brought as a prize. We finished the afternoon with tea and digestive biscuits. A memorable afternoon I can assure you but everyone seemed to enjoy it.

The March afternoon was our usual fish and chips lunch at Whitstone's in Shepton Mallet where everyone had an enjoyable meal and enjoyed lots of conversation.

The May meeting is an afternoon tea at the Cross in Croscombe 3.00pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Contact *Lyn Manvill 07780 661327*

## **CROSCOMBE WOMEN'S GROUP**

For our March meeting we had quite a good attendance and a lady called Alison gave us a talk on her life in Germany.

She was in the RAF for 10 years and also studied Russian. When she came out of the RAF she did teacher training, taught herself Braille, to be able to teach adults that were blind or partially sighted. In 1992 she started writing poetry, all relating to parts of her life.

She also read poetry to us from her book which is called "The sideways tilt of a nearly was".

A very pleasant afternoon concluding with our usual tea and biscuits.

For our April meeting Dr Francis Burroughs gave a very informative talk on the history of glass.

It started, not a few, but millions of years ago and he went right through to the present day with two suitcases full of samples which he passed around. Some of it was very valuable so he was very trusting, it was a little nerve racking at times handling this beautiful glass.

Again, a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.

Contact *Lyn Manvill 07780 661327*





## **SEQUENCE DANCING**

We meet on Tuesdays at 8.00pm in Croscombe Village Hall. Any new members will be more than welcome. If you do not know how to sequence dance, we will be more than happy to teach you. Please come and join us. *Lyn Manvill 07780 661327*

## **CROSCOMBE WAR DEAD**

When I first arrived in the village and walked up the steps to St Mary's, I came across the Commonwealth War Graves Commission plaque that indicated there were four CWGC graves in the churchyard. Then I noticed the two war memorial plaques in the church itself, together with the wonderful handwritten list of those who had given their lives in the service of their country from 1914-1918. We rightly remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice but for many of us that is remembering a name only, or a name with a regiment or service number. The result is a 24 page colour magazine which has a brief summary of each person together with images of original documents. Whilst I have received copyright permission from the various archive organisations to use their images I could only use them if the end product was not being sold. That rather ruled out the costs of a print run, so saving the magazine as a pdf seemed the best way forward. If anyone is interested and would like a copy sent as an email attachment just let me know via my email and I can send one through. If you do not have internet but know someone who does then I can easily send it through to them instead if that helps.

*Felix Beardmore-Gray, Long Street [felixjbg@hotmail.com](mailto:felixjbg@hotmail.com)*

## **THE DREAM TEAM**

invite you to

**an evening of GARDEN GAIETY!**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm** (doors open 6.45)

**Croscombe Village Hall**

Garden-themed quizzes, challenges, fun garden trivia and much more

2 course seasonal supper included

Bar, Raffle, Prizes. £15 a ticket

All proceeds to local charities

Tickets available from Hilary Cain 428015 or Sarah Cowell 343337



**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*

## **CROSCOMBE FLOOD AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP Update**

Following the two floods in Croscombe in January and February this year we have been busy looking at ways we can mitigate the risk of similar disastrous floods in the future.

There was a very productive meeting with James Heappey and representatives from Somerset Council, the Environment Agency, Highways Agency, Wessex Water and the Somerset Rivers Authority. This has helped get our message across that something really needs to be done and soon. To that end the culverts in Croscombe including the long one opposite the old shop are in the process of being surveyed to see if they are damaged, silted up or just too small and Somerset Council has committed to produce a formal 'Section 19' report to review the floods this year. The Environment Agency has also visited people affected by the floods to advise on grants and property level flood protection measures they can take.

We have had a great response to our request for more flood wardens and the Environment Agency is also working on improving the monitoring and alerting of river levels.

Going forward the group is focusing on liaising with the main agencies, having an effective flood plan, trained flood wardens, and a co-ordinated strategy for lobbying and local actions. We are also looking to make a list of Flood Friends. Flood friends would be contacted after a flood to help with the clean-up. Many people helped in January and February. If you would be willing to help out in the future please email Paul Hodge at [pjhodgemail@gmail.com](mailto:pjhodgemail@gmail.com).

Our primary aim is to get action as soon as possible, with the effects of climate change the risk of further floods is increasing and we need to be ready.

Please visit our page on the Parish Council Website to find out more and whom to contact if you would like more information.

*Paul Hodge and Paul Jones*

## VILLAGE VENUES

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

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

**Pilton Community Coffee Shop, Top Street, BA4 4DU**

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

**Pilton Playing Field Pavilion, 899125**

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

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

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

## PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITES

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



## FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

### Plant Sale

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am-12.00noon**

**Ditcheat Village Hall BA4 6RB**

Lots of plants, refreshments and more!

Come along and support us.

Details: 07772008594



## **The Arts Society Mendip Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

*Contrapuntal Forms: Barbara Hepworth and Terry Frost.* Justine Hopkins will describe the partnership and art development between Barbara Hepworth and Terry Frost from the Festival of Britain exhibit “Contrapuntal Forms” and throughout the course of their careers. 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. Further details, including information about becoming a member and full programme available on our website; [www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk).

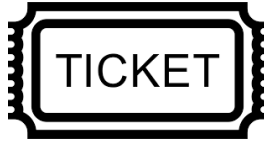


**St Margaret's Hospice Care** **St Margaret's Hospice's Glorious Gardens**  
**Hospice Care** **campaign blossoms with over 60 spectacular**  
**gardens, to support a blooming good cause!**

Get ready to dig deep into the heart of nature as St Margaret's proudly announces the triumphant return of its highly anticipated Glorious Gardens campaign! Launching at the start of April, St Margaret's extends a warm invitation to explore over 60 breathtaking gardens scattered across the picturesque Somerset county. Sponsored by Greenslade Taylor Hunt, this year's campaign aims to raise over £20,000.

From April through the summer months, residents and tourists alike will have the opportunity to embark on a journey through lush landscapes, vibrant floral displays, and serene retreats. The campaign promises a delightful mix of returning favourites and captivating new additions

To plan your garden adventure, pick up a brochure from garden centres or your local St Margaret's shop. Alternatively, visit [st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/glorious-gardens](http://st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/glorious-gardens) for more information.



## **CATHEDRAL ADMISSION CHANGES**

Wells Cathedral has announced changes to its admission guidelines from 22<sup>nd</sup> April. **Free passes are available to local people** and to parishioners in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, with a new entry charge for tourists. It will remain free to enter for worship, prayer, and to light a candle. The monies raised by the £14 tourist admission charge will go towards the care of the cathedral building and its mission.

Information about the Parish Pass and how to apply for it is available from the [Wells Cathedral website](#).

## **Age UK Somerset are looking for friendly people in our area who would like to get involved with making life happier for local older people.**

As we get older, living alone and lacking the confidence or mobility to get out of the house can lead to anxiety, low mood and devastating loneliness (and as if that wasn't bad enough, this has been linked to an increase in health problems).

To solve these issues local charity Age UK Somerset have two wonderful free schemes running here - Walk and Talk which matches a volunteer with an older person for a weekly gentle walk and chat, and Wellbeing Friends where a volunteer visits each week to offer some friendly company.

However, they are desperate for volunteers to lend a hand and be matched with the older people they have on their waiting lists for both services.

If you can spare an hour a week (flexible) and would like to feel that you are making a difference in your community please contact - [volunteers@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@ageuksomerset.org.uk) or 01823 345627.

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

Phone codes 01749 and addresses in each village unless specified.

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

#### **Churchwardens:**

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

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

#### **PCC Treasurer:**

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

**PCC Secretary:** Mrs Jayne Sims, Forge House BA4 4AX 890350

**Magazine Collection Point for Pilton:** Roundabout Mailbox at  
3 Abbots Way (not letter box).

### **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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#### **Chapel Stewards:**

Gordon Taylor, The Long House 890701

Mrs Deborah Towner, 18 Hyatt Place, Shepton Mallet 342614

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Churchwarden:**

Mr Terry McCarthy, Rectory Cottage, BA5 3QJ 345139

#### **PCC Treasurer:**

Mr Terry McCarthy, Rectory Cottage, BA5 3QJ 345139

#### **PCC Secretary:**

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

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

**Pastor:** Rio Espulgar 07824 878 553

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

**Treasurer:** Ms Yolan Search 342857

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

### **Churchwardens:**

Mrs Christine Raphael, 1 Church View BA4 4AD 890310

Mr Alistair Bovey, 3, Poundfold, Croscombe BA5 3QY 707017

### **PCC Treasurer:**

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

### **PCC Secretary:**

Mrs Elizabeth Lester, Church View, BA4 4AD 899559

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

Mr Steve Ruddock, Old Smithy Cottage, Northtown Lane BA4 4AF  
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## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

5 <sup>th</sup> May	Barry Speddings
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Patricia Fuller
19 <sup>th</sup> May	175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of present Chapel Service led by Rev. David Coppard
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev. Tina Swire

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 (Ditcheat with Alhampton, East Pennard and Pylle). Everyone will be very welcome to visit any of the churches and attend any of the services.

*The Churchwardens*

## **CHURCH SERVICES AT DINDER**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May                  Holy Communion                  11.00am

## PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

MAY 2024

<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter 6</b>	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	North Wootton
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter 7</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Morning Service	North Wootton
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	North Wootton
10.30 am	175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the present Chapel at the Methodist Church	Pilton
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Morning Service	North Wootton
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity 1</b>	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Croscombe