

THE  
**ROUNDAABOUT**  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"January is here, with eyes that keenly glow,  
A frost-mailed warrior  
striding a shadowy steed of snow."*

*Edgar Fawcett.*



JANUARY 2023

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## RECTOR'S RAMBLES

Welcome to 2023.

Each year I seem to be surprised that the new year has arrived and slightly bemused about what happened to the last year. Where did 2022 go and what will 2023 hold?

I wonder if you are someone who stays up until midnight to celebrate. I came across this quote by Bill Vaughan which made me smile: 'An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.' I wonder which you are?

For some, New Year is a time of reflection, of looking back over the last 12 months. For many, 2022 was a time when they could finally catch up with relatives and friends, people who they had been unable to get together with, during the restrictions of the last couple of years. It is also hard not to remember royal events. Firstly, the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee and then the sadness of the Queen's death.

As we look forward in 2023, I am sure there will be new highs and lows. In May, as a country, we will be witnessing a rare event: the coronation of a King. If previous coronations are anything to go by, our own Bishop Michael will be heavily involved as tradition dictates that the Bishop of Bath and Wells stands on the left of the Monarch as one of the two Bishops supporting the King, the other being the Bishop of Durham. I am sure that is a huge honour as well as being rather intimidating. Although that is for later in the year, I am certain that many preparations have already started. Crowns are being resized, copes repaired, and the service planned down to the minute.

Maybe you have some celebrations planned for this year. If so, I hope they do not need as much preparation but that they will be enjoyable.

I want to leave you at the beginning of this year with a New Year Blessing:

May your past be a pleasant memory,  
Your future filled with delight and mystery,  
Your now a glorious moment,  
That fills your life with deep contentment. Amen

*Rev. Chris*

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

A new year and we wonder what it will bring for us, our country and the world. We pray that God will be with us through the changes that lie ahead, supporting us and guiding us in decisions that will have to be made.

## **PSALMS**

This month's Psalms include praise and thanksgiving for God's goodness as well as prayer for his guidance and support.

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

1 <sup>st</sup> January	Psalm 148
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Psalm 72:1-15
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Psalm 40:1-12
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Psalm 27:1-11
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Psalm 24

## **BIBLE READINGS**

1 <sup>st</sup> January	Isaiah 63:7-9	Matthew 2:13-end
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
15 <sup>th</sup> January	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Hebrews 2:14-end	Luke 2: 22-40

## **BENEFACTIVE STUDY GROUPS**

We continue to meet together as follows:

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

Puzzling Questions Group will be meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm in the New Coffee Room, Pilton. All are welcome to come along and join us.

## **TIMES OF BENEFICE SERVICES**

The Benefice Service on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January** will be at **11.00am**,  
at **North Wootton**.

However, starting with the Benefice Service on **29<sup>th</sup> January** we are trying the earlier time of **10.30am** when we hope that people will stay afterwards to enjoy a cup of coffee and chat with friends old and new.

Four times a year there is a fifth Sunday in the month, and we are planning something different for those services. The first one will be at **10.30am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January in Pilton Parish Church** and will be a Songs of Praise with hymns chosen by people from all four villages.

## **UPDATE FROM BISHOP PETER HANCOCK former Bishop of Bath and Wells**

Many people have asked after Bishop Peter since he retired due to ill health. He recently sent this short update to share with everyone.

'We have moved to Cranleigh in Surrey and have been busy during the past year with building work on our new home. One of the joys of living where we do means that we see much more of our family including our five grandchildren.

I have been made an Assistant Bishop in Guildford Diocese and enjoy taking services and confirmations and offering pastoral care and support to parish clergy.

We look back with gratitude and fondness for our time in Bath and Wells and are very grateful to everyone for your love, support, and prayers especially during my treatment for leukaemia. It is hard to believe that it will soon be two years since I received my stem cell transplant, and we continue to give thanks to the Lord and the amazing NHS for my recovery. Every day is a wonderful gift in which to praise God and to enjoy all the blessings he gives.

With my warmest greetings in the Lord,'

*Bishop Peter Hancock*

## ARE YOU LOOKING OUT FOR JESUS?

By Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

In January, our churches enter the season of Epiphany which my dictionary defines as 'a moment of sudden and great revelation or realization'. I wonder what your epiphanies have been? When have you seen things for the first time? Experienced the penny dropping? Understood things in a new way?

In our churches, the readings for the Sundays of January are all about moments that revealed who Jesus is. The arrival of the wise men showed that Jesus is for everyone, not just the people of Israel. Jesus's baptism revealed his relationship with his Father and the Holy Spirit. The production at Cana of enough top-quality red plonk to take several baths in made clear the abundance of God's love for us. The end of the Epiphany season, the feast of Candlemas (actually 2<sup>nd</sup> February), marks the moment when Jesus was seen as 'God's salvation for all peoples' (Luke 2: 31).

The challenge with epiphanies is whether we're looking out for them. If our eyes are wide shut, we don't see an awful lot. Sometimes we need to stand in a different place to spot things we haven't perceived before. So, the question I'd like to ask you as our new year begins is 'Where and when are you looking out for the Jesus who has been revealed to us?'

A practical step you might take to help you on your way is to sign up to be part of the ['Everyday Faith' events](#) that will be happening around our diocese from 29<sup>th</sup> January until 4<sup>th</sup> February. The aim of these events is to help us look at our faith afresh and see things anew from some different perspectives.

I'm going to be taking part in the Everyday Faith events and they're going to be great. As we enter a new year, why not come and join me? After all, an invitation to an epiphany isn't something that comes your way every day!

A very Happy New Year to you all,

*Bishop Michael*

## 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.

## Funerals

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of **Wendy Lynn** was held in St John the Baptist Church, Pilton on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Reg is very grateful for all the support which he has received in recent weeks.

The Funeral Service of **Ron Ballantine** is planned for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December in St John the Baptist Church, Pilton

## THANKS

### David Dowding

I would like to thank everyone who sent me their cards of condolence on the death of my husband on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and everyone who came to his funeral service to pay their respects. This was all a great support to me and is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

*Janet*

*Dowding*



## Save the Children

The Wells Branch of Save the Children would like to thank the supporters who came to our Coffee Morning in Dinder Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks to your donations and purchases we raised an amazing £608. Your generosity will enable Save the Children to help children in the UK as well as those in other countries. Thank you.

*Kathryn Fox*

Thank you to **Nick and Dean** for kindly repairing the water stone on the bridge at the bottom of Jack's Lane, Croscombe, free of charge.

*Ian Baker*

## WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

### DINDER VILLAGE HALL

**First Friday Bar** 7.30-10-30pm

**Third Friday Film Club** 7.30pm

**January 28<sup>th</sup> Barn Dance** 7.00 for 7.30pm Tickets required

## WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

### January

10 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Group. Talk on bees. Village Hall	2.00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sequence Dancing. Village Hall	8.00pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning. Village Hall	10.00am – 12. noon
16 <sup>th</sup>	Film Night. Village Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
	"The Lost King" (Cert. 12A).	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Citizens' Club. Singalong. Village Hall	2.15pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.30pm

## CROSCOMBE WOMEN'S GROUP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January in the Village Hall with a talk about bees. It starts at 2.00pm and costs £2.

Our December meeting was a social Christmas meal at Blostins, in Shepton Mallet. Twelve members attended. We had a lovely meal, not actually turkey and all the trimmings and Christmas pudding, but enjoyable all the same. It was, I felt, maybe a little early but who says we can't start early, some shops start in September!! *Lyn Manvill*

## CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am to 12.00noon.**

Delicious home-made cakes, freshly brewed fair trade coffee and a raffle. (Donations for the raffle welcome)

## CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT.

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January "The Lost King."** Cert 12a

A comedy drama based on a true story in which amateur historian Philippa Langley searches for the grave of Richard III. Starring Steve Coogan and Sally Hawkins.

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30pm start. Admission £7. Bar available.

## CROSCOMBE SENIOR CITIZENS

Our next meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January in the Village Hall at 2.15pm and we are having a singalong with Cathy and John.

*Lyn Manvill*



### SEQUENCE DANCING

We restart on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Any new members will be more than welcome. If you don't know how to sequence dance, we will be more than happy to teach you. Please come and join us.

*Contact Lyn Manvill 343833.*



### POSTAGE STAMPS

Over Christmas and afterwards please remember to save your postage stamps from cards, parcels etc for the charities (RSPB at present). They are always grateful for the stamps which can be left at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe. Many thanks.

*Janet Dowding*

## FOSSEWAY GARDENING CLUB

The next Club meeting is on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**, at 7.30pm at Pylle Village Hall.

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

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

Contact Jill for more information on 07772008594.



### The Arts Society Mendip (Live and online)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**'Art and Architecture: Estranged Bedfellows'.**

Richard Whincop describes the divergence of these qualities since the Renaissance, at **11.00am, in Croscombe Village Hall** (and simultaneously via Zoom - links will be sent to all members). Guests welcome for a fee of £6. Full programme available on our website: [www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietymendip.org.uk)



## **CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

December saw the school abuzz with learning and anticipation. But, right at the end of November it was pantomime time, watching a production of Aladdin by the Rainbow Theatre company with some of us taking part. Our Year 5 children had a great time enjoying a Language Experience Day hosted by Downside. We

learnt some Spanish phrases, and about Spanish culture.

We were all involved in our Nativity this year ..... 'It's a Baby', which we performed in the Village Hall in front of a packed house. We had a visit by a special visitor from the North Pole! Our Christmas lunch was delicious as usual, and we looked really smart in our Christmas jumpers. During the last week of term, we invited some of the senior members of the village community for carols and refreshments. That afternoon we held our Christmas Fayre so the school was almost filled to bursting all day. Our Christmas Carol Service took place in the church, and we were able to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

And finally, after we had broken up, we danced the evening away at our Christmas Disco.

What a busy and fun month we had!

*Di Levien*, School Governor



## **WEST PENNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

West Pennard School Choir spread a little festive joy with their first ever 'Carols in the Community' event on 30<sup>th</sup> November. The 42 members of the choir donned their festive hats in visiting three village churches in one day for a medley of 10 traditional Christmas carols and

more recent festive favourites. It was lovely to see so many members of the public coming to watch and getting into the Christmas spirit. In each church we set up an art gallery for people to appreciate and enjoy some of the children's artwork this term. We hope to make this an annual event.

The choir will set their sights in the New Year on an event at Wells Cathedral alongside Millfield, and after that the lead up to Glastonbury Festival, where they will be performing in June. They will be teaming up with Voices for Life, a Bath based charity, on a project called Stardust. Our choir is expertly led by Mrs Clarke, Deputy Head and SENDCO.

Wishing everyone in our community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

*Tony Wheat*, Headteacher

## SMALL ADS

**Daniel's garden maintenance.** Lawns cut, seeded, turfed. Hedges cut, garden clearance, Patio-laying, jet-washing, fencing plus fence painting. Weeding. Call Daniel 672832 or 07936583986

**Daniel's property maintenance** Roof repairs. Gutters cleaned, repaired and renewed. Interior and exterior painting and much more. Call Reg 672832 mob 07518116140

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

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**West Country Gardening and Landscape Services** for all types of tree, hedge, shrub and garden work. We also do one off garden tidying. Licensed waste carrier. 01458 210237. 07961 986871

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

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

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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)

## 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*

## WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

### January

9 <sup>th</sup> History Group, 'The Monmouth Rebellion', Village Hall	7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Puzzling Questions Group, New Room Coffee Shop	2.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Celebrating the Coronation Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Pilton Wassail, Tithe Barn	3.00 for 3.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Happy Circle, Beetle Drive, PWMC	2.15pm



### PILTON VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

**"The Monmouth Rebellion" by Gary Kearley  
Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, in Pilton Village Hall.**

"In the summer of 1685 the last pitched battle on English soil was fought at Sedgemoor in Somerset. It marked the end of the Monmouth Rebellion, an attempt by the eldest son of the late King Charles II to take the crown from his uncle King James II.

Thousands of ordinary men from across the West Country flocked to Monmouth's army, which passed through Pilton on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1685 en route to Bristol. We know the names of at least 40 men from within 5 miles of Pilton who joined the rebel army, many of whom were to face the 'justice' meted out by the infamous Judge Jeffreys in the following Bloody Assizes."

A fully illustrated talk on the causes, course and consequences of the rebellion by local historian Gary Kearley, who researched the Monmouth Rebellion for his degree in History, Heritage and Archaeology and has since written on the subject for both the Battlefields Trust and Stuttgart University, as well as giving presentations at Bruton and Frome museums.

All Welcome. Members FREE, Visitors £2

Refreshments included.

*Christine King (890357)*

### **JERUSALEM ARTICHOKEs - FREE**

For eating or planting. Available until about end of February.

Contact: Chris and Joe King

Mulberry Cottage, Bread Street, Pilton

890357

[ck.pilton@btinternet.com](mailto:ck.pilton@btinternet.com)



## PILTON WASSAIL

**PILTON  
PLAYERS**

Pilton Players and Gabriel's Orchard bring you PILTON'S WASSAIL!

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in Pilton's Tithe Barn**

Doors: 3.00pm for 3.30pm start, 7.00pm finish - don't be late...

Cam Valley Morris Men, Villages Voices and the Mummers' Play 'St. George and the Frightful Dragon' from Pilton Players.

Traditional toasting to the apple trees, firing the shotgun and burning the Ashen Faggot. Keep warm by the blazing braziers.

Be ready to boo and cheer the Mummers...Bring pots, pans and wooden spoons to make a noise for the procession to Cumhill Farm Orchard.

Wear silly hats, warm clothes and good shoes!

Don't forget your torches and lanterns as well...

**Gabriel's Orchard Cash Bar** serving their own cider and apple juice – hot and spiced if you like!

Free tot of Wassail Cup and a bite of home-made apple cake.

Hot Food available to buy.

ALL cars to enter only via Red Gate, with parking along the roadway, then a walk up to the Barn. Only cars with disabled badges can then drive up to park at the barn.

Pedestrians, please walk from Cumhill or Bread Street (no cars from Bread Street).

Adults £3, schoolchildren free! (Please bring the right amount in cash.)

Assistance dogs ONLY please.

*Christine King*

## **PILTON SHOW COMMITTEE**

Grants made to local organisations this year were as follows:

Allotments Association £400

Art Group £150

Happy Circle £400

Jubilee £604

Methodist Church £1,800

Parish Church £1,800

Players £1,250

Pre-School £984

Roundabout Magazine £125

*Paul Warry - Pilton Show Treasurer*

## PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE CLUB

Philip and Gill Eavis have been giving an annual film show for Happy Circle members for almost 40 years and, after a two-year break, we were pleased to welcome them back.

Ron and Lysbeth Ballantine celebrated their Golden Wedding in 2009 and Philip was there to film Ron's speech. Starting with a weather forecast, which Ron said summed up 50 years of marriage, it told of their life in Dublin and Istanbul where their family began to grow. They then travelled to Malawi, Zambia, London and finally to Somerset. Ron died recently and his speech reminded us of the many contributions Ron and Lysbeth made to village life.

During lockdown Philip and Gill attempted to walk all 50 village footpaths, the glorious views and the wildflowers were a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in this parish and made some of us reflect on our activity levels in 2020 compared with now.

Finally, we saw the 2019 Mummies' play at the Tithe Barn. Steve Tofts' dragon was equally scary on screen. Keep on filming, Philip.

*Liz Elkin*

## PILTON POPPY APPEAL



I am delighted to report on the Poppy Appeal for Pilton 2022. Thankfully our amazing team of dedicated door to door volunteers were again allowed to go about their business this year.

With the help of our static points (The Village Churches, The Working Men's Club, The New Room, The Co-op, Crossways Hotel), a generous donation from Shepton Mallet Treatment Centre (PracticePlus group) and as always our dedicated door to door team, we managed to raise the amazing sum of **£1969.07.**

I would personally like to thank everyone who made a donation to help our Armed Forces Community and would like to offer special thanks to the team that assists in this vital role.

*Peter Cheetham (07825 323242 ; 890442)*

If there are any Villagers who are willing to join our merry band of volunteers for 2023, please contact me!

## **CORONATION – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Is anyone interested in making village celebrations happen in Pilton to mark the King's coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> May?

I'm not co-ordinating this (despite having been asked by the Parish Council to do so) as it's definitely someone else's turn! But I am happy to advise on practicalities and contacts. It's over to younger generations and new villagers to decide what's best, particularly for smaller children. A budget may be available via the Parish Council (ringfenced for this purpose from national funds) but to put in for a grant some idea of costs is required.

Bearing in mind no amplified live music is allowed at the Tithe Barn, it would be better if something happened on the Playing Field, but it still needs insurance, portaloos, possibly a small marquee etc for a large-scale public event. All suggestions welcome!

Anyone interested please come along to an initial meeting at the Perridge Room of the Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm, just for an hour, or contact me on 890465 .

*Jenny de Gex*

## **REMINDER! BOOK SALES**

The supplement to 2012's edition of *Pilton People*, ***More Pilton People***, will continue to be on sale at the New Room Community Coffee Shop between 10.00am and 12.30 pm until the end of January. Available for those who missed the first edition, particularly newcomers to the village, either bound up with the original for £12 or the 2022 supplement only, for those who already have the first edition, for £7. One of us will be there either on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday if you have problems with change – otherwise there will be honesty boxes. Prices are clearly marked beside items. If neither of us is there, please enter copies taken and money paid on list provided so we can stocktake!

The **Pilton Show Calendar**, containing images of trees as seen by children will also be available.

If unable to go to the Coffee Shop, please phone Jenny 890465 to order.  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Gail and Jenny*

## **PILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Please note that the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** in the upstairs Worthy Room at the Village Hall, not the usual first Wednesday of the month.

Please could parishioners be sure to remove posters from telegraph poles after their event is over. Thank you for your help in this.

Somerset Bus Partnership is a group representing the whole of Somerset, acting to vastly improve bus services locally. We need a representative in Pilton. The meetings are held infrequently but share a considerable amount of information and are held virtually. Could Pilton's Bus Champion, be you? Contact the Parish Clerk on [clerk@piltonparish.org](mailto:clerk@piltonparish.org) if you are interested.

Recent heavy rain caused flash flooding at St Mary's Lane. Part of the problem is caused by blocked ditches, culverts, and drains. Some of these are on private land. Could landowners please be sure to keep them clear so that water can flow through the system? If you notice a blocked drain on the highway, this can be reported direct to Somerset County Council Report a problem on the road <https://publicaccess.mendip.gov.uk/online-applications/consultee/list.do> (the link can also be found on the Pilton Parish Council Contacts page <https://www.piltonparishcouncil.org/contact>). Alternatively roadside drain covers can be cleared by villagers themselves if it is merely surface blockage.

Finally, Council hopes everyone in Pilton had a merry (white?) Christmas and wishes you all a Happy New Year. [clerk@piltonparish.org](mailto:clerk@piltonparish.org)

## **VILLAGE VENUES**

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

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

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

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

**Pilton Playing Field Pavilion**, 899125

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

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

**Croscombe Village Hall**, [www.croscombevillagehall.org.uk](http://www.croscombevillagehall.org.uk)

346445 (9-5 Mon-Fri),

**Dinder Village Hall**



## **SOMERSET BUS PARTNERSHIP WELCOMES PROPOSALS OF £2 FLAT RATE FARE**

Somerset Bus Partnership welcomes the Government's plan to provide up to £60 million, to enable bus operators to cap single adult bus fares at £2. The £2 flat fare comes in from the beginning of January and will continue through to the end of March 2023. Most bus operators are expected to adopt the scheme. This means millions of people across England will save money, at a time when many households are suffering massive pressures from the rising cost of living. The move will help people to travel for work, education, shopping, and medical treatments and provide a much-needed saving in daily expenditure.

The current average single fare for a 3-mile journey is estimated at over £2.80, meaning that the new fare will save passengers almost 30% of the price every time they travel.

In addition, Somerset County Council currently plans to introduce a £1 single/£2 return bus fare in Taunton, as part of its Bus Service Improvement Plan. Somerset Bus Partnership welcomes this initiative but emphasises the need to procure further funding to enable this flat rate fare to be extended across all of Somerset.

Somerset Bus Partnership Co-Chair, Peter Travis, said, “Bus usage declined in Somerset in the last decade, and even more so during the pandemic. We need initiatives like these to restore and improve passenger levels. Encouraging people to choose buses over cars helps to reduce carbon emissions. It is estimated that the Government's £60 million will reduce car journeys by at least 2 million and cut pollution and congestion for all of us.”

Somerset Bus Partnership will continue to work closely with Somerset County Council to encourage bus use and ensure implementation of the Bus Service Improvement Plan across the county.

Contact us at: [somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com)

<http://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Somerset-Bus-Partnership-105704811629827>

*Peter Travis* Co-Chair Somerset bus Partnership

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

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## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

1 <sup>st</sup> January	Anna Schiffer
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Deborah and Bethan
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Rev. David Musgrave
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Covenant Service
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Patricia Fuller

Services at the Chapel at 10.30am followed by Coffee

