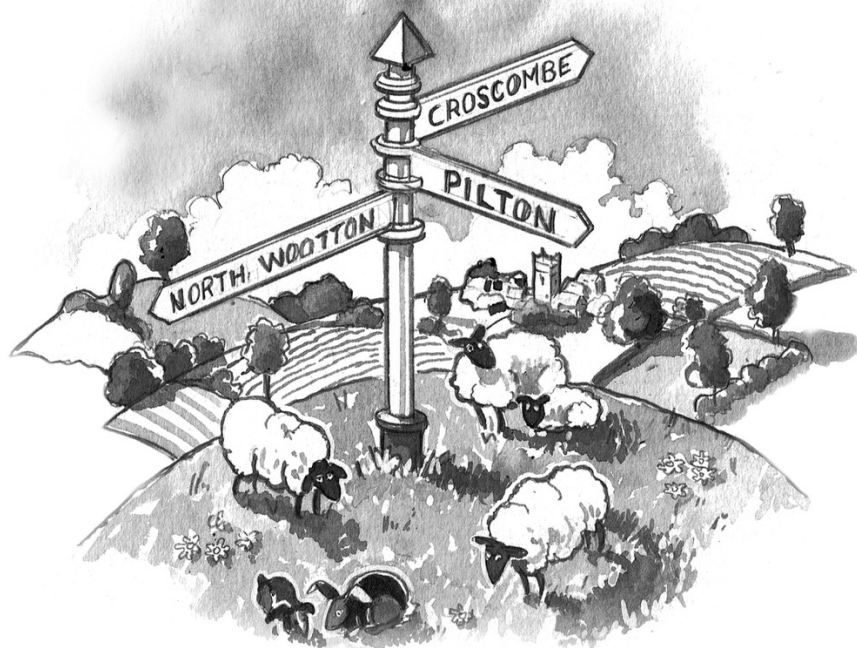


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Why is it called “The Roundabout”

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

Welcome to the Community

Welcome to any newcomers in the villages, please let us know if you’d like us to include your name and details so we can all say hello

Donations

If you are able to make a donation, no matter how small, towards the running costs of The Roundabout Magazine, please e-mail us at magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk

Volunteers and ideas

The team welcome any new ideas for content or design, feedback and volunteers to support with the magazine.

Welcome to June: Solstice and Festivals

The Parishes

Here we are in June—the halfway marker of the year. The days are now gloriously long, the gardens are in bloom, and everything seems to be humming with life.

June also brings the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, when the sun lingers in the sky as if reluctant to leave the party, reminding us that nature knows how to celebrate—no ticket or wristband needed.

This month also brings the annual Glastonbury Festival, which transforms our villages and the surrounding areas, as we welcome visitors for the weekend and all the vibrant energy (and traffic) they bring. Inside this edition, you'll find useful information from the festival team to help us all navigate the weekend—and where to go if you have questions. I also had the privilege to sit down and interview Michael Eavis for our Voice of the Villages, but don't expect any festival secrets!

As we settle into the rhythm of creating and sharing the magazine each month, we're enjoying the process of gathering stories, updates, and voices from all corners of the community. Thank you to all our contributors, for sending in your content and sharing updates. It's a true team effort—and we're always open to fresh ideas. If there's something you'd like to see in a future issue, a topic you think we should cover, or even a quirky column idea—we'd love to hear from you.

We're also keen to include more of you. Our regular *Voices from the Villages* feature is looking for contributors from across the community this summer. Do you have a story to share, a memory of village life, or a unique perspective on what makes this place special? Whether you're a lifelong resident or recently settled in, we'd love to hear your voice.

In readiness for the July edition, the **deadline for content will be June 17**.

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What's On in Pilton – June

6th	6.30pm and 8.30pm	Breathe Music	The Crown
7th	7pm	Pilton Party Audition	Pilton Stage
14th	7pm	Pilton Party Audition	Pilton Stage
25th - 29th		Glastonbury Festival	

What's on in Pilton - July

13th	Start 4pm Service 6pm	Rev Tina Swire's leaving event	Tithe Barn
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Pilton has an abundance of groups, associations and energy. A sample of what is on offer is listed below and should anyone else have any ventures that are not included please let us know.

Village Groups

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

Voice of the Villages

For many, Michael Eavis is best known as the founder of the world-famous Glastonbury Festival. But for those in Pilton village we know Michael not just for the music and the crowds but for the work on his farm and his involvement in the local community.

Worthy Farm, Michael's dairy farm, is a thriving example of how tradition and technology can work hand in hand. With 550 milking cows and 600 calves, the farm uses a robotic rotary milking parlour—one of only a few in the UK. This allows the 500 Holstein cows to be milked under the expert management of John and Pam Taylor and a dedicated team of 10, producing Worthy Farm cheese that is sold across the UK as well as being on the shelves of the local Co-Op in Pilton. Sustainability is also a key part of Worthy Farm with biogas generated from slurry being used to power parts of the operation. For Michael it's a big deal that the farm was a 2023 finalist for the NMR/RABDF Gold Cup - which is the UK's premier dairy herds competition - having already won the award back in 2014.

Michael's journey to farming was unexpected. At 16, inspired by a photograph of his uncle in the Australian Navy, he joined the Merchant Navy. Michael tells how the picture of a handsome man in uniform played a key role in his joining up. He trained on the River Thames on the Worchester, later joining the Union Castle Shipping Company, before being called home at 19 when his father fell ill. Taking over 100 acres single-handedly, Michael couldn't afford staff, finding a job for the one worker in the village, whilst Michael took on every aspect of farm life - from milking to calving - himself. Today, the farm spans over 300 acres.

Michael has long believed that farming should serve the community. His passion led to the donation of land for affordable housing in Pilton—52 homes that now make up Maggie's Farm, officially opened by Prince Charles in 2010. Instigating the installation of the CoOp in the village and at the festival, led not only to a great food offering, but also provision of a local Post Office. He was also behind the rescue of the historic Pilton Tithe Barn, destroyed by fire in 1963, lovingly restored with help from English Heritage, the builders of the Globe Theatre in London, and support from the Festival.

Michael Eavis may have built one of the world's greatest festivals and has been awarded a Knighthood, a recognition championed by the people of the village, for his services to music and charity. For the people of Pilton, he's best known as the farmer who has given much to support the community and village he lives in.

Pilton Show Emporium

The Show – along with the whole village – was saddened by the loss of one of its key players, Ruth Eavis. She gave so much and was loved by all ages. The Emporium was her domain for many decades. Student flats or new homes, or indeed props buying, have all benefited from bargains found on what will in future be known, with agreement from her family, as RUTH'S EMPORIUM. Now the Jumble Trail is over, if you're having a clear out please think of donations of bric a brac. Please call Annette (01749 890285) or Lise (07879 812668) for donating or Jenny (01749 890465) to arrange for storage. No large items until August please! And NO BOOKS again this year.

The children's stall will also be part of the Emporium: when clearing out, please try and keep items bagged or boxed separately as makes the set-up easier. Full stallholders list will be on notice boards, Facebook and Roundabout from July. Flower Show schedule is already on www.piltonflowershow.org.uk with printed versions available in Pilton Co-Op and New Room Coffee Shop.

Pilton Show Crafts Stalls

Inviting any Pilton craft makers to take a stall on the field showcasing and selling their creations for the Show's Saturday afternoon, 6th September. Please contact Jenny on 01749 890465 or jennydegex@btinternet.com

Pilton Tithe Barn

The object of the charity is to restore, preserve, and maintain, for the benefit of the people of the Parish of Pilton and the public generally, the buildings and precincts of the Pilton barn, to provide appropriate public access to the building, and to educate the public in its aesthetic value and architectural quality. Tithe Barn contact: Rachel on 07929 536939

Ultrafast broadband in Pilton

A number of people in the village are interested in getting ultrafast broadband into the village. True Speed are a vendor that will install based on demand, so please register your interest to demonstrate the need in the village at truespeed.com/broadband

The Pilton Stage and Village Hall

Exciting Times Ahead at Your Community Hub!

Over the past six months, great progress has been made at our much-loved community facility, thanks to the hard work and shared vision of the Trustees and The Stage team. Together, we've created a vibrant and welcoming space that's now open seven days a week—buzzing with life, laughter, and connection.

We're proud to say we've not only retained our loyal user groups but also welcomed new ones, including local skittle teams and even the Church. From reintroducing food on Friday nights to serving pies and pasties Thursday through Sunday, and yes, Sunday Lunch is making a much-anticipated return very soon!

Our family-friendly holiday discos have been a huge hit, and we're now planning to expand them with soft play, a bouncy castle, and even a silent disco to make them bigger and better. For those who love the outdoors, our new walking group is set to launch shortly, offering marshalled walks around the village for all ages and abilities—dogs welcome!

We're also creating spaces to inspire and engage. A new Arts group is being established, promising fascinating talks from artists and galleries. We've also begun hosting MP surgeries, giving residents a direct voice to government.

Much of the behind-the-scenes work has ensured the building is safe, welcoming, and fit for purpose: we've updated fire and electrical systems, repaired storm damage, fixed heating, and installed new CCTV and acoustic glass. The bar and landing areas have been redecorated, and we've created extra storage for our growing list of user groups. We're also thrilled to announce that our own 'Pilton Stage Best Bitter'—courtesy of our new partnership with St Austell Brewery—is now on tap!

Importantly, under our new agreement, funds from The Stage now go directly to the Trust, giving us the means to continue improving this vital community asset. We've already created three new jobs for local residents—and we're just getting started.

Looking ahead, we're planning further redecorations, upgrading floor coverings and furniture, cutting heating and lighting costs, and making the facility more environmentally friendly.

This is your community space—built by and for the people of our village. We'd love for you to visit, get involved, and help shape its next exciting chapter.

The Pilton Stage and Village Hall

Sunday Lunches_(Plus!)

June is finally here and brings with it the long awaited launch of Sunday Lunches at The Pilton Stage. These will begin on June 1st and continue each Sunday thereafter. These will also include a vegetarian option.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the introduction of Thai Food on Friday evenings. This has been a great success and it's been lovely to see so many new faces both eating in and collecting take away.

As you may have noticed, food is now also being served on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These evenings offer a reduced menu but includes Sausage, Mash & Chips, Chicken Chow-mein and Pad Thai.

Party Auditions

Following the first heat of The Pilton Stage Party Auditions in May, Heats three and four will be held on the 7th and 14th of June. Tickets available via the 'events' page of thepiltonstage.com

Following the introduction of The 'Big Fam' Family Friendly Rave recently, we are currently in the throws of planning a second event to be held later in the year.

For further details on any of the above please see our website thepiltonstage.com and our two Facebook pages 'The Pilton Page' and 'The Pilton Stage'

We hope you have a great Festival! See you soon.

Breathe Music. Friday 6th June. The Crown, Pilton

Join the Bristol Ensemble for *Mozart and More*, an evening of wonderful music at the Crown, Pilton. Featuring Mozart's *Duo Concertante*, presented in a rarely heard sextet arrangement, the concert explores both the timeless and the inventive. Alongside the elegance of Haydn, Caroline Shaw's *Entr'acte* brings a modern twist—drawing from Haydn's own work but venturing into a whimsical, mirror-world where tradition transforms into vibrant new forms. *Mozart and More* promises an evening of captivating contrasts and delicate transitions.

There will be two separate one-hour performances of the programme on the evening. The first will start at 6:30, the second at 8:30. With an early start, the 6:30 performance encourages a family experience! When purchasing your ticket, just choose your preferred time.

Settle in with a glass of wine, relax, and experience this outstanding musical offering in the intimate, welcoming atmosphere of The Crown—a village pub with a history as rich as the music itself.

The Crown Pilton - What's on in June

Wed 4th	Quiz with Reggie 7pm Start
Fri 6th	Breathe Music event - Mozart and More. 2 performances 630pm and 830pm.
Wed 11th	Folk night, bring an instrument. 8pm Start
Fri 13th	Pound for the Sound - Dj Gloworm in the garden. 6pm Start
Wed 18th	Pilton Pop Quiz with Reggie 7pm Start
Fri 20th	Pound for The Sound Glastonbury Warm up

Opening Hours from Tuesday 20th May

Monday 4-10pm (from 26th)	Drinks Only
Tuesday 4-10pm	Street food Pop-ups (Pizza, Burgers etc - Eat\ in or takeaway) 4-8pm Enrico's Pizza this Fri
Wednesday 12-11pm	Fish and chips 4-8pm
Thursday 12-11pm	Lunch 12-2.30pm, Dinner 5.30-8.30pm
Friday 12-11pm	Lunch 12-2.30pm, Dinner 5.30-8.30pm Smokehouse 4-8pm
Saturday 12-11pm	Lunch 12-2.30pm, Dinner 5.30-8.30pm Smokehouse 2.30-5.30pm
Sunday 12-9pm	Lunch 12-4pm

Pilton Coffee Shop

Pilton coffee shop is situated in Top Street, adjoining the Methodist church and is open Mon-Sat 10-12.30. The views are fantastic and the interior bright and airy. We offer a selection of cakes; bacon rolls and cheese toasties with a choice of teas and coffees. All profits made by the cafe are given to charities chosen by the volunteers and we also sell handmade accessories, so always check us out for your present shopping

Happy Circle

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

- June 16th festival memories

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

The Pilton Community Food Fridge

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

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

Sound what?

Sound bar? Sound bath? Cue glazed eyes, raised eyebrows and pursed lips masking thoughts of 'uh oh this one's gone full hippy!' Often the response I get when talking to people in the area about my new line of work - sound therapy. Despite growing appeal, mainly due to the restorative effects on the mind and body, many people are unfamiliar with and have not experienced sound baths.

Sound baths are sessions where attendees are simply bathed in sound. Different instruments are used - most commonly 'crystal singing bowls' (big glass bowls attuned to each different note), as well as Gongs, Tibetan singing bowls, ocean wave drums, crystal pyramids and many others. In my sessions I focus on creating a calm atmosphere, starting with gentle movement and guided breathing to clear the mind, before I play my crystal bowls and Gong. .

Sound baths offer numerous benefits for physical and mental health, promoting physiological responses like reduced blood pressure, lower heart rates and pain relief by activation of the parasympathetic nervous system. This triggers the release of serotonin, melatonin and endorphins, leaving participants feeling fabulous! During a sound bath, the brain enters a Theta state, where it becomes deeply relaxed yet still aware, similar to the edge of sleep, around 4-7 pulsations per second. In this state healing is most effective. The science behind sound healing is rooted in vibrations. Everything, including our bodies, operates at a frequency, and various experiences can cause these frequencies to become misaligned, potentially leading to illness. The sound waves from the instruments help realign the body's frequencies, restoring balance and promoting health, much like tuning an instrument after it's been disturbed.

I've been offering sound baths for a year now, running "Rest & Reignite," in local areas like Pilton, Pylle, and Middlewick. I'm passionate about bringing sound baths to a wider audience, including men and older individuals, and I would love to offer special sessions for these groups. I'm considering a men-only session or an earlier time slot for those who prefer to go to bed earlier, but I need a minimum of 10 people for these to be viable.

Sessions last around 90 minutes and cost £20, or £15 for those on a low income. I can also offer work-for-space options for those facing financial difficulty. If you're interested in giving it a try, please contact me, and I will organize these special sessions if there's enough interest. I hope to see you soon Kelly Knight 07931509104 kellyxenton@hotmail.co.uk

Perfect Curve Fitness & Dance Classes at Pilton Pavilion



Wednesday's Dance 4 Fun - 18.30 - 19.30pm

Thursday Pilates - 9.30 - 10.30am

For full weekly timetable and workshop information please

email: sarahhenderson08@hotmail.co.uk

or visit our Facebook page

Pilton Community Allotments



We were established in 2008/2009 on land leased from our landlord. You can find us at the corner of Top Street and Springfield Hill/Neat Lane, and the site can be accessed either from Top Street or from John Burns' Cottages. We welcome anyone from the local area, including other communities nearby, who might wish to enjoy the benefits of growing their own food.

To find out more contact piltonallotments@gmail.com or phone 01749 890357.

Co-op

We are extremely fortunate to have a Co-op, a brand which focuses on social responsibility. This shop gives huge benefits to us as residents and the other local communities. Currently it is open from 8am - 8pm every day and offers a good selection of groceries and household goods. The shop also includes a Post Office and banking facilities, which is amazing for a village like ours

Obituary: Some Recollections of Ruth Eavis 1938-2025

News of Ruth's passing hit Pilton like a sledge hammer – she was a rock to so many, a very special person. Gill Eavis wrote, "Ruth was my sister-in-law but also an exceptionally good friend who I thought the world of. Her lovely cottage was always open with the radio on - even if she wasn't around. She was a friend to everyone, a truly wonderful person - I miss her so much."

As do the hundreds of people who attended her funeral just before Easter. Daughter of a Methodist Minister and devout follower of Methodism, as well as Chapel organist every Sunday, Ruth's faith was central to everything, as was her love of flowers, birds, children, landscape, music. Family meant everything to her. Her three daughters and six grandchildren and her sister Margaret's children celebrated all these elements in a beautiful thanksgiving, led by Rev. Tina Swire. At the tea afterwards, tables had embroidered cloths and flower-filled jugs from Hazelmount – a typical Ruth touch, as she would leave posies of flowers on doorsteps for bereavements or birthdays.

"60 years ago, Ruth was the first person to welcome us to Pilton," wrote Daphne Cannock. "Her joyful personality, so abundantly evident, encouraged many subsequent newcomers. Her enthusiasm for village projects and activities inspired and made people pleased to be involved. Her willingness to play piano anywhere as well as organ duties at the Chapel was so encouraging. We all loved Ruth and we all miss her."

A colleague from West Pennard School days, Cathy Drinkwater, wrote "Ruth's warmth and kindness were relished by the countless children in her care. For 25 years she helped to nurture both them and the new teachers, making all feel welcome and cherished."

*John Fletcher wrote a play for her 70th birthday, available on www.piltonhistorygroup.org from which brief excerpts follow: "What word actually defines Ruth? ...in the end the only word is 'good'....she is a prodigious doer ...she never stops doing things. Good things. Practical things which actually help people....." Describing the house as a grotto that children loved "It is extremely significant that the objects Ruth collected above all else were images of hens on eggcups, tea cups, tea pots etc...**if anyone was ever a mother hen with her chicks, that person was Ruth.**" When the girls were teenage, she also collected teenagers who "congregated around the kitchen*

table...talking started. Revelation, ideas, ideals." *Older people also "came with problems, who were never turned away....from somewhere she always managed to find the strength to listen fully...and offer sensible non-judgmental advice."* *In a recent update John wrote how she had added to her "quiver of good deeds" by visiting "innumerable house-bound persons."*

Hilary Austin wrote "For over 30 years Ruth held a coffee evening at Hazelmount in support of Christian Aid. Like everything Ruth did, it was always a joyous occasion, with people supporting the event because of Ruth. Everyone crowded into her kitchen and sitting room: it was always a huge success. Ruth will be very much missed but would definitely want fund raising to continue for those in poverty worldwide."

Peter Lawrence wrote "You don't choose your neighbours but with Ruth we were exceptionally lucky. We just think of her as beautiful in every way. Her face shone with love and friendship. She was a people person. Her legendary collection of bric-a-brac around house and garden was admired by all and her succession of cars, parked at interesting angles outside Hazelmount, gathering dents and scratches, were village features! She lives on in our hearts."

Candace wrote "Ruth was practically the first person I met in the 70s when I came to Pilton, with her three adorable young girls and I loved them all. Their warmth and welcoming manner was so memorable. You never wanted to leave Ruth's home, though one did wonder how she cooked, as every surface seemed covered in interesting objects. Ruth was unforgettable and will be remembered by us all. She was the ❤️ heart of Pilton."

Jenny concludes: For decades, Ruth and I worked together on Pilton Show's Emporium –she narrowly missed gateposts whenever she delivered here! She supported the Show for over 50 years. She was a cornerstone of many aspects of village life, much loved, missed and irreplaceable.

Obituary: Abbi Mnatzaganian 1939-2025

The Lord's Prayer in Armenian, spoken by Father Bagdassarian, imported especially from London, was just one unusual feature in an emotional farewell for a special man, Abbi, whose talented creative family and friends recited poems they had written or played music newly composed in a full Pilton Church. The service was mainly conducted by Rev. Kalantha Brewis from the Worcester Diocese, a friend of the family and recently appointed Honorary Chaplain to the King. A fitting send off honouring a gentle and cultured man of many parts, who spoke four languages and always wanted to teach.

Abbi and Maddy moved to Somerset in 1983 when he joined the modern languages department at Millfield.

Maddy said "he loved Pilton, it reminded him of France. He found the Gable House for us and made it a haven for friends, family and students." Former student Patrick Forbes, from 'the class of 95' and now working in the Middle East, found his Arabic teaching invaluable and in gratitude he wrote:

The truest measure of a teacher's legacy is not found in accolades or rank, but in the quiet acknowledgments of students who say: *my life changed because of them*. Abbi left that kind of mark—deep, personal, enduring—on countless young people who passed through his classroom.

Though best known for his Arabic classes, Abbi also taught French to dozens of students each year. In doing so, he did far more than teach vocabulary or grammar—he invited them to dream in another language, to see the world through different eyes, to fall in love with culture itself.

He rarely relied on textbooks. Instead, he brought stories—drawn from his rich imagination and told with the craft of a true Jerusalem *hakawati* (storyteller). With poise and wit, he would begin a tale, paint it with emotion and detail, and then, just at the climax, pause—leaving the ending for his students to discover, or to create, on their own. It was teaching as storytelling. And it was unforgettable.

Beyond the classroom Abbi was clearly very dedicated to family life and in love with Maddy. He will be sorely missed, but not forgotten.

*Peter Lawrence also worked in the UAE and Jordan: "Getting to know Abbi and Maddy through History Group and other village activities was a special treat. As we have lived in the Arab world including Jordan and I have often visited the occupied territories and Gaza, we found much to talk about and share. He contributed to my *Alcantara* (bridge) project with a piece describing his history and gratitude to Jordan. He was a Palestinian Armenian, born in Jerusalem, his parents being Armenian refugees. He experienced directly the Arab-Zionist hostilities and, as a child, he and his brother were injured by shrapnel.*

Abbi introduced me to the poem entitled *Groong*, the Armenian word for the crane. it tells of cranes flying each year from Armenia to Jerusalem and back, bringing and taking messages. As he translated the poem to me, tears filled his eyes. It was a huge privilege to get to know Abbi. He continued to teach Arabic to British military personnel until very recently and he was admired and appreciated by all who knew him."

Candace, with Palestinian family, wrote: Abbi and I had a special connection. My grandfather was Palestinian and Abbi was born in Jerusalem and both our families had to forcibly leave. What a joy, for me, that in a small village, I should find a fellow Palestinian. We would hold hands, speak of food, cry about Jerusalem and the atrocities on our Palestinian brothers...I shall deeply miss him...."

Obituary Mildred Sands

Mildred loved being part of The Happy Circle Club which is held in The Club and has just celebrated its 46th Birthday. The Happy Circle Club was opened by the late Winnie Boyce back in 1979 and met in the Pilton Working Mens Club every other week.

Speakers were getting expensive so it was suggested by The President, Freda Boyce, and agreed by the Committee to meet monthly in 2024. Freda, being the Daughter in Law of the late Winnie Boyce, joined the Happy Circle in 2013, becoming The President in 2019.

Mildred was a Committee Member and became the Tea Lady being responsible in the Kitchen. Mildred did this for 13 years making the sandwiches in her own home for up to 44 Member's, she used good ingredients for the fillings, Tinned Salmon, Cheese, Egg, Corn beef and if she did Cucumber, skin would be removed sprinkled with a little vinegar and using her special slicer. Nothing was too much trouble and all the Members appreciated the Tea Time Breaks.

Mildred enjoyed her turn playing skittles but loved nothing better than the Happy Circle Day Trips on South West Coaches with her late Husband Eric at her side until his passing in 2009. The Coach being driven by Bill Lear. Mildred and Eric met Bill when he drove the service bus that came through Pilton on a Friday morning picking up passengers to go to Yeovil for a morning shopping until Bill retired in 2015. Bill remained a friend of Mildred and he would often ring her to have a chat.

After Eric's passing she still enjoyed going on the trips with her two close friends Teresa and Mary and being taken to Happy Circle by Fred and Libby and meeting everyone.

Mildred had a good sense of Humour and a great quick wit especially with the late Jim Govier who she addressed as Trouble as soon as she saw him, he would retort back with a grin and address her as Double Trouble. The banter between Mildred and Jim started when he would help all members to come up and down in the lift, it was their private joke until 2020 when COVID affected all of us. Rest in peace and God bless you Mildred.

Glastonbury Festival



Dear Resident,

Below are items of further information regarding the Glastonbury Festival arrangements for residents of the Pilton area:

Vehicle Passes – Village Vehicle Passes and your tickets will be available from Pilton Village Hall on Saturday 14th June between 1pm and 6pm and again on Friday 20th June between 6pm & 8pm. As you will now be aware Pilton Village access passes and the Green Car Park Passes had to be pre ordered online. No additional passes for Pilton access or Green Car Park will be available at these sessions.

Shuttle Bus – New for this year a FREE shuttle bus will be running in the village. It will be running on a circular route with stops at Oathills, the Methodist Chapel, Village Hall and Mount Pleasant (Sutley House) From the stop at Sutley house a signed and lit rout will take you along the footpath to Pylle Road where access to the site can be gained through Mary's gate. The bus will run continuously from 1000 to 0200 on Wednesday to Sunday. The bus will save residents having to walk on the narrow roads through the village. Full details and a map can be obtained from us at the passes sessions or by email.

Cockmill Lane – Again this year, to improve safety for Cockmill Lane residents and pedestrians, a Temporary One-way Order will be in place in Cockmill Lane from Orchard Gate to Pylle Road (north bound). There will be no through traffic from the direction of Pylle Road (Pilton).

Security – Security levels will be the same as last festival.

Checkpoints – The checkpoints will also be in the same locations as the last festival and will be operational from Saturday 21st June to Monday 30th June. Full details of checkpoints, road closures and one-way systems will be available at the Vehicle Passes Distribution sessions.

Hot Line Number – 01749 899631 — is again operational all year, this number will put you straight through to the festival office on site, during office hours, and they will be able to deal with any urgent ongoing problems. This will be manned 24 hrs a day during the actual festival period. It is manned by dedicated staff in the Event Control Centre so they will have good access to all the relevant bodies and this will give you a better service.

Drop-in Centre – There will still be a member of GFL security based at Pilton Village Hall between 0800 & 2000 (25th -30th June) who will have a direct link to the hotline team in the Event Control Centre.

The Village team will be available at the vehicle passes distribution sessions should you wish to speak with us about any problems or concerns you may have, or you can contact us as below. Village Liaison Team

Tel: 01749899631 Email: villagehotline@glastonburyfestivals.co.uk

June Poem

Over hill, over dale,
Thorough bush, thorough brier,
Over park, over pale,
Thorough flood, thorough fire
I do wander everywhere,
Swifter than the moon's sphere;
And I serve the fairy queen,
To dew her orbs upon the green:
The cowslips tall her pensioners be;
In their gold coats spots you see;
Those be rubies, fairy favours,
In those freckles live their savours:
I must go seek some dew-drops here
And hang a pearl in every cowslip's ear.
Farewell, thou lob of spirits: I'll be gone;
Our queen and all her elves come here anon.

From a Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

Quote / Proverb of the month

"As you go through life, you've got to see the valleys as well as the peaks."
Neil Young

Tessa Munt MP's update for Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton and the surrounding hamlets



Hello everyone!

It's been another busy month! In Parliament, I supported my colleague Richard Foord MP in introducing his Bill to ensure MPs have a vote on the content of any UK / US trade deal *before* it takes effect, which is crucial to protect our farmers and their industry.

We've called lively House of Commons debates on crumbling hospitals and the sewage scandal, and we'll continue to press the Government to enact the bolder common-sense solutions we've offered.

I asked the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero how we can improve energy efficiency for older homes and those in conservation areas, especially in relation to permitting double and triple-glazed windows, an issue affecting many residents here. Answering, Ed Milliband said he is *"constantly on the look-out for small measures and large in the planning system that can obstruct sensible energy efficient measures ... that will make all the difference."* So, I've made several suggestions which might improve our planning legislation.

In a demonstration of how changes *can* be made from the backbenches and not just from within Government, an announcement that solar panels are to be fitted on all new-build homes in England by 2027 confirmed that the common sense driving my colleague Max Wilkinson MP's 'Sunshine Bill' has made it on to the statute books. A big win!

Also on our environment and ensuring the UK prioritises investment in the circular economy, I introduced a debate on recycling our 600,000 tonnes of UK end-of-life tyre waste each year. 350,000 tonnes are sent to India and burned illegally, endangering residents, workers and polluting the environment. My questions to the Minister focused on loopholes in licensing, the lack of enforcement of regulations here, and making small legislative changes so tyres are disposed of safely and responsibly, and processed here to create new jobs and businesses, benefitting both the environment *and* the economy. I'll continue to press for this.

In the Justice Committee, I took part in an evidence session with the leadership of the Criminal Cases Review Commission, which investigates potential

miscarriages of justice and refers cases to the Court of Appeal if convictions appear unsafe. This meeting was illuminating – as are many of our sessions. You can view them all on the parliamentlive.tv website if you are interested. As your MP, it is my privilege to listen to residents, hear what concerns them and campaign for change where it's needed. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or come to chat with me at one of my 'surgeries':

Saturday 7th June from 08:30 – 10:00 at Coffee#1 in Wells High Street

Saturday 14th June from 14:30 – 15:30 at the Hive Craft Café in Shepton Mallet High Street

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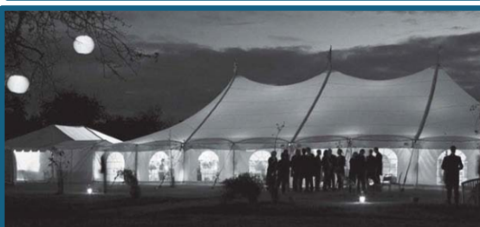
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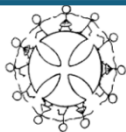
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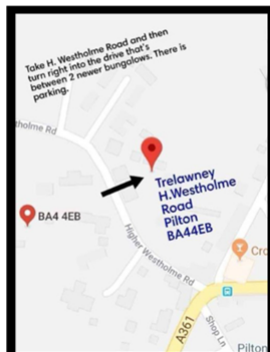
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3rd	11am	Arts Society Mendip	Village Hall
7th	10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
9th	7pm for 7.30 pm	Film Night	Village Hall

Coming Up in Croscombe – July

5th	10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
19th		July Fun Day/ Charter Market	Village Hall
28th	7pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall

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Tuesday 3rd June

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Croscombe Village Hall

Croscombe Village Hall would like to invite all villagers & hall users to our AGM on Monday 28th July 7.30 at the village hall.

As you may know we are aiming to make improvements to the village hall. The first two areas of focus are, to replace the old doors and windows and to re-surfacing the car park.

We are pleased to say we have been successful in our first grant application with a grant of £12,000. As this particular funding stream was solely based around improving the energy efficiency of the hall, it can only be used for the doors and windows. We would like thank Somerset Community Foundation

for this grant and also wish to thank Laura Miller from Shepton Town Council for all her invaluable help.

We will need additional funding to complete this project and hope you will continue to support us in this endeavour. We plan to follow up this success, and are applying for grants to improve the car park. Thank you again for your help and encouragement, we look forward to seeing many of you at our AGM. Thank you, Ian Baker, on behalf of Croscombe Village Hall Committee.

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Croscombe Flood Group May 2025

Although the weather has been very kind to us so far this year, the Flood Group is very conscious that sudden downpours can create localised flooding. To that end the Flood Wardens met for a successful 'dry run' of the procedures to be followed in a flood event.

We are also pleased to say that the detritus and debris partially blocking the culvert where it splits in two has been cleared and we are just finalising a grant application for an access chamber near the bifurcation that will make it much easier to clear in the future. The recent survey of the culvert path will help us identify the precise location.

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Mrs Catley and her husband were busy over the Easter holidays revamping the Library. With the help of the PTA and other staff, they purchased and installed a number of new bookshelves to give the Library a fresh new look. The children took part in a competition to create book-inspired images on the windows with glass pens. The space looks fantastic! Thank you to everyone that worked so hard to make it such an inviting place.

Our Summer topics got underway in each of our 7 classes. The children's learning will be complemented this term with trips to the Lifeskills Centre in Bristol, Mill on the Brue, Okehampton Adventure Centre, Carymoor, The Newt and the County Ground, Taunton...along with numerous visitors and in-house learning opportunities. We certainly hope that the weather remains for the foreseeable as our Year 6s go and experience a range of outdoor and adventurous activities at Okehampton, post SATs, staying for 4 nights (5 days). To ready our Year 6s for such a big adventure, we do a day visit to Mill on the Brue in Year 4, and the Year 5s stay at Kilve for 2 nights (3 days). We hope that they will enjoy their week, challenge themselves and make many memories!

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Pilton Churches Working Together

The United Service in June is a Morning Service on Sunday 29th June in the Parish Church at 10.30am.

About People

It is with sadness that we report the death of **Peter Counce of Crocombe**. Service plans to be announced.

Sadly, **Bob Elliott** of Crocombe died on 9th May. A funeral service is planned for Thursday 29th May at St Mary's Church Crocombe.

A Memorial Service for **Kate Askew** is planned to take place at St Peter's Church, North Wootton at 1.00pm on Friday 6th June.

We send our loving support to all who are bereaved.

SUNDAY 8th JUNE

BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION

St John the Baptist's Church, Pilton

A service for Pilton, Crocombe and North Wootton to thank Revd Daile Wilshire for her ministry during the vacancy

BIBLE READINGS

1 st June	Acts 16: 16-34	John 17: 20-end
8 th June	Acts 2: 1-21	John 14: 8-17
15 th June	Romans 5: 1-5	John 16: 12-15
22 nd June	Galatians 3: 23-end	Luke 8: 26-39
29 th June	Galatians 5: 1, 13-25	Luke 9: 51-end

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

PUZZLING QUESTIONS meets in the New Room Coffee Shop, at the Methodist Church, Pilton. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd June at 2.30pm. Do come and join us.

DATES FOR COMPLINE ON ZOOM

on the following Sunday evenings: 1st June, 15th June

If you would like further details about joining in this simple evening service, please contact rector.pcnd@gmail.com

ONLINE SERVICES

A weekly service with hymns and a sermon is available from the Church of England website. Please Google: **CofE online services**, Click on weekly service. There is no need to sign up. Scroll down and click on the picture for the service.

DURING THE VACANCY when there is no Rector...

... church life will go on.

For any enquiries you can contact the Churchwardens in your own parish or the Reader Susan Green (890524). Their contact details are advertised every month in the magazines. You can also send any emails to rector.pcnd@gmail.com

These messages will be forwarded to someone to deal with.

Safeguarding Officer for the Parish Churches: Susan Green (890524) or an email would be forwarded from rector.pcnd@gmail.com

PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

1st June	Local Arrangement
8th June	Barry Speddings
15th June	Rev Tina Swire, HC
22nd June	Deborah Towner
29th June	PCWT @ PC

Chapel Services begin at 10.30am.

Rev Tina Swire's leaving service

At the Tythe Barn on Sunday 13th July, from 4pm with the service at 6pm.
Food and soft drinks will be available. Everyone will be most welcome to come to come along.

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

JUNE 2025

1st June	Sunday after Ascension	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Pylle
8th June	Pentecost	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Pilton
15th June	Trinity Sunday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
22nd June	Trinity 1	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
29th June	Trinity 2	
10.30am	Morning Service	Pilton

11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
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6th July	Trinity 3	
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10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Pilton
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