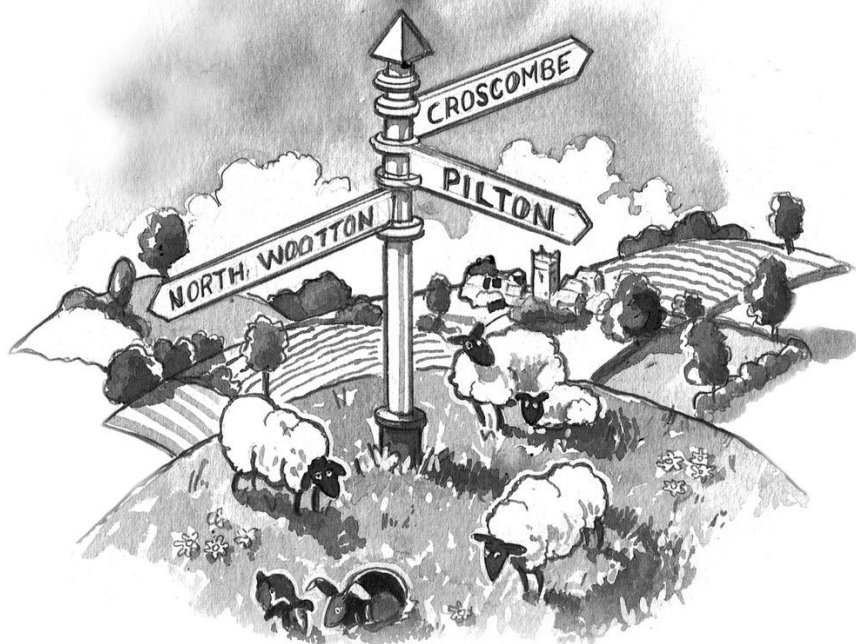


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All material in word or email please. **Deadline for June edition is 18 May**

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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 Nellie (11), Winnie (14), Gregor and Lucy (Mummy and Daddy), who will be moving into Culverwell Cottages on Top Street, Pilton and thanks Nellie for sending in the details 😊

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

Roundabout Team

Pilton: Liz Richards, John Broxup and John Dikes (Distribution)

Croscombe: Richard Cronin, Howard Sleaf, Libby Morgan and Darryl Morgan

Welcome to May

May always brings a sense of discovery and nowhere is that clearer than the Jumble Trail. People set out tables, open their gates, and the village is mapped out with a trail to help you find the hidden treasures and the stories that they hold. You may go out looking for something practical and come home with an unexpected treasure. A bowl that sat in someone's kitchen for years. A toy passed down through a family. A book that has been read on repeat. You might also find something more unexpected, a story, a memory or a new neighbour. Each exchange adds another thread to the story of the village, and the objects that move on and begin their next chapter.

There's treasure in nature as well. Allotments and gardens are waking up, the green shoots on the trees, that first long evening with its soft light, People planting, comparing notes, swapping tips. Fruit, vegetables and flowers that will make their way to kitchen tables, front gates, and eventually the Pilton Show later in the year. These small signs of life are treasures in their own right and are part of what makes May feel full.

This month's magazine holds its own collection of discoveries. New families arriving and sharing their news. Residents sharing their story. We'd love more of these voices. If you'd like to contribute or know someone whose story we can interview, please send it in and we'd be delighted to include in an upcoming edition.

We are also looking for a new distribution volunteer for the Lower Westholme area. It's a small role that helps keep the magazine moving and ensures every household stays connected. If you can spare a little time each month, please get in touch.

Treasure isn't always buried. Sometimes it's a conversation, a shared moment, a plant growing (some are chosen, some just arrive!), or an object finding a new home at the Jumble Trail. May is full of these moments. Enjoy finding them

Liz Richards

CROSCOMBE

What's On in Croscombe – May

3rd	6.30pm	Quiz Night: Medical Life Lines	The George
9th	10am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
11th	7pm	Film Night	Village Hall
16th	10.30 – 12.30	Christian Aid Coffee Morning	Jan + Paul Hodge, 1 Poundfield
19th	2.15pm	Senior Citizen	Village Hall

Croscombe Village Hall Film Night - Hamnet

Croscombe Village Hall presents Hamnet. Monday May 11th.

From Academy Award winning writer/director Chloe Zhao, Hamnet tells the powerful love story that inspired the creation of Shakespear's timeless masterpiece, Hamlet.

Starring Oscar Winner Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal. Certificate 12, Admission £7.00. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 start. Bar available.

Croscombe Village Hall Coffee Morning

Saturday May 9th 10 am to 12.00am. Delicious Home Made Cakes and savouries, Organic brewed freshly brewed coffee Book stall and raffle. All welcome.

Croscombe Village Hall News.

A big thank you to The Charter Market for making the village hall their charity this year. This will give a welcome boost to our fund raising. Another grant application has been successful with the National Lottery, Awards for all contributing £19,866 to the solar PV project, which is scheduled for this summer.

Voice of the Villages: Sarah Cowell

This year marks twenty years that we've lived in Croscombe. Twenty years since we first stepped into Rock Bottom and immediately knew that we had found our forever home. Our twins were three years old back then and started Croscombe Primary the following year.

I'm lucky to teach locally, so I was always able to take the kids to school and pick them back up again. Sometimes, after school, we would stop off at the old village shop and then go to the playground (now the allotments) with their friends. On Fridays, we would often go to the Bull Terrier (now The Cross) for tea, where Ruth would serve up the most delicious fish and chips! The children also loved going to The George. They have fond memories of celebrating their birthdays in the skittle alley, having lunch there on a snow day, or just having chips and a J20 after the annual Duck Race. Now they meet their childhood friends there, for a pint or two!

Being in the village has meant that we've met people of all ages. I've made some truly lovely friends here, and I've enjoyed celebrating at The Cross over the years. We've had NYE and birthday parties there, Terri's famous 'Platters' evenings, and even a festival party fundraiser for Bristol Children's Hospital. These friendships have resulted in various ventures. For almost a decade, I had a stall at the Croscombe Market (run at the time by Alison Hodges) selling my handmade jewellery. Alison and I then went on to organise various village events, the Platinum Jubilee Party and several New Years Eve ones at the village hall. These were great intergenerational events that brought the village together. Since then, I've become part of 'The Dream Team'. We all love putting on fundraising events that help local causes.

My happy place is spending time with my family at the top of our garden, looking at the hill whilst the horses and sheep graze. My husband Craig lovingly designed and landscaped the garden. Brick by brick he built the most amazing outdoor space for us. On a sunny afternoon, that's where you'll find me. Probably with my mum, (she lives next door) who's popped round for a cup of tea and a natter!



Christian Aid Week gives us an opportunity to stand alongside people living in poverty and give our support. It helps people face the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. Money is never given to governments or individuals but helps to provide items such as seeds and materials to help people to become self-sufficient. Projects are agreed before funding is given and provides what is needed rather than what we think is needed, working with local agencies, who monitor the projects.

There are three events in our villages which we hope you will support. Due to some double booking of other village events some of these dates will be different from those already published in the April Roundabout, so please note any changes.

Sunday 3 May - Cream teas from 3.00pm at North Wootton Village Hall

Friday 15 May – Open House at The Brambles, Barrow Lane, Pilton. BA4 4BH at the home of Anthony and Hilary Austin

People will be welcome 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.

Saturday 16 May - Coffee morning 10.30 – 12.30

at the home of Jan and Paul Hodge, 1 Poundfield, Croscombe
(My apologies to Jan for the mistake in last month's Roundabout)

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

(telephone contacts for the Austins 01749 890561 or 07810178190)

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

Hilary Austin

Village Hall 100 Club

The Village Hall 100 Club is still open to new members, at £12 per year. This monthly draw for £15 & £25, with an extra draw in June & December of £50. Payments can be made with cash, Cheque or BACS. If paying by BACS or cash please email the treasurer on croscombevhtreasurer@gmail.com with your address, so we can deliver winnings. Those who have already joined & paid by BACS, please could you email your address as we missed some. Thank you.

Senior Citizens

For our March meeting we took a visit to Whitstone's fish and chip restaurant in Shepton Mallet. Seventeen members attended and we also had two new members wishing to join us making nineteen. The food was delicious, the company good and enjoyed by all.

It is beginning to become a well attended group although we now accept people from outside the village. Sadly we did not seem to get a great deal of support from our village so we found this necessary to keep it running.

We would love to see new members, you will be made very welcome.

Lyn Manvill 07780 661 327

email lynmanvill@gmail.com

Our next meeting..... will you please note it is **NOT THURSDAY but TUESDAY 19th May**. We have someone from Secret World coming to give a talk and slides on how they rescue wild animals. We start at 2.15pm in Croscombe village hall and the cost is £3pp with tea or coffee and biscuits to follow.

Lyn Manvill 07780 661 327

email lynmanvill@gmail.com

Postage Stamps

Please continue to save your stamps - used, unused, British and foreign - for charity. Now that the RSPB no longer takes them, I have arranged to send them to "Canine Partners Stamp Appeal". This charity provides specially trained dogs for disabled people.

The stamps can be left at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe. The charities are always grateful for your donations. Many thanks for those received recently. Janet Dowding

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- Seafood supper on Sat 23 May 7:00 for 7:30
- Curry Night on Thurs 28th May 6-8pm

Quiz Night: Medical Life Lines Ukraine

Help raise funds for Medical Life Lines Ukraine in support of a humanitarian aid trip in July.

Date: 3rd May 2026. From 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Location: The George Inn, Croscombe

Teams of 4, £10 per head to enter the quiz. Ticket price included a pulled pork roll and chips. Pay Bar available

To enter, email: martyn.starnes@outlook.com

May Poem

Yes, I will spend the livelong day
With Nature in this month of May;
And sit beneath the trees, and share
My bread with birds whose homes are there ...
WH Davies

May Quote

Nothing is impossible. The word
itself says "I'm possible."

Audrey Hepburn

Croscombe Directory

Welcome to the all-new Croscombe Directory – a handy, easy to read guide to what’s going on in the village. If your group or event is not listed here and you would like it included please email Libby Morgan (libbymorgan65@btinternet.com). Alternatively, if you are included and need anything added/altered then please also get in touch.

Allotment Association

Looking to grow your own vegetables, meet like-minded people, and enjoy the outdoors? We have 3m x 9m plots available at our welcoming Croscombe site. The plots are affordable, there is water on site, with a shared shed and tea station for a cuppa and a chat. The allotment holders are a friendly, knowledgeable community who are ready to help and we have seasonal socials throughout the year. Whether you’re a beginner or an experienced grower, there’s a warm welcome waiting for you. Get growing with us — we’d love to have you!

Contact: Bruce Rawlinson 07707529775

Bell Ringers

We practise most Monday evenings at St Mary's, Croscombe from 19:30 to 21:00. There are eight members of the band, but we often have one or two ringers from Wells and Wookey. We aim to ring for all Sunday services at Croscombe, and also for any special national events (Coronation, VE Day etc). Due to the nature of the ancient art of bell ringing, our practices are always a public performance!

Contact: Helen Brown helenbrown1998@gmail.com Ken Brown ken98b@gmail.com

Church Flower Arrangers

We are a group of (mainly women, but there is a man who puts in the occasional appearance) who arrange window and altar flowers, some on a regular basis, others for the big events, Easter, Harvest Festival, Christmas the occasional wedding and funeral. We are all volunteers and many use flowers from their own gardens, but that isn’t a necessity. We would love you to join us, no experience is necessary, if you can put a bunch of daffodils in a vase they you would be very, very welcome.

Contact: Louise Tully chateautully@btinternet.com

Church Key Rota Volunteers

Our beautiful C15th Church, which is an architecturally acknowledged treasure, (Pevsner described it as "one of the most complete cases of the survival of Jacobean church furnishings in the county") is open every day for visitors who often come specifically to the village to view its significant carving. Several village volunteers are responsible for the locking of the Church each evening (the morning opening is covered by one person), it's usually about two weeks each year. We lock generally at dusk depending on personal commitments and if you find you cannot fulfil your week then we swap around but I am the backstop. If you feel you would like to be added to the list, please contact me ... many hands make light work.

Contact: Louise Tully chateautully@btinternet.com

Community orchard group

Croscombe Community Orchard is a burgeoning orchard of young trees largely sponsored by members of the Croscombe community comprising varieties of apple, pear, cherry and plum. A dedicated group of volunteers manage and maintain the plot on Thrupe Lane just south of the Croscombe burial ground.

Contact: Louise Tully chateautully@btinternet.com

The Dream Team

We are a group of five local women who organise one or two fundraising evenings each year. We never do the same event twice so expect the unexpected and be prepared to join in the fun! Thanks to the generosity of everyone who supports us we have raised money for local charities such as the Shepton and Wells food banks and Children's hospice south west, as well as for the village playground and Ukraine. We meet regularly to plot and plan our next fundraiser (possibly over a glass of wine or two!) and we are always on the lookout for volunteers to help on the night of the event. Do get in touch if this appeals to you- it's hard work but a lot of fun. **Contact:** Mary Cadogan marylucia.cadogan@gmail.com Hilary Cain Hilary.cain@gmail.com

Film Night and Coffee Morning

Regular film night and coffee mornings (usually monthly) are held at the village hall and these are advertised in the Roundabout and on Facebook

Contact: Pauline Drew pauline.drew@hotmail.co.uk Mike Dowell Midowell@aol.com

Frolics/Take Art

We are an Am-dram group who put on a February traditional family panto and other ad-hoc shows and also host occasional professional theatre and dance via Take Art. Anyone interested in getting involved on stage, back-stage, front-of-house, tech etc etc please do get in touch to hear more

Contact: Howard Sleaf h.sleaf@btinternet.com Richard Cronin
richard.cronin567@btinternet.com

Fun Day

A day in the village for the village, held in the summer. There's lots of variety including a range of market stalls and activities, a bouncy castle, skittle alley, barbeque, live music – all of it run by volunteers. More volunteers always welcome and it's a great way to meet the village if you're new.

Contact: Nick Fowler fowlernj1@sky.com (or contact on Facebook messenger)

OAPs and Children's Fund

A not-for-profit fundraising group which supports the OAPs and Children in the village. All funds raised pay for the OAPs Christmas dinner and the annual summer coach trip to Weymouth. Funds raised for the children include funding the bouncy castle and barbeque at the Fun Day. Father Christmas is also invited to visit the village and gifts are provided for the children. Fundraising events include a harvest auction which is held at the pub.

Contact: Nick Fowler fowlernj1@sky.com (or contact on Facebook messenger)
Imelda North lann4848@gmail.com

The Parish Church of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Croscombe

We are the Parish Church for Croscombe. At the moment we hold Sunday services at least twice a month - usually the second and fourth Sunday. Details appear each month on the back page of Roundabout and on our Church Near You website. Use your internet browser to search for achurchnearyou, then select A Church Near You, enter your BA5 postcode, choose address option, click right arrow, select Croscombe: The Blessed Virgin Mary. Our village school also holds its services in the church several times each year. St Mary's is a Grade 1 listed building and well worth a visit

Play Area Working Group

We are a group of parishioners who are involved in improving and maintaining the children's play area. This involves finding out what options are available, determining what the children would benefit from most, fundraising, arranging quotations and organising contractors to undertake any new works. If you have any ideas, fundraising opportunities, or want to be involved in any way then please get in touch.

Contact: Ben Gudzelak cllr.gudzelak@croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk

Senior Citizens

A group that meets once a month, the 3rd Thursday of each month, in the village hall at 2.15pm. It is for more senior members to get together where we have light entertainment, quizzes, talks, meals etc. a general couple of hours to meet up with friends, make new friends and spend an afternoon together. We always finish with a cup of tea and biscuits, very often homemade ones kindly supplied by one of our members.

Contact: Lyn Manvill 07780 661 327 or lynmanvill@gmail.com

Sequence dancing

We meet every week in Crocombe village hall at 8pm to 10pm on a Tuesday. The cost is £2.50 pp which includes a tea/coffee and biscuits at half time. We do not actually teach but are only too willing to help anyone who would like to learn. It is good exercise and a good memory booster. A very social group and we always welcome new members .

Contact: Lyn Manvill lynmanvill@gmail.com

Tai Chi

Held on Mondays at Crocombe Village Hall between 10.30-11.30. Tai Chi is an easy exercise available to all. It improves balance and coordination, as well as relaxes and enhances health and wellbeing. We are a friendly group sharing some gentle exercise together. The moves may be performed standing or seated and are suitable for all ages and abilities. We end the lesson with a cuppa and biscuit for those who can stay a little longer.

Contact: Jan Hodge hodgejan@icloud.com

Suppers at The Cross

The Cross at Croscombe is more than just your local award winning B&B. On a regular basis it holds suppers and is very lucky to have the talented culinary wizard Kate Hunter cooking at these events. Kate started her catering career with an apprenticeship at the 3 starred Michelin restaurant, Le Gavroche, under the tutorship of Albert Roux. Cheffing for luxury yachts and private resorts in the Caribbean, the Jockey Club in Saratoga, and European Villas followed. Since settling in Croscombe Kate's ongoing passion for the culinary arts has seen her skills much sought after for private lunches, dinners and weddings. Kate sources many of her organic ingredients from local markets, by foraging and by growing her own vegetables. The evenings start off with complimentary drinks and nibbles followed by a seasonal set 3 course meal (vegetarian options are available). The Cross dining room is the perfect size to create a welcoming and warm atmosphere. There is even a covered walled garden to enjoy your pre dinner drinks and meet your fellow diners. For more information visit www.info@cross-croscombe.co.uk and if you sign up to my e-newsletter I will keep you up to date with future supper dates and menus. There are also opportunities for private functions to be held which can be tailored for your needs.

Contact: www.info@cross-croscombe.co.uk 01749 343352 Terri

Village email

The purpose is to send out information from the police Neighbourhood Watch and village organisations including allowing villagers to offer items for sale or put individual notices out to others. If you would like your email address added please get in touch.

Contact: Chris Jackson cj1311@gmail.com

Village Hall

Croscombe village hall hosts a wide range of clubs and societies and offers a venue for weddings and parties. The management committee provide regular film nights and coffee mornings to support funding for the hall. We welcome new members joining us on the committee either as trustees or volunteers.

Contact: Katharine Little. Bookings, Caretaker katharinegarvey@hotmail.com
Pauline Drew Chair

Village Orchestra

We have been encouraging people in Croscombe and surrounding area to make music together and explore the orchestral repertoire since 1975! Practices are Every Friday from 7.15 till 9.00pm in Croscombe village hall. We do two concerts each year, one in January and the other in May. There are also others by invitation. The orchestra welcomes new players of any age.

Contact: Tony Bevan arbevan@icloud.com

Village Voices from Croscombe

We would love to start a page for Village voices from Croscombe. If you would like to contribute a short piece about your life in the village then please contact Libby Morgan by email on libbymorgan65@btinternet.com. Alternatively, if you would like to nominate someone whose voice you would like to hear please drop her an email saying who it is.

West Shepton Short Mat Bowls Club

Short mat bowls is a version of the outdoor game but played indoors on green mats. It is a very user- friendly and relaxing game and is played by people of most ages. We meet at Croscombe Village Hall every Thursday from 2 to 4 pm and from 7 to 9 pm. Membership is £30 per year and we pay £3 to play and have breaks for free drinks and biscuits at each session. We are a friendly lot and welcome newcomers. I am the Secretary and can be contacted by email (patandjerry65@yahoo.com), mobile (0790 161 0369) or landline (01749 595140). Jerry Jeremiah, Secretary.

Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Pilton, Croscombe and North Wootton



Hello everyone,

Another busy month! I attended the annual Legal Service which marked the appointment of the new High Sheriff of Somerset, Peter Dixon. Somerset's beautiful ceremonial sword and scabbard are kept safely by High Sheriffs during their terms of office.

I ran 29 surgeries last month – 13 at my regular monthly venues and 'extras' in 16 rural cafés, pubs – including The Crown in Pilton - community hubs, a garden centre café, a beer shed and two village pub nights – one of which was Dinder.

Thank you if you came to speak to me. I value listening to your views and concerns, which inform my work as your MP in Westminster.

Locally, I was proud to join Amnesty International's local representatives to mark International Women's Day. They campaign relentlessly for access to legal and welfare support for the many female prisoners held in terrible conditions across the globe.

I enjoyed a fascinating visit to Lyonsleaf, a local all-female business team producing organic skincare products. Their founder Vicky and Ops Manager Cathy were two of several local female entrepreneurs and business leaders who joined me at my first 'Women in Business Brunch', where my colleague Sarah Gibson, MP for Chippenham, spoke with insight, passion and experience about running a business.

It was a pleasure to welcome Tim Farron, MP and Lib Dem Spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to my 'patch'. We spent a day visiting inspiring people and projects, including the South West Dairy Development Centre at Beard Hill, and Tim spoke to a local audience, answering a multitude of questions from farmers and others. If you'd like to know about future events, please contact me.

In Westminster, I met the 'real' Ash Smith and Peter Hammond of *'Dirty Business'* fame, discussing the newly-released sewage spill data for 2025 and what can and should be done to clean up our rivers, streams and rhynes. I also attended a joint NFU/WWF/RSPCA meeting advocating fair trade - high

standards for food imports and I've met the Energy Minister to highlight the problems for rural households dependent on increasingly expensive oil for their heating and hot water.

In Parliament I have spoken on a number of matters, raising the following:

- * the importance of returning to 0.7% spending on overseas aid as both humanitarian and national security measures
- * securing guarantees that foreign national prisoners complete their UK Court ordered prison terms when they're transferred to their 'home' country
- * rigorous monitoring by the Home Office of the contract for tagging offenders released early or on licence
- * whether drug company incentives should be investigated as these may influence which drugs are prescribed
- * reforming the regulation of Funeral Directors
- * holding Government to account for top level briefings given to Peter Mandelson before his vetting was completed
- * pressing the Government on the need for pumps to be ready prior to flooding, not after it happens
- * outlining the need for strong measures and clear accountability for safeguarding in small religious organisations and cults
- * ensuring planning regulations protect the accessibility of hospital helipads for air ambulance use

If you have a concern or question, please contact me or come to a 'surgery'. The most local venues are below, but a quick call to my office will ensure you have the full list:

Saturday 2nd May from 08:30 to 10:00 at **Coffee#1, Wells**

Saturday 9th May from 11:30 to 12:30 at **The Hive Craft Café, Shepton Mallet**

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you. Thank you. Tessa

You can contact me:

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk

Post: Tessa Munt Freepost (you won't need a stamp!)

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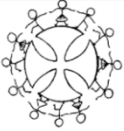
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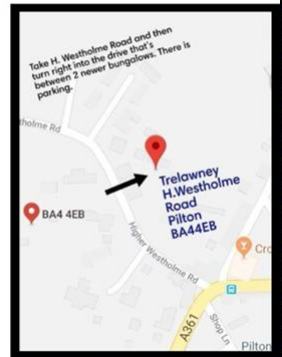
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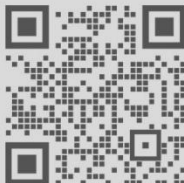
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What's On in Pilton – May

4th	11 start	Pilton Jumble Trail	Pilton Village
9th	10.30am	Writers Retreat	BA4 4PD
11th	7.30pm	Pilton Village History Group	Village Hall
15th	Open House	Christian Aid Open House	The Austins The Brambles
20th	2.15pm	Happy Circle	Village Hall
31st	10.30 – 3.30pm	Vision Day	Pilton Church

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

ASBO (maintaining footpaths and bridleways)

Bridge

Food Bank

Gabriels Orchard

Happy Circle

Judo

Pilton Community Speedwatch

Pilton Players

Pilton Show

Pilton Walks

Tai Chi

Village Voices

Ukulele

Art Group

Bell Ringers

Dance

Football

Hand Bells

History Group

Pilates

Pilton Craft Group

Pilton Playing Fields

Pilton Village Hall Trust

Table Tennis

Tithe Barn

Writers Group

Yoga

The Annual Pilton Bank Holiday Jumble Trail

The Annual Pilton Bank Holiday Jumble Trail. Monday 4th May – 11am Start

Tables at the ready (umbrellas too...) the Pilton Village Jumble Trail returns for another brilliant Bank Holiday Monday! From 11am on Monday 4th May, stalls and refreshment stops will pop up all through the village: starting at the pub at the top of the hill, winding past Pilton Parish Church, and leading down to the Playing Fields Pavilion. Top Street, Bread Street and Shop Lane will once again be home to a treasure trove of jumble bargains.

This year, all proceeds from the jumble trail will go to the Pilton Playing Field Trust. Helping to raise money for a well needed revamp of our village Pavilion.

Everyone in the village and friends of Pilton are warmly invited to take part. If you'd like your stall included on the official Jumble Trail map (in return for a small donation), please register with the organisers before the end of April. A Facebook Events page will also be available for sign-ups. The Great Pilton Spring Clear-Out begins here...

To register your stall, please contact: Tracey Mapstone — 07780 698952
Happy jumbling!

Jumble Trail: Bhopal Medical Appeal Stall on Pylle Road

We'll be having our usual stall opening onto Pylle Road (on way to Playing Field) for the village **Jumble Trail on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May**, so please come along and support us! IF you'd like to help either financially or for any last-minute donations of goods, please contact either Fiona (01749 899125/07511 796903) or Jenny (01749 890465/07721 683321).

This raises funds for the Bhopal Medical Appeal clinics, helping people *still* affected by the appalling Union Carbide gas disaster in India **over 40 years ago**, providing medical care, education and community support and caring for families damaged by the chemical gas leak and ongoing contaminated water poisoning.

Pilton Players

The AGM of Pilton Players will be held in the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m on Thursday the 7th of May. All very welcome.

Christian Aid Week this year will be 10 – 16 May



Christian Aid Week gives us an opportunity to stand alongside people living in poverty and give our support. It helps people face the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. Money is never given to governments or individuals but helps to provide items such as seeds and materials to help people to become self-sufficient. Projects are agreed before funding is given and provides what is needed rather than what we think is needed, working with local agencies, who monitor the projects.

There are three events in our villages which we hope you will support. Due to some double booking of other village events some of these dates will be different from those already published in the April Roundabout, so please note any changes.

Sunday 3 May - Cream teas from 3.00pm at North Wootton Village Hall

Friday 15 May – Open House at The Brambles, Barrow Lane, Pilton. BA4 4BH at the home of Anthony and Hilary Austin

People will be welcome 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.

Saturday 16 May - Coffee morning 10.30 – 12.30

at the home of Jan and Paul Hodge, 1 Poundfield, Croscombe

(My apologies to Jan for the mistake in last month's Roundabout)

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

(telephone contacts for the Austins 01749 890561 or 07810178190)

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

Hilary Austin

Pilton Happy Circle

May Wednesday 20th. We will have our Annual A.G.M. Follow with a talk from John Fletcher. Everyone welcome. Last month we enjoyed our Birthday lunch at The Crossways North Wootton. Regards From Freda, Janet And Rachel.

Pilton Parish Council

Clair Sully our local Somerset councillor has pulled together information on cost of living and energy crisis that is designed to help you. Hopefully you find the information helpful

<https://www.piltonparishcouncil.org/post/energy-cost-of-living-crisis>

We have recently paid for 80 drains in the parish to be gulped. We know there are more to do, so please let Helen know at clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org, if you spot a blocked drain.

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I would like to thank everyone for their support and say it's been a pleasure in serving you as Chair of the PPC. I will not be seeking re-election in May. But will still serve you as a councillor till our next full council election in May 2027.

Fly Tipping

The Parish Council would like to thank everybody who helped in the recent fly tipping incident. Somerset responded very quickly and are currently working with all the information we gave them to hopefully bring the baddies to court. Also worth noting is if you ask a contractor to dispose of waste you are legally responsible and must ensure you must ensure contractor has the appropriate licence to dispose of waste.

If your rubbish is fly-tipped and you cannot prove who took it, you could face an unlimited fine and a criminal record.



Pilton Village History Group

Our speaker for May has had to cancel unexpectedly, but we are delighted to have a talk from Stephen Clews in its place Monday 11th May, 7.30pm at Pilton Village Hall

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THE CHEW VALLEY HOARD

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Pilton Art Group

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The Pilton Show. 5th September 2026

Once the Jumble Trail on 4th May is over, if you're having a clear out please think of donating *bric-a-brac* for the infamous RUTH'S EMPORIUM. Please call Annette (01749 890285) or Lise (07879 812668) re donations, in case unsuitable, before contacting Jenny (01749 890465/07721 683321) for storage. No large items until August please and NO BOOKS again this year, no sharp knives, no beds! Children's items will also be part of the stall, but when clearing out, please try and box separately as this makes 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 and printed versions available in Pilton Co-Op and New Room Coffee Shop.

Crafts Stalls for Pilton Show

Inviting any Pilton crafts makers to take a stall on the field showcasing and selling their creations for Pilton Show's Saturday afternoon 5th September. Please contact Jenny on 01749 890465/07721 683321 or jennydegex@btinternet.com

WANTED – two people (or a family) to run a fun sideshow, consisting of Splat-the-Rat and Treasure Hunt, for Pilton Show afternoon, Saturday 5th September. Please contact Jenny 01749 890465/07721 683321



Pilton Flower Show

It must be Spring, as the Pilton Flower Show Schedules are now available...

Get your paper copy, (on orange paper) at The Co-op, The New Room Coffee Shop, The Crown or the Pilton Stage Bar. They are also available on the website <https://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk/> where you will, in addition, find the cake recipe and other info, including the Show Rules, which have been updated to add restrictions on the use of AI to fully or partially create entries.

Time to get preparing for a bumper year of entries!

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Pilton Walks



Over the past 6 months between 15-25 people have walked regularly with Pilton Walks. We plan & lead local walks, once or twice a month, around the local area. Mud, stiles, kissing gates, cattle, sheep & the occasional deer are seen. We walk about 4 miles in 2 hours, stopping on route for a snack/drink. We have a Facebook page called Pilton Walks & a WhatsApp group for those who don't use FB.

Everyone is welcome to join & many of us bring our dogs. For further information please check the **Pilton Walks** Facebook page.

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Sunday	12 – 9pm	Roast Lunch 12 – 4pm

The Crown – April Events

- Tues 5th May: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 6th May: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
7:00 PM – Have I got Booze for You . Quiz Night
- Thurs 7th May: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
- Fri 8th May : 6:00 PM – A Pound for the Sound.
- Tues 12th May: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 13th May: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
8:00 PM – Folk Night
- Thurs 14th May: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
- Tues 19th May: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 20th May: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
7.00PM – Pilton Pop Quiz
- Thurs 21st May: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
- Fri 22nd May : 6:00 PM – A Pound for the Sound
- Tues 26th May: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 27th May: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
7:30 PM – Pilton’s Big Comedy Night Out Tickets available on website
- Thurs 28th May: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
8.00pm – Open Mic Night

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Village Voices Community Choir

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

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

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

Pilton Table Tennis Players

Established in 2023, Pilton Table Tennis Club meets in the sports pavilion at the Playing Fields on Monday evenings.

Welcoming all abilities, we play a mix of doubles and singles across the evening, between 5.15pm and 9pm, in an easy going, friendly atmosphere.

We are hoping to welcome more players and maybe a volunteer or two to help with opening and closing up. To find out more, you can message or call Thom (07375 625 256) or Chris (07967 754530) or email piltontt@gmail.com

Or just turn up on a Monday after 5.15pm! Weekly subs are £5, and your first session is free. Loaner bats are available.

Table tennis is a lovely way to keep fit and have fun. We hope to see you there.

NORTH WOOTTON

WHAT'S ON IN NORTH WOOTTON

Village Events:

Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting - Tues 5th May 2026 in the Village Hall starting at 7.00 pm.

June 26th - Talk - Travels in India.

Sept 12th - Village Day.

Quiz Night: The third Tuesday of Every Month at the Crossways Hotel, 7pm start, £2 pp on the night. All Welcome.

Crossways Inn 2026 Restaurant Specials:

- Monday Thai Curry Night £14.00
- Tuesday Pie Night £15.00 (4 different choices)
- Wednesday Nepalese Night £18.00
- Thursday Curry Night £12.00
- Friday Steak Night £18.00
- Saturday Bottomless Brunch £38.00 – 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Reservations Recommended enquiries@thecrossways.co.uk 01749 899 000

Christian Aid Week this year will be 10 – 16 May



Christian Aid Week gives us an opportunity to stand alongside people living in poverty and give our support. It helps people face the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. Money is never given to governments or individuals but helps to provide items such as seeds and materials to help people to become self-sufficient. Projects are agreed before funding is given and provides what is needed rather than what we think is needed, working with local agencies, who monitor the projects.

There are three events in our villages which we hope you will support. Due to some double booking of other village events some of these dates will be different from those already published in the April Roundabout, so please note any changes.

Sunday 3 May - Cream teas from 3.00pm at North Wootton Village Hall

Friday 15 May – Open House at The Brambles, Barrow Lane, Pilton. BA4 4BH
at the home of Anthony and Hilary Austin

People will be welcome 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.

Saturday 16 May - Coffee morning 10.30 – 12.30

at the home of Jan and Paul Hodge, 1 Poundfield, Croscombe

(My apologies to Jan for the mistake in last month;s Roundabout)

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

(telephone contacts for the Austins 01749 890561 or 07810178190)

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

Hilary Austin

AROUND AND ABOUT

What's On in Shepton Mallet

Every Friday

Weekly Friday Market

3 May

Runaway Train – Trail Race and Boxy Feast

9 May

Outdoor Cinema in Collett Park

28 – 30 May

Royal Bath & West Show

31 May

Sunday Market

13 June

Collett Park Day

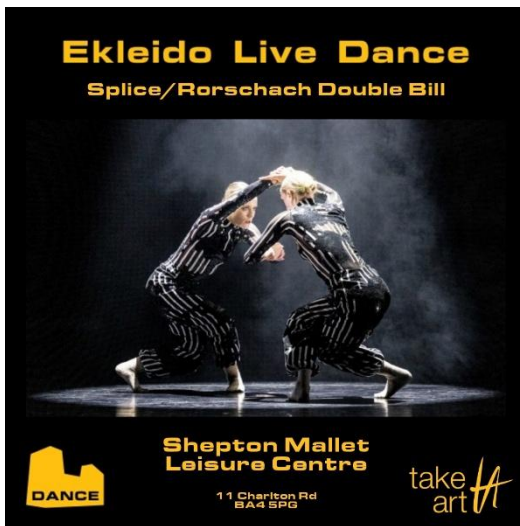
14 June

Open Gardens by Shepton Snowdrops

28 June

Sunday Market

Let's Buy The Amulet & Take Art: Ekleido Dance company Friday 29th May – 7.30pm. Leisure Centre Shepton Mallet



Professional dance company Ekleido bring a double-bill of their breathtaking dance to the Leisure Centre in Shepton Mallet at 7.30pm on Friday 29th May. Incorporating voguing, bonebreaking and threading club/street dance styles.

Ekleido usually perform in major dance venues but were selected and funded by the Rural Touring Dance Initiative and Arts Council England to adapt their show for a national rural venue tour.

Let's Buy The Amulet were delighted to have hosted Ekleido last October for a week-long residency in Shepton Mallet as part of those preparations, and to now be hosting the full performances on their national tour.

Details and tickets are via www.takeart.org/whats-on. Details on the Let's Buy the Amulet campaign and community share offer can be found on their website www.buytheamulet.org.uk.

Strawberry Line Volunteer

The Strawberry line is a traffic free path from the Mendips to the Sea following the route of the old Strawberry Line railway.

Would you like to find out more about how you can help us? Different groups of volunteers work on different days on different sections of the line. You can become a member of our society or find out all about volunteering on our website <https://www.thestrawberryline.org.uk>

We are a really friendly group and would welcome any help you could offer.



Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association

www.mbba.org.uk Email: generalmbba@gmail.com

Are you new to this area? Are you a horse rider? Would you like to know where you can ride safely along green lanes and bridle paths? MBBA is one of the largest, friendliest and most proactive Bridleway Associations in the country. We organise Fun Rides, informative talks and events throughout the year. Our aim is to protect and preserve the character and status of Mendip's green ways, advertise their existence and to create linking and circular routes for the safe use and enjoyment of all users, particularly children. Come and join us!

Important news. Mead Lane, in North Wootton Parish

A stretch of this bridlepath close to Redlake Farm has now been cleared and is open for horse riders to use. It is only possible to ride as far as the stone culvert because the next section which becomes Westholme Lane Track is still blocked by blackthorn and cannot be cleared until September when birds have finished nesting.

Horse riders are respectfully requested to respect the landowners land and not ride around the large field. Horse riders must stay on the designated bridlepath route through the field which follows the course of the river.

Somerset Sight

We are looking for volunteers across Somerset to work one-to-one with sight impaired people. Our befriending service volunteers visit regularly to provide companionship and support to people with sight impairment.

We offer full training and support, and pay all reasonable out of pocket expenses, including mileage.

If you would like to know more about joining our friendly team, please contact us on 01823 333818 or email: admin@somersetsight.org.uk

West Pennard Church of England Primary School



As the Spring Term drew to a close, West Pennard was buzzing with 'eggitement', activity, and a growing sense of anticipation for Easter.

On the final Tuesday, we had one of the most eagerly anticipated days of the term — Break the Rules Day! Each term the children get to enjoy breaking a number of rules, linked to the collective efforts of their house teams. The members of the team that wins the house race get to break 4 rules, those that came second get to break 3 and so on. The playground was filled with children with wacky hairstyles, trainers, and, adding to the fun, chocolate treats at playtime.

We gathered at St Nicholas' Church for our annual Easter Service on the penultimate day. There were inputs from each class with poems, readings and even some lovely art work from Fox Class. We finished the service with a firm West Pennard favourite – 'Spring Chicken'. The children and adults alike love the song - it is one of those that will still be in the head well into the holidays! Special thanks to Rev'd Chris Hopkins and to Mr Gregory for his lovely organ playing.

The celebrations continued on the final day of term with our much-loved Easter bonnet parade. Children designed and created their bonnets at home over the weeks leading up to Easter and, I must say, with some 'eggcellently' creative and some would say inspired designs! Well done to everyone that took part.

In the last week Year 5 enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the Avalon Marshes, where they stepped back in time to learn more about the Saxons. The children embraced the opportunity to explore history in a hands-on way, deepening their understanding of this fascinating period. The trip sparked curiosity and plenty of thoughtful questions, and it was clear that the experience brought their classroom learning vividly to life.



We were part of some fabulous music events in the final weeks of term. We took part in the production of *The Team Mascot* by Donizetti at the Blue School in late March, courtesy of Somerset Music, Arts Council England and the DfE. On the Friday of our last full week, we held our termly Rocksteady concert. As always, it was great to watch and to observe such

talent and confidence from our young musicians. We certainly kept South West Coaches busy that week, with Year 6 attending *Easter Unscrambled in Street*. Year 5 and 6 visiting Millfield for a *Liquid Nitrogen Science* show. Year 4 visiting *The American Museum* in Bath, and our djembe drummers and Ocarina players taking part in the *Highbridge Arts Festival*...all in the space of a week!

We wish all our families and wider community a happy and restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Summer Term.

We said a very sad farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children with the Leaver's Service on

Monday and the Leaver's Assembly and Race on Wednesday. The Year 6s have really have grown and flourished over the 7 years that they have been with us and we all wish them the best of luck in their respective futures. I read out the following in the assembly, and I don't think I can put into words any better as to how well they have done and the

Best Wishes

Tony Wheat
Headteacher

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REVD JAMES SHARP

Ten years ago I started working with a Dorset charity that provided food for vulnerable families and those who were sleeping rough. One of the 'soup kitchens' we ran was the first in Bournemouth to come inside, providing our guests with the dignity of eating in the warmth, charging their phone and using the facilities. After 18 months of Saturday evenings just being there, chatting and helping clear up the hall next door to the Vicarage I lived in with my family, one of the lovely ex-forces rough sleepers said to me, 'I didn't realise YOU'RE the Vicar?! I thought you were one of us'!

Pope Francis used to say that shepherds should smell like their sheep, so I guess my casual Saturday evening attire fitted in well with the gentleman of the street.

The Jesus that I follow never gave any indication that his followers were supposed to dress up in fine robes and clerical bling, floating around holy buildings with a beatific smile and a Ready Brek halo. (Younger readers – ask your parents.) Rather, we are generally to be all things to all people. However, there is a time and a place to stand out from the crowd – Palm Sunday reminded us of this a few weeks ago. At the beginning of Holy Week, we celebrated with Pedro (not a donkey, not even a pony – rather a 'small horse'.....) and were reminded of how seemingly ludicrous it is to note a King riding on a donkey, when across the city Pontius Pilate was riding into town on his warhorse.

In this regard, the Christian way is in direct and distinct opposition to the power of Rome – there in Israel and everywhere else to suppress, dominate and colonise. Our King shows a different kind of authority and power. Our King came to 'make himself nothing' and be a servant to all.

Yet from this comes the joyous hope that things can be different. Resurrection is found in surprising places and people. It's easy to lose hope when we look out round the world. Even though the stakes seem higher than ever, we are offered hope that goodness and love and light can and do overcome the darkness and evil in our world. As James Baldwin is quoted, 'There may not be as much love in the world as one would like to see, but there's enough'.

As we mature, life teaches us that love and hope don't always have to look cheerful and jolly – sometimes it's patient endurance when life is painful or sad. The Humanists are right when they say that love, joy and peace etc aren't exclusively Christian values. But they are values that those of us who call ourselves Christian choose to live by and choose not to keep to ourselves! With that in mind I'd be glad of any and all views and perspectives on our Benefice Vision Day, 10.30 – 3.30pm Pilton Church, 31st May.



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(My day off is usually Friday - thanks.)

BIBLE READINGS

3 rd May	Acts 7: 55-end	John 14: 1-14
10 th May	Acts 17: 22-31	John 14: 15-21
14 th May	Acts 1: 1-11	Luke 24: 44-53
17 th May	Acts 1: 6-14	John 17: 1-11
24 th May	Acts 2: 1-21	John 7: 37-39
31 st May	Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end	Matthew 28:16-end

PILTON CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

Our service this month will be held on Sunday 17th May at 10.30am at Pilton Methodist Church and we will be celebrating the Chapel Anniversary.

PUZZLING QUESTIONS will meet on Tuesday May 5th at 2.30pm in The New Room Coffee Shop at Pilton Methodist Church. Everyone is very welcome to join this informal Discussion Group.

ABOUT PEOPLE

We are sad to report the death of Sandra Knowles of Pilton. We send our loving sympathy to her family and friends.

PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

3 rd May	Morning Service	V. Parker
10 th May	Morning Service	White
17 th May	PCWT Chapel Anniversary	
	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew Prout
24 th May	Morning Service	Local Arrangement
31 st May	Morning Service	Emm

Chapel Services begin at 10.30am.

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

MAY 2026

3rd May Easter 5

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion North Wootton

10th May Easter 6 Rogation Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion Pilton
10.00am Holy Communion East Pennard
11.00am Morning Service Croscombe
11.00am Morning Service North Wootton

14th May Ascension Day

6.30pm Ascension Day Service Ditcheat

17th May Easter 7

9.30am Holy Communion North Wootton
10.00am Holy Communion Ditcheat
10.30am PCWT Service at the Methodist Church Pilton
Chapel Anniversary

24th May Pentecost

9.30am Morning Service Pilton
10.00am Holy Communion Alhampton
11.00am Holy Communion Croscombe
11.00am Morning Service North Wootton

31st May Trinity Sunday

10.30am Benefice Communion and Vision Day Pilton

7th June Trinity 1

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Alhampton