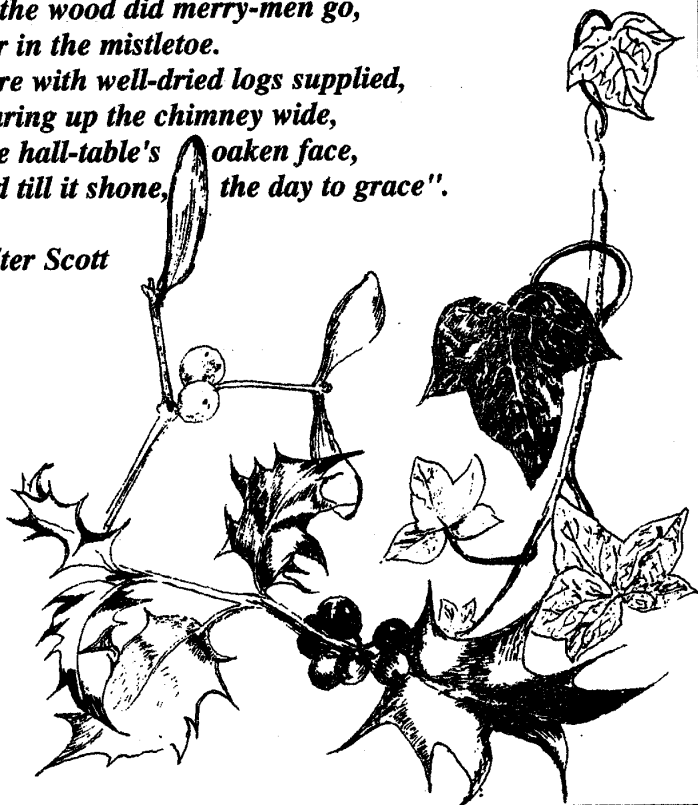


THE **ROUNDABOUT** CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

*"The damsel donned her kirtle sheen:
The hall was dressed with holly green:
Forth to the wood did merry-men go,
To gather in the mistletoe.*

*The fire with well-dried logs supplied,
Went roaring up the chimney wide,
The huge hall-table's oaken face,
Scrubbed till it shone, the day to grace".*

Sir Walter Scott



DECEMBER 2022

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**JANUARY ROUNDABOUT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL IS
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RECTOR'S RAMBLES

I am writing this in November, so Christmas still seems quite a long way away. However, already the adverts are encouraging us to try and find that perfect Christmas (whatever they consider that is) and they are playing Christmas songs which get stuck in my head. I suspect that a perfect Christmas is not the reality for everyone. For many it is just a month of pressure leading up to the big day, as we try to recapture the excitement that we felt many years ago.

I wonder what helps you find that feeling of excitement. Is it the sound of familiar carols, the smell of pine needles or turkey roasting? Maybe it's friends and family getting together or looking at children as they can hardly contain themselves? Maybe excitement is something you only experience at other times of the year as Christmas fills you with dread.

Whatever Christmas is for you, I hope you will be able to join us at one of the many Christmas services we hold around the Benefice, to take time out to capture the excitement of that first Christmas and to be reminded of the life changing presence of Emmanuel 'God with us'. Details of all the services are in this magazine.

I suspect the first Christmas was filled with as much apprehension as excitement as Joseph and Mary went on the long journey to Bethlehem and all the events unfolded. Suddenly they had this tiny helpless baby to look after, who would change the world forever. What a responsibility. I don't think their faces would have been as serene and peaceful as they always seem to be on Christmas Cards. How often is our own journey like that. We may appear calm and serene on the outside but so many things are chasing around our brains, our hopes and our fears. In the carol 'O little town of Bethlehem' it reassures us that:

'the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight'

My hope is that wherever you are, you will be able to give Jesus those hopes and fears and find Him journeying with you through Christmas, the New Year and beyond.

Rev. Chris

ONLINE SERVICES

If you do not receive these at present and would like to, please email rector.pcnd@gmail.com Services can also be found at "A Church Near You/Pilton St John the Baptist"



PRAYER FOCUS

In these difficult times we pray that the true spirit of Christmas will come to our hearts and homes and spread across the world to bring love and joy and peace where there is war and danger, where

there is anxiety and fear, and where there is poverty and need.

We remember all who have to work over the Christmas period to provide care in its many forms.

PSALMS

This month's Psalms include request for guidance and praise for God's goodness.

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

4 th December	Psalm 72: 1-7
11 th December	Psalm 146: 4-10 or Magnificat
18 th December	Psalm 80:1-8
24 th December	Psalm 89: 19-27
25 th December	Psalm 96

BIBLE READINGS

4 th December	Romans 15: 4-13	Matthew 3: 1-12
11 th December	James 5: 7-10	Matthew 11: 2-11
18 th December	Romans 1: 1-7	Matthew 1: 18-25
24 th December	Hebrews 1: 1-4/Psalm 98	John 1: 1-14
25 th December	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Luke 2: 1-14

BENEFICE STUDY GROUPS

We continue to meet together as follows:

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

Puzzling Questions Group will be meeting on **Tuesday 6th December at 2.30pm** in the New Coffee Room, Pilton. All welcome to come along, this month our topic is *How can I be happy? Part 2*

The Roundabout Team would like to thank everyone who supports the magazine. We wish our readers, contributors, advertisers, printers and deliverers a very Happy Christmas and send you our best wishes for 2023.

Please note the early deadline for January material.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St John the Baptist, Pilton

18th December 5.30pm Handbell Ringing

6.00pm Village Carol Service

At the Methodist Church

24th December – *Christmas Eve*

11.30pm Midnight Communion

25th December – *Christmas Day*

11.00am Christmas Day Service

St Mary the Virgin, Croscombe

17th (**Saturday**) December 4.00pm Carol Service

25th December – *Christmas Day*

11.00am Christmas Day Communion

St Peter's, North Wootton

17th (**Saturday**) December 5.30pm Carol Service

24th December – *Christmas Eve*

6.30pm Christmas Eve Communion

25th December – *Christmas Day*

11.00am Christmas Day Service

St Michael and All Angels, Dinder

24th December – *Christmas Eve*

4.00pm Carol Service

25th December – *Christmas Day*

9.30am Christmas Day Communion

Please join us to celebrate Christmas at these special services. If you are unable to come and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Rev. Christine Butler on 899061 or ask any minister or Churchwarden.

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

You can find information about services by googling 'St Michael's Shepton Mallet'. A weekly bulletin is available and includes details of services for the Roman Catholic churches of St Michael's Shepton Mallet, St Joseph and St Teresa's Wells and St Mary's Glastonbury.

ABOUT PEOPLE

We welcome new people to our villages and hope that you settle happily in your new homes and that you will soon be able to enjoy the groups and events that make up village life and help you to be part of life here.

We send our good wishes and prayers to anyone who is unwell whether you are at home or in hospital. We remember those receiving treatment, those awaiting the results of tests and the families and friends who care for needy people.

Baptism

We welcome **Elijah and Oscar Oatley** who were both baptised in St Mary the Virgin Church, Croscombe on 23rd October.

Deaths and Funerals

The funeral service of **Charles Pearce** was held in St John the Baptist's Church, Pilton followed by interment in the Burial Ground on Friday 18th November.

The funeral service of **David Dowding** at St Mary's Church, Croscombe followed by interment in the Cemetery is planned for Wednesday 23rd November.

We are sad to report the death of **Wendy Lynn**, formerly of Pilton, at Pondsmead Nursing Home, Oakhill.

We are sad to report the death of **Ron Ballantine**, formerly of West Compton, at Torrwood Care Home, Wells.

We send our prayers and loving sympathy to the families and friends of all these people.

MATERIAL FOR ROUNDABOUT

The Roundabout Team usually put the magazine together on the third Monday of the month but it helps to receive material before that. Please note **the early deadline for January 2023 on Monday 12th December by 9.00am.**

ADVENT BOOK CLUB

This year I have chosen to read the Archbishop of York's Advent book for 2022. It is called "Sleepers Wake" (getting serious about climate change). If you want to join me you can either just buy the book and read it through Advent, or you can come along weekly to my house on a Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm when we will be sharing a coffee and discussing what we have read. It would be helpful if you could let me know if you are thinking of coming to the Rectory so I have a rough idea of numbers.

Book Details: 'Sleepers Wake' by Nicholas Holtam ISBN 978-0-281-08684-9
Chris: Rector.pcnd@gmail.com

INVITATION

**New Year Lunch – January 1st - in North Wootton Village Hall
At 12.00noon following the United Benefice Service**

£8 per head (proceeds to charity)

This is a well-established event in North Wootton and the invitation is kindly extended to people from the other parishes coming for the Church Service.

If you would like to come to the delicious home-cooked festive lunch please book with Felicity Wotton on 890060 or felicitywotton4@hotmail.com



ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE - HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION The gifts of tins, packets and produce were even more generous this year. The goods were delivered to Grace Harris House and as ever were most gratefully received. Thank you so much to those of you who donated. The role of Grace Harris has changed recently and now welcomes adults who find themselves in difficulties and need help and shelter. It is good to know we have helped, albeit in a small way, with such a worthy cause.
Croscombe PCC

POPPY APPEAL 2022 – CROSCOMBE, DINDER AND DULCOTE

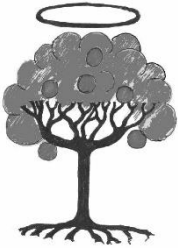
A big thank you to the seven door-to-door collectors – this year joined by Eve Harris – and to Terri at The Cross and Peter and Vryan at The George for wielding/hosting tins for this year's appeal. And, of course, an even bigger thank you to all of you in the villages who gave so generously. This year we raised a magnificent £950!

Jenny Mitchell, Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

WHAT'S ON IN PILTON

December

3 rd , 4 th Christmas Market, Tithe Barn	10.00am-3.00pm
6 th Puzzling Questions Group, New Room Coffee Shop	2.30pm
7 th Happy Circle, Dudley's Tales, PWMC	2.15pm
7 th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
12 th History Group, 'Not all Beer and Skittles', Village Hall	7.30pm
18 th Village Carol Service, Methodist Church beginning with Handbell Ringing	5.30pm
20 th Happy Circle Christmas Lunch	



GABRIEL'S ORCHARD

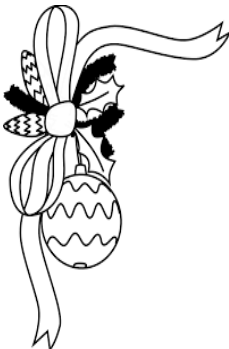
Local fresh apple juice...

At this time of the year many people are searching for ideas for Christmas presents; Gabriel's Orchard apple juice is a gift that is very well-received!

Or maybe you want a delicious bottle with very low food miles to have for yourselves over the festive season!

At just £2.50 for a 75cl bottle, it is obtainable from Christine Davies (tel. 890009) or Joe King (890357) email: jk.pilton@btinternet.com
It is also very good when served hot and spiced, as a non-alcoholic alternative to mulled wine.

Have a go, it's delicious.



THE PILTON CHRISTMAS MARKET

3rd – 4th December, from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Pilton Tithe Barn.

Enjoy shopping at this wonderful medieval tithe barn. Beautiful gifts locally made.

Enjoy tea, coffee, mulled wine, and cider.

Delicious snacks and a brazier fire to keep you warm.

Access via Red Gate on Steanbow Farm, BA4 4EE

Disabled Access - Free onsite parking

MORE PILTON PEOPLE

The sequel to 2012's "*Pilton People*", entitled "*More Pilton People*", will be on sale at the Christmas Market in the Tithe Barn on Saturday 3rd December and thereafter during opening hours from the New Room Coffee Shop or directly from Jenny (890465).

Cash or cheques only, please.

For newcomers to the village, the original is a light-hearted history of 60 years of Pilton life and characters. This new appendix covers the last decade and is a random history and collection of contributions – far from a definitive history but we hope it reflects appreciation for this colourful village. Every home should have a copy!

As someone said to me recently, about the first edition, "It's a good read!" Available in two formats, either the two bound together (£12) or for those already owning the original, just the Appendix "*More Pilton People*" (£7). Despite the digital world and social media, some of us still like a printed page, to keep for posterity. Illustrated throughout, the aim as before is to "remember with a chuckle" or perhaps even a sigh or misty eye, as it has been a strange decade for us all.

Jenny de Gex

PILTON SHOW CALENDAR

The 2023 Show calendar will be on sale in December at the New Room Coffee Shop and on Saturday 3rd December at the Tithe Barn Christmas Market. Priced at £6, the theme of the calendar is "TREES" as seen by children, entered either for Pilton Show in September or painted on bunting for the June Platinum Jubilee.

With trees being increasingly important to the survival of the planet, we have reduced the print run to save wastage and paper, thus buy early to avoid disappointment! Cash or cheques only, please.

If unable to attend either, available directly from Jenny (890465).

To ex-members of Village Voices Community Choir

We have been collecting in the printed booklets of some songs and carols and find that some are missing. If you have any, would you please hand them to a current choir member.

They are: "Silent Night", "Colours of Christmas", "It's the most wonderful time of the year", "Africa", "Gonna rise up singing" and "Soon and very soon". Thank you.

Margaret Wheat



DECEMBER MEETING – "NOT ALL BEER AND SKITTLES!"

After our lovely, and very well-attended concert with 'The Somerset Russets' in Pilton Church in November, we are now looking forward to our last meeting of 2022. This will be on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm in Pilton Village Hall. To include festive refreshments!!

Visitors welcome £2.00

Martin Horler will be coming to give us an illustrated talk about the activities, pastimes and clubs that took place in pubs and ale houses... Martin is a Trustee/Director of Radstock Museum and sits on a committee that organises Bygone Days Talks. These are talks which are mainly history-themed, which are given once a month throughout autumn and spring.

He says ...

"Some years ago, the committee looked at me and said 'What about you giving a talk on lost pubs?' I said 'I know nothing about lost pubs!' They then said 'Well, you can research it can't you? There's plenty of time!' So I set about starting my research. BUT, what I discovered and found much more fascinating, was what went on in those pubs.

The activities included things I had never heard of, such as sparrow clubs, pinks shows, candle auctions etc, etc. Then there were also activities not for the faint-hearted such as cock fighting, bare-knuckle fighting and rat tail clubs, and courts with the power to hang people; such a diverse range of activities, that I can just fit into an hour's talk" Also available on zoom – email piltonvillagehistorygroup@gmail.com

HARRIET SANDYS

Oriental Carpets and Decorative Items from Central Asia and India

Exotic Christmas Gifts from Around the World

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December 2-5pm

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December 2-5pm

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December 2-5pm

Small Fair-trade gifts, stocking fillers, block print tablecloths, Kantha jackets, cushions, Indian cotton nightwear, scarves, gold and silver earrings and much more!

The Barn at The Manor House, West Compton,
Shepton Mallet BA4 4PB

Tel 890 582 www.sandysorientalcarpets.co.uk
email harrietsandys@freeolamail.com



PILTON PLAYERS - Save the Dates

Pilton Players and Gabriel's Orchard are delighted to once again be collaborating to bring a Wassail back to the Tithe Barn in Pilton. It's been a three-year break, thanks Covid!

Please put a note in your diaries that Wassail is Saturday 14th January. Doors open at 3.00pm for a 3.30pm start. Finish is approx. 7.00pm. Adults £3 (cash only), school children are free.

No dogs please (except for assistance dogs).

More details about the noisy procession, the other entertainments, the Gabriel's Orchard Cider Bar and parking will follow.

Another date for your diary: the afternoon of Sunday 29th January in the Pilton Pavilion....

We plan a re-run of the Mummers' Play as seen at the Wassail, along with two other short pieces:

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" and "Pitchforks and Muskets", written by Pilton's Steve Lowe.

Again, more details to follow.

Maureen Tofts

PILTON HAPPY CIRCLE CLUB

Liz gave an illustrated talk on her trip to Northern Ireland. From the Giant's Causeway to the Mountains of Mourne the countryside is beautiful. Belfast and Derry are wonderful cities but the murals in both are an emotional reminder of the Troubles. The pubs are fantastic, but the Crown Bar in Belfast takes the prize. Owned by the National Trust, the one-time Victorian gin palace is glorious. Members who had visited agreed, a trip to the North, and the Crown Bar, is a great idea.

Two weeks later Richard Raynsford brought his photographs of animals to entertain us. It started as a bit of a quiz, though no one could remember how many humps a dromedary has. There were seals from Norfolk, red squirrels in Latvia, gannets in Shetland and a fox on Mount Etna. Super photos of mammals, birds, reptiles and insects.

Thank you, Richard.

Liz Elkin

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

I am collecting used stamps for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society so if you have any, they can be dropped off at Meadow Lea, Shutwell Lane, Pilton BA4 4DY. Thank you in advance.

Felicity Samuels

DECEMBER EVENTS AT OUR VILLAGE PUBS AND CLUBS

PILTON WORKING MEN'S CLUB (890162)

piltonvh@gmail.com

Pilton Club

Tuesdays -Thursdays 7.00-10.00pm

Friday 6.00-10.00pm – Food served 6.00-8.00pm

Saturday 7.00 -10.00pm - Sunday 12.00noon – 4.00pm

Sunday Carvery 12.00noon – 2.00pm

Eat in or take away

Sunday 11th December Christmas Bingo 7.00 for 7.30pm
Saturday 17th December Sladest & Cidernnova Tribute night

Doors open 7.00pm

Monday 26th Boxing Day from 1.00pm

THE GEORGE INN, CROSCOMBE (342306)

www.thegeorgeinn.co.uk

Open 8:00am - 3:00pm, 5:00pm - 10:00pm Monday – Thursday

8:00am - 3:00pm, 5pm – 11pm Friday and Saturday

Sunday lunch 12 - 3:00pm, Closed Sunday evening

Steak Special every Wednesday

Curry buffet last Thursday of the month

Call to order in advance please 342306 or 07892 699297

Village shop and Evri parcel shop open during pub hours

PILTON NEW ROOM

COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

(Next to the Pre-school and Chapel)

Managed and run entirely by volunteers

This month we will be open from

Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 12.30pm

We will be closed Christmas Day (25th) and Boxing Day (26th)

But open throughout the week following Christmas Day

and also open on New Year's Bank Holiday, January 2nd

If you are interested in joining our

team of volunteers please call

Philip or Gill on 890468

WHAT'S ON IN DINDER AND DULCOTE

December

18 th Christmas Lunch, visit from Father Christmas	1.00pm
Screening of World Cup Final (details below)	3.00pm
24 th Carol Service	4.00pm
25 th Christmas Service, St Michael and All Angels' Church	9.30am

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN DINDER

Sunday 18th December

In Dinder Village Hall 1.00pm

Christmas Lunch – bring your own lunch plus a tray bake to share if possible

Visit from Father Christmas (presents for children only!)

2.30pm Bar opens

Teas, coffee, cash bar

3.00pm Live Screening of the World Cup Final



STREETLINK – Helping the Homeless

I am sure many of you feel slightly helpless when you see homeless people in our villages. It is difficult to know what to do for the best. I have discovered there is an online reporting system called Streetlink which has been set up to make sure homeless people can get the help they need. You can find them at <https://www.streetlink.org.uk> Once you register with them you can let them know the location and rough description of the person. They then send to the correct, independent local homelessness outreach team, so that they can locate the individual and connect them to support services.

Having used them recently I am impressed with the system and the response of the Mendip outreach team.

Another way of providing support is by supporting the work of local organisations such as the Connect Centre in Wells, details of which you can find at <https://www.connect-centre.org.uk>

Rev. Chris

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS

His light is never extinguished

As 2022 comes to a close, our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine whose country was invaded by Russia on 24th February this year. In the months since, we have watched in horror as civilians, cities and infrastructure have been attacked, land occupied and atrocities committed.

The UK has received more than 100,000 people fleeing from the conflict. The gift of their presence among us reminds us that this is no “quarrel in a far away country, between people of whom we know nothing”.

As we recall once again the coming into the world of Jesus at Christmas, our challenge is to connect our celebration of his birth with the realities and consequences of the conflict that is happening. Sadly, it’s not hard to see the links. Jesus was born in a land (Palestine) that had been annexed by an expansionist foreign power (Rome) in pursuit of its territorial ambitions. The demands of the Roman occupiers meant that Jesus’ birth happened not at home in Nazareth, but at a counting centre - Bethlehem. He was born in a stable because ‘there was no room at the inn’. While still a baby, Jesus became a refugee when taken to Egypt due to warnings of atrocities to come.

Viewed this way, the Christmas story is no sentimental fable. It is a brutal foreshadowing of the events that Ukraine and our whole world have encountered this year. At the same time, it is also a story of hope. For it tells us that even in the very worst that can happen the Christ child whose birth we celebrate knows all too well the realities of the human condition. As a result, in any darkness his light is never extinguished. For he is Emmanuel – God with us.

So as we come to the end of 2022 we give thanks that God is always with us in whatever we face. May he be with Ukraine. May he be with Russia. And may he be welcomed by us all.

A very happy Christmas.
+Michael

WHAT'S ON IN CROSCOMBE

December

3 rd Jingle Bells Bingo Night. Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
6 th and 13 th Sequence Dancing. Village Hall	8.00pm
8 th Parish Council Meeting. Church Room	7.00pm
10 th Christmas Charter Market. Village Hall	11.00am-2.00pm
12 th OAPs' Christmas Dinner. Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30pm
17 th Carol Service. St Mary's Church	4.00pm
20 th Carol Singing. (see page 17)	6.00-7.00pm
25 th Christmas Family Communion. St Mary's Church	11.00am
31 st New Year's Eve Party. Village Hall	7.30pm-12.15am



The Croscombe elves invite you to

JINGLE BELLS BINGO NIGHT!

Saturday 3rd December at the Village Hall

Doors open 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30pm

Festive food and drink, great prizes and some seasonal surprises

£15 a ticket including bingo cards, food and mulled wine on arrival

Call Mary Cadogan on 572875 or email

marylucia.cadogan@gmail.com to book

All proceeds to the Shepton and Wells food banks

CROSCOMBE CHARTER MARKET

Saturday 10th December – 11.00am – 2.00pm

Croscombe Village Hall, Fayre Way, BA5 3RJ

supporting the Somerset Welcome Fund

Our quarterly market is back and it is a busy one with more than 20 stalls run by our talented local artisans, makers, creators and producers. We will have loads of festive goodies including decorations, wreaths, gifts, cards, jewellery, food and produce, kids' clothes, homewares, toys, plants and lots more.

This year we have someone selling rooted and potted Christmas Trees.

Refreshments and mulled wine and mince pies.

Contact Candy for more information on 07970640842 or check our Facebook page.



CROSCOMBE OAP CHRISTMAS MEAL

Monday 12th December.



The annual Christmas Dinner for Croscombe OAPs and their partners will again be held in Croscombe Village Hall.

There is no charge but please book your places with Imelda North (343788) or Sheila Wilkins (343068).

ST MARY'S, CROSCOMBE

Family Carol Service

Saturday 17th December 4.00 pm



It will be wonderful to celebrate together again after the enforced absences of our

Annual Village Carol Service. Please note the **SATURDAY** date. (We'll all be watching England win the Football World Cup on Sunday afternoon!) As is the custom, mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service. Donations of red wine and/or mince pies would be most welcome and can be given to any member of the PCC. Do come and enjoy the Church with its decorations and candle-lit candelabras, listen to the choir, sing some well-known carols and have a glass of festive cheer!

Croscombe PCC

CROSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Wishing everyone A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for all the support to the Hall during this last year.

There will be no coffee morning or Film night in December but they will resume in January.

100 club winners

October £25 M Western

£15 S Jackson

November £25 B Meredith

£15 H Cox

Sheila Wilkins (Chairman)

POSTAGE STAMPS

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

Janet Dowding



SEQUENCE DANCING is on Tuesday 6th and 13th at 8.00pm, in Croscombe Village Hall.

Contact Lyn Manvill 343833.

Carol Singing around Croscombe

Tuesday 20th December from **6.00pm** starting at Griffin's Green and finishing by 7.00pm at The George Inn for a mince pie.

Everyone welcome - join Croscombe Frolics & Friends of Croscombe School singing carols around the village and collecting for The Lawrence Centre, The Connect Centre & Croscombe School.

In the event of very bad weather on the night we will postpone to the Wednesday. Further info from Richard Cronin (01749 939485)



CROSCOMBE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here we are at the beginning of December busily practising our Christmas show. Everyone is taking part, with the younger children performing the Nativity and the older ones singing and doing the readings. We are looking forward to lots of Christmas activities including a visit from someone special coming from the North Pole.

Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful day in the Cathedral and performed beautiful choral music in front of the amazing earth-themed Gaia exhibition. We were very proud of all the children representing the school so well, alongside their friends from Stoke St Michael. During the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday we had some special dynamic assemblies remembering those who were lost and the effect wars are having around the world at this time, especially in Ukraine.

Bluebells had great fun during their Nursery Rhyme Week. They are our new nursery class. We all enjoyed raising money for Children in Need by going Spotty! It was a mufti day but with spots.

And a final reminder there will be a Taster Session on Thursday 1st December (Available for all ages - Reception to Year 6)

Di Levien – School Governor

**All at the school would like to send you
our good wishes for Christmas.**



CROSCOMBE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

We have a vacant allotment plot available.
Please contact Trevor Harris 343194 for further details.

CROSCOMBE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

We invite all Croscombe residents to the New Year's Eve Party in the Village Hall, 7.30 pm 'til 12.15am

- * Bring your own food and drink
- * Disco and raffle
- * Ticket only, £5 adult children 16 and under free (the children will need a ticket so that we can keep an eye on numbers)
- * We hope you agree that we cannot expect the Village Hall to cover the cost of electricity and the disco, hence the small charge this year
- * Tickets available from Sarah Cowell (343337) and Alison Hodges (345322)
- * We look forward to another great night.



Alison Hodges



The Arts Society Mendip (Live and online)

Tuesday 6th December

Cartier: Jeweller of Genius. Judy Rudoe will review his design, craftsmanship and clientele to The Arts Society Mendip on 6th December **at 11.00am, in Croscombe**

Village Hall (and simultaneously via Zoom - links will be sent to all members). Guests welcome for a fee of £6. Full programme available on our website; www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk.

CROSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

The Village Plan steering group has recognised facilities that could be developed and initiatives that could be taken for Croscombe, but it was agreed that villagers should have a questionnaire (hopefully by Christmas) which was as open as possible and not directing opinion to any particular suggestion. We would like to hear what **you think** needs to be done in and for the village.

Please when you receive the questionnaire posted through your door could you take the time to complete it? The aim is to receive a high percentage of villager opinion in order to produce a plan which reflects all who live here. Everyone should be able to suggest and comment on how they think the village should develop over the next 5 years. Even if opinion is for no change that is still one that we would like to receive.

There have been no volunteers for the cemetery maintenance group. This really is not an onerous task but in the present economic climate, local communities will need to take more responsibility for the maintenance of their institutions. Anyone who would like to be a volunteer or who has suggestions for improvements then please contact myself, as I will be the Council liaison for this group.

Hilary Shergold, Chairman

DIGITAL CAFÉ AT SHEPTON MALLET LIBRARY

We live in an increasingly digitally-based world with more and more organisations moving information and services online. People without the skills to use the internet and apps risk getting left behind. There are many people who struggle to understand how to get the best out of their smartphones, tablets, iPads, laptops or computers. This can lead to digital exclusion for those who cannot get support and advice.

Shepton Mallet Library has teamed up with the volunteer group Spark Somerset and Mendip Health Connections to run a Digital Cafe. The Digital Cafe is designed to help people get better connected via a drop-in session on **Thursday afternoons between 2.00pm and 4.00pm**.

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4 th December	Claire Laudicina
11 th December	Rob Haskins
18 th December	Village Carol Service With Handbell Ringing from 5.30pm
25 th December	At the Parish Church 11.00am
1 st January	Anna Schiffer

Services at the Chapel at 10.30am followed by Coffee



PARISH CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2022

4th December Advent 2

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

11th December Advent 3

9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	North Wootton
11.00am	Morning Service	Dinder

17th December Saturday

4.00pm	Carol Service	Croscombe
5.30pm	Carol Service	North Wootton

18th December Advent 4

11.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Dinder
5.30pm	Handbell Ringing followed by	
6.00pm	Village Carol Service, Methodist Church	Pilton

24th December Christmas Eve

4.00pm	Carol Service	Dinder
6.30 pm	Christmas Eve Communion	North Wootton
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Pilton

25th December Christmas Day

9.30am	Christmas Family Communion	Dinder
11.00am	Christmas Family Service	Pilton
11.00am	Christmas Family Communion	Croscombe

1st January Christmas 1

11.00am	United Benefice Service	North Wootton
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