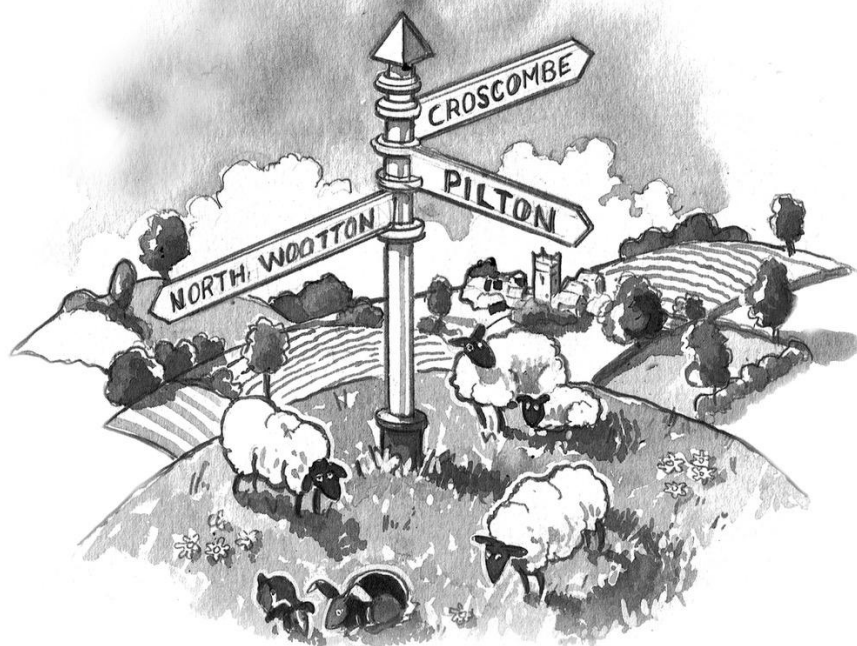


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All material in word or email please. **Deadline for Sept edition is 17 August**

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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 other 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

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

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Welcome to August

This month's poem reflects how most people have been feeling, that the heat leaves us only fit for sitting...and sitting...and sitting. When the days are hot, it's easy to stay still, and the quote by Timothy Snyder acts as a reminder that often as we are sitting, we turn to the internet, and hours disappear quickly when scrolling becomes the default. If you chose though, the poem offers a different invitation, one to sit long enough to notice what might lift us, connect us, or fill us with a little more energy.

Our villages remain full of things that do exactly that. New groups continue to form, Croscombe History Group is gathering curious minds and Croscombe Speedwatch team is bringing in new volunteers and training. There remains a wealth of groups and activities that continue to offer easy ways to take up a new hobby and meet people. It's also nearly time for annual village events, including the Pilton Flower Show and Fete which bring the village and community together.

These groups create shared moments, small routines, and time spent with others and there's plenty of research that shows that people who regularly spend time with others tend to feel more settled, more optimistic and more satisfied with life. It turns out that wellbeing isn't only about the physical side of things, it's also shaped by connection, shared experience and community life. For anyone inspired by the summer of sport to start a new routine, take up a sport, join a club or class you've always been meaning to try there's plenty to choose from across the villages.

We all know there are plenty of resources available beyond the village too to support us with our health and this September Pilton Parish Council are bringing a number of organisations together. Covering a range of health and wellbeing services, the Health Information Morning in September will bring that support all into one place, right in the village hall. It's an easy way to explore services and ask questions all without leaving the village.

So as August unfolds, whether you're resting, exploring or trying something new, consider the habits you want to carry into autumn. A small routine started now, can make all the difference when the days begin to draw in. August may tempt us to sit, but it also gives us the chance to choose something that lifts us.

Liz Richards

PILTON

What's On in Pilton – August

1st	3pm	Afternoon Tea	Tithe Barn
15th	2.30 – 4.30pm	Pilton Allotments	Allotments
19th	7pm	Pilton Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
19th	Depart 8.45am	Happy Circle annual trip to Torquay and Paignton	

What's On in Pilton – September

5th	2 – 5pm	Pilton Show Flower Show and Fete	Playing Fields
5th	7 – 11pm	Pilton Show Barn Dance	Playing Fields
6th	1-4pm	Pilton Show	Playing Fields
12th	TBC	Health Information Morning	Village Hall
16th	2.15pm	Happy Circle	Playing Fields
16th	7pm	Pilton Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
30th		Creative Spotlight - Mark McGann	Pilton Stage

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

Afternoon Tea at The Pilton Tithe Barn 1st August at 3pm

The Tithe Barn Trust would like to invite you, your families and friends to a delightful afternoon tea to celebrate Summer 2026 and our wonderful community.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided to accompany the delicious afternoon teatime treats served in our beautiful Tithe Barn.

This event has limited availability, and tickets must be purchased in advance. **Tickets are £10 per person (£10 Adult Ticket, £10 Child Ticket).**

To reserve your place at the afternoon tea, to buy tickets, or for more detailed information, including special dietary arrangements, **please email Wink (Rowena) Elkin at winkthefarmer@gmail.com**

Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis and must be paid for in advance by cash or cheque. Further details of how to purchase your tickets and secure your place will be provided by Wink on enquiry at winkthefarmer@gmail.com

Health Information Morning – Saturday 12th September

Pilton Parish Council is organising a Health Information Morning at Pilton Village Hall, providing information about a range of health and wellbeing services available to parishioners.

Information from Somerset Sight will be available to provide information on the support services they offer, together with aids and equipment for people who are partially sighted.

The mental health charity MIND will have information about the services they provide and how these can be accessed.

Find out more about your local Health Connectors, who work alongside GP surgeries to help patients access support and community services. Some surgeries also have a Dementia Specialist Nurse, who can offer advice and support to people living with dementia and their families.

Information will also be available about the Acute Community Eye Service (ACES), explaining how you can access specialist care for urgent eye problems without first needing to see your GP.

Subject to clinician availability, Somerset Council hopes to offer NHS Health Checks on the day for those who meet the eligibility criteria. Further details, including how to book, will be published in the September edition of the Roundabout.

Everyone is welcome to come along for an informal chat, and find out what support and services are available.



The Pilton Show Weekend - 5th and 6th September 2026

The Pilton Show, held on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September, is an annual very fun weekend bringing together the people of Pilton and the surrounding area to enjoy - amongst other attractions - a traditional English fete, a raucous barn dance and a contemplative thanksgiving service. Programmes explaining more are now

available from the New Room Coffee Shop, The Crown and the Pilton Stage. You can also visit the website at www.piltonshow.com which has further details and copies of entry forms for the flower show. All events are open to everyone, and we hope as many people as are available will join us!

All events take place on the Playing Fields, Pylle Road, Pilton, BA4 4BR (What3Words - power.musically.happy).

Saturday

Flower Show and Fete

The fete itself runs from 2pm - 5pm on the Saturday and comprises a fun dog show, a skateboarding demonstration, children's activities, live music, a bouncy castle, skittles, a coconut shy, a raffle, numerous stalls and much more. There is plenty of food available, as well as a well stocked bar and tea and cakes.

There's also a traditional Flower Show, with lots of categories including many non-floral ones including crafts and photography for all ages to enter. You can visit the Facebook page or www.piltonshow.com for entry forms, or pick one up from the New Room Coffee Shop.

Barn Dance 7pm - 11pm

In the evening there is a fun barn dance, again open to all. A caller and an excellent band - Rapsallion - keep things moving, the bar is open all night and Pop's Thai Kitchen serve delicious food between 7.30pm and 9.30 pm (food not included in ticket price).

The tickets are just £5 for adults and are available from the New Room Coffee Shop or via Jenny de Gex on 01749 890465. There is no charge for under 16s.

Sunday 1pm - 4pm

Sunday is a relaxed day with Live Music from The Kahunas (2-4 pm), a bar, cream teas, and a raffle of any left over booze. At 6.30pm Revd James Sharp will lead an informal ThanksGiving service in the Marquee.

It's a great weekend and we really hope you can make it. If you have any spare time, the committee are always looking for willing hands to help with decorating and so on, so do let Jenny know (01749 890465) if you might be able to help. Thank you and look forward to seeing you there!

Helping Out

If you have any spare donations that might be good for the stalls, please let the relevant people know as below:

Ruth's Emporium -This is a stall seeking a great range of bric-a-brac, toys and housewares. If you think you may have some suitable items, please call Annette Smith 01749 890285, Lise Sorensen 07879 812668, or Jenny de Gex 01749 490465/07721683321. Saleable items only please - we're not an alternative to the Tip! No books or CDs please.

Nearly new. This stall is looking for nearly new, good quality clothes. Please call Sandra House 01749 890427 or Jean Warry 01749 890434 to arrange any suitable donations.

Bottle Stall - Advance donations of no or low alco, or alcoholic drinks gratefully received by Tracey Mapstone 01749 890365

Plants and Garden Produce. All contributions welcome, vegetables and herbs as well as plants and shrubs. Please call Jo Leworthy 01749 899545/07938 675351.

Pilton Pantry. This is a stall selling home-baked goods and preserves etc. Please contact Gill Eavis on 01749 890468 if you might be able to help out with any baking.

Please help save time and energy by thinking of those transporting any goods from storage to the show - we will likely struggle with very heavy boxes!



Pilton Flower Show

Pilton Show is getting ever closer!! Why not have a go at entering something in the Flower Show in the Marquee?? It's great fun and very easy, and remember all entries are anonymous, unless you are a prize winner. The Show Programme is now available at The New Room Coffee Shop, The Crown and Pilton Stage Bar. It contains all the details of the classes, and how to enter – Floral Art, Flowers, Vegetables, Home Produce, Crafts and Specials, four sections for children of different ages and last but definitely not least Photography!

Also visit the new website www.piltonshow.com which has all the details along with www.piltonflowershow.org.uk/ Entry forms will be available from mid-August

A personal plea

Candace has lost a necklace that her grandmother gave her many years ago. It has huge sentimental value.

It was a silver chain with a heart.

If anyone has found it, please phone 01749 890433

Pilton Happy Circle

On Wednesday, June 24th our new president Eileen Govier welcomed members and the Reverend James Sharp, gave us a lovely talk about his family and the way he was called to become a priest, also entertained us by playing his ukulele with a song or two a lovely uplifting afternoon. A big thank you to James from all of us.

We are looking forward to our annual trip to Torquay and Paignton on August 19th we will depart at 8:45 from the bus stop, there are still a few seats left at £25 if anyone is interested in joining us for the trip please contact Eileen, Freda, Janet or Rachel.

Looking forward to September 16th, we will be having a picnic at the playing fields We welcome anyone that is interested to come along and see what we are all about.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:15 in the village hall if you have difficulty in getting their transport can be arranged.



Pilton Allotments

As part of National Allotments Week, Pilton Allotments are holding an OPEN AFTERNOON, to which everyone is invited.

This will take place on Saturday 15th August from 2.30-4.30pm, at our lovely organic Community Allotments at the east end of Top Street, and can be accessed either from Top Street or John Burns' Cottages. Do come and join us for a relaxing afternoon with chat and homemade refreshments, and also a chance to have a look around and meet ploholders. You can also find out the history of the allotments and see some of the lovely organic produce that we grow!

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.

The Pilton Stage and Village Hall

The Pilton Stage is open Tuesday – Sunday serving a range of drinks

Tues – Thurs 6pm – 11pm

Friday 6pm – 10pm

Saturday 2pm – 11pm

Sunday 12pm – 6pm

For more information please check the website thepiltonstage.com

Natcha's kitchen serves **Thai food** on both Thursdays and Fridays between 6.00pm and 8.30pm and **Sunday lunch** is from midday to 2.30pm. To reserve tables and to pre order please call 07706134132.



Creative Spotlight

Creative Spotlight will be bringing an exciting range of Artists to Pilton. The carefully curated Artists cover a range of genres including sculpture, painting, welding, stained glass, acting and more. The aim of this series of talks is to

shine a spotlight on Artists' work and stimulate an interest in the arts. £5 entry fee, on the door of The Pilton Stage

- In June, Liam O'Farrell provided an entertaining and informative talk at The Pilton Stage, about his journey as an Artist, inspiring and challenging the audience to take up sketching as opposed to scrolling.
- In July Edgar Phillips talked about his life journey in stained glass, particularly his ecclesiastical work in prominent local locations.
- Actor and Film-Maker, Mark McGann will give a fascinating talk on his career in the entertainment industry on Wednesday 30th September. There are more announcements to make, but already Creative Spotlight has secured a talk by Mark Wilson of Rockaway Park on Wednesday 25th November too!

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 Art Group

We meet every Thursday afternoon 2 to 4 pm in the Chapel Cafe Top Street. We pursue our own artistic talents plus the occasional group creative challenge. Group visits to art galleries are always a pleasure. Do come and visit and see if our group is for you. More info - Paula 01749 890323

The Crown Pilton

	Opening Hours	Food
Monday	Closed	
Tuesday	4pm – 10pm	
Wednesday	12 – 11pm	Fish and Chips 4 – 8pm Eat in or takeaway
Thurs – Sat	12 – 11pm	Lunch 12 – 2.30pm Dinner 5.30 – 9pm
Sunday	12 – 9pm	Roast Lunch 12 – 4pm

The Crown – August Events

- Tues 4th Aug: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
Wed 5th Aug: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
7:00 PM – Have I got Booze for You . Quiz Night
Thurs 6th Aug: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
Tues 11th Aug: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
Wed 12th Aug: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
8:00 PM – Folk Night
Thurs 13th Aug: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
Fri 14th Aug: 6.00pm – Pound for Sound
Tues 18th Aug: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
Wed 19th Aug: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
7.00PM – Pilton Pop Quiz
Thurs 20th Aug: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
Tues 25th Aug: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
Wed 26th Aug: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
Thurs 27th Aug: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
8:00pm – Open Mic Night
Fri 28th Aug: 6.00pm – Pound for Sound



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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.

Co-op

We are extremely fortunate to have a Co-op, a brand which focuses on social responsibility in the village. 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 with banking facilities, which is amazing for a village like ours. To survive the shop and Post Office need our support, so where it is practical a gesture goes out to you all, please use it don't lose it!

Writers Group with The Write Assistant

Every Tuesday 7pm - 9pm. Join us to write, chat with other writers, gain advice from me, a professional writer and socialise with a cup of tea!

Please contact Nicola on 07955744331 or thewriteassistant.co.uk for more details and the sign up form! £10 ticket includes free tea, coffee and biscuits.

Please pre-book so I know how many biscuits to buy! You can pre-book up until the day of the event.

New Room Coffee Shop Pilton

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

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or visit our Facebook page

August Poem: Unknown

In August, when the days are hot,

I like to find a shady spot,

And hardly move a single bit—

And sit—

And sit—

And sit—

And sit!

Author unknown

August Quote: Timothy Snyder

“There is a conspiracy that you can find online: it is the one to keep you online, looking for conspiracies.”

Timothy Snyder

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



Hello everyone,

It's been another busy month, both here and in Westminster! Locally, the 'Sunlit Solar' team got me up on Croscombe Village Hall roof while MD Mike explained how, thanks to the Hall management team's foresight, the array of solar panels he and his team had installed work, meaning that for most of the year, the village hall uses self-generated electricity and earns income exporting power to the grid - rather than having to pay heating and hot water bills.

In Westminster, I met the Prisons' Minister to discuss the case of a man who has been locked up for 38 years, 22 years longer than his sentence - but hasn't been released because he maintains he is innocent. I've met the Minister for Social Security & Disability about problems with the Access to Work Scheme which supports those with a disability or health conditions to start or stay in work; and I met Polly Miller-Perkins, the first ever Armed Forces Commissioner.

In Parliament, I requested a debate about an extraordinary High Court decision which will allow building on flood plains, filed amendments to the Health Bill relating to the new 'Single Patient Record', and to following NICE 2021 guidelines which the NHS has implemented inconsistently, leading to a 'postcode lottery' for patients with ME. In Committee, I voted for a 'minority report' on the Courts & Tribunals Bill as I disagree with the Government's plans to remove the centuries-old right to a Jury trial in many cases. I also spoke in a debate about Child Sexual Offender Data.

I've asked Ministers questions about:

- * protecting agricultural land to ensure our food security into the future
- * speeding up free court transcripts for victims
- * contracting newly qualified dentists to work in the NHS for a period of at least three years
- * the lack of funds for the Music and Dance Scheme which benefits young people from less privileged backgrounds
- * Priddy Folk Festival's supply of water from Bristol Water and its contractor, Aquam

- * repayments of overpaid tax from HMRC which can't be cashed as they're in the wrong name
- * quashing convictions for victims of child sex abuse who have been coerced into criminal activity
- * the use of shell companies and flags to disguise Russian shadow fleet activities and evade sanctions
- * introducing a 'right to be forgotten' to ensure that children's data footprints are destroyed on request
- * a local company waiting months to be paid for defence and security work relating to submarine disposal
- * the lack of a special 'rural' mileage allowance for mobility vehicle users who travel great distances to access health and care facilities in rural areas

My next local 'surgeries' are listed below. Please contact me for the full list.
Saturday 1st August from 08:30 to 10:00 at Coffee#1, Wells

Saturday 8th August from 11:00 to 12:00 at The Hive Craft Café, Shepton Mallet

Tuesday 25th August from 12:30 to 13:30 at The George Inn, Croscombe

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)

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

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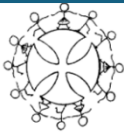
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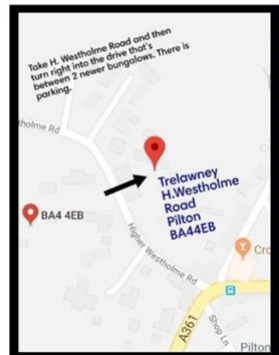
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1st	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
4th	09.00am	Crocombe OAP and Childrens Fund	The George Pub
20th	2.30pm	Senior Citizens	3 Bennetts Close
31st	3-4pm	Village Dog Show	The George Pub

What's On in Crocombe – September

6th	TBA	Take Art Professional Theatre	Village Hall
14th	7.15pm	Film Night	Village Hall

Crocombe Village Hall Film Night

There is no film in August but we will be back on 14 September. Film will be announced at a later date.

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Crocombe Parish Council

You may have noticed things have been a little quieter from us in The Roundabout Magazine recently, but we're very pleased to provide an update and catch you all up with what we have been doing!

There's been a bit of a refresh behind the scenes with some new councillors joining the Parish Council, along with a new Clerk. It's an exciting time, with lots of energy, new ideas and a shared focus on doing the best we can for the village.

So, what have we been up to?

Quite a lot, as it happens! Much of our work is the sort of thing that ticks along in the background, whether that's making sure noticeboards are in good condition so everyone can stay informed, keeping an eye on village facilities to ensure they are safe or tidying up shared spaces so they remain pleasant for everyone to enjoy. It might not always be glamorous, but it all helps keep things running smoothly.

Traffic through Crocombe continues to be very much on our radar and we know how important this is to residents. We're in contact with Somerset Council Highways Team and we're continuing to push for the right conversations and support to help move things forward. In the meantime, the Speed Indicator Device (SID) will be returning to the village in September 2026 which provides valuable data about the extent of the problem and possible measures we can look at.

We're also keeping a close eye on some of our valued local areas, including the pound and the cemetery, making sure they're well cared for and that any concerns are dealt with appropriately. It's all part of looking after the character of the village and making sure these spaces can be enjoyed for years to come.

Looking ahead, there are some lovely community activities in the pipeline at the Orchard, including a summer picnic and wellbeing day. These are a great way to bring people together and we're pleased to support them while making sure everything is in place for them to run safely, smoothly and respectfully.

We also maintain strong relationships with community working groups on practical matters like drainage, maintenance and flooding as we understand this is such a serious concern for many residents. There are a lot of practical steps being carried out as well as long term projects that will benefit all affected homes and businesses. We do also continue to think more broadly about how we care for our local environment, a recently approved biodiversity policy is part of that and helps guide how we look after the natural surroundings we all value.

As ever, the Parish Council is here for the whole community. This is just a small insight into what we have been focusing on, but if you have questions, concerns or just want to know a bit more about what we do, please do get in touch via the clerk on: clerk@croscombeparishcouncil.gov.uk or come along to our next Parish Council meeting. We'll be back with another update soon!

Community Cars

Greetings! The parish councils around Shepton Mallet meet up regularly (Local Community Network) to focus on a number of priorities including flood liaison, highways safety, and a new initiative to provide transport via local volunteers able to provide travel assistance using their own vehicles.

This project, dubbed Community Cars, is already up and running in Frome and aims to provide assistance to those needing help, e.g. attending medical appointments, shopping visits. Rather than establish one large operation for the area, the decision has been taken to operate the scheme locally (e.g. A Community Cars Scheme for Croscombe) wherein local drivers give up their time and use their vehicle to provide lifts to those needing assistance.

For a scheme to become operational there are several requirements:

- Demand for local transport assistance;
- A co-ordinator to manage the 'hook up' between those in need and those able to provide transport;
- Software and processes to support the service
- A group of volunteer drivers.

The project is still in its early stages, and much is being gained from the Frome project. Arrangements are being considered regarding insurance, area and distances to be covered, processes to arrange and deliver the service, software to support the processes, back-up plans, service hours, restrictions, finances, reimbursement for drivers, service payments, etc.

An enquiry was issued many weeks ago via Facebook to see if there is any demand for such a service for Croscombe parishioners; this resulted in zero interest. Some funds have been made available to help start the project.

The Croscombe Parish Council is interested to hear from parishioners regarding the need for the service for Croscombe and whether any parishioner is interested in volunteering to provide the service as a driver and/or a co-ordinator. Please use the email below to share your views and whether you would volunteer your services: cllr.hargraves@croscombeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Senior Citizens

Report for June. It was very apt for the weather as we had our salad lunch and strawberries and cream in the village hall. We had 16 members attend which, considering the heat, that was very good.

The meal was followed by a quiz very kindly composed for us by Jerry, one of our members. It was a very good general knowledge quiz and results very high. All in all it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Lyn Manvill 07780 661 327 lynmanvill@gmail.com

Our next meeting is on Thursday 20th August at 2.30pm. We have John and Mike singing 60s and 70s music in Lyn's garden. There will also be a cream tea. The cost is £3 pp

New members always welcome. The address is 3 Bennetts Close, Croscombe. Lyn Manvill 07780 661 327 lynmanvill@gmail.com

Croscombe OAP & Children's Fund

Our annual trip to Weymouth will be on TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST leaving The George at 9am and returning from Weymouth at 5.30pm. All Croscombe OAP's , and Children age 16 and under are welcome to come along free of charge, but £10 will be required from anybody else wanting to join us. Please book by phoning 01749 345322 or messaging me via facebook messenger. Many thanks Alison Hodges.

Croscombe Speedwatch

The Croscombe Speedwatch is a group of volunteers who are trained and supported by A&S Police to do sessions in the village monitoring traffic speed. The group ran successfully for several years, then had a quiet period, but is just getting ready to start sessions again - we have 11 volunteers going through training at the moment and would welcome anyone else who wants to join. As a group we will try to do one or two 30 minute speedwatch sessions a week if the conditions are suitable - we can't do it in the rain, snow or dark. If you'd like to join the group please contact Nicola Morris nicolajanemorris@yahoo.co.uk

Crocombe History Group

The Crocombe History Group is just getting set up and we have our first session at the Village Hall on Monday 5th October - we will probably have a local history talk/meeting every two months after that. If you're interested in being involved please contact Nicola Morris nicolajanemorris@yahoo.co.uk

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30 Aug Sun	Silver Jubilee Cricket Match 2:30pm Dinder & Croscombe v The George @ Dinder
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Crocombe Directory

Welcome to the all-new Crocombe 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.

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Contact: Bruce Rawlinson 07707529775

Bell Ringers

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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
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Fun Day

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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)
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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

Crocombe Speedwatch

The Crocombe Speedwatch is a group of volunteers who are trained and supported by A&S Police to do sessions in the village monitoring traffic speed. As a group we will try to do one or two 30 minute speedwatch sessions a week if the conditions are suitable - we can't do it in the rain, snow or dark. If you'd

Contact: Nicola Morris nicolajanemorris@yahoo.co.uk

Crocombe History Group

The Crocombe History Group is just getting set up and will probably have a local history talk/meeting every two months after that.

Contact: Nicola Morris nicolajanemorris@yahoo.co.uk

Tai Chi

Held on Mondays at Croscombe 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

Crocombe 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 Crocombe 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 Crocombe 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 Crocombe

We would love to start a page for Village voices from Crocombe. 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.

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 Crocombe 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.

NORTH WOOTTON

WHAT'S ON IN NORTH WOOTTON

Village Events:

- 12th September - Village Day.
- 19th September - A Brief History of Black Holes (Talk).
- **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:

- Tuesday Wings & Pizza Night £12.00
- Wednesday Nepalese Night £18.00
- Thursday Japanese Night
- Friday Steak Night £18.00
- Saturday Bottomless Brunch £38.00 – 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Reservations Recommended

enquiries@thecrossways.co.uk 01749 899 000

AROUND AND ABOUT

Wells Festival of Literature

A trio of top names may tempt you to this year's Wells Festival of Literature.



There's Lady Hale, former President of the Supreme Court and author of the memoir *Spider Woman*, who will be discussing her new book *With the Law on our Side*. This is an entertaining tour of our legal system told through the stories of real people.



Nicholas Crane, well known for his BAFTA-winning series *Coast* on TV, will reveal a fascinating history of footpaths in *The Path More Travelled*, in which he also takes the reader on some of his own most memorable walks.



And if the thought of a good wine is more to your liking, then wine expert Oz Clarke will be raising a glass to the grape. In *A Vine is a Wild Thing* he has written a wine-lover's guide to improving your knowledge and enjoyment of wine.

Become a Friend of the Festival – a registered charity that funds literacy projects in local schools – and enjoy the benefits of discounted tickets and priority booking. Visit www.wellsfestivalofliterature.org.uk

WELLS Festival *of* Literature



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What's On in Shepton Mallet

Every Friday

Weekly Friday Market

12 July

Shepton Mallet Jumble Trail 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

30 August

Circus in the Park

Become a supporter of
Shepton Mallet Carnival for
just

£5

And:

Claim a free 2026
programme

Have your name on
our website



Help us cover the
cost of carnival



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: Recruiting Volunteers



Somerset Sight seeks volunteers to provide regular befriending to people with sight loss in your area. This is a fun and rewarding role suitable for all ages. The greatest reward is to help someone to enjoy life more fully.

You will learn skills, meet people and join our thriving team.

"It's a pleasure to be able to help a real person and make a difference to their life. I enjoy our time together so much"

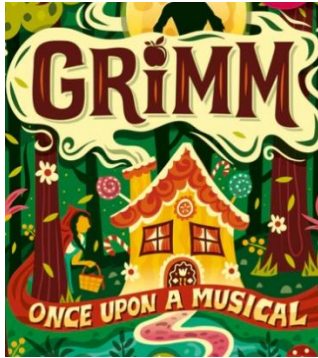
"My volunteer means the world to me, gives me joy and happiness and things to look forward to."

Full training, ongoing support and reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

Other volunteer roles are available so please contact Somerset Sight on 01823 333818 or email admin@somersetsight.org.uk

The recruitment process is quick and straight forward. We look forward to hearing from you

West Pennard Church of England Primary School



We concluded another highly successful school year with a number of really lovely events. It is with a sense of great pride that I lead such a lovely school in a wonderful community. It really is a privilege. For two afternoons and two evenings in July we were treated to a wonderful performance of 'Grimm - Once Upon a Musical'!! There were such incredible talents on show from our KS2 children, with great acting and superb singing, supported by our Year 3s and 4s, and some expert technical work courtesy of Max, Harvey, Percy and

Caleb on the sound system, lights and props. A Primary production takes an awful lot to bring together, so huge thanks to the KS2 team and everyone that contributed, no matter how small. What a talented bunch of children we have!



We held our annual Sports Day on Thursday 2nd July. It marked the conclusion of Sports Week and was such a fabulously sporting event, with great support for each other shown by the children. We have a format with team games on a round robin, before individual races at the end. The winning house was Avalon this year, and they got to be the

first team to hold aloft the new 'Excalibur Cup', which was chosen and named by the School Council and Mr Bisgrove. They did a lap of honour, having won the trophy for the first time in quite a few years.



Also in July, we held our annual Country Dancing Festival at school.

We had dancers from Baltonsborough and St John's schools, as well as our own. It was a fabulous event, helped on by the lovely dry weather. In hosting the event over these last two years, we harked back to a time when it used to

be held on the Cathedral Green and wanted to resurrect it in whatever guise we could. We love hosting it and continuing the tradition of country dancing in Somerset. Thank you so much to the schools that attended and to Mrs Clarke for organising it. We will be holding it again next year and hope that all can join us once again.

We said a sad and emotional farewell to our wonderful Year 6s as the term concluded. We wish them and all their families all the best as they embark on the next exciting step on their educational journey. They really have been a fabulous cohort. We sent them on their way with our Leaver's Service, Leaver's Assembly and sometimes infamous Leaver's Race! During the assembly I read my contribution to their year book, which I feel says it all:

If any group of children exemplifies the vision, values and motto that permeates all that we do as a school, it is without doubt the class of 2025-26. What an amazing cohort you are! You have worked so very hard and achieved so well over the time that you have spent with us. As you embark on the next stage in your educational and life journeys, I reflect on the last 7 years and the absolute privilege and pleasure that it has been to know you and to see you grow and flourish as pupils at West Pennard School.

I knew that it would be difficult to say farewell, having known the majority of you for such a long time, as well as many of your families. The 'moving on' of one family in particular marks a first for me personally, as it has been the first time in my teaching career that I can say I have taught both parent and child, having taught the parent some 24 years ago in another school and overseeing their children's education over the years here at West Pennard. If nothing else in this dedication to you all ages me that certainly does!

For fear of aging oneself even more in the years to come, please do get in touch in future and tell us where you have gone and what you have become. I am genuinely fascinated as to what each of you will end up doing, especially in an ever-changing world of work. For many of you we can see hints of this from the interest and enjoyment you have shown towards certain subjects and activities, but it is always of interest to have suspicions confirmed or to be surprised.

During your time at West Pennard, I hope that you have had the opportunity to find those things that have been of interest to you, enthused and hopefully inspired you. I hope that you have been able to try new things and to challenge yourself. I hope that you have had the chance to be the 'you' that you want to be and to take with you, in whatever you choose to do in the future, memories of a special time and a special place that is West Pennard. Please don't forget us or the time that you have spent with us here. West Pennard School is such a

special place and I hope that the school and all that have supported your journey with us during your time here will stay with you long in your memory, and hopefully be a time and a place that you look back on with great fondness. Having trod the very same path myself 36 years ago, I left West Pennard with some very treasured memories and firmly instilled in me the school motto: 'To Try is to Triumph'. I very much hope that you too have enjoyed your time at the school and that you remember these wise words during times of challenge or in whatever life throws at you in future. Whatever you do in life, wherever you go and whatever you strive for, I hope that you too treasure the memories, friendships and skills that you have forged during your time with us here at West Pennard. Build upon these good foundations to achieve what you deserve to achieve and be who you want to be in life.

I hope that everyone in our community and beyond has a wonderful summer.

Best Wishes

Tony Wheat

Headteacher

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REVD JAMES SHARP

This month I'd love to hear from you! We've been looking at what our vision is for our parish churches in these villages, however this vision is lacking without the input of those who may not be regular church-goers, but do care about our church buildings themselves.

(I'm aware that I run the risk of using the word church in differing ways, sorry! If we are going to be traditional about such things, the original word 'church' refers to a gathered group of people. In recent times, it has come to refer to a building. Today, the word serves both meanings.)

To help inform our vision we have been mulling over a few questions – below. I would be delighted to receive suggestions on any of these questions from anyone of any age living in our villages – please email me on revjamessharp@gmail.com

1 What Three Words would describe the values of what we want our churches to be known by?

2 In each of our parishes:

- a) What do we celebrate that is already going on?
- b) What gaps are there that give further opportunities to live out our values?

3 What are the things:

- a) we do best in our individual parishes and villages?
- b) we might do better together as a Benefice of seven churches?

Rev James



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(My day off is usually Friday - thanks.)

BIBLE READINGS

2nd August	Isaiah 55: 1-5	Matthew 14: 13-21
9th August	1 Kings 19: 9-18	Matthew 14: 22-33
16th August	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8	Matthew 15: 10-28
23rd August	Isaiah 51: 1-6	Matthew 16: 13-20
30th August	Jeremiah 15: 15-21	Matthew 16: 21-28

PUZZLING QUESTIONS will meet again on Tuesday October 6th at 2.30pm in The New Room Coffee Shop at Pilton Methodist Church. More details nearer the time. Everyone is very welcome to join this informal Discussion Group.

PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

2nd August	Morning Service	J. Day
9th August	Morning Service	Local arrangement
16th August	Holy Communion	Rev. Andrew Prout
23rd August	Morning Service	K. Young
30th August	Morning Service	P. Fuller

Chapel Services begin at 10.30am.

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

August 2026

2nd August

11.00am

Trinity 9

All Together Communion

Pilton

9th August

9.30am

Trinity 10

Holy Communion

Pilton

9.30am

Holy Communion

Ditcheat

11.00am

Holy Communion

Croscombe

11.00am

Holy Communion

North Wootton

16th August

9.30am

Trinity 11

Morning Service

Pilton

11.00am

Morning Service

North Wootton

11.00am

Holy Communion

East Pennard

23rd August Trinity 12

9.30am

Informal Service

Pilton

11.00am

Holy Communion

Croscombe

11.00am

Morning Service

North Wootton

11.00am

Holy Communion

Alhampton

30th August Trinity 13

11.00am

All Together Communion

North Wootton

6th September

11.00am

Trinity 14

All Together Communion

Ditcheat