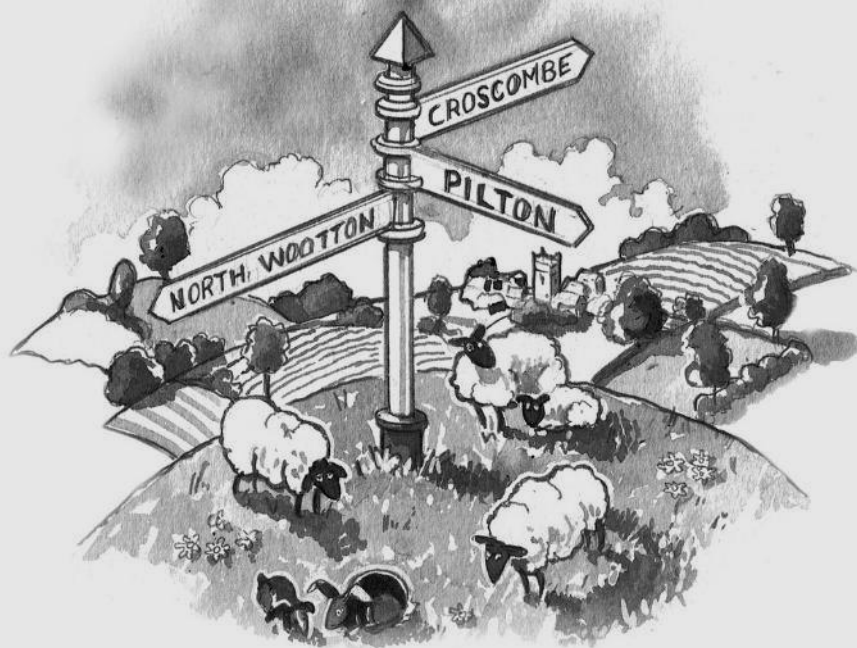


The ROUNDAABOUT Magazine

October 2026



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Please send emails to the email address magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk.

All material in word or email please. **Deadline for Nov edition is 19 October**

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We are grateful for material for The Roundabout, which we distribute in our villages and make available on websites. Please contact us if you have any concerns about GDPR

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

Roundabout Team

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

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

Welcome to October

We've left behind a record-breaking summer, one that felt very different to normal, but already feels a little distant, although there are reminders in the green but patchy fields, the lack of apples this year and some ponds, streams and lakes that have yet to return to their previous flow. Seasons change quickly and October is here with the welcome of autumn and then the countdown to the end of the year and all wonderful events and activities that are happening in our villages and beyond.

In Pilton and other villages around the country, communities are also taking time to think about the bigger picture, and how the shifts we're seeing in weather and nature connect to the challenges facing communities everywhere, by hosting a screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing*. Presented by Chris Packham and shaped by leading UK experts, the film offers a clear and accessible view of the current climate and nature crisis, what the science is telling us, how it is already affecting daily life, and what can still be done. It feels like a critical session to take time to listen, learn and understand how we, as a local community, can respond to these changes and plan for the future. Flooding, air quality, food prices and extreme weather are not abstract issues here, they are part of our everyday experience. If you can, please come along.

Alongside this, October is bringing a real burst of activity across Pilton and Croscombe. Pilton's calendar is full with activities run by well established groups like the History Group and Happy Circle, with events for all to get involved in including litter picking and new experiences such as the event run by the Creative Spotlight team. Croscombe also has a familiar calendar of coffee mornings and film nights, with some additional events to raise funds for the village hall and defibrillator training supported by a busy parish council working behind the scenes.

These events demonstrate the wonderful creativity and imagination of the organisers and we are also seeing a rise in creativity in the promotion, with more groups creating posters, images and promotional materials for their activities which brings real vibrancy to the magazine. If you enjoy that change within The Roundabout content, please consider supporting us with a donation. We rely on our advertising and donations to keep the magazine available in print and delivered directly to your door.

Liz Richards

PILTON

What's On in Pilton – October

3rd	11-3pm	Writers Retreat	West Compton
6th	2.30pm	Puzzling Question	Coffee Shop
12th	7.30pm	Pilton Village History Group	Village Hall
17th	9am	Village Litter Picking	Village Hall
19th	7.30pm	People's Emergency Briefing	Pilton Stage
21st	2.15pm	Happy Circle	Playing Fields
21st	7pm	Pilton Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
28th	7pm	Creative Spotlight	Pilton Stage

What's On in Pilton – November

4th	7pm	Pilton Show AGM	Pilton Stage
9th	7.30pm	Pilton Village History Group	Village Hall
14th	2pm	Pilton Parish Council Meeting AGM	Village Hall
18th	7pm	Pilton Village Hall Trust AGM	Village Hall

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 Pilton Show Weekend

A great Pilton Show weekend and thanks very much to everyone who made it to the Playing Fields on a beautiful late summer's day. Lots of people there on the Saturday, great number of entries for the Flower Show and a fun Barn Dance in the evening. Then fantastic live music from *The Kahunas*, cream teas and a lovely Thanksgiving Service on the Sunday.

Huge thanks to all committee, sponsors, volunteers and contributors of any sort, with special mention to Wick Carnival Club, all enabling this enjoyable community event. Come aboard if you like making fun things happen: All welcome at the AGM on 4th November at 7pm in the Worthy Room, Pilton Stage (Village Hall) .



Pilton Show Grants Application

If you represent a Pilton organisation and would like to apply for a Show Grant, please obtain an Application Form from either the New Room Coffee Shop, the Co-op, or from the Show Treasurer, Paul Warry (890434). Completed forms should be returned to Paul by 31st October.

Paul Warry - Show Treasurer

Pilton Parish Council Notice

Pilton Litter Pick - Saturday October 17th at 9am for the autumn litter pick. Meet at the Village Hall carpark. All equipment will be provided.

Overgrown Vegetation –Please cut back vegetation from hanging over pavements or rights of way to ensure the safety of pedestrians and traffic. No one would want to be inadvertently the cause of an accident because their hedge is untrimmed. Many Thanks for your co-operation.

Speeding - the Parish Council are concerned about speeding on our rural lanes and so asked Community Speed watch to carry out a speed check on Neat Lane. Thank you to the volunteers who were very quickly able to provide us with some data. The Parish Council are intending to follow this up with a request to Somerset to extend the 20mph speed limit to the top of the lane.



Pilton Village History Group

Monday October 12th, at 7.30pm in Pilton Village Hall
ALL WELCOME

"The Magic of Somerset Carnivals"

Have you ever wondered how Carnival started, and what is involved with a Carnival Club?

Listen as John Dando takes you through the wonderful world of Somerset Carnival. He will cover the background of how the clubs create their entries and how they raise their funds, and the many highs and lows involved. He will bring along some props and costumes and show a specially commissioned DVD of last year's best entries. John has over 50 years of involvement and a keen interest in the history of our special event!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Members free, Visitors £4 Pilton Village History Group

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Visit our amazing website - www.piltonhistory.org.uk

Nov event is on Monday 9th Nov. 2026. 7.30pm Pilton Village Hall. Steven Osman talks on "Turnpikes and Toll Houses of South Bristol and Somerset"

People's Emergency Briefing: the climate and nature crisis

We would like to invite our neighbours to a community screening of The People's Emergency Briefing - a new film, presented by Chris Packham, bringing together leading UK experts to explain, as clearly as possible, what the latest science says about the climate and nature crisis, how it is already affecting our lives, and what can still be done.

Showing in Pilton:
Monday 19th October 2026
The Pilton Stage, 7.30pm.



People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Pilton



The Pilton Stage
Monday 19th October. 7.30pm

Come along watch the film
and join the discussion

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www.nebriefing.org

If you care about issues like local flooding (we've got lots of that in and around Pilton), air pollution (we've got a local freight route running through the village), the cost of living, food prices, and more, you might want to catch this.

Featuring: Your neighbours, your local leaders and your future

Rather than headlines or politics, the film offers a concise, evidence-based overview from experts across areas including climate, food, health, economics, national security and extreme weather.

Come along! It's free! It's important!

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

28th October: Penelope O'Gara

Penelope O'Gara is a former theatrical costume designer whose work once graced stages from Bath and London to Los Angeles and Singapore. When the pandemic quieted the theatres, she turned to her own story-making — blending folklore, land-lore and textile craft to create figurative creatures with narrative souls.

This fascinating talk examines how sustainability is an important factor. Penelope works only with natural fibres (often recycled), eco-dyeing processes and found objects. Her inspirations span folklore, circus and literature, shaping cloth into characters that feel both timeless and uncanny.

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!

Writers Retreat – October 3

Escape to a cosy Scandinavian lodge in the heart of the Somerset countryside, where we have created the perfect environment for this community event and creativity to flourish. Join us whether you have written before or not! Enjoy 1 hour of guided writing exercises and meditation, followed by an afternoon of dedicated writing time to work on your own projects, with on hand help.

Saturday 3rd October 2026 11am - 3pm - £35 per person
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Contact 07955744331 to book. Limited Spaces Available!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026



Dear Villagers,
Poppy Appeal 2026

Our team of house to house volunteers will endeavour to get to as many households as possible.

The static poppy collection boxes will be located in the following areas of the Villages:

Church of St John Pilton, Church of St Peter North Wootton, The Crown Pilton, Pilton Co-op, The Pilton Stage, Pilton New Room Community Coffee Shop and Crossways Hotel North Wootton.

Thank you in advance for your continued support

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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

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.

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

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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.

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

October Proverb

From Paradise Lost by John Milton

The mind is its own place, and in itself Can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven.

October Poem

Autumn Fires, Robert Louis Stevenson

In the other gardens
And all up in the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over,
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!



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

Hello everyone,

September sees me back for a new 'term' in Westminster, having worked across Somerset for the last two weeks of July and in August.

I hosted a meeting for Headteachers with James McNeillie, Head of Ofsted South West at The Bishop's Palace in Wells. Feedback reveals that the opportunity to talk to and about Ofsted face-to-face was greatly

appreciated. I look forward to a repeat event next Spring.

As well as attending the original 'National Emergency Briefing' in London last November, I've been privileged to support community screenings of the 'People's Emergency Briefing' in Cheddar, Easton, Shipham, twice in Wells, Winscombe and Wookey. Unfortunately, I had to miss the event held in Shepton Mallet due to other commitments, and I look forward to future viewings – one in Shepton Mallet and in other communities locally. Thank you to all who've seen the film and sent me their thoughts - this is such an important discussion to have.

It was lovely to welcome 11 young adults, one of whom was local to the 'Roundabout' area - to Westminster for my 'Parliamentary Insight Day'. They toured Parliament, watched a debate and took part in a workshop. Please let me know if you'd like to come to a future Insight Day.

I was so delighted to be able to join one of our local Vicars at the Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. It was a packed and joyful event, organised by the Christians in Parliament All-Party Parliamentary Group, with excellent speakers and musicians. I look forward to returning next year.

I was pleased the Hillsborough Bill finally made its way into law in July. The Hillsborough families were lied to by public officials again and again. That experience isn't unique to families in Liverpool. People here in Somerset tell me about dishonesty and cover ups by public officials, and the injustice and unfairness drives me wild.

It's crazy that we need to pass a law to insist officials tell the truth, but the victims of scandals like Hillsborough, the Chinook helicopter crash, the Post Office Horizon software, infected blood, Primodos, mesh, undercover policing, Covid-19, grooming gangs, Grenfell, Windrush, the Manchester Arena attack and many more tell us that honesty and transparency would have changed their lives and saved years, sometimes decades, of heartache. I was on the Bill

Committee, suggesting improvements, raising objections – and the Minister listened. The Bill isn't perfect, but well past time, now it's the law.

I've also pressed Ministers to create an independent 'Office of the Whistleblower' and to make arrangements to provide Legal Aid for families and individuals fighting big organisations and public bodies in Inquiries and Inquests. These two changes are vital to ensure fairness for whistleblowers and victims – individuals must be able to challenge large organisations, and without independent advice and financial support, this simply isn't possible.

On an ongoing basis, I continue to insist the Government should release all documents relating to the decision to put such strategically important officers on an "unairworthy" Chinook helicopter before it crashed in the Mull of Kintyre in June 1994.

Thank you. Tessa

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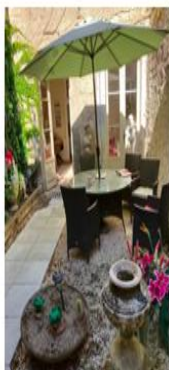
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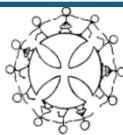
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3rd	10am	Village Hall Coffee Morning	Village Hall
5th	7pm	Croscombe Village Hall Fundraiser Annie Naish – A Rural Life	Village Hall
12 th	7pm	Village Hall Film Night	Village Hall
12th	7.15pm	The Frolics Auditions (Adults)	SDA Hall
15th	2.15pm	Senior Citizens	Village Hall
17th	7.30pm	Croscombe OAP and Children's Fun Harvest Auction (Date Change)	The George Inn
18th	2.30pm	Croscombe Village Hall Fundraiser Wells City Brass Band Concert	Village Hall
25th	11am	Harvest Festival	St Mary's
26th	6.15pm	The Frolics Auditions (Children 8+)	SDA Hall
26th	7pm	Defibrillator Training	Village Hall

7th December

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Croscombe Village Hall Film Night

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Monday 12th October

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Croscombe Village Hall would like to thank Andy Sully and the George Inn for a very enjoyable music quiz . The event raised money towards the village hall development fund. Thank you also to all the teams that took part. We would also like to thank Flori Baker who also raised money for the village hall by holding a toy stall outside the front of her house.

Senior Citizens

Our next meeting is October 15th at 2.15pm in the village hall. We have Pat Jeremiah giving us a talk all about The Secrets of Nursery Rhymes . New members are always welcome and the cost is £3 pp

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St Mary's, Croscombe Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held at 11.00 am on Sunday 25th October. As usual the church will be suitably and beautifully decorated by the loyal band who provide flower arrangements throughout the year. Donations of foodstuffs and produce to add to the displays will be most gratefully received – please leave them in the church on the Friday or Saturday before or give them to a member of the PCC. After the service the gifts will be packed up and delivered to Grace Harris House in Shepton Mallet. Do come and join us in a joyful thanksgiving for 'all good gifts around us'. The service will be led by James, our now not-so-new vicar. Croscombe PCC

Croscombe OAP and Children's Fund Harvest Auction

We are pleased to let you know that our Harvest Auction will be held on Saturday 17th October, 7.30pm for 8pm in The George Inn Croscombe. As usual we will have a varied selection of vegetables, homemade bakes, bottles etc. and as in previous years, other items which might surprise you! Any donations will be gratefully received in The George during the afternoon. Please come along and help us raise funds for the OAP's Christmas Dinner and other treats for the children.

This is guaranteed to be a fun evening with Nick Fowler Auctioneer, and all the committee .Cash or Bank transfer welcome.

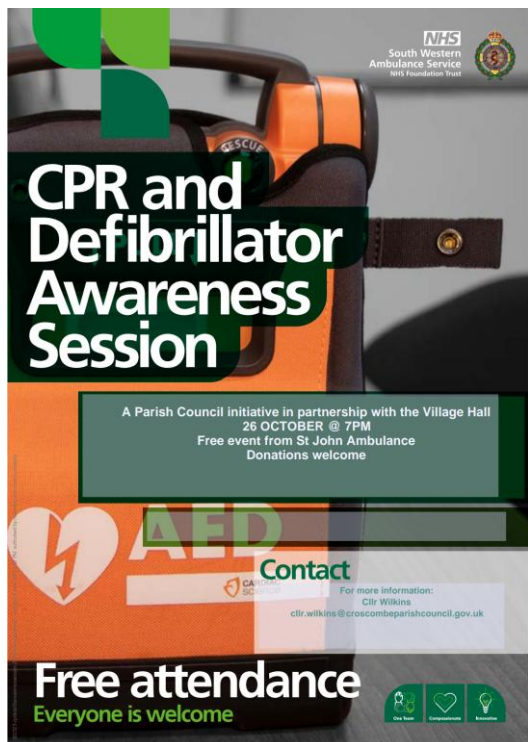
Croscombe Parish Council

Well, it's been a busy few months for your Parish Council, even though things may have looked a little quieter over the summer. Like most parish councils, we don't hold a meeting in August, but that certainly doesn't mean everything stops! There is still plenty going on behind the scenes, and with our meetings now back up and running, we thought it was a good time to bring you up to date.

One of the big things we continue to hear about is traffic and speeding through the village. This is something we know is important to many people in Croscombe, it's really important to us too, and we've been continuing to look at what we can do to help. Over the summer we've been gathering information and looking at different options available. We've also recently met with members from the newly formed Croscombe Residents' Traffic Action Group and the Speed Watch group, so that we can share ideas and work together. As part of this, you may have noticed that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) was up in Croscombe again recently and has been helping us gather more information about traffic speeds. The findings are up on our website now, so do take a look. It's important that we have good information before making decisions, so we can make sure that any action we take is proportionate and represents good value for the village.

There are plenty of other smaller jobs going on too. We're keeping an eye on our noticeboards and arranging some repairs where needed, following up on blocked drains before the wet weather is upon us, ensuring our grit bins are ready for sub-zero temperatures and keeping an eye on maintenance needed around the village and parks. Whatever the great British Weather has in store for us this year, we're trying to be as prepared as possible!

We've also been reviewing our defibrillators to ensure they are ready if needed. One was used in an emergency this year, which is exactly what they are there for of course. The cabinet was damaged in the process, which we understand can happen in a stressful and time critical situation, but after a thorough check we are pleased to see the defibrillator itself is still working so please don't be concerned if you notice some cosmetic damage. Thanks to the work of one of our proactive councillors we also have a free CPR and



Defibrillator Awareness Session booked in for 26th October at the Village Hall. Check out the poster in this magazine, on notice boards or online for more information, we would love to see as many of you as possible there.

Behind the scenes, the Parish Council is also continuing to work with our various village groups, including the Flood Group and Orchard Working Group, thinking about future projects and ways we can continue to make a positive difference locally.

And if you've noticed a little more from us online, that's

deliberate too! We're restarting activity on the Crocombe Parish Council Facebook page, alongside the usual ways of getting in touch with us. We want people to feel that they can contact the Parish Council if there is something they're concerned about or think we should know about and we want to be as accessible as possible. We're a very approachable bunch, we promise!

So, while there may be periods when you don't see us sitting around a table at a Parish Council meeting, please don't think nothing is happening! There are emails being sent, calls being made, things being followed up and plenty of work taking place. Village life doesn't stop, and neither does your Parish Council!

As always, if there's something you think we should know about, please do get in touch. We're here to represent Crocombe and its residents, and we're always keen to hear what matters to you.

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The Frolics

We are starting rehearsals for our annual pantomime, this time it is Cinderella, with performances 18th, 19th and 20th February. We are holding rehearsals for adult roles from Monday 12th October at 7.15 in the Seventh Day Adventist Hall and for children (8 years and over) from 26th October from 6.15 (also in SDA Hall). There are still a few parts to fill in the chorus, we are also looking for our principal girl and boy (18 years and over), so if you're interested do come along or if you would like more information please contact me – Jo.szymkow@brinternet.com

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 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 please contact Nicola Morris nicolajanemorris@yahoo.co.uk

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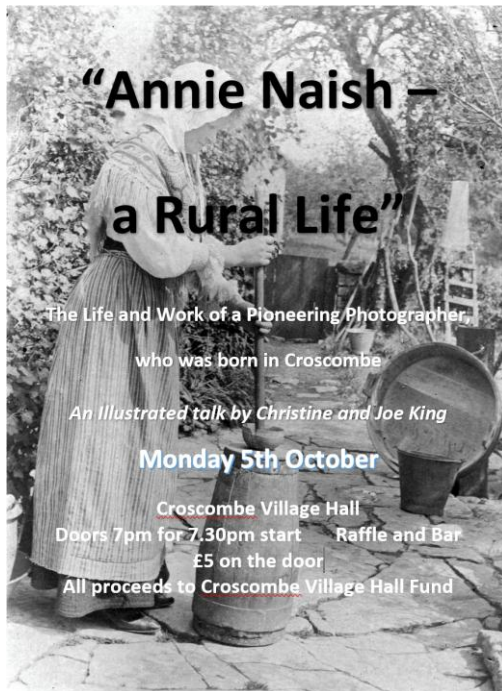
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05 Oct Mon	Cricket Club Quiz 8pm (first Monday of month thru winter)
08 Oct Thu	Italian Food Pop-up – book in advance
13 Oct Tue	Folk Session with Nathan & Caelia 7pm
27 Oct Tue	Board Game night with Tom 7pm
29 Oct Thu	Curry Night Buffet or Takeaway £20 book in advance
31 Oct Sat	Seafood Supper – 3 courses £35 advance booking only

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/alterd then please also get in touch.

Allotment Association

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Contact: Bruce Rawlinson 07707529775

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We practise most Monday evenings at St Mary's, Crocombe 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 Crocombe, 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

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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

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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.

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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
 - 12" Pizza or 1kg Chicken Wings.
- Wednesday Nepalese Night £18.00
- Thursday Japanese Night £18.00
- Friday Steak Night £18.00
- Saturday Bottomless Brunch £38.00 – 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Reservations Recommended

enquiries@thecrossways.co.uk 01749 899 000



Matthew, Emma and
Rev James invite you to:

Cafe Church at North Wootton Village Hall

A warm welcome for people
★ with disabilities and their carers -
songs, stories, prayer box, chat and new friends!
coffee, tea and cake - all free of charge!

Wednesday 14th October
Wednesday 11th November
Wednesday 9th December

 2.30-4.00pm



 Church phone number 01749 597171

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026



Dear Villagers,
Poppy Appeal 2026

Our team of house to house volunteers will endeavour to get to as many households as possible.

The static poppy collection boxes will be located in the following areas of the Villages:

Church of St John Pilton, Church of St Peter North Wootton, The Crown Pilton, Pilton Co-op, The Pilton Stage, Pilton New Room Community Coffee Shop and Crossways Hotel North Wootton.

Thank you in advance for your continued support

Pete and Trish Cheetham

01749 890442/ 07825 323242

AROUND AND ABOUT

West Pennard School

News and Views



Last term, several of our budding artists worked with Miss Holmes to produce artwork that celebrates our local area and our collaboration with other schools locally as part of the Somerset Partnership. Their resulting art work (on a theme of murmurations) is exceptional and, as planned, will be on display for all to see in Wells Cathedral (no less) for Somerset Arts Week. The art work produced by West Pennard and other schools is viewable in the Cathedral from 19th September. What an amazing opportunity to display our creativity in such a special place.

We welcomed our new starters to the school at the start of September. It was great to see how quickly the children settled and it was lovely to welcome our new and existing parents and carers to the school for what will be a long association with us. To aid their transition, and that of the other children in the school, each teacher held welcome meetings for parents and carers, letting them know about the learning that will go on throughout the year and how to best support their child(ren) to do their best and to thrive. We have lots of educational trips and opportunities already planned for the children to enjoy this term. The children are visiting Kilve, the Rural Life, We the Curious and the Museum of Somerset in October and November. They are having workshops on the World Wars, homes in the past and Victorian Christmases. We are looking forward to watching the Image Theatre Company perform Robin Hood, and our own children performing their Nativity and Christingle, as well as our choir getting out into the community to sing carols again this year at St Peter's, St John's, St Nicholas' and the Cyder Barn care home.

Best Wishes Mr Wheat

Wells Festival of Literature

Lunch with an author

The popular Literary Lunches organised by Wells Festival of Literature are back again this year offering the opportunity to meet and chat with an author over an informal light meal.



The first of these, on Tuesday 20 October, features art historian Elizabeth Goldring, whose new book *Holbein* explores the fascinating life of the 16th century artist.



She is followed on Wednesday 21st by traveller and author Sara Wheeler, whose biography of Jan Morris is published to coincide with the centenary of the legendary writer's birth.



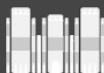
The final lunch on Friday 23rd is with historian and TV presenter Kate Williams whose book *Regina* is a new spin on the trials and tribulations of women in power.

Lunches cost £12.50 and must be booked by Friday 9 October. They take place in Cedars Dining Hall at 12.30pm, followed by the talk at 2pm in the main hall, which is booked separately.

The festival runs from 16–24 October. For full information about these and other speakers visit www.wellsfestivalofliterature.org.uk

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



16-24
October 2026

www.wellsfestivalofliterature.org.uk

Wells Community Network

Wells Community Network is looking for local people to drive local people to appointments in and around Wells, if you are able to circulate in your magazine or put this information on your social media sites we would be extremely grateful and ultimately it will support your community as well. Our website link is under my name and contact information.

Could You Spare a Couple of Hours a Month to Help Someone in Your Community?

Wells Community Network provides a volunteer driver service for local people in Wells and the surrounding villages who may find it difficult to get to important appointments. Our volunteer drivers help people get to GPs, hospitals, dentists and other healthcare appointments, providing not just transport, but a friendly face and reassurance along the way. We're looking for more volunteer drivers to join our friendly local team. You don't need to commit to regular hours - just having a spare couple of hours a month could make a real difference to someone who needs our support and you can be flexible with the jobs you accept.

As a volunteer driver, you'll be reimbursed for your mileage and will have the satisfaction of knowing you're helping local people stay independent, connected and able to access the healthcare they need.

Could you help? Whether you can offer your time regularly or just occasionally, we'd love to hear from you and welcome you to the team. How about popping in to our Community Cafe at the Portway Annexe in Wells to find out more? We are there every Tuesday morning from 10:30 - 12pm. Or drop us a line at: volunteers@wellscommunity.network

Helping Local Communities Build Resilience

Since being appointed in May as Somerset Council's Executive member with responsibility for community resilience, I have heard from many people that information on flooding, extreme weather, grants and training can be difficult to keep track of. To help address this, I have put together the **Somerset Community Resilience Action Calendar**, bringing key information, events and deadlines together in one accessible format.

The calendar is designed to give parish councils, community groups and residents a simple guide to actions that can help communities become better prepared and more resilient. As well as highlighting grants, training opportunities, flood awareness activities and emerging risks such as drought and wildfire, it also shares examples of the excellent work already being carried out by communities across Somerset, helping to inspire and encourage others. The calendar is updated regularly, with most suggested actions taking less than ten minutes to complete.

The latest edition can be viewed at www.claresully.com. Alternatively, email claire.sully@somerset.gov.uk and request a copy.

October Somerset Flood Awareness Month

Somerset's own campaign month, running across the county library network. The intention is to build it year on year, so engagement this year sets the baseline.

Date	Event	Where
Tue 6 Oct	Session	Frome Library
Tue 13 Oct	Session	Wincanton Library
Wed 21 Oct	Community Resilience Day	Millfield School, Butleigh
	Road, Street BA16 0YD 9.15am to 4pm	
Mon 26 Oct	Family workshop half term	Taunton Library
Wed 28 Oct	Family workshop half term	Porlock Library
Fri 30 Oct	Family workshop half term	Priorswood Library, Taunton

Cllr Claire Sully

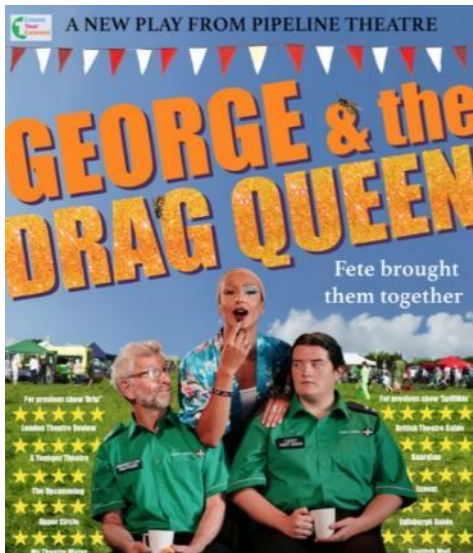
Somerset Council: Mendip South Division

What's On in Shepton Mallet

Every Friday

Weekly Friday Market

Take Art professional theatre “George and the Drag Queen” Hosted by Let's Buy the Amulet - Saturday 3rd October



A bittersweet, bonkers cake-mix of the epic and the outlandish, beaten together with the everyday, and the plain silly.

The setting: A village fete - bunting, cakes, outsize veg, and wasps.

The characters: Two bantering first-aid volunteers setting up their tent - George, a stand-in Grandpa for Maddy; and Maddy, a stand-in Granddaughter for George. Oh, and one Lebanese Drag Queen - Eliana Sultana, booked to do the raffle, getting changed in the corner.

The drama: In a 'twist of fete', their stories entwine with explosive results.

- Why has a Drag Queen been booked for a village fete?
- What is Maddy's connection with Eliana's boyfriend?
- Where has George seen Eliana's face before?
- And just how allergic is Eliana to wasps?

Pipeline Theatre have an incredible pedigree of theatrical storytelling gaining numerous 5* critic reviews. They were selected from over 50 other theatre companies by Take Art and the other South West rural touring schemes to support the development and a national tour of their new show “George and the Drag Queen” so you don’t want to miss their provocative, funny but ultimately life-affirming new show.

Trigger warning: contains scenes of empathy and mutual understanding.

Info & Tickets: £14 adult / £8 low-income / £8 Under25 via takeart.org/whatsapp

This professional theatre show is being hosted by Let's Buy the Amulet in Whitstone School Hall on Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm thanks to the support of Take Art – Somerset's rural touring charity

Great British Theatre Awards Finalists

Let's Buy The Amulet have been shortlisted as a finalist at the Great British Theatre Awards 2026, which recognises theatres and their champions and will be held in Central Hall, Westminster in early November.

The campaign has been nominated for the 'Shining Star' award, which is given to an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to create, save or adapt a theatre building for the community. While other categories include nominees that are some of the biggest names in UK Theatre, including the National Theatre, Nottingham Playhouse, Soho Place and the Chichester Festival Theatre.



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.

Please come along and Support Shepton Mallet Carnival on Wednesday November 18th 2026. Start Time 7.30pm.

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



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

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.

Parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, and North Wootton

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www.stmaryscroscombechurch.org

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PCC Secretary		
Editor, North Wootton	Mr Steve Ruddock	01749 890045

REVD JAMES SHARP

Dear Friend,

Whether you worship every Sunday, come to church just at Christmas, or to celebrate a wedding, bring a child for baptism, say goodbye to a loved one at a funeral, enjoy a concert or the sound of church bells, or simply value seeing the church at the heart of village life – our church buildings are here for everyone, and we hope to keep them open for many generations to come, to use in the same way.

You may not know that our churches have to be fully self-funding – we do not get any financial support from central Church of England bodies. But our Sunday congregations cannot by themselves meet the growing cost of caring for our beautiful buildings. We need the support of the wider community – we need your support - if they are to remain open, welcoming and available for our children, grandchildren and beyond. Thank you so much to those who already do this.

Your support will help us to:

- Keep our churches open every day of the year.
- Repair and maintain historic buildings.
- Heat and light our churches for worship and community events.
- Meet essential insurance and safety requirements.
- Continue to host baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Provide a welcoming place for prayer, reflection and community life.

This is not about preserving old buildings for their own sake but about ensuring that our churches continue to serve and stand at the heart of our villages as they have done for centuries.

If you value having your church at the centre of village life, would you consider becoming a regular financial supporter? Every gift, however large or small, helps ensure that these churches remain open and available for everyone.

For example, if every person who lives in our 7 villages gave only £1 a month, that would amount to £3,266 per month, or £39,192 a year. Although it would be great if most gave more, that amount alone would enable us to pay for some of the most urgent repairs we have across our churches.

We would be so very grateful if you could think about this need carefully and commit some of your monthly giving budget to our churches, alongside the other charities that I know many of you support.

As you might imagine, most priests don't like having to deviate from the core task of loving and welcoming people to focusing on money – reading balance

sheets and suggesting how people might allocate their hard-earned income isn't why I got ordained funnily enough! So, if yet another church leader banging on about money triggers or irritates anyone, I am so sorry. I won't make it a habit I promise!

Thank you for your encouragement and for helping to keep our churches at the heart of our communities. Please get in touch if you would like to give me any feedback on this issue as it affects our parishes.

With love,



ROUNABOUT FOSSE BENEFICE

Churches in Pilton, North Wootton and Crocombe,
Ditcheat with Alhampton, East Pennard and Pylle

Rev James Sharp

Priest-in-charge of: ROUNABOUT FOSSE BENEFICE

Pilton, Crocombe and North Wootton, Ditcheat with Alhampton, East Pennard and Pylle. (My day off is usually Friday - thanks.)

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BIBLE READINGS

4th October	Isaiah 5: 1-7 For Church service	Matthew 21: 33-46 Luke 6: 35-38
11th October	Isaiah 25: 1-9	Matthew 18: 21-35
18th October	Isaiah 45:1 – 7	Matthew 22: 15-22
25th October	Leviticus 19: 1,2,15-18	Matthew 22: 34-46

THANK YOU

A Collection was made at the Pilton Show Thanksgiving Service to support relief work in Nepal and Tibet. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make up the sum of £280 which has been sent to the DEC to support the vital work being undertaken.

PUZZLING QUESTIONS will meet again on Tuesday October 6th at 2.30pm in The New Room Coffee Shop at Pilton Methodist Church. We will be considering

some more of the issues that affect our lives. Everyone is very welcome to join this informal Discussion Group.

ALL SOULS SERVICE

Pylle Church

Monday 2nd November, 5.00pm – 5.45pm

A peaceful, contemplative gathering to mark All Souls Day — with simple readings, well-known hymns, and the lighting of candles in memory of those we love. Whether your loss is recent or longer ago, all are welcome.

PILTON CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

10.30am at the Parish Church

The Impact of Changes on our Local Environment

The News is full of disasters in the world. We may think it is not a problem for us here in central Somerset but this year we have felt the effects of an exceptionally hot summer with record-breaking high temperatures. It wasn't just our gardens that suffered: local farmers and producers have lost valuable crops that are devastating their livelihoods.

In our service we will be taking time to consider and hear about the local impact of climate change, through songs, prayers and words. This will be developed in the film advertised below.

Come and watch

The People's Emergency Briefing

a film with strong language

on Monday 19th October

at the Pilton Stage

The People's Emergency Briefing is a film with the latest evidence on the threats from climate change and emphasises the fact that the climate and nature emergencies pose an immediate threat to British life.

DEATHS

We send our loving sympathy to the family and friends of **Mark Woolley** of Croscombe. His funeral service is scheduled to take place at Mendip Crematorium on 23rd September.

PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

4 th October	Moira Cowell
11 th October	Barry Speddings
18 th October	United Service at PC
25 th October	Rev Audrey Standhaft

Chapel Services begin at 10.30am.

Minister: Rev Andrew Prout

Tel: 01373 301092 / 07881641025

E-Mail: andrew.prout@methodist.org.uk

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

October 2026

4th October

11.00am

Trinity 18

All Together Communion

Alhampton

11th October

9.30am

Trinity 19

Holy Communion

Pilton

9.30am

Holy Communion

Ditcheat

11.00am

Holy Communion

Croscombe

11.00am

Harvest Communion

North Wootton

18th October

10.30am

Trinity 20

PCWT Service

Pilton Parish Church

11.00am

Morning Service

North Wootton

11.00am

Holy Communion

East Pennard

25th October

9.30am

Last Sunday after Trinity

Informal Communion Service

Pilton

11.00am

Harvest Service

Croscombe

11.00am

Morning Service

North Wootton

11.00am

Holy Communion

Alhampton

1st November

11.00am

All Saints Day

All Together Communion

East Pennard

2nd November

5.00pm

All Souls Day

All Souls Service

Pylle