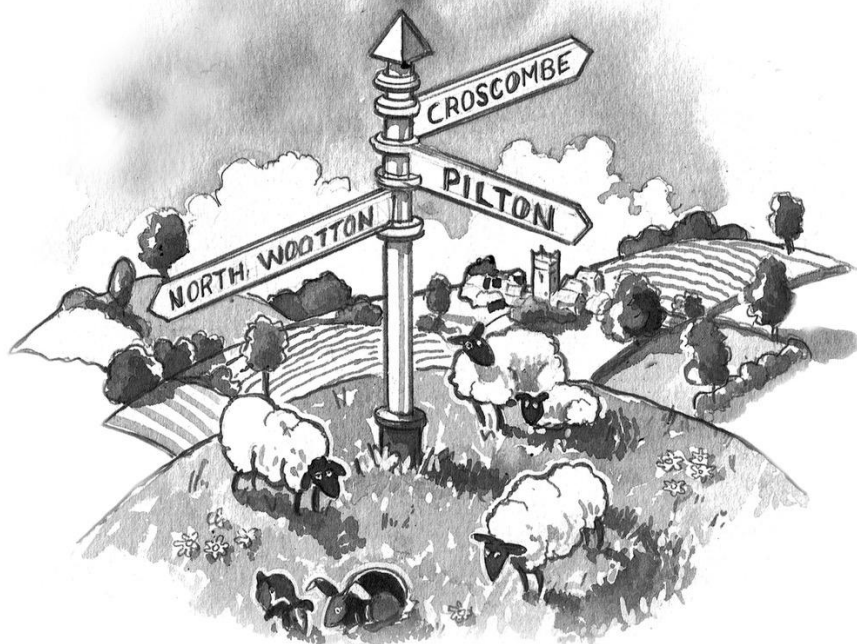


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All material in word or email please. **Deadline for July edition is 15 June**

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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

Roundabout Team

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

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

Welcome to June

June feels different this year. With the festival taking a break, the fields are resting and the familiar build-up of trucks, scaffolding and distant basslines are absent from the landscape. Yet the villages don't feel empty. It turns out you don't need a pyramid stage or a skyline of scaffolding for creativity to burst into life and the space has been quickly filled by the creativity that has always been here.

You can see it in the Tithe Barn, where the Summer Market will gather makers, growers and traders who create things with care. You will hear it drifting out of the Crown, where a programme of music and laughter will be alongside great food, creating it's own kind of festival atmosphere. And it's there in Shepton, where their own festival spirit is building, smaller in scale, but rich in imagination and entirely rooted in the community.

This slower summer gives us a chance to notice the things that often sit in the margins. A choir rehearsal and their voices spill out into the evening. People preparing for markets, talks, walks and gatherings. The stories shared over coffee, the ideas exchanged in passing, the projects that grow because someone cared enough to begin.

The Roundabout is shaped by the voices of the villages. We would love to hear from more of you, new arrivals, long-standing residents, people with memories to share, or simply those with an idea they think might interest or entertain the villages. If there's a corner of village life you'd like us to explore, or a story you think deserves a place in these pages, please let us know.

June may feel different this year, but it also feels open, an invitation to notice the creativity that has been here all along, and to add your own voice to it.

Liz Richards

PILTON

What's On in Pilton – June

8th	7.30pm	Pilton Village History Group	Village Hall
17th	2.15pm	Happy Circle	Village Hall
23rd	7.30pm	Village Voice Community Choir	The Methodist Church
27th	9.30am – 4pm	Pilton Summer Market	Tithe Barn
24th 28th		Fallow Fest	The Crown

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

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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



Pilton Village History Group

Our meeting this month will be on Monday 8th June at 7.30pm in Pilton Village Hall. ALL WELCOME Members free, Visitors £4

One of our own members, Richard Raynsford will present "Croscombe's Outstanding Church – an illustrated tour"

He says "We are very fortunate in Somerset in having exceptional historic churches, which locally include Pilton (the subject of a previous talk) and Croscombe, which has one of the finest seventeenth century interiors in the country." Richard's illustrated talk will cover both the furnishings and the exterior carvings of Croscombe Church, together with overlooked features such as the nave roof, whose bosses are carved with various images.

Richard has always had an interest in churches, particularly their historic and artistic qualities. He has written a book on rural churches in England (which is now out of print) and is currently working on a study of medieval figurative images in Somerset churches.

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

Pilton Happy Circle

Happy Circle Wednesday, the 17th of June. This month subs are due for this year £12 / £ 1.50 fee each meeting for coffee tea cakes and biscuits this month we are looking forward to meeting Reverend James Sharp. Now would be a time to Join. Looking forward to seeing some new faces.

Freda Rachel and Janet Eileen

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

Village Voices Community Choir

Pilton Village Voices turns 10! To celebrate a decade of community singing, we warmly invite you to our "Let's Sing" event on Tuesday 23rd June, 7:30pm - 9:00pm at The Methodist Chapel, Top Street, Pilton. Just come along on the evening wearing your best toe-tapping shoes! (No tickets, but a small donation towards choir costs would be gratefully received). For further information, drop us a line on: villagevoices22@btinternet.com.

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's Summer Market Tithe Barn Pilton

Saturday 27th June 9.30-4pm

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Pilton Barn Trust – Afternoon Tea

Save the date - Pilton Barn Trust, enjoy Afternoon Tea in the Tithe Barn on Saturday 1st August at 3pm, more details to follow next month

Pilton Jumble Trail – Bhopal Medical Appeal

Many thanks to all who came along to our stall and bought things, supported, donated items or money, resulting in raising a record sum that will go a long way to help running the clinic for those still affected by the appalling Indian gas disaster of 42 years ago. The rain mercifully held off and a good sociable day was had by all. We will start collecting again *after* September's Pilton Show.

Fiona and Jenny

The Pilton Show. 5th September 2026

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

Crafts Stalls for Pilton Show

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



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

Time to get preparing for a bumper year of entries!

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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 – April Events

- Tues 2nd June: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 3rd June: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
7:00 PM – Have I got Booze for You . Quiz Night
- Thurs 4th June: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
- Tues 9th June: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 10th June: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
8:00 PM – Folk Night
- Thurs 11th June: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
- Fri 12th June : 6:00 PM – A Pound for the Sound
- Tues 16th June: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 17th June: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
7.00PM – Pilton Pop Quiz
- Thurs 18th June: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
- Tues 23rd June: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 24th June: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
7:00 PM – Fallow Fest Comedy Presents: Alistair Barrie
- Thurs 25th June: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
7.00pm – Fallow Fest Comedy Presents: Finlay Christie
8.00pm – Open Mic Night
- Fri 26th June: Fallow Fest: Latino Sound System & Fiesta
6.00pm – Pound for Sound
- Sun 28th June: 7.00pm – Fallow Fest Comedy: Sarah Barron
- Tues 30th June: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday

The Pilton Stage and Village Hall

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

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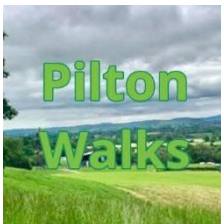
Writers Group with The Write Assistant

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.

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.

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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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!

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.

June Poem

When the days get longer,
The stars shine brighter,
Your hair gets lighter,
The water gets warmer,
The music gets louder,
And life gets better.

Unknown

June Quote

Said Hamlet to Ophelia,
I'll draw a sketch of thee,
What kind of pencil shall I use?
2B or not 2B?

Spike Milligan

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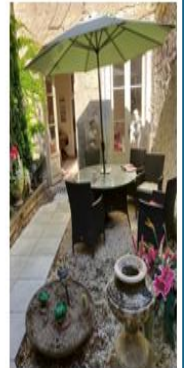
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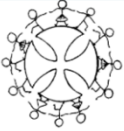
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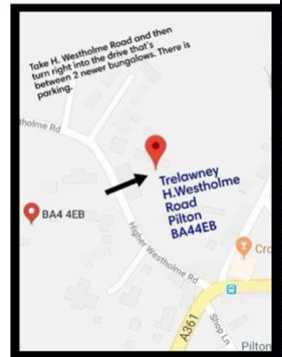
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CROSCOMBE

What's On in Croscombe – June

1st	7pm	Frolics AGM	Village Hall
8th	7pm	Film Night	Village Hall
13th	10am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall

What's On in Croscombe – July

18th	All Day	Croscombe Fun Day	Village Hall
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Croscombe Village Hall Film Night – Wuthering Heights

Croscombe Village Hall presents - Wuthering Heights. Monday June 8th.

A bold and original imagining of one of the greatest love stories of all time.

Emerald Fennell's " Wuthering Heights" Starring Margot Robbie as Cathy and Jacob Elordi as Heathcliff, whose forbidden passion for one another turns from romantic to intoxicating in an epic tale of lust, love and madness,

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Croscombe Village Hall Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th June, 10 am -12. Delicious Home Made Cakes and savouries, Organic freshly brewed coffee, Book Stall and Raffle. All welcome.

Croscombe Village Hall News

Last month we were successful in obtaining another grant for £700. This was from The Mendip Hills Grant towards the cost of installing solar panels and battery storage, the total grants raised for this project now stands at £23,566. We would again like to take this opportunity to thank all of our funders.

The installation is due to begin on Friday 12th of June , & finishing on 19th of June. Due to the disruption this will cause we are closing the hall during the day from the 12th, but the hall will remain open at weekends and during the evenings.

Village Hall 100 Club

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

Postage Stamps

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

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

Crocombe Fun Day. 18th July

As well as the usual fun events in the village hall and field we are happy to announce that this year we will be having Craft, Flowers and Produce classes for adults and children to enter. We haven't done this for a few years and are hoping there will be interest in the classes we are arranging. All details are in this year's programme.

Crocombe and Dinder Frolics AGM

The Frolics will be holding their AGM on Monday 1st June at 7pm in the Seventh Day Adventists' Hall. All are welcome.

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Croscombe Primary School

There's been such a lovely buzz around school recently — the kind that comes from children throwing themselves into learning, cheering each other on, and surprising us (and themselves) with what they can do. As we move through the summer term, it's been a real joy to see so many moments that capture the heart of our little school.



One of the standout highlights this month came from one of our very youngest pupils. Ruby, who is just five, decided completely on her own that she had something important to say: she believes that five year olds should be allowed to vote. With all the confidence and clarity only a determined Reception child can bring, she sat down and wrote a persuasive letter to our local MP, Tessa Munt, explaining exactly why children her age should have a say. She even added a brilliant drawing to help make her point.

To her absolute delight, Tessa replied personally — not only praising Ruby's thoughtful letter, but inviting her to visit the Houses of Parliament. An incredible achievement for someone so young, and a reminder of how powerful children's voices can be when they feel heard. We're all so proud of her.

Our Year 6s have also had a big moment this month as they completed their SATs. It's a demanding week, but they handled it with such maturity and calm. They worked hard, supported one another, and kept their spirits up throughout — exactly what we hope to see at this stage in their journey. We're immensely proud of every single one of them. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful PTA, who provided a warm, welcoming breakfast each morning. It made such a difference to the children's mindset and gave them a positive start to each day.

Across the rest of the school, excitement has been building for Sports Day on Friday 5th June. Practices have been full of laughter, encouragement, and plenty of determination. What always shines through is the team spirit — we may be a small school, but our spirit is mighty! Sports Day is one of those events that brings everyone together, and we're keeping our fingers crossed for good weather. Whatever the skies decide, we know the children will give it their all and enjoy every moment.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, we're grateful — as always — for the support of our families, parish community, and everyone who helps make our school such a warm, joyful place to grow and learn. These moments, from heartfelt letters to Parliament to cheering each other on at Sports Day, remind us what a special community we are part of. We look forward to sharing more of these highlights as the term continues.

Croscombe Directory

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

Allotment Association

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

Contact: Bruce Rawlinson 07707529775

Bell Ringers

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

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

Church Flower Arrangers

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

Contact: Louise Tully chateautully@btinternet.com

Church Key Rota Volunteers

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

Contact: Louise Tully chateautully@btinternet.com

Community orchard group

Croscombe Community Orchard is a burgeoning orchard of young trees largely sponsored by members of the Croscombe community comprising varieties of

apple, pear, cherry and plum. A dedicated group of volunteers manage and maintain the plot on Thrupe Lane just south of the Croscombe burial ground.

Contact: Louise Tully chateautully@btinternet.com

The Dream Team

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

Film Night and Coffee Morning

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

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

Frolics/Take Art

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

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

Fun Day

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

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

OAPs and Children's Fund

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

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

The Parish Church of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Croscombe

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

Play Area Working Group

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

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

Senior Citizens

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

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

Sequence dancing

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

Contact: Lyn Manvill lynmanvill@gmail.com

Tai Chi

Held on Mondays at 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

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

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

Village Orchestra

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

Contact: Tony Bevan arbevan@icloud.com

Village Voices from Croscombe

We would love to start a page for Village voices from Croscombe. If you would like to contribute a short piece about your life in the village then please contact Libby Morgan by email on libbymorgan65@btinternet.com.

West Shepton Short Mat Bowls Club

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

NORTH WOOTTON

WHAT'S ON IN NORTH WOOTTON

Village Events:

Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting

June 26th - Talk - Travels in India.

Sept 12th - Village Day.

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and then through Georgia, Armenia and Iran. Finally they crossed India - from Dwarka in the west and then on through Vrindavan, Gujarat and Rajasthan into Uttar Pradesh and finally (in autumn 2024) the temple beach town of Puri by the Bay of Bengal in the east.

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Details

- Date: Friday 26th June.
- Time: 7-9pm
- North Wootton Village Hall, BA4 5HA.

Tickets available

Tickets are £10. This includes a variety of curries available with rice and condiments.

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Please purchase tickets by emailing: villagehallnorthwootton@gmail.com

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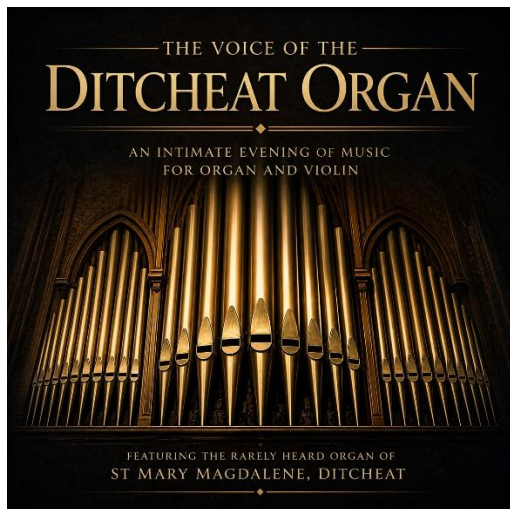
Following last year's successful season of pop-up events, which took place in a temporary event space built by volunteers in the Amulet, this festival will take place in multiple small and outdoor venues across town.

There will be both free and ticketed events, put on by Let's Buy The Amulet together with other local venues and promoters, with something for everyone. Highlights include jazz and an outdoor ceilidh, both in

the Market Place, punk in the Victoria Inn garden, folk & indie music shows plus spoken word and community art activities. The legendary 'god of hellfire' Arthur Brown will perform at the Art Bank and the biggest Prison Yard Party will close the festival on Sunday 28th June.

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

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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.

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West Pennard Church of England Primary School



We were in full-on Wurzel spirit on the 7th May, as we celebrated Somerset Day. We invited parents into school for the afternoon to accompany their children for a whole school picnic on the field, with music provided by Andrew North. Mandy and Sue made special Somerset inspired packed lunches for those that have a school lunch, with locally sourced produce and sealed with special West Pennard / Somerset Day stickers. The field was adorned with Somerset flags and the

children (and parents) had stalls run by each year group with activities and games that the children and parents could engage with for free. Mrs Smith's dragon hats were a particular highlight! A great many thanks to Mrs Pinsent for organising the festivities and to all the many parents that came along to support.

Next week our Year 6s are off on an amazing week-long adventure at Okehampton for their annual residential. This year we have timed it to take place straight after SATs, providing a fabulous opportunity to relax and to create lasting memories after what can be a very busy and testing time. The children have worked so hard throughout the year – I just hope that the weather is kind to them! In readiness for Year 6's residential, we build the children up gradually for staying away from home for 4 nights, so in Year 4 they have a day visit at Mill on the Brue, which is also taking place next week. In Year 5 the children visit Kilve for 3 days (2 nights). This happens in October.

Next month we will be welcoming our new intake children and parents for 3 stay and play sessions and an information evening. We look forward to welcoming them to the West Pennard family.

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REVD JAMES SHARP

Recently I asked some of our church wardens whether I should spread myself thinly across all seven villages in our new benefice, or dig deep into a couple of them.

‘Both’, came the reply from one of them, with a smile on their face!

It’s not just a matter of interest for God-botherers that life has changed and that the place of the church in village life has shifted. I am learning that most villagers have a ‘dog in the race’. Many trust that our churches will be there to receive them into the ground when their time is up, to marry their offspring and to baptise future generations. To host Remembrance Sundays, Harvest Festivals and of course the high days and holy days at Easter and Christmas.

This isn’t a plea from me to remember we’re there other Sundays of the year since I get that life has moved on and Sunday attendance isn’t central to most peoples’ lives. Old assumptions have shifted, and the place of the church is no longer to guilt people into attending.

As the age profile in our villages creeps up, so does the financial cost of keeping the church roofs intact, the buildings free of damp and the churchyards neat and tidy. Because of this it’s so easy for us to feel defeated and adopt a ‘poor old us’ mindset. Some long for the mythical days when the church was full, children sat and sang dutifully and everyone did what the Lord of the Manor and the Rector instructed.

I am deeply impacted though by how much we have. Our community and relational networks. People popping in on one another, that there is neighbourly concern and Christian love in action expressed. All that cake! Our bells ring out thanks to dedicated teams of ringers. Our church buildings are part of an architectural heritage that is the envy of the world. Every week families that are ‘hatching, matching and dispatching’ find comfort, sanctuary and hope and yet the future of our church buildings is a constant source of anxiety to us.

Maybe it takes a newcomer like me to dare to suggest that on the contrary, we have so much – such abundance and such beauty! Of course, there are financial challenges and of course the entire charity sector suffers from a lack of volunteers, yet we are blessed beyond measure.

I find that I can’t be in more than one place at a time and even then I must ensure I am indeed fully present, as Andi my wife reminds me! Nonetheless, see you soon hopefully,

Rev James

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(My day off is usually Friday - thanks.)

BIBLE READINGS

7th June	Genesis 12:1-9	Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26
14th June	Genesis 18: 1-15	Matthew 9: 35- 10: 23
21st June	Romans 8: 1b-11	Matthew 10: 24-39
28th June	Romans 6: 12-23	Matthew 10: 40-42

PILTON CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

Service on Sunday 21st June in the Parish Church at 11.00am.

Our gardens and the countryside are full of the beauties of summertime.

At the PCWT Service we are celebrating the seasonal beauty and colour with a **Jam Jar Flower Festival** (that means a miniature Flower Festival in jars of any size) and we hope that lots of people will be able to share something of what they enjoy in and around their gardens. If you don't have a flower garden you can enjoy other people's contributions. Please don't pick protected wild flowers but small jars of flowers would make a beautiful, colourful display in the church. In the service we will be sharing some of the stories and traditions that go with some of the flowers. Do come and join us – children are very welcome to bring an arrangement too.

PUZZLING QUESTIONS will meet on Tuesday June 2nd at 2.30pm in The New Room Coffee Shop at Pilton Methodist Church. Everyone is very welcome to join this informal Discussion Group.

VACANCY

Church Administrator to the Vicar

15 hours per week (hybrid and flexible) over 3 days (5 hours per day), ideally Monday - Thursday

20 days holiday plus bank holidays (pro-rated to working hours)

Travel expenses - 45p per mile (travel to other locations other than commuting)

Pension – TBA

Hourly rate - TBA

We are looking for an organised and friendly Church Administrator to support the Vicar within his six parishes. The role includes preparing service material, managing correspondence, coordinating diaries, maintaining records and assisting with the administration of weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

You will also help keep parish communications running smoothly, including social media and website updates. Strong organisation, attention to detail and confidence with email and Microsoft/Google tools are essential.

A warm, approachable manner is equally important. Occasional evening meetings may be required.

If you enjoy supporting others and value community life, we would love to hear from you.

For an informal conversation or to apply, please contact: andisharp@gmail.com

PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

7th June	Morning Service	H. Wade
14th June	Morning Service	K. Elliott
21st June	11.00am PCWT at the Parish Church	
28th June	Morning Service	J. Cobb

5th July - Emm

12th July - Local Arrangement

19th July - Songs of Praise at the Tithe Barn

26th July - Standhaft

2nd August - Day

9th August - Local Arrangement

16th August - Prout, Holy Communion

23rd August - Young

30th August - Fuller

Chapel Services begin at 10.30am.

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

JUNE 2026

7th June	Trinity 1	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Alhampton
14th June	Trinity 2	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Ditcheat
11.00am	Morning Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Holy Communion	North Wootton
21st June	Trinity 3	
10.00am	Holy Communion	Ditcheat
11.00am	PCWT Service at the Parish Church	Pilton
11.00am	Morning Service	North Wootton
28th June	Trinity 4	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Alhampton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Morning Service	North Wootton
5th July	Trinity 5	
11.00am	All Together Communion	Croscombe