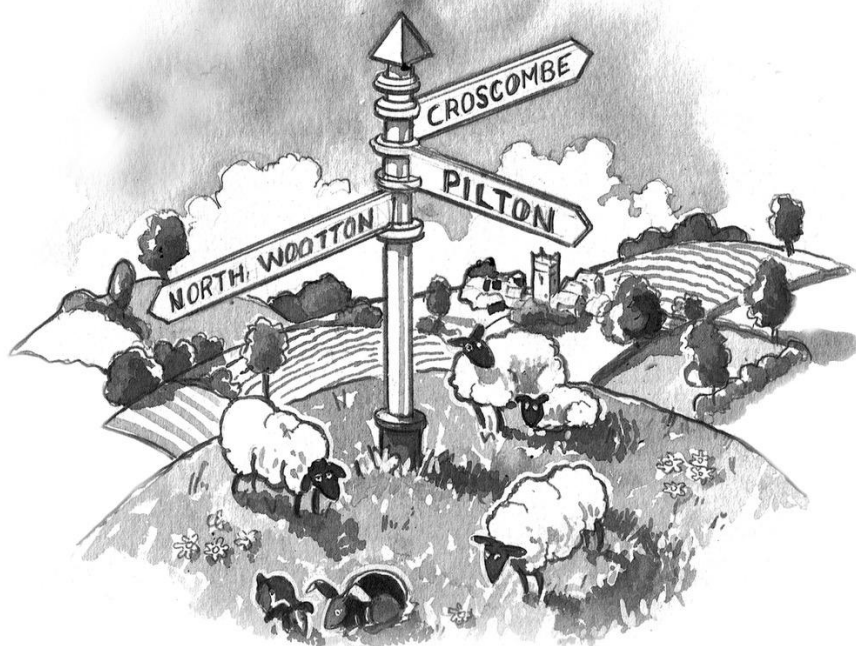


# The ROUNDAABOUT Magazine

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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](http://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**

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## **Roundabout Team**

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

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# Welcome to July

This July seems to present different choices. For some, it's the season when sport takes centre stage and there's plenty to choose from, football, tennis, cycling, cricket, with each offering its own drama, its own heartbreak, its own moments of joy. Living rooms become small stadiums, pubs and clubs turn into communal viewing spaces, and conversations drift into predictions, replays and post-match analysis. A change from last year, when the conversation was line up and stages and waiting for the moment the villages became quiet again. This year, a fallow year and in its absence, sport seems to have stepped into that space, giving people a different kind of shared conversation. "Did you see..." "Did you catch..." "Did you hear..." It's remarkable how quickly these conversations and moments create conversations. Even those who don't follow the games often enjoy the way sport brings people together through that collective gasp, the shared groan, or the celebrations of wins whether expected and unexpected.

July also belongs to those who prefer to step away from screens entirely. For many, this is the moment to reclaim the outdoors, walking, cycling, gardening, swimming, or simply exploring. The school term winds down and families begin to plan their summer breaks and people take the chance to rest, to recharge, to spend time with friends and family, or simply to enjoy the longer days in whatever way suits them best.

This month also brings an important invitation. Revd James Sharp is asking for your thoughts on the future of our parish churches, whether you attend regularly, occasionally, or not at all. These buildings sit at the heart of our villages, holding community history and a space for conversations. Your voice will help shape what they become next.

However, you spend July, glued to the TV, avoiding it entirely, or somewhere in between, take a moment to add your voice. Shared conversations are part of what make village life feel alive, and this is a rare chance to help shape the spaces that hold those conversations.

Liz Richards

# CROSCOMBE

## What's On in Croscombe – July

|      |         |                        |                                |
|------|---------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6th  | 7pm     | Croscombe Flood Group  | George Inn                     |
| 13th | 7.30pm  | Film Night             | Village Hall                   |
| 18th | All Day | Croscombe Fun Day      | Village Hall and Playing Field |
| 29th | 10am    | Bell Ringing           | Croscombe Church               |
| 29th | 6pm     | Debs Newbold – Theatre | George Inn                     |

## What's On in Croscombe – August

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|-----|---------|----------------|--------------|
| 1st | 10.00am | Coffee Morning | Village Hall |
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### Croscombe Village Hall Film Night – H is for Hawk

Croscombe Village Hall presents – H is for Hawk. Monday July 13th

H is for Hawk follows Helen (Claire Foy), who, after the sudden death of her father (Brendan Gleeson), loses herself in the memories of their time birding and exploring the natural world together and turns the ancient art of falconry—rooted in European tradition—training a wild goshawk named Mabel to navigate her profound loss. But as she teaches Mabel to hunt and fly free, Helen discovers how deeply she has neglected her own emotions and life. What begins as an act of endurance transforms into an intimate journey of resilience and healing.

Certificate 12. Tickets £7.00. Doors open at 7.00pm, film starts at 7.30.

### Croscombe Village Hall Coffee Morning

There is no Coffee Morning in July, the next is Saturday 1st August 10 – 12 am  
Delicious homemade cakes and savouries, organic freshly brewed coffee.

Book stall and raffle. All welcome

### Croscombe Flood Group

The next Croscombe Flood Group meeting will be in The George Inn on Monday 6th July at 7pm. We will provide an update on our recent activities.

## **Croscombe Fun Day. 18th July**

The Fun Day is from 11.00am until 5.00pm, in the Village Hall and the Playing Field. Entry is £1.00, free for children, who get a ticket for a free burger. Please bring cash.

We have the usual fun events, market stalls, bouncy castle, skittles, live music, barbecue, raffle and bar, and this year a coconut shy and a fortune teller. We also have lots of food stalls, including Hog Roast, pizzas, candy floss, and an ice cream van, and teas and cakes in the hall.

Also, this year we have revived the Craft and Produce competition, entry forms were in last months roundabout, spares can be obtained from The George, and completed entry forms can be taken to The George.

There is still room for more stalls, at £12.00 a pitch, whether you want to raise funds for an organisation or charity, or just want to sell some bits and pieces, you are most welcome.

There are still some slots available in the music tent, so if you want to play a few songs let us know. We would also be grateful for any donations to the Raffle

The Fun Day is run on a, not for profit, basis by volunteers, any profit made goes back to ensuring we can continue to run. If an excess of money is raised, we hope to make a donation to a local worthy cause. If you would like to help out on the day please let us know. Contact: Nick Fowler [fowlernj1@sky.com](mailto:fowlernj1@sky.com) or Mike Dowell [micdowell@aol.com](mailto:micdowell@aol.com)

## **Croscombe Church – Bell Ringing**

On Wednesday 29th July between 10am and 11am, a group of local bell ringers will be coming to ring at Croscombe Church. They will be a mixture of inexperienced and experienced ringers. This is part of an outing in our area for the new ringers to gain experience ringing at different towers on different weights of bells.

## Senior Citizens

For our May meeting we had a gentleman named George from Secret World give us a talk on how they cover rescuing wild animals. He told us they get around 15,000 calls in one year and around 5,000 animals can be helped in that time and they are actually open 365 days a year. The couple, called Pauline and Derek, were farmers but diversified so opened the wild life farm in 1989. In 1992 it became an official charity. They closed to the public in 2000 but open on special occasions.

Most casualties sadly are related to humans (fishing hooks, plastic bags, general litter, especially plastic rings) but some supermarkets now sell cans without rings. When the animals are released many farmers offer land for this purpose as for example a frightened deer can lose its eyesight for about two weeks.

Their motto is Rescue, Rehabilitate, Release.

They look after so many different animals too numerous to mention. We were given advice as to how we could help such as making a wood pile or leaving just a small area of the garden wild. Also information about how we could help animals if we came across one which we felt was in difficulties. Rabbits and pigeons are the most common ones rescued, animals are fed twice a day and they fortunately have around 200 volunteers.

With the talk and videos it was very informative and an interesting afternoon followed by our usual tea and home made biscuits.

Lyn Manvill 07780 661 327 email [lynmanvill@gmail.com](mailto:lynmanvill@gmail.com)

Our next meeting is 16th July where we have a lady called Helen with her Guide Dog for the blind attending. It is in the village hall at 2.15pm. All welcome.

Lyn Manvill 07780 661 327 [lynmanvill@gmail.com](mailto:lynmanvill@gmail.com)

## Postage Stamps

Please continue to save your stamps - used, unused, British and foreign - for charity. Now that the RSPB no longer takes them, I have arranged to send them to "Canine Partners Stamp Appeal". This charity provides specially trained dogs for disabled people. The stamps can be left at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Crocombe. The charities are always grateful for your donations. Many thanks for those received recently. Janet Dowding

## **Take Art professional theatre/storytelling: Debs Newbold “Hot Crones”**

Wednesday 29th July – 6pm doors & tapas for 6.45pm food & show

The George Inn

Croscombe Frolics and The George Inn are delighted to welcome back Debs Newbold for an evening of food & storytelling at The George thanks to the support of Take Art & The Inn Crowd.

Debs Newbold is a performer, writer and director who has helped redefine contemporary UK storytelling. Her 2023 “Lost in Blue” show was a finalist for the Off West End best solo theatre performance and a Standing Ovation award and she has performed works at Shakespeare’s Globe amongst many other venues across Europe.

Debs Newbold knows the meaning of the word 'bawdy' - as well as any woman who has five aunts and a problem with Chaucer possibly can.

In “Hot Crones”, this ripe and juicy nugget of stand-up storytelling, the old tales get a feminist reworking: Knights are shy, wood nymphs are ruthless businesswomen, and romance endures despite flatulence.

Warning though: this set is crafted for adults with a parental guidance of 16+ and descriptions of sex, gynaecology, seduction, and some more sex. But all delivered with a glorious dollop of Debs' masterful Birmingham ribaldry.

Doors & tapas from 6pm for paella main and show from 6.45pm. Food & show inclusive tickets £25.

Please book your place direct with The George Inn on 01749 342306

## **Croscombe OAP & Children’s Fund**

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

## The George Croscombe

What's Happening @ The George Croscombe Tel 01749 342306

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Sundays 8am - 5pm

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\*\* Somerset Steak Special every Wednesday 12-2, 5-8pm – any steak and a sauce just £20. \*\*

\*\* To avoid disappointment advance bookings are recommended \*\*

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| 1/8/15/22/29 July  | Steak Special on Wednesdays £20                                                                                                              |
| 4 July Sat         | Cycling Group – meet 9:30 for 30 mile social ride                                                                                            |
| 9 July Thu         | Thai Food Buffet or takeaway– book in advance £25                                                                                            |
| 14 July Tue        | Folk Session - sing or play from 7:30                                                                                                        |
| 16 July Thu        | George Inn Birthday bash – 26yrs in the pub!                                                                                                 |
| 25 July Sat        | Seafood Supper – 3 courses £35 book in advance                                                                                               |
| 29 July Wed        | Dinner Theatre with Debs Newbold – £25 includes meal see separate notice                                                                     |
| 30 July Thu        | Curry Night buffet or takeaway - book in advance £20                                                                                         |
| 1 Aug Sat          | Cycling Group – meet 9:30 for 30 mile social ride                                                                                            |
| 5/12/19/26 Aug Wed | Steak Special on Wednesdays £20                                                                                                              |
| 13 Aug Thu         | Special Mexican Food Evening Buffet or Takeaway<br>5:30 - 8pm £25pp booked in advance                                                        |
| 27 Aug Thu         | Curry Night Buffet or Takeaway £20 book in advance                                                                                           |
| 29 Aug Sat         | Super Seafood Supper – advance booking only<br>Lobster, crab, mussels, prawns, squid, clams,<br>oysters,etc 7:00 - 9:30pm, banquet style £50 |
| 30 Aug Sun         | Silver Jubilee Cricket Match 2:30pm<br>Dinder & Croscombe v The George @ Dinder                                                              |
| 30 Aug Sun         | Fundraising MUSIC QUIZ with Andy Sully<br>Teams of up to six, £5 includes snack<br>7pm, must book in advance                                 |
| 31 Aug Mon         | The George Village Dog Show Proceeds to MS Society                                                                                           |
| Bank Hol           | 3-4pm, pre-entry please, £5/dog                                                                                                              |
| 31 Aug Mon         | MS fundraising Cream Tea £10                                                                                                                 |
| Bank Hol           | 4-6pm advance booking please<br>Fresh scones, clotted cream & strawberry jam                                                                 |





A big thank you to everyone who supported the events in our villages for Christian Aid Week and a special thank you to Christine Raphael and Jan Hodge for organising events in North Wootton and

Croscombe. The three villages raised the amazing amount of £2100, which we know will be well spent in supporting others, who are less fortunate than ourselves. Hilary Austin

## Crocombe Primary School

We began the new term with a project that has already become a talking point on the playground. Local graffiti artist Tom Sturgess joined us for a day to work with the children on transforming our outdoor shelter into a permanent art installation. Each child contributed to the project by painting specific sections of the finished piece, giving everyone a personal role in its creation. Watching the children collaborate with a professional artist — and seeing how seriously they took their role as co-creators — was lovely to see. The finished piece is bold, bright and full of personality, and it now stands as a lasting legacy of their creativity.



The following day, we held an all-school Welly Wednesday, which took us up to the field for an afternoon of outdoor storytelling. Using only natural materials they could gather, the children re-imagined and re-enacted classic fairy tales. It was one of those sessions where you could see imagination, teamwork, and sheer joy all happening at once. Outdoor learning continues to be such a powerful part of our curriculum, and this was a perfect example of why.

We rounded off our first week back with our annual Sports Day. In the run-up to the event, the children had worked incredibly hard in their PE sessions, practicing their races and encouraging one another along the way. That sense of encouragement carried through to the day itself. Whether sprinting, balancing, throwing or cheering from the sidelines, every child played their

part. It was wonderful to welcome families and friends to support them — their presence always adds so much warmth to the occasion.

This term, we have also welcomed our new Reading Team helpers, a group of generous local volunteers who come into school each week to listen to children read. We are so grateful to them. Reading aloud to an adult remains important for pupils of all ages, even as they become more fluent. It helps build understanding, vocabulary, and confidence, and it gives children the chance to talk about stories, ask questions, and explore ideas. Most importantly, it keeps



reading joyful — something to be shared, not rushed. We are delighted to have such committed community members joining us in this work.

As we move through the final weeks of term, we look forward to more moments of learning, laughter and connection— both within school and with the wider community that supports us so generously.

We still have spaces available in Reception for the coming academic year. If you would like to find out more or arrange a visit, please do get in touch with us on 01749 343114 or email: [office@croscombeprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@croscombeprimary.co.uk)

## 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](mailto:libbymorgan65@btinternet.com)). Alternatively, if you are included and need anything added/altered then please also get in touch.

### Allotment Association

Looking to grow your own vegetables, meet like-minded people, and enjoy the outdoors? We have 3m x 9m plots available at our welcoming Crocombe 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, 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](mailto:helenbrown1998@gmail.com) Ken Brown [ken98b@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:marylucia.cadogan@gmail.com) Hilary Cain [Hilary.cain@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pauline.drew@hotmail.co.uk) Mike Dowell [Midowell@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:h.sleaf@btinternet.com) Richard Cronin [richard.cronin567@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:fowlernj1@sky.com) (or contact on Facebook messenger) Imelda North [lann4848@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:patandjerry65@yahoo.com) ), mobile ( 0790 161 0369 ) or landline ( 01749 595140 ). Jerry Jeremiah, Secretary.

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



In April, I held my 200th surgery since I became your MP in July 2024. I'm always happy to listen to you, wherever you catch me! I look forward to the next 200!

Locally, I've met residents and officials about informal 'festivals' on private land, Ofsted's Regional Director to discuss education and care, an officer from the Woodland Trust, and the Rivers Trust about sewage spills and water quality in my 'patch'. I also met some of the Somerset Council team who clear fly tipping, and thanked them for their swift responses to the many reported

incidents, including one in Pilton (pictured).



In Westminster, I met a Treasury Minister to discuss provision of Basic Financial Advice for consumers, Health officials about what's available for those with ME, attended an Inter-Governmental Round Table on Frozen Pensions, and accompanied constituents to a meeting with a Justice Minister to discuss victims' rights when prisoners are deported.

In Parliament, I led a debate on regulating marmalade. Headlines about 'rebranding' marmalade post-Brexit led to confusion about what is, and what is not, 'marmalade'. Bristol Uni analysed marmalade in the 1920s and advised it comprises only citrus fruits. I'm pushing Government to label the ingredients used and set standards for one of our most successful exports.

Many of you raised concerns about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which stalled on its passage through the House of Lords. A new Bill will have to be re-introduced to the House of Commons for this to progress further. If you'd like to be kept updated, please let me know.

I'm holding two events for constituents in June:

Monday 22nd June from 19:00 to 20:00: I'll be joined by members of IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice) for an online discussion about the future of SEND provision.

Monday 29th June: I'm holding a 'Parliamentary Insight Day' in Westminster for young adults aged 18-23 and interested in a career in Politics. You'll have a tour of Parliament, spend time with my team, watch proceedings in the Chamber and learn how Parliament works.

If you are interested in either event, please contact me and I will send you further information.

Please visit my website or contact me for the full list of my surgeries

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

Thank you. Tessa

You can contact me:

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

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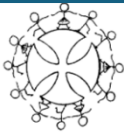
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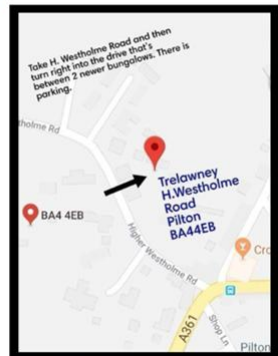
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## What's On in Pilton – July

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|------|--------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 15th | 7pm    | Pilton Parish Council Meeting | Village Hall |
| 22nd | 2.15pm | Happy Circle                  | Village Hall |

## What's On in Pilton – August

|      |     |                               |              |
|------|-----|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1st  | 3pm | Afternoon Tea                 | Tithe Barn   |
| 19th | 7pm | Pilton Parish Council Meeting | 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.*

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Many of our young people are not ready to live on their own when they become care leavers. They want independence but also need the safety net of a room to go back to and someone to offer advice. The 'Stepping stones' Scheme helps people over 16 to develop the practical skills and emotional stability they need to live independently and reach their potential.

If you think you could help, or would like more information, please contact Fostering Somerset on 0800 587 9900 or on their website [www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk](http://www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk).

## The Pilton Show. Weekend 5th and 6th September 2026

With no Friday night Pilton Party in this Festival fallow year, the traditional part of Pilton Show weekend nonetheless will take place as usual on Pilton Playing Field, perhaps with fewer hangovers! Flower Show & Fete on Saturday 5th September from 2-5 pm with something for all ages. Entry information on [www.piltonflowershow.org.uk](http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk) – on line entries will go live mid-August with printed copies also available. Entry to the field is by programme £1 in advance or on the gate. Evening Barn Dance from 7-11 pm - advance ticket info to follow in August.

### Stallholder for Pilton Show

Full list will be on village notice boards from mid-July and on village and Show Facebook pages. For Emporium queries please call Annette (01749 890285) or Lise (07879 812668) re donations, in case unsuitable, before contacting Jenny (numbers below) for storage. No large items until August please and NO BOOKS again this year, no sharp knives, no beds! Please *don't* just deliver at Jenny's without prior arrangement!

If makers/creators would like a stall for anything 'crafty' please let us know ASAP as will affect the field plan. Enquiries please call Jenny (01749 890465/07721 683321)



**Pilton Flower Show** Schedules are 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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## The Crown Pilton

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

### The Crown – April Events

- Wed 1st July: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway  
7:00 PM – Have I got Booze for You . Quiz Night
- Thurs 2nd July: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
- Tues 7th July: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 8th July: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway  
8:00 PM – Folk Night
- Thurs 9th July: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
- Fri 10th July : 6:00 PM – A Pound for the Sound
- Tues 14th July: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 15th July: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway  
7.00PM – Pilton Pop Quiz
- Thurs 16th July: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
- Tues 21st July: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 22nd July: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
- Thurs 23rd July: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35
- Fri 24th July: 6.00pm – Pound for Sound
- Tues 28th July: 5.30-8.30pm – Taco Tuesday
- Wed 29th July: 5:00–9:00 PM – Fish & Chips Eat in or takeaway
- Thurs 30th July: 5:30–8:30 PM – Burger Night 2 burgers + 2 drinks for £35

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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!

## **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

## **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](http://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



## Perfect Curve Fitness & Dance Classes at Pilton Pavilion



Wednesday's Dance 4 Fun - 18.30 - 19.30pm

Thursday Pilates - 9.30 - 10.30am

For full weekly timetable and workshop information please email: [sarahhenderson08@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarahhenderson08@hotmail.co.uk)

or visit our 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](mailto:villagevoices22@btinternet.com)

## **July Poem: Emily Brontë**

'Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,  
All soft and still and fair;  
The solemn hour of midnight  
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,

But most where trees are sending  
Their breezy boughs on high,  
Or stooping low are lending  
A shelter from the sky.

And there in those wild bowers  
A lovely form is laid;  
Green grass and dew-steeped flowers  
Wave gently round her head.

## **July Quote: Mitsuo Aida - Japanese poet**

The most important time in life is always the present.

# NORTH WOOTTON

## WHAT'S ON IN NORTH WOOTTON

### Village Events:

Sept 12th - Village Day.

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

### Crossways Inn 2026 Restaurant Specials:

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

Reservations Recommended [enquiries@thecrossways.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thecrossways.co.uk) 01749 899 000



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# AROUND AND ABOUT

## What's On in Shepton Mallet

|              |                                                |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Every Friday | Weekly Friday Market                           |
| 12 July      | Shepton Mallet Jumble Trail 10:00 am - 3:00 pm |
| 30 August    | Circus in the Park                             |

## In Support of The Hands Up Project

You are invited to a fundraising evening for the Hands Up Project, an inspirational charity working with displaced Palestinian children in Cairo and Gaza itself.

Please come and enjoy an evening of Music Poetry and Song , along with a delicious Middle Eastern Buffet. Event opened by Ashraf Kuhail, UK coordinator of the charity.

At Priddy Village Hall BA5 3BE

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 7-10pm Doors Open at 6.45

Tickets £10 Buffet £10 Bar and other refreshments available. Please bring cash

To reserve tickets call 07585 308350 or on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1990479058446?aff=oddtcreator>

## Strawberry Line Volunteer

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

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

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



Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association

[www.mbba.org.uk](http://www.mbba.org.uk) Email: [generalmbba@gmail.com](mailto:generalmbba@gmail.com)

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

**Important news. Mead Lane, in North Wootton Parish**

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

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

## Somerset Sight: Recruiting Volunteers



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

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

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

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

Full training, ongoing support and reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

Other volunteer roles are available so please contact Somerset Sight on 01823 333818 or email [admin@somersetsight.org.uk](mailto:admin@somersetsight.org.uk)

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

## West Pennard Church of England Primary School

It was a very busy towards the end of Summer 1 for the staff and children with a number of interesting and exciting goings on, not least for our Year 6s who visited Okehampton YHA for their 5 day residential. In typical British fashion they were treated to pretty much every type of weather available, but had an absolutely fantastic time, expertly overseen and led by Mrs Smith, Miss Harding, Mrs Ibberson and Mr Lewis (Governor). They undertook a variety of outdoor activities through the week, including gorge scrambling, grass sledging, climbing wall, high ropes and various water-based activities. I was fortunate to be able to join them on Wednesday and had a go on the grass sledges – although apparently, much to my disappointment, I wasn't allowed on the fast one due to my weight (and the possibility of probably ending up in Okehampton itself at the bottom of the hill. Thanks so much to all that helped support the children in what is a real marker in time in one's Primary Education and something they are sure to remember for years and years to come!



Also that week, Year 4 visited Mill on the Brue for their day residential. The purpose of the visit is to undertake and overcome challenging activities (ahead of their Year 4 multiplication tests after half term) and to build the children up in readiness for the Year 5 residential at Kilve in October and the Year 6 visit to Okehampton that takes place in May or June each year. Huge thanks to Mr Bisgrove, Mrs Clarke and Miss Tunstall for helping support the children so well. We took part in the Lions Club Strode Music Extravaganza in early June. We took over 50 children, demonstrating their prowess in djembe drumming and singing within our choir. It was a delight to be part of this fabulous opportunity for the children to express themselves in front of an audience (sometimes for the first time) and on a proper stage! Best Wishes Tony Wheat Headteacher

## Parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, and North Wootton

|                                                                                    |                    |                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Priest-in-charge                                                                   | Revd James Sharp   | 01749 59771/ 07448 681 499<br>revjamessharp@gmail.com                            |
| Reader                                                                             | Susan Green        | 01749 890524                                                                     |
| <b>PILTON PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>                                 |                    |                                                                                  |
| <b>Churchwardens</b>                                                               | Mr Paul Warry      | 01749 890434                                                                     |
|                                                                                    | Mrs Wendy Bower    | 07967 663 993                                                                    |
| <b>PCC Treasurer</b>                                                               | Mr Paul Warry      | 01749 890434                                                                     |
| <b>PCC Secretary</b>                                                               | Mrs Jayne Sims     | 01749 890350                                                                     |
| <b>PILTON METHODIST CHURCH</b>                                                     |                    |                                                                                  |
| <b>Minister</b>                                                                    | Rev Andrew Prout   | 16 Acacia Drive, Frome BA11 2TS<br>01373 301092<br>andrew.prout@methodist.org.uk |
| <b>Chapel Stewards</b>                                                             | Gordon Taylor      | 07388 123824                                                                     |
|                                                                                    | Mrs Deborah Towner | 01749 342614                                                                     |
| <b>Secretary</b>                                                                   | Mrs Deborah Towner | 01749 342614                                                                     |
| <b>Steward</b>                                                                     | Fiona Case         | 01749 899125                                                                     |
| <b>CROSCOMBE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN</b>                               |                    |                                                                                  |
| <a href="http://www.stmaryscroscombechurch.org">www.stmaryscroscombechurch.org</a> |                    |                                                                                  |
| <b>Churchwarden</b>                                                                | Mr Terry McCarthy  | 01749 345139                                                                     |
| <b>PCC Treasurer</b>                                                               |                    |                                                                                  |
| <b>PCC Secretary</b>                                                               | Mrs Janet Dowding  | 01749 330725                                                                     |
| <b>CROSCOMBE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b>                                      |                    |                                                                                  |
| <b>Pastor</b>                                                                      | Jeremy Tremeer     | 07956 627233                                                                     |
| <b>Elder</b>                                                                       | Mr Simon Hawkins   | 07958 656705                                                                     |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                                                                   | Ms Yolan Search    | 01749 34285                                                                      |
| <b>NORTH WOOTTON PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER</b>                                     |                    |                                                                                  |
| <b>Churchwardens</b>                                                               | Christine Raphael  | 01749 890310                                                                     |
|                                                                                    | Mr Alistair Bovey  | 01749 707017                                                                     |
| <b>PCC Treasurer</b>                                                               | Mr Jeffrey Macklin | 01749 890210                                                                     |
| <b>PCC Secretary</b>                                                               | Elizabeth Lester   | 01749 899559                                                                     |
| <b>Editor, North Wootton News</b>                                                  | Mr Steve Ruddock   | 01749 890045                                                                     |



## REVD JAMES SHARP

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

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

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

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

**2 In each of our parishes:**

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

**3 What are the things:**

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

Rev James



### **ROUNABOUT FOSSE BENEFICE**

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

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(My day off is usually Friday - thanks.)

## **BIBLE READINGS**

|           |                   |                          |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 5th July  | Zechariah 9: 9-12 | Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 |
| 12th July | Isaiah 55: 10-13  | Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23   |
| 19th July | Isaiah 44: 6-8    | Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 |
| 26th July | Romans 8: 26-30   | Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 |

## **PILTON CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER**

Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 19th July at the Tithe Barn at 11.00am

Accompanied by members of Shepton Mallet Town Band and Revd James Sharp on guitar

Everyone is welcome to come and sing favourite hymns old and new as we celebrate our lives in Pilton and hear from people who have now made their homes here. As well as enjoying the service do stay for light refreshments and catch up with old friends and meet new friends. It will be outside if dry or in the barn if wet. If you are bringing a car, please come in via the Red Gate.

**PUZZLING QUESTIONS** will meet on Tuesday July 7th at 2.30pm in The New Room Coffee Shop at Pilton Methodist Church. Everyone is very welcome to join this informal Discussion Group.

## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

|           |                                                |                   |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 5th July  | Morning Service                                | L. Emm            |
| 12th July | Morning Service                                | Local arrangement |
| 19th July | 11.00am PCWT Songs of Praise at the Tithe Barn |                   |
| 26th July | Church Service Rev.                            | A. Standhaft      |

Chapel Services begin at 10.30am.



## VACANCY

### **Church Administrator – The Roundabout Fosse Benefice**

#### **The Anglican Parishes of Crocombe, Ditchat with Alhampton, North Wootton, Pilton, East Pennard and Pylle**

10 hours per week (hybrid and flexible) over 3 days ideally Monday – Thursday.

20 days holiday plus bank holidays (pro-rated to working hours). Travel expenses 55p per mile when travel out to one of the churches is necessary.

**Hourly rate – £13.50**

We are looking for an organised and friendly Church Administrator to support the Vicar across our seven churches. The role includes preparing service material, managing correspondence, coordinating diaries, maintaining records and helping to co-ordinate the invaluable work of volunteers across the benefice who organise 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 also essential. 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](mailto:andisharp@gmail.com)

# PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

JULY 2026

## 5th July

11.00am

## Trinity 5

All Together Communion

Croscombe

## 12th July

9.30am

## Trinity 6

Holy Communion

Pilton

9.30am

Holy Communion

Ditcheat

11.00am

Holy Communion

Croscombe

11.00am

Holy Communion

North Wootton

## 19th July Trinity 7

11.00am

PCWT Songs of Praise at the Tithe Barn

Pilton

11.00am

Morning Service

North Wootton

11.00am

Holy Communion

East Pennard

## 26th July Trinity 8

9.30am

Informal Service

Pilton

11.00am

Morning Service

Croscombe

11.00am

Holy Communion

North Wootton

11.00am

Holy Communion

Alhampton

## 2nd August

11.00am

## Trinity 9

All Together Communion

Pilton