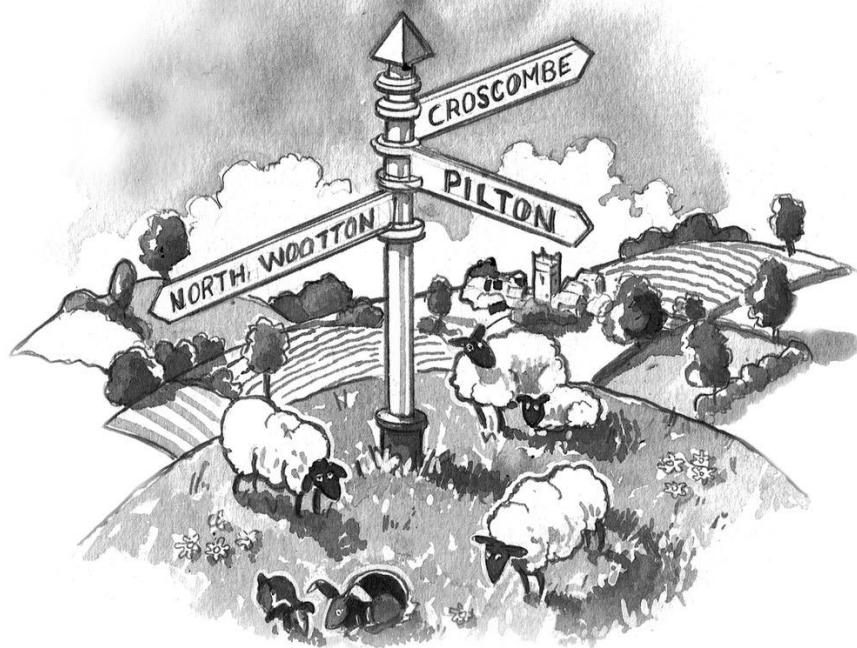


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All material in word or email please. **Deadline for Oct edition is 17th Sept**

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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

Volunteers and ideas

The team welcome any new ideas for content or design, feedback and volunteers to support with the magazine.

Welcome to September

What a year it's been of record-breaking days, from a wet winter to a dry spring continuing into a heatwave summer. Autumn colours appear to be arriving early with the leaves starting to turn, but the heat and sunshine remain so we are yet to see what records will continue to be broken.

For Pilton it's time for the Annual Village Show, with perhaps some local record-breaking wins and prizes. Whether you're perfecting your prize-winning jam, nurturing your vegetables or favourite flower for the best in class, pitting yourself not just against fellow entrants but the weather which continues to confound best intentions. Others will be seeking the ideal light for the picture you are painting / taking or spending time perfecting your craft item. Or perhaps you're just looking forward to sampling the cakes, try your luck at one of the many games and competitions. Whatever your favourite part of the show - we're wishing all competitors the very best of luck. May your cake rise, your dahlias dazzle, and your crafting be top class.

Of course, it's not just about the competitions. The stalls, games and raffles over the two days, the barn dance and the church service all play their part, not only in giving us a brilliant day out but in raising money for the local community. Every ticket bought, every cake munched, and every raffle entered helps fund projects, spaces, and support systems that benefit us all. So, bring your friends, your family, it's set to be a fantastic day.

As you look through this month's issue, you'll notice plenty of initiatives continuing to do great work. From local charities raising vital funds, to awareness campaigns and community groups making a difference — we're proud to support them by giving space to share their stories and events. It's what Roundabout is all about, celebrating the brilliant people, businesses and causes that keep our villages thriving.

A little note from us. While The Roundabout is funded through generous support from advertisers (thank you, local businesses!), we've been growing — more pages, more stories, more copies requested. If you enjoy the magazine and would like to support its future, we'd gratefully welcome donations to help us keep delivering value to the community. For more information please contact magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk.

In readiness for the Oct edition, the **deadline for content will be Sept 17.**

CROSCOMBE

What's On in Croscombe – September

6th	10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
8th	7pm for 7.30pm	Film Night	Village Hall
23rd	2.15pm	Senior Citizens	Village Hall
27th	3pm	Timeless Classic and Teatime Tango	Village Hall
28th	11am	Harvest Festival	St Mary's

What's On in Croscombe – October

7th	11am	The Arts Society Mendip	Village Hall
18th	7.30pm	Take Art professional theatre: Tangle present Julius Caesar	Village Hall
25th		Take Art: Ekleido dance company	Village Hall

Croscombe Village Hall Coffee Morning

Coffee morning 6th Saturday Sept 10am to 12.00 am

Please join us to celebrate the completion of the new doors and windows.

As always there will be home made cakes, Organic freshly brewed coffee, book stall and raffle.

All welcome.

Advanced notice for October Coffee morning. Saturday October 4th

Croscombe Film Night presents

The Penguin Lessons . Monday 8th Sept

Inspired by the true story of a disillusioned Englishman who went to work in Argentina, funny and heart warming.

Starring Steve Coogan Cert 12

7.00pm for 7.30 start Admission £7.00

Bar available

Voice of the Villages: Barbara Lippett

When I first arrived in Croscombe in 1970 there was a working farm at the Wells end, with piglets. Now there are six bungalows and an honesty box for fresh eggs in the farmhouse. Behind Townsend Barn we held our annual Field Day, forerunner of Fun Day, with games that Health and Safety wouldn't allow now. In one, blindfolded husbands had to wheel their wives in wheelbarrows along a plank across the river. I can still see Celia Jacob's petrified face as she gripped the sides of the barrow, shouting instructions to the Rev Neville behind her.

There are many societies in our village. Croscombe Frolics, or The Lodge of Idiocy, began in the 70s, to raise money. They did daft things like playing cricket in the river and attempting the North face of Rock Street on their stomachs, in full climbing gear, complete with crampons. They still produce our February pantomime, always a highlight of my year. Our ancient charter market has been revived, and Jo Sackett and her sons started the village orchestra. Senior Citizens was founded by Keith Armstrong's father and John Vosper, also from Senior Citizens, helped start the monthly Croscombe Film Nights, complete with licensed bar and nibbles! The two Radnedge sisters who lived in Poundfold, left their estate to the school, the church, and the Seniors, who have had a blast spending it on free Christmas dinners and seaside coach outings. Money is still raised every year to fund these events. Keith was headmaster at our school, and he and the children planted the daffodils you see in the village. He is the author of the excellent Story of Croscombe.

The Croscombe Society began in 1989, raising money to transform Griffins Green into a pleasant area with seating and flagpole. They also financed the replica of the medieval carving stolen from the church, the marker stone, and the restoration of five stone tablets marking where piped water was introduced early last century. Societies have died, but another has been born. The Dream Team has put on some hilarious evenings, raising money for charity while hugely entertaining us. The Village Hall Committee organise our happy monthly coffee mornings, with flowers on the tables and superb homemade cakes. It's very clear to see that we live among people with huge hearts and vitality. I love every stone and blade of grass in it.

Timeless Classics and Teatime Tangos

An afternoon of timeless classics and teatime tangos. Performed by Wells Tuesday Strings, Leader Hywel Jenkins

Saturday 27th September at 3pm at Croscombe Village Hall.

Tickets £12 to include afternoon tea

Book either via email wellstuesdaystrings@gmail.com Also available from The George Inn Croscombe.

All proceeds towards Croscombe Village Hall development funds.

St Mary's, Croscombe Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held at 11.00 am on Sunday 28th September. As usual the church will be suitably and beautifully decorated by the loyal band of ladies who provide flower arrangements throughout the year. Donations of foodstuffs and produce to add to the displays will be most gratefully received – please leave them in the church on the Friday or Saturday before or give them to a member of the PCC. After the service the gifts will be packed up and delivered to Grace Harris House in Shepton Mallet. Do come and join us in a joyful thanksgiving for 'all good gifts around us'. As we continue our period of vacancy your presence and support of our Parish Church is especially important and welcome. We are delighted that the service will be led by Rev Lydia Avery, who some of you may remember. Lydia and her husband, Chris, lived in Hill House while she served her curacy here in the Benefice a few years ago. Croscombe PCC

Senior Citizens

Our September meeting is Tuesday 23rd at 2.15pm in the Village Hall. A group from Glastonbury called Owl Enlightenment CIC are coming to talk and bring some owls with them. It will be followed by tea and biscuits so anyone is welcome to come along, we would love to see you.

Postage Stamps - I am still collecting postage stamps - used, unused, U.K. and foreign for charity (RSPB at present). They can be left at my house - Livadia, Fayre Way, Croscombe. Charities are always grateful for donations. Many thanks for those received recently. Janet Dowding



The Arts Society Mendip

Our new season of talks starts in October and will run through to July 2026

Talks begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (and usually simultaneously via Zoom – a link will be sent to members and guests). Guests are welcome (up to a maximum of 3 lectures in a season) for £10. More information, details of membership and our full programme are available on our website - www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk

Tuesday 7th October

Palmyra: Bride of the desert. Dr Paul Roberts will examine Palmyra's meteoric rise and its dramatic fall, its rediscovery by English lords, its influence on art and architecture, and then its desecration by Isis, but he will finish with the hope that beautiful Palmyra will rise again.

Take Art professional theatre: Tangle present Julius Caesar

Saturday 18th October – 7.30pm Croscombe Village Hall, Fayre Way, BA5 3RJ
Julius Caesar has become a tyrant. Cassius sees the threat. Brutus is torn by loyalty. Together, they conspire to kill Caesar.

Who will then seize power? Will this bring conflict or stability? Will the new ruler also fall to corruption?

Tangle's fast-moving production drives through the political chaos, power struggles and friendship betrayals at the heart of Shakespeare's greatest thriller. Adapted and directed by Anna Coombs with John Pfumojena's original music performed live on stage, this high-energy production brings African-inspired storytelling into the heart of ancient Rome.

This is the latest touring professional theatrical show to be hosted by Croscombe Frolics thanks to the support of Take Art - Somerset's rural touring charity.

Doors at 6.45pm. Tickets £14 adults, £9 low income, £7 under25 via www.takeart.org/whats-on or in person from The George Inn or richard.cronin567@btinternet.com (07771 814270)

Take Art: Ekleido dance company

Saturday 25th October – evening Croscombe Village Hall, Fayre Way, BA5 3RJ
More details on this professional dance show via www.takeart.org/whats-on
and in next month's edition. Richard Cronin (07771 814270)

Croscombe Village Hall Committee

Following our recent AGM, Mike Dowell has swapped roles with Pauline Drew, i.e. Pauline is now Chair & Mike is Vice Chair. Mike has now completed 25 years' service on our committee: thank you Mike.

A big thank you also to Kate Egan for remaining as Treasurer and Andy Sully as Secretary. Another big thank you to Barbara Lippett who has retired from the committee after many years of contribution.

As many of you will be aware the committee was successful in grant applications to Somerset Community Foundation & Croscombe Parish Council to replace the old windows and doors. We received £12,000 from SCF, £3,000 from the Parish Council and a further £3,000 from a very generous anonymous donor. The work on the windows and doors was completed during August and we are all looking forward to a less draughty winter.

Continuing to build on the good work of previous committees and in line with the outcome of our community consultation, we will now be focusing on improving the car park, upgrading kitchen equipment and exploring the possibility of solar panels.

As well as applying for further grants we will continue to run our fund raising events of film nights, coffee mornings & additional events such as the concert on 27th of September. Another big thank you to everyone in the village and the wider local community who are supporting our endeavours. Anyone who would like to join the committee either as a trustee or a volunteer would be most welcome.

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Thu Sept 11	Paella Night	6pm
Sat Sept 20	Seafood Supper	7pm
Thu Sept 25	Curry Night	6pm
Sun Sept 28	Michaelmas Evensong and patronal feast at Dinder church of St Michael & All Angels	6:00pm

Crocombe Directory

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

Allotment Association

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 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

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 lan4848@gmail.com

The Parish Church of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Crocombe

We are the Parish Church for Crocombe. 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 Crocombe: 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@crocombeparishcouncil.co.uk

Sequence dancing

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

Contact: Lyn Manvill lynmanvill@gmail.com

Tai Chi

Held on Mondays at Crocombe 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
Mike Dowell Chairman

Village Orchestra

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

Contact: Tony Bevan arbevan@icloud.com

Village Voices from Crocombe

We would love to start a page for Village voices from Crocombe. If you would like to contribute a short piece about your life in the village then please contact Libby Morgan by email on libbymorgan65@btinternet.com. Alternatively, if you would like to nominate someone whose voice you would like to hear please drop her an email saying who it is.

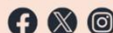
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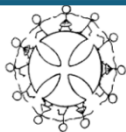
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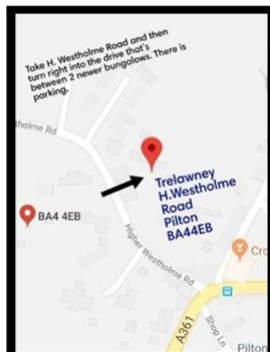
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What's On in Pilton – September

4th	2pm	Pilton Art Group	New Room Coffee Shop
6 & 7th	2pm	Pilton Show	Pilton Playing Fields
8th	7.30pm	Pilton Village History Group	Village Hall
9th	7.30pm	Village Voices Choir	New Room Coffee Shop
20th	2.15pm	Happy Circle	Village Hall

What's On in Pilton – October

15th	2.15pm	Happy Circle	Village Hall
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Pilton has an abundance of groups, associations and energy. A sample of what is on offer is listed below and should anyone else have any ventures that are not included please let us know.

Village Groups

Allotment Association

ASBO (maintaining footpaths and bridleways)

Bridge

Food Bank

Gabriels Orchard

Happy Circle

Judo

Pilton Community Speedwatch

Pilton Playing Fields

Pilton Village Hall Trust

Tai Chi

Village Voices

Ukulele

Art Group

Bell Ringers

Dance

Football

Hand Bells

History Group

Pilates

Pilton Players

Pilton Show

Table Tennis

Tithe Barn

Writers Group

Yoga

Pilton Show Weekend 6th & 7th September

Just a reminder to come out to play over Pilton's village weekend – all details on www.piltonflowershow.org.uk or on Facebook or on posters and in programmes on sale at the Coffee Shop, Crown and Pilton Stage. Also to please bring CASH for most of the stallholders, although the bar, caterers and some of the crafts stalls will take cards.

Afternoon entry 2-5 pm is £1 for Fete and Flower Show, either with advance purchased programme or pay on the gate.

Barn Dance (7-11 pm) tickets will be available on the field that afternoon or on the door, but also available in advance (Coffee Shop when open or Jenny 01749 890465).

Pilton Show Committee wish to thank everyone for their help and support, far too long a list for this limited space. New committee members are always welcome – we particularly need dynamic younger ideas! The AGM will be on Wednesday 19th November so please come along then: details in October *Roundabout*.

Pilton Art Group

The Art Group meets again on Thursday 4th September 2 o'clock at Pilton's Coffee Shop - The New Room next to the Pre-school and Chapel, Top Street. You will be very welcome if you wish to know if the Art Group is for you. Do pop in for tea and cake. Info Paula Jordan 01749 890323

Village Voices Choir

Come and join us – we're a friendly bunch who just enjoy singing! All ages and abilities welcome. Choir sessions are informal and fun with Harvey at the helm as our Music Director. Recent songs have included Red Boots (a bit of a jazzy number), Barbara Ann (yes, the Beach Boys') along with Greensleeves and Scarborough Fair - so quite an eclectic mix! Hopefully something for everyone and we're always open to suggestions. Our new term begins on Tuesday 9th September. We hope you can join us.

Contact: villagevoices22@btinternet.com Or Shirley on 07968 447253 ...or simply pop along Tuesday Evenings (in school term)

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, only £5 per session The Café at The Methodist Chapel, Pilton BA4 4DG

Pilton Village History Group

The first of the Autumn meetings of Pilton Village History Group will be on Monday 8th September at 7.30pm in Pilton Village Hall

ALL WELCOME Members free, Visitors £4

'Shepton Mallet Prison and the Transportation to the Colonies'

Talk by Allen Mechen, Vice-Chairman of the Shepton Mallet Local History Group, Shepton Mallet Resident, Retired Auctioneer and Family Man.

“Join us for an evening imagining what it was like for local people falling foul of the law in the 17th, the 18th and the 19th centuries. How did the courts deal with crime? Killing people was counter-productive, locking people up was costly. The alternative, and somewhat radical approach, was to ship them far beyond our frontiers. Transportation tackled the problem of overcrowded prisons and blood-thirsty hangings, by taking convicts many, many miles away, to where they would no longer pose a threat. There had no rights, plenty of rules and there were absolutely no health and safety inspectors to worry about!.

The evening will have an emphasis on Shepton Mallet Prison; built in 1625 and at one time, the oldest functioning prison in the country, We will see the justice system through the eyes of local people of varying backgrounds being dealt with in the local assizes. And you will discover how the transportation system worked; the journey to the Americas, namely Virginia and Maryland, and of course, Australia. What was the real reason behind this form of punishment? Was it justice or was it an opportunity? From petty crimes came a plan that formed the basis of the British Empire.”

The Return of the Feast – Saturday 27th September at the Historic Pilton Tithe Barn. Tickets Now Available!

Fabulous food, roaring log fires and fantastic entertainment are all on the menu for the long awaited return of the MICHAELMAS FEAST at the Pilton Tithe Barn on 27 September. For the first time since 2018, villagers are encouraged to dig out their best Medieval attire and celebrate the changing of the season in truly historic style. The great oak doors will be thrown open at 6pm, with the feasting commencing at 7pm. Tickets, priced at £45, are now available from Rachel Rogers, Park View Pilton or on 07929 536929. Cash only bar also available on the night.

The Pilton Stage & Village Hall

Congratulations and thank you to Simon Fellows who recently completed a gruelling twelve hour darts marathon at the Pilton Stage raising hundreds of pounds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you also to those who came along to support him and help throw a few darts! For anyone still wishing to donate towards this very worthy cause there remains a collection jar at the bar.

We are very pleased to announce that following a visit by Somerset Council Inspectors, The Pilton Stage has been awarded Five Stars by The Food Standards Agency. The visit and inspection was carried out last month under the 'Food Safety Act 1990' and 'The Food Safety & Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013'.

Sunday 14th September brings about the third walk organised by 'PILTON WALKS'. It's for people of mixed ability, around 6k long and takes you across the surrounding fields and lanes of Pilton. For those interested, please gather in the Pilton Stage car park at about 9.45am. The walk lasts for about two hours returning to the Pilton Stage at midday. For more information please see the 'Pilton Walks' Facebook page.

As the nights begin to draw in we'll soon be bringing back the very popular free live acoustic music evenings in 'The Outside Inn'. These will take place on Friday evenings hailing the return of many familiar faces together with a plethora of newly invited entertainers.

For more information about these evenings together with details of all forthcoming events please keep an eye on our two Facebook pages 'The Pilton Page' and 'The Pilton Stage' together with the 'Events' and 'Opening Times' sections of our website thepiltonstage.com.

Finally a reminder that Thai food is served every Thursday and Friday evening from 6.00pm to 8.30pm (eat in or collect) and similarly, Sunday Lunch is served from midday to 2.30pm.

To pre order a collection of any meal please call: 07706 134132.
Have a great September!

Pilton Players - The Snow Queen

Exciting times! Rehearsals for The Snow Queen start on 4th September - we're raring to go! Don't forget to make a note in your diary: performances are in the last week of November 2025: Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th in the Parish Church at 7.30.

Once upon a time, a great enchanter fell in love with a woman of dazzling beauty. She persuaded him to make her a magic mirror out of gold and glass and moonshine ...

"Magic mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?"

The Snow Queen

Happy Circle

Happy Circle welcome the over 55s, both men and women, at the Pilton Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month to make new friends and share life experiences. Some future dates for your diaries:

- September 20th Trip to be arranged
- October 15th Tells and poems from Margaret Adams life
- November 19th Quiz
- December 10th Christmas lunch.

Please come along and support us everyone. We always at the Village Hall, starting at 2:15pm. It's great fun and currently our annual fee is only £12. £1:50 for each meeting or £2 if you'd like to visit. Any questions please contact Freda Boyce - fabfreda@btinternet.com

A Modern Day Pilgrimage with Purpose

This September 13-14, Somerset's former Lord-Lieutenant and Festival Medical Services Patron Annie Maw, will lead a remarkable 30-mile charity event from Bath Abbey to Wells Cathedral, following the historical route once taken by Medieval Pilgrims – in her mobility scooter.

Annie's journey will raise critical funds to support vulnerable elderly people – both locally and in war-affected Eastern Ukraine. The walk is being supported by Festival Medical Services who will distribute the funds raised to the two charities. Humanity and Inclusion: providing aid, mobility equipment, mental health support, and access to healthcare for vulnerable elderly people in Eastern Ukraine. The City of Wells Almshouses: supporting elderly residents in the local community. Support the cause: gofund.me/5b3076a3 for more information or to make a donation

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Volunteers required to help at the New Room Coffee Shop Pilton. If you can spare one morning a week to help us, we would love to hear from you.

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For more information, please contact Alison Fox on 01749 899516 or call in at the cafe and speak with one of the volunteers.

Pilton Table Tennis Players

Established in 2023, Pilton Table Tennis Club (aka Pilton Ping Pong Players) 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 5pm 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. If you want to find out more, you can message or call Thom (07710 307325) or Chris (07967 754530) or email

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Or just turn up on a Monday after 5pm! We're on Facebook, too facebook.com/groups/995002528599655

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

The Pilton Community Food Fridge

The village has a team of volunteers working to reduce food waste through the redistribution of food that would normally be thrown out, via the community fridge and freezer. These are located in a small shed at the top of Barrow Lane, bear to the entrance to the Methodist Church.

Opening hours vary depending on the level of food, time of year and volunteer opening or closing; however, it is typically open by 9am until dark or the food runs out. Anyone is welcome to take any produce that they would like, but we politely ask that users only take of any high value items such as meat or fish.

There is a Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Piltonfridge> where volunteers post if there is a particular glut of anything.

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Quote / Proverb of the month

“Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.”

Miles Kington

Poem/Lyric of the month

Oh, it's a long, long while
From May to December
But the days grow short
When you reach September
When the autumn weather
Turn leaves to flame
One hasn't got time
For the waiting game
Oh, the days dwindle down
To a precious few
September, November
And these few precious days
I'll spend with you
These precious days
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Oh, the days dwindle down
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Willie Nelson

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Avian Influenza

Across Devon and Somerset there are several cases of Avian Influenza.

More information is available on the Gov website

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu-cases-and-disease-control-zones-in-england>

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BIBLE READINGS

7th September	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33
14th September	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15: 1-10
21st September	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Luke 16: 1-13
28th September	1 Timothy 6: 6-19	Luke 16: 19-end
Harvest readings	Philippians 4: 4-9	John 6: 25-35

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PUZZLING QUESTIONS begins again on Tuesday 3rd September at 2.30pm in The New Room Coffee Shop at Pilton Methodist Church. Everyone is very welcome to join this informal Discussion Group.

DATES FOR COMPLINE ON ZOOM
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14th September

28th September

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ABOUT PEOPLE

Baptism

Sofia Isla Osborne-Ford was baptised and welcomed in a service in St Mary's Church, Croscombe on Sunday 10th August.

Deaths

We are sad to report the death of Phil Parker. A Thanksgiving Service for her life took place in St John the Baptist's Church, Pilton on Thursday 14th August.

A service for Tim Wotton took place in St Peter's Church, North Wootton on Friday 15th August. Following the service his wife Felicity's cremated remains were interred with him in the churchyard.

Sadly, Louise Shaw, formerly of Pilton, died on 6th August. A service is planned to take place on Tuesday 2nd September at Pilton Methodist Church.

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

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Pilton Churches Working Together

Sunday 21st September - 10.30am

at Pilton Methodist Church

We would be very grateful to receive gifts of produce on Saturday by 11.30am or in the service.

Harvest Sale at 6.30pm

PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

7th September

14th September

21st September

28th September

Chapel Services begin at 10.30am.

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2025

7th September

Trinity 12

10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Croscombe
6.30pm	Pilton Show Service	Pilton

14th September

Trinity 13

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

21st September

Trinity 14

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	North Wootton
10.30am	PCWT Harvest Service at the Methodist Church	Pilton

28th September

Trinity 15

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

5th October

Trinity 16

10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Ditcheat
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