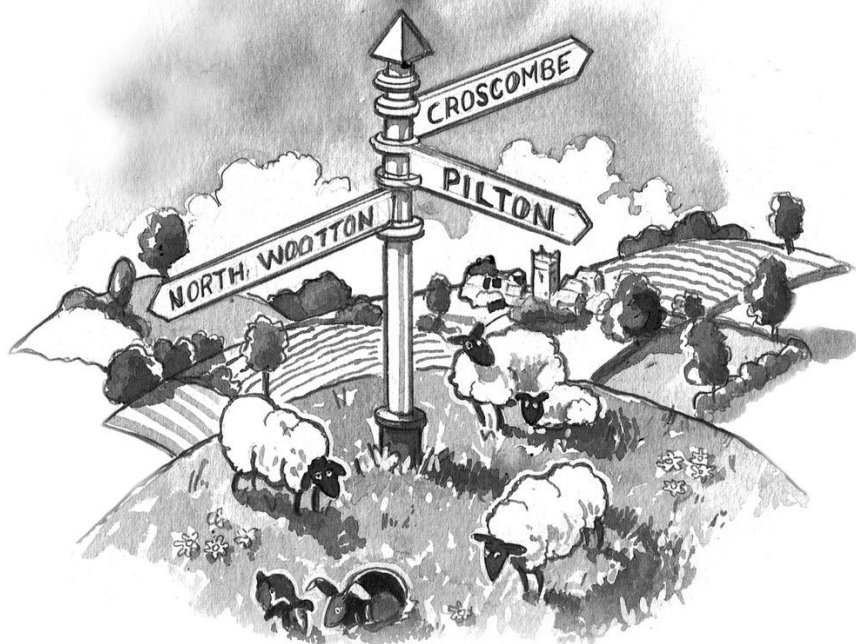


# The ROUNDAABOUT Magazine

October 2025



## **Enquiries about material for The Roundabout**

Please send emails to the email address [magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk](mailto:magazine@roundaboutnews.org.uk).  
All material in word or email please. **Deadline for Oct edition is 20th October**

## **Data Protection Ruling**

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

## **Why is it called “The Roundabout”**

Well not a lot of people know this but between the parishes of Pilton, North Wootton and Croscombe there is a hill called The Roundabout. This hill is the only point with views over all three parishes. Thank you to Liam O’Farrell, a local Pilton artist - [liamofarrell.com](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**

Thank you to Richard Drabble for his kind donation to The Roundabout

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](mailto: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 October

October arrives and the leaves begin to fall, the mornings grow cooler, and the days are getting shorter. The season is changing and with all new seasons it brings delights with the soft light, the crunch of leaves underfoot, and the sense that nature is gently drawing inward. For others, the season change can also bring a subtle unease. The fading light can feel heavy. The shift indoors, isolating. A season change that can stir both comfort and restlessness.

It felt apt, then, that the recent church service at the close of the Pilton Show centred on the theme of change. Often, when we talk about change, it indicates letting go of the things, but for us at The Roundabout, change has meant building on what we already have. Not a dramatic or radical change, but rather a change honouring the roots, the relationships, and the rhythm that made this community magazine so special.

The quote for this month was chosen to speak to that essence of community - "I am what I am because of what we all are." This African philosophy of Ubuntu (Zulu) reflects that whilst we are a collection of individuals, it recognises that our strength lies not in standing alone, but in standing together as a community. In every shared laugh, every helping hand, every moment when we come together, we shape each other's stories.

We know that change feels different for everyone. For some, it brings energy and excitement. For others, it can feel uncertain. Here at the Roundabout, we rely on the community to build and strengthen the magazine each month, from providing the content, to advertising and donating, there are those that support through the distribution to each and every house, or through the feedback and ideas that are shared for improvements and changes.

Thank you for trusting us to continue to develop and build the magazine, creating change but never losing sight of its roots and the community spirit that started it all.

In readiness for the Nov edition, the **deadline for content will be Oct 20.**

Liz Richards

# PILTON

## What's On in Pilton – October

1st	7.00pm	Pilton Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
13th	7.30pm	Pilton Village History Group	Village Hall
15th	2.15pm	Happy Circle	Village Hall
18th	Morning	Pilton Walks	
25th	3.00pm	Afternoon Tea. Booking Essential	New Room Coffee Shop

## What's On in Pilton – November

5th	7.00pm	Pilton Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
19th	2.15pm	Happy Circle	Village Hall
27th	7.30pm	Pilton Players – The Snow Queen	Parish Church
28th	7.30pm	Pilton Players – The Snow Queen	Parish Church
29th	7.30pm	Pilton Players – The Snow Queen	Parish Church

*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

Table Tennis

Tithe Barn

Writers Group

Yoga

Art Group

Bell Ringers

Dance

Football

Hand Bells

History Group

Pilates

Pilton Players

Pilton Show

Pilton Walks

Tai Chi

Village Voices

Ukulele

## **Pilton Walks – New Group.**

A new group aimed at those who would like to join others for walks in and around Pilton, Somerset. We have completed 3 walks to date. All walks are within the Parish of Pilton (at the moment) & are about 4 miles in length (2 hours) with a stop halfway. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Please see our Facebook page called Pilton Walks.

October walk will be on Saturday 18th in the morning.

## **Pilton Litter Pick**

Saturday October 4th, 9am for the autumn litter pick. Meet at the Village Hall carpark. All equipment will be provided.

## **Meeting with the Trustees of community assets.**

Wednesday October 8th, 7pm, at the Village Hall. This meeting is following on from the Parish Community Survey – to discuss with trustees of community assets such as the Village Hall, Playing Fields, Methodist New Café, Tithe Barn, and Parish Council how they have been able, or may be able, to respond to the survey results and what support they may need.

**Overgrown Vegetation** – it is that time of year again. Please cut back vegetation from hanging over pavements or rights of way to ensure the safety of pedestrians and traffic. No one would want to be inadvertently the cause of an accident because their hedge is untrimmed. Many thanks.

## **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025**



Dear Villagers, our team of house to house volunteers will endeavour to get to as many households as possible.

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

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

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Pete and Trish Cheetham 01749 890442/ 07825 323242

## **Pilton Show 2025**

Overall everyone enjoyed a successful Show weekend, despite strong winds on an otherwise sunny Saturday and appalling monsoon-like weather on Sunday morning that prevented any football taking place. There was good attendance for all events.

Thanks are due to all who baked, entered, donated, judged, sponsored, stewarded or volunteered in any way. Particular thanks are due to Wick Carnival Club whose helpful teams setting up, collecting stored emporium goods and clearing away are invaluable.

As ever, the Flower Show provided a colourful display. Prizewinning cup and trophy results plus Jason Bryant's annual group photo can be seen on [www.piltonflowershow.org.uk](http://www.piltonflowershow.org.uk)

Displays of skateboarding from Glastonbury's Lost Projects kept youngsters amused, the dog show proved popular and the afternoon closed with Perfect Curve's family dance workshops.

At the evening Barn Dance, dancing to Rapsallion was strenuous and energetic, with a good caller.

Sunday's live music in the marquee from excellent folk duo Sound of the Sirens began, as an amusing coincidence, at exactly the same time as everyone's phones pinged with the national alert siren testing at 3pm!

A few of us are multi-tasking and this cannot go on for ever. There are several vacancies for different aspects of the Show or for tasks to be shared more. IF you have ideas for the future or are interested in becoming involved in creating a fun weekend for all ages, please come to the AGM on Wednesday 19th November at 7 pm, in the Worthy Room, Pilton Village Hall. Brief business first followed by drinks and finger food.

## **Philip Eavis Memorial Plaque**

During Pilton Show, there was an official unveiling of the memorial plaque honouring Philip, now set into the stonework of the Playing Field Pavilion for ever. Several people asked for a transcript of my speech but it is too lengthy for inclusion here in Roundabout with its limited word count. If you would like a copy, please phone Jenny de Gex on 01749 890465 and I can either send by email or print out.

## Pilton Show Grants Application

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

## Pilton Village History Group

The October meeting of Pilton Village History Group promises to very interesting! It is on Monday 13th October at 7.30pm in Pilton Village Hall **ALL WELCOME** Members free, Visitors £4 on the door. Clare Blackmore is our speaker on ...

### **“The Somerset and Bath Pauper Lunatic Asylum and it's Cemetery”**

She says... “My name is Clare Blackmore, and I am the Vice Chair of the Mendip Hospital Cemetery in Wells, where nearly 3,000 souls who were patients at the Somerset and Bath County Pauper Lunatic Asylum/Wells Mental Hospital/Mendip Hospital were buried. They were buried with a grave marker which bears a number, and each number represents a person with their own story to tell. The charity looks after the 3-acre cemetery and researches the people who are buried here. They were ignored in life, forgotten in death and their stories should be told so we can learn from them. The site is now Grade II listed and is a very special and unique place.”

<https://mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk/>

Visit our amazing website [www.piltonhistory.org.uk](http://www.piltonhistory.org.uk).

Pilton Village History Group. Contact 01749 890357 or 07799 530666

## Pilton Community Allotment Association



We are creeping into Autumn, but there's no better time to take on an allotment! We are a lovely community allotment site, at the east end of Top Street, adjacent to Neat Lane and John Burns' Cottages, and we have several full and half-plots available to rent. By starting now you will have time to get your plot into great shape, ready to start sowing and planting for the new season!

Available to anyone from Pilton and nearby communities. Don't delay! Find out more - [piltonallotments@gmail.com](mailto:piltonallotments@gmail.com) 01749 890357 or have a look at our facebook page – Pilton Community Allotments

## The Pilton Stage & Village Hall

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](http://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!

## 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:

- 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](mailto:fabfreda@btinternet.com)

## **Pilton Players - The Snow Queen**

Rehearsals have now started for The Snow Queen - exciting times! Our young cast members are getting their teeth into their roles and putting our old hands on their mettle. Village Voices have also started to rehearse their musical contribution - all systems go!

Don't forget to note our performance dates -

Thursday 27th November

Friday 28th November

Saturday 29th November - all in the Parish Church at 7.30

And as usual, we're on the scrounge: does anyone have a snowflake projector we can borrow? This will only be used indoors, and you'll get it back in time for Christmas, honest! Please contact Steve or John (details below) if you can help.

"The Snow Queen's curse turned the magic mirror's power back on itself. Every good thing reflected in it turned to evil, and every evil thing seemed good. Every kind deed appeared selfish, everything beautiful turned ugly, every smile turned into a scowl..."

### **The white bees are swarming...**

For more information contact: John Boucher - [boucher101@hotmail.com](mailto:boucher101@hotmail.com) or Steve Lowe - [stevebarlow2steves@outlook.com](mailto:stevebarlow2steves@outlook.com) 07788 752869

## **Afternoon Tea – New Room Coffee Shop Pilton. October 25**

New Room Afternoon Tea October 25th from 3.00pm

Don't miss out on our full afternoon tea, featuring a selection of finger sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, followed by a selection of cakes. All presented on fine bone china with pots of tea.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL as numbers are limited, £16.50 per person. To book please call in and reserve your places at the Coffee Shop.

## The Crown Pilton

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

### Events

Big Comedy Night Out is back and started September 24 with Paul Tonkinson, watch out for future announcements of headliners

Have I got Booze for You	Oct 1	7pm
Pound for the Sound – DJ Ben Daley	Oct 3	8pm
Folk Night	Oct 8	8pm
Pilton Pop Quiz	Oct 15	7pm
Pound for the Sound	Oct 17	8pm
Big Comedy Night Out	Oct 29	7pm
Open Mic Night	Oct 30	
Children’s Halloween Party	Oct 31	

## Perfect Curve Fitness & Dance Classes at Pilton Pavilion



New Classes added in October. Full schedule below

Wednesday Pilates – 17.30 – 18.30pm

Wednesday’s Dance 4 Fun - 18.35 - 19.35pm

Thursday Pilates - 9.30 - 10.30am

Other classes available including:

Tuesday Pilates Online – 10 – 11am

Tuesday Aerial Yoga – 18.00 – 19.00pm (BA3 4UL)

Thursday Pilates – 17.45 – 18.45pm (BA6 8PX)

Thursday Barre & Pilates – 18.45 – 19.45pm (BA6 8PX)

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

## A Modern Day Pilgrimage with Purpose



Congratulations to Annie Maw for completing 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.

Across a very changeable weather weekend of September 13-14, Somerset's former Lord-Lieutenant and Festival Medical Services Patron Annie Maw led the walk, with some people joining her for the full walk, whilst others joining for sections.

Annie's journey was to raise critical funds to support vulnerable elderly people – both locally and in war-affected Eastern Ukraine. The walk, supported by Festival Medical Services, 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.

You can still donate at [gofund.me/5b3076a3](https://gofund.me/5b3076a3). You can see more images and video from the walk at the Annie's Modern Pilgrimage Facebook page

## Co-op

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## **October Poem**

And the trees are striped bare

From all they wear

What do I care?

October

And kingdoms rise

And kingdoms fall

But you go on

And on.....

U2

## **October Quote**

I am what I am because of what we all are

Ubuntu – Zulu Language South Africa

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



I hope you've had a wonderful summer. I've enjoyed meeting many of you at local events and my 'surgeries' in the area. Thank you if you came to say hello, share your views and ask questions.

My summer diary included helping the judges select an act for the Pilton Party in September. I really enjoyed the evening, listening to and watching all seven bands perform their very varied acts, which made it difficult to choose

who would come 'top', but we all agreed in the end!

I hosted my first 'youth' surgeries this summer and it was good to hear from young people about their hopes and concerns. It is likely that today's 12 year olds and upwards will be able to vote at the next General Election and it's interesting to know what the next generation really cares about.

I've also seen several excellent local charities and organisations in action over the summer: Prickles Hedgehog Rescue, learning about the Somerset Wildlife Trust's restoration projects, and visiting the Somerset Armed Forces Cadets whilst they were away on camp in Hampshire. There's a lot going on and it's a real privilege to recognise publicly the efforts of those who volunteer, support and take responsibility for so much activity locally.

Last month, I wrote about the Environment Agency's planned withdrawal of main river maintenance, and I've made my concerns about this and the potential for flooding in this part of Somerset very clear. I attended the South West Association of Drainage Authorities (SWADA) emergency meeting about the situation and when Parliament returned in the first week of September, I requested Ministerial intervention.

I am only too aware of the challenges many face in rural Somerset. The closest hospital can be many miles away and big changes are afoot. I attended the Committee meeting when community hospital bed closures were discussed and have had further discussions with NHS Leaders, seeking reassurance that patients and carers will receive improved services at the time changes are made, rather than relying on promises that more will come "soon".

Further afield, I met specialists at the Royal Marsden Hospital working with the latest Radiotherapy machines – amazing! Many of you will know that I've

pressed the Government for years on updating NHS machines. I was also interviewed by Channel 4 News on research into the condition ME, on which I continue to campaign.

I'm running 'surgeries' across the area, so please come along - I am here to represent you. A full list of dates, times and venues is available if you call or email me, but the most local are:

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October** from 08:30 to 10:00 at **Coffee#1, Wells**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** from 11:30 to 12:30 at **The Hive Craft Café, Shepton Mallet**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October** from 18:00 to 19:00 at **The Pilton Stage, Pilton**  
No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

Thank you. Tessa

**You can contact me:**

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: [tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk)

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

**You can also contact your Somerset Councillors for Pilton:**

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Cllr Rob Reed 07974 399280 [rob.reed@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:rob.reed@somerset.gov.uk)

**Your Somerset Councillors for Croscombe:**

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**Your Somerset Councillors for North Wootton:**

Cllr Heather Shearer 07918 760789 [heather.shearer@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:heather.shearer@somerset.gov.uk)

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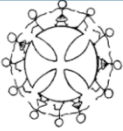


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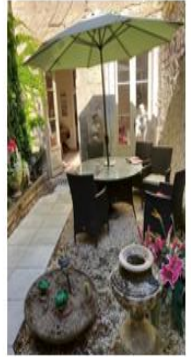
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## What's On in Croscombe – October

4th	10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
4th	7.30pm	Harvest Auction	The George Inn
5th	3pm	Sponsored Abseil	Alfred's Tower
7th	11am	The Arts Society Mendip	Village Hall
13th	7pm for 7.30pm	Film Night	Village Hall
17th	12.30	Senior Citizens	Village Hall
18th	7.30pm	Take Art: Theatre	Village Hall
25th	7.30pm	Take Art: Ekleido Dance Company	Village Hall

## What's On in Croscombe – November

4th	11am	The Arts Society Mendip	Village Hall
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### Croscombe Village Hall Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th Oct 10.00am to 12.00am. Delicious homemade cakes and savouries, organic freshly brewed coffee, book stall and raffle. All welcome. Advance notice for November coffee morning Saturday 1st Nov.

### Croscombe Film Night presents

Monday 13th October. Film to be announced at a later date. Please keep an eye on Facebook and notices around the village. 7.00pm for 7.30 start. Admission £7.00. Bar available

### Sponsored Abseil Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - 3pm at King Alfred's Tower.

Nicky Jenkin and Pauline Drew are going to Abseil 160ft off King Alfred's tower at Stourhead to raise money for Croscombe Village Hall development fund.

The money will be used towards our 3 current projects: Solar panels, improving the car park and up grading the kitchen equipment. If you would like to sponsor us please contact us on Pauline.drew@hotmail.co.uk, 07415034814 or nmjenkin@icloud.com ,07973185493.

We are sure it is going to be a fun day so please come and watch if you would like too.

## **Voice of the Villages - Terri Chichester**

With over 40 years in the hotel industry I have been lucky enough to work in many areas of Britain, Italy and Australia however as a West Country lass I kept being drawn back to my roots and feel very comfortable and at ease in Somerset.

So, when I became manager of The Swan Hotel in 2002 and with very little free time, I asked a dear friend to find me a home and that was how I arrived in Rock Street and the village of Croscombe. My work at The Swan was very demanding and the hours long so I really didn't get involved in the village shenanigans but that was all to change in 2013.

After years of working for others, I decided it was about time I did it for myself. I knew the Bull Terrier and can recall walking past the pub on one raucous evening which turned out to be the launch of the male nude calendar!!!! Little did I know at that point that I would end up buying the place and converting it to a lovely B&B.

So came the end of my rather reclusive lifestyle and the birth of The Cross and I have never looked back. Renovating this lovely old building was a joy giving it a new purpose and injection of life and I believe it did the same for me too.

It has been a wonderful journey welcoming and meeting so many people from all different walks of life and from all over the world. Many guests have become friends and return on a regular basis and some have even taken the leap and moved to Somerset.

The Cross has allowed me to host many varied events, cater for a variety of special occasions and hopefully help create wonderful memories.

Creating a blanket of poppies for the market cross, adorning the village with bunting, and the amazing Christmas lights are just a few example of events that unite the village, bring people together and puts Croscombe well and truly on the map.

The buildings, countryside, history, and many social groups and activities make everyday life so enjoyable but most of all it's the villagers of Croscombe that make this a unique and special place to live.

Long may it thrive and evolve.

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

Croscombe OAP & Children's Fund are pleased to let you know that our HARVEST AUCTION will be held on Saturday 4th October commencing 7.30pm in The George Inn.

As usual we will have a varied selection of Vegetables, homemade bakes, bottles and probably items that might surprise you!

Any donations will be gratefully received in The George during the afternoon. Please come along and help raise funds for Croscombe OAP's Christmas Dinner. This is guaranteed to be a fun evening with Nick Fowler, Auctioneer, and all the committee helping too.

Cash or bank transfer welcome.

Alison Hodges

## **Erratum**

The Croscombe OAPs and Children's Fund are behind the annual free Christmas Dinner and dance for all village OAPs, rushing about in elves costumes to serve us, as well as the free coach trip to Weymouth every August for all OAPs and children. Apologies for the omission of this in last month's Voice of the Villages column.

## **Senior Citizens**

Our August meeting was a great success. We had two gentlemen called John and Michael singing and playing 60's and 70's music in my back garden. It was so reminiscent of our past and we were able to sing along, knowing most of the words. There were eleven people present, the weather was very kind to us, maybe a little too hot at times, and part way through we stopped and had a cream tea all prepared at home including sandwiches, biscuits and scones with clotted cream, butter and strawberry jam. Everyone enjoyed it with cups of tea, and then settled down again to listen to more music. What a way to spend an afternoon! It really was most enjoyable. Lyn Manvill 07780 661 327 Our next meeting is 17th October in the village hall. It is our salad and apple pie lunch. 12.30 for 1pm followed by a quiz.

**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

## **Take Art professional theatre: Tangle present Julius Caesar**

Saturday 18th October – 7.30pm. Croscombe Village Hall

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?

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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, £6 under25 via [www.takeart.org/whats-on](http://www.takeart.org/whats-on) or in person from The George Inn or [richard.cronin567@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.cronin567@btinternet.com) (07771 814270)

## **Take Art: Ekleido dance company**

Saturday 25th October – 7pm Croscombe Village Hall

Professional dance company Ekleido bring a double-bill of their breathtaking dance to Croscombe Village Hall at 7pm on Saturday 25th October. Incorporating voguing, bonebreaking and threading club/street dance styles, Ekleido usually perform in major dance venues but are performing in Croscombe thanks to the support of Take Art – Somerset's rural touring charity - ahead of a national rural venue tour next year under the Rural Touring Dance Initiative.

Shepton Mallet's Let's Buy the Amulet and Make The Sunshine organisations joined forces with Take Art and are excited to be co-ordinating a week-long residency for Ekleido in Shepton Mallet to help them adapt their show for rural venues. The residency will include some community engagement activity with local groups and public events finishing with the full performance in Crocombe Village Hall on Saturday 18th October.

Details and tickets are via [www.takeart.org/whats-on](http://www.takeart.org/whats-on). Details on the Let's Buy the Amulet campaign and community share offer can be found on their website [www.buytheamulet.co.uk](http://www.buytheamulet.co.uk).

### **A message from Jane and Alistair Bovey**

Dear Villagers, some of you may remember me from the 1980's when we lived in Church Street but we moved back into the village last year and are now at No3 Pound Fold. Unfortunately, I am now confined to bed so have been unable to get back into the village swing of things....Church, village hall, group meetings etc but I would still like to meet up with old or new friends from Crocombe who could call in from time to time for a chat. This would also be company for me whenever Alistair has to pop out for appointments and/or just shopping. We would both love to catch up with anyone who knew us then or any other new villagers. With thanks Jane and Alistair Bovey  
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### **Poppy Appeal 2025 – Crocombe, Dinder and Dulcote**

This year the door-to-door collections start on Thursday 23 October until Remembrance Sunday (9 November). Look out for your friendly collector who will be knocking on your door again. Cash or cheques only please – as we are such a small area divided between seven collectors it is not practical to have Card Readers as the Supermarkets do. Time to save up your loose change for such a good cause! Jenny Mitchell - Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

## **Croscombe Village Orchestra – 50 Years**

We were coming out of the Christmas service in 1973 when Jonathan said "What that service needed was an orchestra". As I already knew of a few people who were playing an instrument or were thinking of taking it up again, we went to see them. We ended up with fifteen of us, a viable number to start. It took some tramping round the village to find a venue, the barn of the Old School House, found on a cold evening of January 15th, 1975. Every Thursday evening for at least the first year, I would walk around the village reminding everyone about the next evening's practice. By the end of two years the membership had doubled.

By 1977 we were playing Christmas carols for the patients and staff at the Mendip Hospital and giving two concerts a year at local venues. When Graham Robinson came to the village in early 1977, I asked him to take over the conductorship. He had been a musician in the Royal Marines, and it was he who turned us into an orchestra. Few of us who played in our concert at the Merlin Theatre in 1979 will forget the 1½ hour practice before the concert.

Eric, Margaret and Catherine Roseberry, the Roseberry Trio, and the Bevan Family Choir regularly performed in our concerts and were welcomed by members and audiences. Young people made up two thirds of the orchestra and would perform as the Junior Orchestra, the adults contributed a chamber group. 27 of the 30 members came from the village.

Tony Bevan took over in 1979 while Graham continued to play in the next two concerts. We performed in a variety of venues, having nowhere suitable in the village. They included Dinder church, Strode Theatre, Merlin Theatre, the Bishop's Palace, St. Dunstan's School and St. Cuthbert's church. It was a great relief when our village hall was built and from 1993, we had a settled venue.

David and Virginia Nasmyth, strong supporters of the orchestra, performed regularly. Tony's devotion and loyalty to the orchestra over the years cannot be over-estimated. There have been times when we have had only one cellist, or no brass section, or only two first violins, yet still he managed to put on good concerts and maintain the credibility of the orchestra. We are all greatly in his debt. We look forward to a successful future.

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## Croscombe Directory

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

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**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)

### **Frolics/Take Art**

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

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### **Fun Day**

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.

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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

## **Sequence dancing**

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

**Contact:** Lyn Manvill lynmanvill@gmail.com

## **Tai Chi**

Held on Mondays at Croscombe Village Hall between 10.30-11.30. Tai Chi is an easy exercise available to all. It improves balance and coordination, as well as relaxes and enhances health and wellbeing. We are a friendly group sharing some gentle exercise together. The moves may be performed standing or seated and are suitable for all ages and abilities. We end the lesson with a cuppa and biscuit for those who can stay a little longer.

**Contact:** Jan Hodge [hodgejan@icloud.com](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)  
Mike Dowell Chairman

## **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). Alternatively, if you would like to nominate someone whose voice you would like to hear please drop her an email saying who it is.

# **NORTH WOOTTON**

## **Village Events:**

- Quiz Night: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month at the Crossways Hotel, Quiz Night, 7pm start, £2 pp on the night. - All Welcome.

## **Crossways Special Offerings:**

Every Tuesday: PIZZA and WINGS NIGHT - The Ultimate Zing! £12 for 1kg of wings or a 12-inch pizza. 5 to 9 pm.

Every Wednesday: Nepalese - 2 course Authentic Nepalese food - £18.00.

Every Thursday: Choice of Curry for £10.00.

Every Friday: Steak Night £16, sirloin / rump with all the trimmings.

Wed to Fri Lunch Special - 12noon to 3pm. Main & Desert for £15.00.

*Reservations Highly Recommended*

See [www.thecrossways.co.uk](http://www.thecrossways.co.uk) for details

01749 899000 [enquiries@thecrossways.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thecrossways.co.uk)

## **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025**



Dear Villagers, our team of house to house volunteers will endeavour to get to as many households as possible.

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

Church of St John Pilton, Church of St Peter North Wootton,  
The Crown Pilton, Pilton Co-op, The Pilton Stage, Pilton New

Room Community Coffee Shop and Crossways Hotel North Wootton.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Pete and Trish Cheetham 01749 890442/ 07825 323242

## **AROUND AND ABOUT**

### **Shepton Carnival: Support needed**

Shepton Mallet is celebrating 60 years of putting on their Winter Carnival. Some of us were there at the start! We are now getting to the point it is very difficult to do the physical side of movement of Road Signs and barriers. We're looking for more younger people to help.

Due to an incident in Liverpool when a car ploughed into some football supporters, Avon and Somerset Police have instructed all Winter Carnivals, which includes Wells and Glastonbury, to put out extra signage to stop vehicles on or near route. The number of signs and cones has grown, from when the carnival started with around 20 signs, to now 300+ signs and cones required. So, extra costs, as yet unknown, and helpers needed.

We want the Carnivals to survive, but we all need help or they will stop.

Please contact the Shepton Mallet Carnival web site, or me on [nortjenboyce@gmail.com](mailto:nortjenboyce@gmail.com).

### **Art Exhibition: A Quartet of Artists**

Local Artist Gillian Flack joins with three fellow artists to present an exhibition of art at Wells and Mendip Museum on 21st October-1st November 2025.

Open Tues- Saturday from 10am-4pm. Admission Free.

Enjoy art from Jan Brame, Gillian Flack, Shena Bulcock and Wendy Lovegrove

## **Create your own holiday magic!**

Join our special pottery sessions for Christmas at our workshop in Shepton Mallet

2/11, Sunday, 1pm - Family Christmas Pottery Workshop (children 7+ with an accompanying adult)

7/11, Friday, 5pm - Christmas Pottery Workshop for adults

Book your spot on website today [homoceramicus.uk](http://homoceramicus.uk) or contact us for more details [homoceramicus.uk@gmail.com](mailto:homoceramicus.uk@gmail.com)

## **Let's Buy The Amulet – Community Share Offer**

The campaign to buy and reopen the Amulet Theatre as a multi-purpose community venue in the heart of Shepton Mallet held a fantastic summer of events in support of our Community Share Offer.

Originally built in 1975 as The Centre, the building was a gift for the town from the Showering Family. The building includes a scenery fly tower, two-storey artist dressing rooms and a 270-capacity raked seating system in its first-floor auditorium that lifted vertically to reveal the sprung dance floor below. It operated as a popular theatre, music and community centre for many years but has been in private ownership and largely out of public use since 2011.

Our charitable community benefit society was listed to receive a £1m levelling-up grant last year but this was cancelled due to the change in government. But new grant schemes are being announced, and we have been busy in anticipation of applying to them. The building owner gave our volunteers permission to create a temporary 65-seater pop-up cinema / theatre on the ground floor and an open-plan events space. We held live music, theatre, cinema and a whole range of community events which culminated in a weekend of live music in partnership with Croissant Neuf. We also ran behind the scenes tours of the building and held events with guest speakers like the Theatres Trust and Somerset Councillors to highlight the breadth of support and the huge potential of the Amulet.

Our Community Share Offer is on track to pass our minimum target of £100,000 and then head towards our optimum target before the offer has to close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. With over 150 members at the time of writing, this significant community investment shows strong grassroots support for the reopening of the Amulet. But we will need to get as close as possible to our

£200,000 optimum target so that major funders will be persuaded to provide the remaining money required to reach the purchase price.

If you have been considering buying shares but haven't done so yet - then now is the time to do so! Your investment now will encourage others to join the campaign ahead of the close at the end of October, whereas waiting until the very last-minute risks us missing our targets and now you can even pay by instalments to spread the cost over 10 months. Your investment will be held by the charity and used exclusively to acquire the building or returned to you if that proves not to be possible. Businesses and community groups can also invest in the share offer.

There is a window of opportunity to save the Amulet. In August the building owner had his plans to convert much of the building to flats turned down by the local planning authorities, partly due to the potential of our campaign to bring the building back to its original purpose. The owner is likely to appeal the decision, and his chances of success are greatly increased if our current campaign does not show a decisive level of local support and so every additional member will really make a difference so that together we can buy the Amulet. Information on the project, the share offer, volunteering, the history of the Amulet and lots more are all available on our website [www.buytheamulet.org.uk](http://www.buytheamulet.org.uk) Richard Cronin – 07771 814270

## **Mind in Somerset**

We are here to make sure anyone with a mental health problem has somewhere to turn for advice and support. Our core purpose is to provide services and support to anyone affected by mental illness, improving their quality of life and wellbeing. Further details in the advertising section of the Roundabout. You can give Mindline a call [0800 138 1692](tel:08001381692) or [01823 276 892](tel:01823276892)  
Visit: <https://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/>

## West Pennard Church of England Primary School



We welcomed everyone back after the summer break in early September for the start of another exciting year at West Pennard.

It was lovely to see everyone again and to see the children so well prepared for school and enthusiastic about the learning ahead! It was also really pleasing to see how quickly the new intake children settled once again this year. We offered full time provision for all Reception children from the onset again this year. All parents took the opportunity up and all children absolutely flew.



The school was a 'hive' of activity in those first few days and beyond, helped by the lovely art work that the children created during our bee themed art week towards the end of last term. Huge thanks to Miss Holmes for co-ordinating the week and for displaying the children's work, bringing the school grounds and hall to life.

The children all met their new teachers again, having had transition days at the end of the summer term, and through the first few weeks the parents had the opportunity to find out about the

general runnings of their child's class, and their intended learning, with meet the teacher evenings, phonics workshops and an information evening about the Year 5 Kilve residential.

On the first Friday of term our weekly enrichment day got under way. The children had the opportunity to take part in alternative sports, forest school, cookery, yoga, swimming, Art, djembe drumming, nature and eco workshops. The children do this every week, throughout the year, and swim for a term each year that they are in school, from Year 1 to Year 6.

If you are in the process of looking at schools for September 2026, on October 15th we are having an Open Morning from 9:30 – 11:00. No need to book, just turn up. Best Wishes. Mr Wheat

## **Keen Gardeners Sought by Hospice!**

We hope you may have managed to visit some of our beautiful gardens that have opened their gates for us this summer-it had been hugely successful season, raising over £27,000 for your local hospice. St Margarets Hospice has been serving the Somerset Community for 45 years, providing free compassionate clinical and supportive care to people facing life limiting illness and their families in Somerset.

We are already looking ahead to Summer 2026 – and we're on the hunt for more glorious gardens to join the line-up! All gardens are welcome – big or small. Visitors love to see spaces they can draw inspiration from, so while large country gardens make for a wonderful day out, a beautiful English back garden can be just as inspiring (sometimes even more so!). We welcome all outdoor spaces – allotments, school or church gardens, woodlands, farms... we love an eclectic mix to offer our visitors

If you're worried your garden might be too small, why not ask your neighbours to join in with you, or perhaps hold a small garden party, or plant sale? We would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to take part, have any questions regarding our support for the gardens taking part, or have any ideas of your own.

Please contact: Holly Hackett, Community Partnerships Fundraiser & Glorious Garden Coordinator email [holly.hackett@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk](mailto:holly.hackett@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk) or call 01935 709493

Learn more about the Hospice [St Margaret's Hospice Care Charity](#)

## Parishes of Pilton, Croscombe, and North Wootton

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## **Bible Readings**

5th October	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Luke 17: 5-10
12th October	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17: 11-19
19th October	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5	Luke 18: 1-8
26th October	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18: 9-14
Harvest readings	Philippians 4: 4-9	John 6: 25-35

## **Changes in Service Patterns**

There are some changes in the service patterns at the three Parish Churches so do make sure that you check first.

When we have a new priest-in-charge they will have seven churches so will not be able to cover the number of services, especially Communion services, as at present.

There will be services in each church on most Sundays and some will be lay led. The Churchwardens

## **Benefice Study Group**

The bible study, that has been a source of interest and inspiration, is pausing for a while because of rapid change of circumstance.

We have gathered for years from Croscombe, Dinder, Pilton and North Wootton.

We hope that in a new season of Church life there will be a re-formation. For more details, please email [rector.pcnd@gmail.com](mailto:rector.pcnd@gmail.com)

**Puzzling Questions** will take place on Tuesday 7th October at 2.30pm in The New Room Coffee Shop at Pilton Methodist Church. Everyone is very welcome to join this informal Discussion Group.

## **All Souls' Service**

Sunday 26th October at 3.00pm in St John the Baptist's Church, Pilton

This year there have, sadly, been many deaths in our villages. If you would like to remember someone who has died, you will be very welcome to come and

join us at this service. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those who have died, whether the bereavement is recent or of longer ago. If you know anyone else who might find this service helpful, please let them know.

## **Pilton Churches Working Together**

Sunday 19th October

11.00am at the Parish Church

Do you have a special saint whose story inspires you? At our PCWT service this month people will be sharing their favourite and well-known saints or maybe some will be the lesser-known ones. Come along and find out.

## **Dates for Compline on Zoom**

on the following Sunday evenings:

12th October

26th October

If you would like further details about joining in this simple evening service, please contact [rector.pcnd@gmail.com](mailto:rector.pcnd@gmail.com)

## **About People**

### **Deaths**

The Funeral Service of Norman Coleman, formerly of Pilton was held at the Parish Church on Monday 15th September. This was followed by burial at the Burial Ground.

## **Online Services**

A weekly service with hymns and a sermon is available from the Church of England website.

Please Google: CofE online services,

Click on weekly service. There is no need to sign up.

Scroll down and click on the picture for the service.

## **During the Vacany** when there is no Rector...

... church life will go on.

For any enquiries you can contact the Churchwardens in your own parish or the Reader Susan Green (890524). Their contact details are advertised every

month in the magazines. You can also send any emails to rector.pcnd@gmail.com

These messages will be forwarded to someone to deal with.

Safeguarding Officer for the Parish Churches: Susan Green (890524) or an email would be forwarded from rector.pcnd@gmail.com

## **PILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

5th October- Rob Haskins

12th October- Lois Emm

19th October- 11am Churches Together at the Parish Church.

26th October- Rev Andrew Prout Holy Communion

2nd November- David Parker

9th November- Remembrance Service at the War Memorial and Parish Church  
10.50am

16th November- Bethan Foister

23rd November- Gwyneth Phillips

30th November- Barry Speddings

Chapel Services begin at 10.30am

# PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

## October 2025

<b>5th October</b>	<b>Trinity 16</b>	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Ditcheat
<b>12th October</b>	<b>Trinity 17</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Morning Service	Croscombe
11.00am	Harvest Festival	North Wootton
<b>19th October</b>	<b>Trinity 18</b>	
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	North Wootton
11.00am	PCWT Parish Church	Pilton
<b>26th October</b>	<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b>	
11.00am	Holy Communion	Croscombe
11.00am	Morning Service	North Wootton
3.00pm	All Souls' Service	Pilton
<b>2nd November</b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b>	
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	North Wootton