

The Compton Dando Church Estate Trust Part 2: Assets and Finances

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you know, the Reverend Clive Murrie tendered his resignation to the Bishop at the beginning of January and his last services were on Easter Day. Now we once again have a vacancy before a new rector is appointed. Hopefully this will not be for too long. In the meantime our churches will continue as usual under the services of Sue Stevens, Noreen Busby and visiting clergy together with the PCCs and Churchwardens.

As a benefice we find ourselves in the unusual position of a second vacancy in two years. This is not what we hoped for or expected and it brings its own challenges and opportunities. We therefore ask for your prayers and support as we move forward, working to strengthen the relationship between the church and all areas of our community.

The Venerable Andy Piggott, the Archdeacon of Bath, and the Reverend Jan Knott, our Rural Dean, as is their usual custom when there is a vacancy, will be meeting with the joint PCCs to discuss the process for the appointment of a new priest, and to answer questions. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th May in Publow Church at 7.00 p.m. They have suggested that this should be an 'open meeting' to which everyone from our churches who is interested is invited. Please feel free to come along if you would like to do so.

The season of Easter promises new life for all and we look forward with hope to a new chapter in our benefice.

The Churchwardens of Publow, Chelwood and Compton Dando

Last month's Benefice magazine contained an article introducing the Compton Dando Church Estate Trust. This month's article is primarily about the Trust's assets and finances. The Trust owns 29 acres of agricultural land in Compton Dando, from which it received rental income. It also has capital which is invested in the Charities Investment Fund. The land and most of the capital investments are endowment assets and as such cannot be used for any purpose other than creating income. By this means the Trust receives an income which in recent years has amounted, after expenses, to some £6000 a year - although like all investments it is likely to be rather lower this year. How is the income spent? First, the Trust usually makes an annual grant to the Parochial Church Council of £2000-4000, which the PCC needs to help pay for smaller repairs and routine maintenance of the church. There may additionally be requests for help towards a specific one-off repair: for example in 2007 £750 was paid towards new bell ropes.

Grants are also made in line with the other

two objectives of the Trust: for example, to support the primary school used by parish children a grant of £250 was made to Marksbury School in 2008 and grants totalling £500 have been made in the past couple of years to help relieve cases of personal hardship.

Any remaining income is invested separately from the endowment investments. This could be described as the church's "rainy day" fund. From this fund the Trust can help with the more substantial building repair costs which occur from time to time. It happens that the church has been in good condition for the last 20 years but there are now suggestions of damp in the roof and dry rot in the floor, not to mention a very old and creaky boiler and heating system.

This "rainy day" fund can also be used for supporting new projects which enhance or improve the church buildings in some important manner. The most recent payment was £15,000 towards the new toilets and store building in 2006. Recent practice has been to match the money raised by the PCC for an agreed project.



Chew Valley U3A has a monthly meeting on the third Monday of the month at Ubley Village Hall. Meetings start at 10:30 with refreshments beforehand. The meeting in May will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 18th. Immediately after the AGM there will be an opportunity to "Meet The Groups". Each interest group will have a "stall" at which information can be found and questions asked. Chew Valley U3A runs over 20 different interest

groups. There will not be another monthly meeting until August 17th when there will be a speaker from Bristol Airport. The aim is to provide balance as the speakers at the April meeting were from Stop Bristol Airport Expansion and from the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Although there are no monthly meetings during June and July many of the interest groups continue to meet during the summer. Contact the Secretary, Christine Evans on 01934 832841 or visit our website, chewvalleyu3a.org.uk for more information.

From the Parish Register of All Saints'

Funeral Service

15th April Barbara Jean COLES (followed by cremation at Haycombe)

A Thank You to everyone who supported the PreSchool Easter Fayre, we hope you all enjoyed the Egg Hunt with the children..and the lovely cakes made by Donna Smart of Whitchurch, staff and committee members..

With everyone's effort and support we raised £350 towards Pre School funds.

Thank You again we couldn't do it without your support.

Christian Aid Week

People have commented that because the Christian Aid envelopes are stapled to the Parish Magazines they feel that they are obliged to fill them. Christian Aid and their partners would be grateful for a donation however small, but there is NO pressure to give.

Traditionally the envelopes have always been circulated with the magazines and attaching them is a convenient way of doing it, so they don't flutter out into the lanes and hedgerows.

If you do contribute your magazine distributor may collect in your area, or the envelopes can be left at our Churches.

Magazine Distributors

Last year I made a list of the distributors who are willing to collect Christian Aid envelopes and hope that you will be kind enough to do them again this year. If your circumstances have changed, please would you let me know as soon as you can so that I have time to find a replacement collector? Thank you all so much for your time and effort.

Jackie Young 01761 490614.

St Mary's Church Compton Dando

Recital for a Summer's Day

by

Renaissance Choir

including

sacred & popular works

Sunday, 31st May

3.00 pm

Admission free : Refresh-
ments

Pensford Toddler Group would like to say a big (very belated) Thank You to the ladies of the Church for providing us parents with a very much appreciated break from the "norm", and providing a beautiful lunch for us and the toddlers. This was extremely appreciated by all. Thank You

Pensford Local History Group

Wednesday 6th May
Stanton Drew Stone Circle
with Colin Budge

Meet at the circle entrance
7.00pm - £1.50

Marje and Bryan's

Coffee Morning & Sale



Saturday 16th May
10.00am to 12noon



New venue

Lodge Farm, Chelwood

By kind invitation of Mrs E Jones & family

Plants : Cakes, Jams & Pickles
Books & Gifts : Raffle :Bacon Butties

50p Entry includes Coffee & Biscuits



Proceeds to St Leonard's Church

Pensford Neighbourhood Watch



The Pensford Neighbourhood Watch scheme, centred on the High Street and Old Road, is now up and running. We have over 50 houses in the scheme and more are joining all the time.

As you are no doubt aware the Neighbourhood Watch signs are now displayed at various points along the High St and Old Road. The police say that crime can be reduced by 30% in a Neighbourhood Watch area.

It's not too late to join. And it is free! Just contact Alan Ford (490440) if you live in the Old Road, Russ Lawton (490203) if

you live at the top of the High St, Geoff Beedell (490371) for the Orchard and the "new" houses, David Evans (490521) for the bottom of the High St. You will receive a useful pack about home security and will be informed about local incidents which the police pass on to us. As a member you may also get a reduced premium for your house insurance – depending on your insurer!

We would like to extend the scheme to other parts of the village, but to do so, we need someone in each new area to volunteer to act as a Contact for that area. The main responsibility is to pass on information to your neighbours who are members. If you are interested please contact Chris James (490392) who can give you more details.

Extracts of a meeting of Publow with Pensford Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th April 2009

Community Action: Have established a Community Village Officer based in Chew Magna to cover the B&NES district.

Community Liaison Officer: 10k Road Race organiser have been given 12 litter picks, bags & gloves for clearing after race.

Car Park: No feedback from B&NES has been received.

Development in Keynsham: A pre-planning consultation is being held in relation to proposals for approximately 500 houses along Charlton Road in Keynsham.

Members of the Public: It was confirmed that a planning application had not been received in relation to the land being cleared in the garden of 148 High Street, Pensford.

Police Lane: The contractors have put up the name plates, however one is in the wrong location. This will be rectified and the naming of Police Lane process is complete.

Hinton Organics: Proposals by Hinton Organics are to have a large covered building on site with whole project inside the building. Advantage will be no odour from the site.

Footpath by the Allotments: An application to move this footpath to the outside edge of the allotments will be looked into.

Weir at rear of Rising Sun: It is understood that the Weir is in the ownership of the Rising Sun. This will be looked into.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: The Clerk will be the Parish Council representative.

Memorial Hall: Clerk secured a goodwill payment of £500 from Western Power re repairs to boiler & programmer.

Car Sales on A37: The problem with cars

parked on the pavements outside the car sales was reported to the PCSO's. They are monitoring the site on a regular basis.

Parsonage Lane: The pot holes to be resolved by 22nd April.

Birchwood Lane: Pot Holes. This had been passed to the contractor.

Church Street: The surface is to be uneven and action will be taken.

Priestdown: 8 pot holes have been marked, action to be taken.

Blackrock Lane: A job number allocated for work to be undertaken on pot holes.

Mobile Library: Concerns regarding where the mobile library parks were taken up with B&NES. A site meeting with the library bus driver took place and agreement made for a trial period to park on the opposite side of the road in the other bus stop.

Dog Fouling and Running loose on Allotment Site: Clerk reported to the Dog Warden that deterrent signage had been requested from the Community Liaison Officer

Planning Outcomes: 07/03793/FUL Mr & Mrs Roberts 1 Hillside Villas Pensford Hill, Pensford. Single-storey detached residential annexe after removal of existing garage and outbuildings. **PERMITTED.**

09/00155/FUL Miss Tonks The Old Surgery Wick Lane. Change of use from Doctors Surgery (Use Class D1) to two bedroom dwelling (Use Class C3) (Resubmission). **PERMITTED.**

08/04629/FUL Mr & Mrs Tremlett 49 Hillcrest Pensford. Two storey side extension (Revised Application). **PERMITTED.**



Pensford Tennis Club

members turned out in force and spent a Sunday morning in April tidying the courts and surrounds.

It all looked so good, we rewarded ourselves with a bbq and a few glasses of wine. We followed that with a few sets of tennis in the sunshine and everyone agreed it was an excellent start to the tennis season.

If you are interested in joining, the fees are £55 per person, £95 per couple and £110 for a family. Children/young adults in full time education £15. At around a £1 a week – that's a pretty good deal.

BATH & WELLS CELEBRATES 1100 YEARS

This year the diocese is celebrating 1100 years through many events.

On Saturday May 9th, the Bishop will be in Compton Dando, he will be taking a break at St Mary's Church then walking on to Woollard.

Please join the walk, all be very welcome, meet at St Mary's between 3.00-4.00pm. Dogs are also welcome providing owners take full responsibility.

Any queries phone The Revd. Sue Stevens and for details of other events www.bw1100.org

Chelwood Lucky Draw March 09

£15 - E. Jones
£ 3 - S. Clarke

£10 - P. Harding
£ 2 - C. Buckland



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th - 16th MAY

Christian Aid is the official development agency of 41 Church denominations in the UK & Ireland; it helps people of all faiths and those who have none.

They respond to emergencies, fund long-term development and challenge unjust systems that keep people in poverty, working directly with local organisations on the ground - more than 650 partners in around 50 countries.

Any amount of money you could spare would help alleviate not only the trauma of earthquakes, floods and famine but also the grind of abject poverty that makes everyday life a misery for so many people in the world. Everyone is feeling the effect of the economic crisis but please help if you can. Thank you.

Jackie Young

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The annual emptying of the boxes is now completed and a total of £668.86 has been forwarded to the Children's Society to assist with their project work. Grateful thanks to everyone who so kindly and generously keeps a box in their home. Every year more that £2 million is raised in this way, towards the wide-ranging work the Society undertakes.

There are now 34 people who have a Children's Society box. If anyone else would like to join this number, please get in touch with me. *Judith Hillman*. Hon. Local Secretary . 01761 490324



Gardeners' Question Time

If you like gardening and plants, come along to our very own 'Gardeners' Question Time' on 12th May in Compton Dando hall. We are lucky to have a plant expert from Bath Spa University, Darryl Watts, to answer our gardening questions and give advice on plant problems and plant care. You are also welcome to bring along plants to sell or swap with other gardeners. Admission is £2 including tea, coffee and biscuits and the meeting starts at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome – bring a friend and / or some plants!

Chew Magna Gardening Society



Chew Valley Gardening Club's next meeting is on the 14th May at 8.00pm at the Old School Room, Chew Magna. We welcome Felicity Down from Cleeve nursery. Felicity will speak to us on Container Gardening. Felicity has a wealth of knowledge, she is a Constance Spry trained florist, a former presenter of Garden Calendar on HTV and has featured as the guest gardening expert on Radio Bristol. She was also part of the Gold medal winning team at both the Bristol Garden show and the Amateur garden show. Cleeve Nursery supplied plants for the Zen garden at Chelsea which was awarded a Silver gilt. We can look forward to an interesting talk in both design terms, colour and plant selection and how to feed and water our containers to keep them going for longer. It will be followed by tea, coffee and a chat. New members and visitors always welcome.

The Chew Valley Branch of the Arthritis Research Campaign has held two fundraising events so far this year.

Thanks to everyone who came to support us on 20 March at the Spring Quiz Night. Seventeen teams entered and spent an enjoyable evening raising £338 in the process. Peter Handley received a further £72 in donations, so the total raised was £410. Peter's daughter and son-in-law were again the quizmasters and as always organized a challenging set of questions. This continues to be a popular evening and our thanks go to Cameley Lodge for hosting it. The next quiz will be on Friday October 30, and the Coffee Morning held annually in Peter's garden is on 15 July. Both of these events will be advertised again later in the year.

On 26 March the committee tried something different and held a sale of secondhand books. Many thanks to everyone who gave their support, by both buying and donating books for the sale. The excellent sum of £120 was raised. As the sale proved so popular it will probably be repeated later on in the year, possibly at some time in June. That will give our patrons a chance to stock up on their summer holiday reading. The committee would like to thank Julie Le

Valliant for generously agreeing to loan us space at the busy Chew Valley Fruit Farm so that we could put on the event. You may have noticed Noddy Boxes placed in strategic positions in various premises around the valley, and people who support these by posting their odd coins might be interested to know that from September 2008 to March 2009 a total of £361.01 was collected from them. It's amazing how those odd coppers add up isn't it? A special mention must be made about the box in the Red Lion Bishop Sutton. That yielded a total of £126.26 during that time, which was largely due to Paddy's quiz team. If they win the quiz on a Monday night they usually put their winnings into the box. Thank you very much Paddy and your team. By the way, in case you are wondering, the boxes are all emptied very regularly through the year and any money in them goes to ARC to fund research for Arthritis in Children.

The Chew Valley Branch of ARC was started in 1980 by Margaret Chapman, who used to live in Chew Stoke. We are hoping that this year, twenty-nine years later, the fundraising total will top the £100,000 mark. Quite an achievement for a small branch. We hope that you will continue to support us in the fight against this debilitating disease, and help us to reach that milestone in 2009.

CHURCH MARKET

SATURDAY 2nd May

CHURCH ROOM : PENSFORD

10.00 – 11.30am

HOME BAKING

PLANTS from Peter Jones

GOODS from The BODYSHOP

Proceeds towards Church Funds

Admission 50p to include coffee and biscuit



Market Report – April

A good crowd of people attended the April market, which was a lively social occasion. Much purchasing was done, including raffle tickets for an Easter hamper, kindly donated by Brenda Stone.

This was won by Margaret Bailey and a combined total of £214.85 was raised towards church running costs. Thank you to all who baked, bought and helped on the day. See you at the next market.



PENSFORD WITH PUBLW

Mrs Baber welcomed members to the April meeting. Sylvia Box was thanked for her table flowers. It was announced that our longest serving member, Beryl Light, had sadly passed away. She was fondly remembered, especially for her cake making, and a condolence card was signed by members and sent to her family. One visitor was welcomed. Apologies were given and one birthday card presented.

Correspondence and Avon News were dealt with. There was an opportunity to partake in a midnight walk in aid of Sue Ryder Care. Bulb forms were given out, also the National Raffle.

Sylvia Baber gave a report on the EGM at Weston-super-Mare. Linda gave the Treasurer's report. Linda also announced

that the Memorial Hall would not be holding the annual craft fair this year. This being one of our main fundraising events, this was a disappointment.

The speaker was Amber Andrews from Sue Ryder Care. She spoke of Sue Ryder's early life, her work during the Second World War and her involvement with the Polish people. There are many care hospices around the country and in many overseas countries. They rely solely on donations.

The competition was a war memento – there were some very interesting items entered. First was Margaret Bailey, 2nd Janet Ogilvie, 3rd Avril Ford.

The speaker at our next meeting on 11th May will be Mrs Glynis Tyrrel, who will talk on the history of hats and how they are made. There will also be a Silent Auction, and the resolutions will be voted on. Visitors always welcome.



**North Somerset
Agricultural Society**

COME AND ENJOY A DAY OUT

MONDAY 4th MAY

Wrexall, Nr Bristol

For information or advance ticket sales

Please contact Tim Ledbury

TEL: 08456 342 464

Or visit our website - www.nsas.org.uk

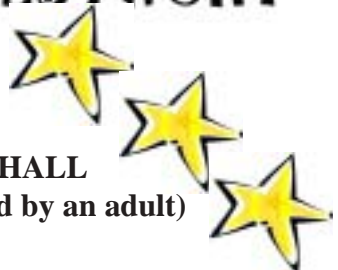
Oooh Betty
Plus Support
Hall Roof Charity
Pensford
Memorial Hall
Gig

Sat May 30th 8pm
 Tickets £7.50 490 456

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 Calling ladies of all ages,
 deserve a ladies night out then come and join us

MAMMA MIA LADIES NIGHT

Saturday 30th May 2009
 6.45pm till late



STANTON DREW VILLAGE HALL
 (Ladies under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

Showing of the Mamma Mia film at 7.00 p.m followed by
 Disco and sing a long to your favourite ABBA songs

Refreshments and Licensed bar available

Pre-booked tickets £5
 For tickets call Tracy 01761 490950 / Laura 01761 492552



PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD MU

We were quite busy during March and it has been a great opportunity to meet other members of the Mothers' Union in our diocese at the Bath Archdeaconry Council meeting held on 20th March at St Paul's Church, Weston Super Mare.

There were a large number of ladies present at the morning session, including four of us from this Branch, not quite as many in the afternoon, when members had to leave for other commitments.

The Theme... Streets Ahead was extremely well followed through with most interesting speakers from the different branches. Canon John Simons and his wife, who are both Street Pastors at Weston Super Mare, had much to tell on the work they do from 10.00pm until 4.30am during their night shifts. A very valuable, brave and sometimes frightening experience. During these times they say they just know that God is looking after them and guiding them as to how best to cope with on the spot decisions.

In the afternoon the Rev, Alan Elwood was an interesting speaker and he did the closing prayers. Although it was a day of surprises, friendship and knowledge

gained for the 'Streets Ahead' for the Mothers Union.

Mothering Sunday was delightful, where about eight of the MU members were present at the morning service at Publow, conducted by The Rev. Sue Steven. Many "Mothering Posies" were exchanged, having been made by ladies of the Church, who always generously help the Mothers Union make them each year. The Brownies took their part in the service, reading the prayers they had written for the occasion and displaying the Mothering Sunday Cards they had all made. A very colourful and thoughtful display on a bright and colourful Sunday Morning.

On 9th April, Maundy Thursday our meeting in the Church Room was quite special. Two of our Members were officially enrolled into the Mothers Union by our Rector, followed by Holy Communion for the ten of us present. A nice service followed by tea and cakes, curtsey of Mervyn our one male member.. .. delicious as always. Diana was presented with a basket of flowers as it was her last meeting with us. We wish both her and the Rector good luck in the future and the meeting closed at 4.00pm. Our next meeting will be on the 14th May, 2.15pm in the Church Rooms, Pensford. A warm welcome awaits you.



Questionnaire results!

The questionnaires have been read, the numbers have been crunched and we now have a picture of what is important to people in the five villages in our parish.

There is, not surprisingly, a lot of support for protecting the green belt and maintaining the peaceful atmosphere and character of our villages along with concern about the amount of traffic on the lanes. Along with this, there is also enthusiasm for regular transport to Keynesham and Bath and for various

environmental ideas. Much more information, including the detailed results, is available from your village rep.

The main aim now is to create our Parish Action Plan, listing what can be done to address the key points emerging from the questionnaire results. There will be ideas around transport, traffic, environment, sustainability, amenities, community etc and all will need people like you to help make them happen. We are planning an Open Morning in June to launch some of these ideas and hopefully start some of them on their way to becoming a reality – more details soon.

May 09

- Sat 2 Publow Church Market, Pensford Church Room, 10.00am - 11.30am
 Mon 4 North Somerset Agricultural Society. Wrexall
 The Bishop of Bath & Wells starts his 2 month walk around his Dioces
 Wed 6 Mobile Library
 Pensford History walk. Meet Stanton Drew Circle. 7.00pm
 Deanery Synod, 7.30pm
 Thur 7 Pensford Evergreen Club The Willbies Musical Duo
 Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50
 Fri 8 Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection
 Sat 9 Bishop of Wells 1100 Year Celebration Walk. Compton Dando. 3.00pm
 Pre School Play Group Car Boot Sale. 10.00am - 1.00pm
 Compton Dando Morning Market. Parish Hall. 10.30am - 12.30pm
Sun 10 Start of Christian Aid Week
Benefice Service at All Saints', Publow, 9.30am. Archdeacon Andy Piggott
St Mary's Big Breakfast. Parish Hall, Compton Dando. 10.30am
 Mon 11 Publow with Pensford Parish Council. Church Rooms. AGM
 Pensford WI. The history of hats & how they are made. 7.30pm
 Tue 12 Gardeners Question Time. Compton Dando. 7.30pm
 Wed 13 Joint benefice PC C with Archdeacon Andy Piggott & Jan Knott Rural
 Dean. 7.00pm, Publow Church. Followed by Publow's normal PCC Meeting.
 Publow PCC, Pensford Church Room, 7.30pm
 Thur 14 Mothers' Union, Pensford Church Room, 2.15pm
 Pensford Evergreen Club Henry Davis - Pianist
 Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50
 Chew Magna Gardening Society. Old Church Room. 8.00pm
 Sat 16 Marge & Brians Coffee Morning. Lodge Farm - 10.00am to 12noon
 Compton Dando Village coffee Morning. Parish Hall. 10.30am to 12.30pm
 Mon 18 U3A AGM. Ubley Village Hall. 10.30am
 Pensford Ladies Group Hanging Baskets & Tubs. Church Rooms. 7.30pm
 Wed 20 Mobile Library
 Thur 21 Ascension Day
 Pensford Evergreen Club The Backwell Trio
 Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50
 Compton Dando Community Association meeting Parish Hall. 7.30pm
 Fri 22 Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection
 Thur 28 Pensford Evergreen Club Midsomer Norton Accordion Band
 Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50
 Compton Dando Parish Hall AGM. 7.30pm
 Sat 30 OOh Betty. Pensford Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
 Mamma Night. Stanton Drew. 6.45 till late
Sun 31 Whit Sunday. Benefice Service of Holy Communion, All Saints' Publow, 9.30am
'Recital for a Summer's Day'. Recital by 'Renaissance Choir' (Chichester)
St Mary's Church, Compton Dando, 3.00 pm
June
 Mon 1 History Society meet Smithens Hill Car Park. 7.00pm
 Sun 7 Summer Evening at the Rookery, Chew Magna
July
 Sat 4 Compton Dando Village fayre

Compton Dando Morning Market

Saturday 9th May



10.30am



COMPTON DANDO PARISH HALL

In aid of St. Mary's Church

Admission 50p to include coffee & biscuits



Cakes : Books : Bric-a-brac



Plants : Cards : Raffle

**STANTON DREW & PENSFORD PRESCHOOL
INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE**

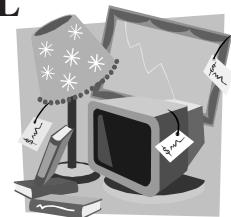


**PENSFORD MEMORIAL HALL
SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2009**

10.00am – 1.00pm

50p admission - non sellers

£6 PER TABLE



OUTDOOR SPACES AVAILABLE (weather permitting)

FOR DETAILS OR TO RESERVE A TABLE CALL

HELEN – 01761 490808

MARGUERITE – 01761 490994



PARKING & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

