

**From the Parish Registers of All Saints', Publow**  
**Interment of Ashes**

6<sup>th</sup> February Gillian Elizabeth WILLIAMS

March 2009

Dear Friends,

What a change in the weather! Last week lots of snow and ice, and so very cold. This week the sun is shining, the snow has all but gone and the temperature has moved into double figures. Change comes so very quickly especially when it is the kind of change we enjoy.

When we lived in the north, quite often there was snow in the hedgebacks right through to April/ May ,but for so long we have had mild winters that this weather has taken us by surprise. We have got out of the habit of clearing footpaths, digging out our cars, keeping warm.

We are reminded that we can take nothing for granted, things will not always be the same and so we must be prepared for the unexpected, and that is what Lent is all about, preparing ourselves for what might come.

Traditionally, many people gave things up for Lent , so, I suppose they could enjoy them all the more when Lent was over. I am going to suggest instead that we take something extra on, that instead of giving something up that might ultimately make us feel better, we take something on that requires a little effort. It could be reading that part of the Bible you have meant to read but always put off. It might be finding a special time to be close to God instead of filling every minute of every day with things to do. There are so many things that can be done, so all we have to do is find a little bit of time to do them. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday (Feb 25<sup>th</sup>) and goes through to Holy week which begins April 5<sup>th</sup> with Palm Sunday.

There will certainly be changes in the weather over the next few weeks and there may be changes in our lives but so long as we find time for God and ourselves, then we can begin to deal with whatever might occur.

Check the times and dates of the services in your Church between now and Easter and we pray that together we might stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday and be ready for the Risen Lord on Easter Day.

My prayers and good wished to you all

Clive R Murrie



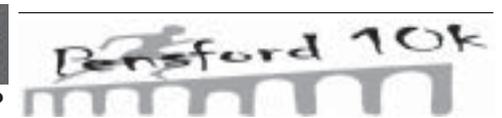
**CHEW VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP**  
Thank you to everyone who supported us at our annual Bridge Lunch held in January which helped to raise a total of £984 for St Peter's Hospice. Thanks also to the Queen's Arms for providing another delicious hot lunch.

We are keen to repeat the success of last summer's 'Teas@3' and would welcome offers to host a 'Tea' or a Coffee Morning during June and July. Please phone Constance on 01275 332078 if you would be interested in hosting an event.

**Parish Walk Sunday 29 March**

Another Parish Walk will take place around Compton Dando and some surrounding villages on Sunday 29 March starting at 11.00am on the Millennium Green. We will be out for approximately 3 hours for those who want to do the full walk. There will be opportunities for those wanting a shorter walk to pull out earlier. Stout footwear essential as there will be rough walking. Waterproofs often appropriate!

The walk will set off at 11.00am from the Millennium Green in Compton Dando, so please arrive by 10.45am latest. We will finish back in the village in time for lunch at the Compton Inn. Lunch can be either full Sunday roast or a special of soup and sandwiches. Bookings for lunch are essential. Please telephone either Liz Tel : 490487 or Alison Tel : 490903 for full details and bookings. Dogs and children (both under control!) welcome.



**Sunday 26th April**  
**Get training for the**  
**10 k and Fun Run**

A service of celebration for the life of PETER BARNARD SELF was held at ST MARY'S CHURCH COMPTON DANDO on January 18th 2009



**BHF at Chelwood Village Hall**

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped to raise £437.82 for the British Heart Foundation.

**Peggy Carpenter**

Jack, Margaret, Roger and families would like to express their gratitude to everyone for all the help, support and friendship given to them during Peggy's illness. The kindness shown after her death helped us all cope during this painful time. A special thank you to Reverend Sue Stephens and Noreen Busby for such a caring and uplifting service. The kind words by Dan Norris and Reverend Geoff Calway were really appreciated. David Brunskill and the Compton Dando choir were in fine voice and Peggy would have been delighted as she would have been for all the wonderful floral displays. Our special thanks for all concerned who contributed to make it a lovely send off for Peggy. We would also like to thank Michael Rowe for such a dignified funeral. The sum of £820.00 raised has been donated to the Alzheimer's society.



## Calling all Ladies

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at Pensford Memorial Hall. We are a group of friendly ladies who enjoy speakers and demonstrations at our meetings but also have the opportunity of joining in the wider programme of events which the Avon Federation organises. These include skittles, curling, craft demonstrations, outings and also area and countrywide events.

If you are interested in coming along to a meeting as a guest please contact Sylvia Baber 01179869493 : Margaret Bailey 440639 : Linda Quinn 490080 We would love to see you.



## PSA MUSIC QUIZ

**Friday 13th March**  
**6.00-9.00pm**  
**£3 per adult and £1 per child**  
**Includes Hot Dog and Chips**  
**Bar & tuck shop available**  
**More information**  
**Karon O'Callaghan 490095**  
**Clare Traub 490191**  
**NO TICKETS WILL BE**  
**AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR**

## Bavarian Night, Pensford

Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2009 saw Pensford Village Hall welcome the return of the Bavarian Night. This was the second time this event has been held and was back by popular demand after the success of last year's event. The evening is put on to raise money for The Village Hall and Pensford Football club.

Organisers Janet Young, Alan Vowles, Alan Hunt and Debbie Hunt were contemplating changing the theme of the event this year but after the success of the Bavarian theme last year they decided to stick with it again and re-welcome entertainer Martin Smith from Trowbridge to produce another excellent night of music, laughs and good old fashioned

audience participation! This decision proving to be a hit as the money raised increased by £295 from last years total bringing it up to £1369 raised, which was a valiant effort by all involved marking the event yet another huge success.

At this point the organisers of the event would like to thank you all for coming along to show your support and also to thank the helpers on the night Sarah, Gary, Tom and Ally who all put in a lot of time and effort to help make the event run smoothly...by keeping your glasses topped up! The German inspired food for the evening went down very well, quite literally...and included the winning Bavarian cheese!

This kind of event is somewhat unusual to your ordinary Saturday night at your 'local' and does make me wonder what else maybe going on in Village Halls across Somerset!? This event is a breath of fresh air and gets everybody involved of all ages and brings an element of comedy, music and dancing rolled into one big fun-filled evening.... long may they continue....

**Simon Phillips**



## Bands for local festival

Keynsham Music Festival organisers are asking local bands, traders, stall holders and artists to get in touch if they would like to take part in this year's festival, which is taking place on Sunday, 5 July in Keynsham Memorial Park.



This is Keynsham's big annual celebration. With four stages, workshop marquees, lots of activities for children, a range of stalls, good food and drink, its no surprise that it attracts an audience of 16,000 people. It's also one of the few festivals in the area which is still free, although the organisers do ask for a donation from festival goers.

In the past, the public have always been more than generous – a reflection of how much everyone enjoys the event. The festival also celebrates Keynsham's status as a Fairtrade Town, which will pervade all aspects of the festival. Musicians are asked to send in a demo cd and promo material (with stamped self addressed envelope if they want it back) to 15-17 Temple Street, Keynsham BS31 1 HF. Deadline mid march. If you would like to be involved in this year's festival, please get in touch with Suzy Mizrahi, festival coordinator, [keynsham.musicfestival@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:keynsham.musicfestival@yahoo.co.uk) or 0117 986 8683.



## Butcombe Brewery arc Pub Walk

Butcombe Brewery is supporting the Arthritis Research Campaign (**arc**) again this year and invites you to "get your boots on" and join the Good Friday walk, 10th April 09.

A glass of mulled wine will set the walkers off from The Queen Victoria pub in Priddy and at the finish supper will be provided at The Ring O Bells at Compton Martin.

The route of approximately nine and a half miles is mostly flat and downhill and will lead through the varied and beautiful Somerset countryside. Sue Gearing (local journalist and walker) and Les Davies (Mendip Warden) will lead the walk sharing their wealth of knowledge of the area.

Places are limited, so book early! For more details please contact Suzie Ladbroke. Tel 01934 71390. E-mail [s.ladbroke@arc.org.uk](mailto:s.ladbroke@arc.org.uk)



## PENSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been set up covering the area from the bottom of the High Street up the High Street and along Old Road as far as, but not including, Leigh Farm.

Many householders in this area have already joined the scheme. It is simple to join. Membership is free and you do not need to attend meetings – or do anything except be a good neighbour.

The main benefits of membership are :

- You receive a free pack of useful information about Crime Prevention and home security.
- We are informed by the Police of incidents (break-ins, car crime, vandalism etc) in the area. This information is passed to you, by email if possible.
- A possible reduction in house insurance premiums depending on your insurer.

If you wish to join the scheme please contact the Coordinator, Chris James, by email [chrisbjames@aol.com](mailto:chrisbjames@aol.com) or phone 490392. Please provide an email address if possible so that we can quickly and easily pass information to you. If you do not have email, please provide a phone number.

Signs will shortly be put up to indicate to everyone that the area is part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The Police tell us that statistically an active Scheme can result in a reduction in crime in the area of 30%.

The Scheme can be extended to other areas of Pensford. Please contact Chris James for further information.

We hope you will join. The more members we have, the more likely we are to deter crime in our area.

*Chris James*



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. March 16th meeting will include a talk by Jane Chamberlain on "Women in The Ministry". At the meeting on April 20th we will hear from both the Chairman of Stop Bristol Airport Expansion, and a speaker from the Council for the Protection of Rural England. The Universities of the Third Age are autonomous, self-help organizations run by the voluntary efforts of their members. As well as the monthly meetings there are many interest groups. The word "university" is used in its original sense of people coming together to share and pursue learning in all its forms. For more information visit the national or local websites or phone the Secretary, Christine Evans on 01934 832841.

## Chew Magna Gardening Society

The next meeting is on the 12th March at 8.00pm at the Old School Room, Chew Magna.



Our speaker is Mrs Cynthia Troup who will be talking on "Discovering Local Garden History". Following a first degree in the History of Art Mrs Troup went on to do the MA in Garden History at Bristol University under Timothy Mowl. Her talk will give an overview of the historic context of local gardens from early formal gardens up to the start of the 20th century. She will also provide a list of gardens with their opening hours; all within about an hour's drive from here, that we can visit over the summer. The talk is followed by tea, coffee and a chat. New members and visitors always welcome.



## PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD MU

On 12<sup>th</sup> February we had a counsellor from the charity RELATE, a Family Counselling Service, which endeavours to explore interpersonal relationships and works with the people involved to help resolve their problems. Her office is in Wells but the other Somerset branches are in Bridgewater, Taunton and Yeovil. This charity also does work in association with CONTACT, the National Association of Child Contact Centres, whose headquarters are in Nottingham. The Somerset area office is based in Taunton.

"A very interesting and rewarding job" was how the speaker described her work, counselling couples with marriage difficulties of many different kinds. Her

first contact with them is a short consultation meeting, followed by six or seven hourly meetings. There are so many different reasons for couples requiring help and advice from this service. It could involve problems with being a step-parent dealing with an adolescent who is also having a difficult time. There is a charge for this counselling but subsidies, or even free sessions may be available in some cases. Every single case is different and the counsellor's reward is if, at a later date, they receive a letter of thanks from a reunited couple who have found the way to resolve their difficulties. It was a moving and interesting talk for all of us.

Our next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Room at 2.15. p.m.

A welcome awaits you. *Mary Thomas*



## Committed to curing arthritis SPRING QUIZ NIGHT

ARC (Arthritis Research Campaign) Chew Vally Branch, is holding another of its very popular Quiz Nights this spring at Cameley Lodge. In addition to the entertaining Quiz itself, returning teams will remember that the Lodge provides a mouth-watering hot buffet in the interval. The date for your diary is Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 7.30pm. A table for four is £12 and the Buffet Supper £6 – 2008 prices. Book with Peter Handley - tel. 01275 332177 and please let him know how many of your team will be taking the buffet. Remember, Cameley Lodge's building work is now complete so we have room for more teams than last autumn. Come and join us and have a brilliant evening!

**0870 850 5000**

**[www.arc.org.uk](http://www.arc.org.uk)**

**Committed to curing arthritis**

**Arthritis Research Campaign**

**Book Sale**

**Enjoy a good read?** 

**Want a paperback to put in your suitcase for your holidays?**

**Come and browse at the**

**ARC Book Sale**  
**9.00am to 4.00pm**

**Friday, 27th March 09**  
**Chew Valley Fruit Farm,**  
**Bonhill Road, Bishop Sutton**  
**help raise money for ARC**

**Extracts from the Minutes of PC Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

Mr Littleton gave a slide presentation on the past, present and plans for the future of the airport. Individual members were encouraged to comment.

Cards for comment were left with the Clerk. [www.bristolairport.co.uk](http://www.bristolairport.co.uk)

**Speed Camera:** It has been confirmed by Traffic & Safety that Pensford will be getting a new Speed Camera.

**Police Lane:** Lyn Parfitt, B&NES had been contacted regarding having the Lane named.

**Woollard Lane:** Cleansing were asked to litter pick this area.

**Church Street:** The bad condition of the

road surface was reported to B&NES.

**Top of High Street leading onto Old Road:** The road surface and pot holes were reported to B&NES

**Hursley Hill:** Cleansing were asked to litter pick.

**Birchwood Lane:** The lane suffered a fly tipping problem.

**Grit Bin – The Orchard:** A request was made to B&NES

**High Street:** The hedges at the top of the High Street are reported to be overhanging.

**Priestdown:** There is a large pot hole. Clerk to deal.

The next meeting takes place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.15p.m.

# Church Market

**SATURDAY 7th March**

**CHURCH ROOM : PENSFORD**

**10.00 – 11.30am**

**HOME BAKING**

**MARMALADE**

**CARDS from Vivien Lee**



**Proceeds towards Church Funds**

**Admission 50p to include coffee and biscuit**

## Market Report – January

Despite the very snowy and icy conditions on 7<sup>th</sup> February, some brave souls made it to the Church Room, where there was a warm welcome from the intrepid team of helpers! An amazing £118.55 was raised for church funds. It was a fantastic

effort and grateful thanks go to everyone who made such a great commitment. Our next market will be on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. There will be further supplies of marmalade available, so we hope to see you there!

## Cakes galore!

**Find out more about cakes and their names**

**Come and taste them & take home the recipe**



**7.30 pm**



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**Compton Dando Hall**

**Everyone welcome!**



### Grizzly Bears in Alaska - Local Wildlife Trust talk

On Thursday 26th March 2009 by professional wildlife photographer Oliver Smart, in Chew Magna Millennium Hall, 7.45pm. £2.50, members £2.00. He will share his experiences of his journey into the Alaskan wilderness including the intimacies of the Grizzly Bears that he encountered.

## Pensford Local History Group

**Monday 2nd March**

**Pensford Church Rooms**

**8.00pm**

**Hilary Cox**

**What is in a Library**

**Using the Resorces**

**£2.00 including Coffee/Tea**

Last Months meeting with Alan Dodge will be included next season

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The annual emptying of the Children's Society home collection boxes is, once again, due. I am hopeful that many of you will be able to bring your box to All Saints', or you can telephone me on 01761 490324 to arrange for me to collect your box. Last year this annual collection countrywide raised more than £2million, which was sufficient to fund four of the Children's Society on-going projects. The Benefice sent £260 to the Children's Society from the collection taken at the Christingle Service and I am sure we shall be able to contribute a further significant sum from all your boxes. Thank you once again for your support.

*Judith Hillman, Hon. Local Secretary*

## GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

All children are invited to this year's Workshop

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**All Saints' Church, Publow**

**from 10.30am to 12 noon**

**Further information next month**

## CHEW VALLEY MONDAY CLUB

The members of the Monday Club would like to gratefully acknowledge the support shown by all the proprietors of Chew Magna businesses who very generously donated gifts for the Monday Club Christmas raffle. We had a delicious Christmas lunch at the Burrington Inn, and it was lovely for all the members, helpers, volunteers and committee to all be together at this special time of year.

We started back on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January and have already had some wonderful entertainment, with a full and varied programme set for the rest of the year. This could be anything from a magician, Scottish dancing, armchair exercising,

music and singing or an interesting talk. The club starts the day with plenty of laughter and chat with tea or coffee and biscuits, followed by the weekly raffle.

The highlight of the day for lots of members is of course the wonderful lunch cooked on the premises, followed by the most delicious puddings brought in by volunteers. There is also a service once a month led by Anglicans, Baptists, and Catholics in turn. In the summer there is various outings arranged, but you will hear more about those at a later date – watch this space.

If you think the club might be just for you, or you might even like to help the club in any way, please ask the secretary for further information – Tel: 01275 333006 or email [jen@chewmag.plus.com](mailto:jen@chewmag.plus.com)

### The Tower of St Thomas a Becket Church , Pensford

Last month Mrs Hillman reported that the Churches' Conservation Trust had started repairs to the Tower and with work started on the nave the site will soon be restored and we need no longer be ashamed of our Church falling into decay.

Many people have expressed an interest in the history of the Church; it is hoped to have a pamphlet printed soon. In the meantime here is a short history to show how interesting and valuable this church is apart from its place in the memories of Pensford people. First recorded in 1291 it was described as "a chapel of ease for the St Loe family in the chapelry of Publow". The St Loe family were the Lords of the Manor of Publow and Pensford and the Chapelry at Publow was part of the spiritualia of Keynsham Parish Church and later of the Abbey. Soon after this we find that it has been transferred to the Parish of Stanton Drew together with that part of the village west of the river. It is likely that there was a chapel here much earlier as chapels were often built near bridges and fords.

By the end of the 12th Century the textile trade at Pensford was well established and the Market was set on its way to become the largest in North Somerset which it would continue to be until the middle of the 17th

Century. There would have been construction of mills and weirs and leats.

Probably it was during the 13th or 14th Centuries that the leat on the north side of the Church was built. Of course this industry led to an enlarged and prosperous population as is shown by the taxation records of the time. It also led to an influx of textile workers and as well as their skills they would come with new ideas. This led to an interesting episode in the life of the Church. At this time Lollardy, a doctrine considered to be heretical by the Church authorities was popular in Bristol and this soon spread to the villages around. In June 1457 the Church was put under Interdict and the priest excommunicated for allowing preachers to preach against the rites of the Church. The Interdict did not last for long as the lord of the manor appealed to the Bishop to replace the Priest and allow the congregation to return for Christmas, but there would be repercussions for many years. However the Church was held in high regard by its parishioners and they would leave money and gifts to the statues and altars that were then in the Church.

**Next month:- The Locke family and the Church. The Feoffees. Fire & Flood**

# QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

## Pensford Memorial Hall

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

8.00pm start



**Teams of 4 people**  
**Entry fee £8.00**  
**per person to include**  
**curry & side dishes**  
**Bar available**  
**Prize for winning team**

For tickets please call

**Alan & Debbie 490409 or Alan & Jan 490753**

**All proceeds to Pensford Memorial Hall**

Stanton Drew & Pensford Preschool Playgroup

## Near as New 50/50

Of Childrens clothes, toys, books,  
bedding and much more...

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009

2.00pm till 4.00 pm

Stanton Drew Village Hall

Admission 30p

To sell items – for information packs call:

**Laura 01761 492552/Sandra 01275 331820**

**Packs also available directly from Pre-School by 1<sup>st</sup> March**



## March 09

Sun	1	<b>Fairtrade Fortnight continues until 8th March</b>
Mon	2	History Society. Church Rooms. 8.00pm
Thur	5	Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. AGM followed by "Ring a Ding!" Stanton Drew Handbells. New members can join during March. Visitors welcome £1.50 including tea & biscuits
Fri	6	Womens World Day of Prayer
Sat	7	Publow Church Market. Church Rooms. 10.00am - 11.30am Near as New 50/50 - 2.00pm to 4.00pm Quiz & Curry Night. Pensford Memorial Hall. 8.00pm start
Sun	8	<b>Compton Dando Sunday Bunch. 10.30, Parish Hall</b>
Mon	9	Pensford with Publow WI. 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
Tue	10	Cakes galore! 7.30pm Compton Dando Hall. All welcome
Wed	11	Mobile Library Publow Church PCC. 7.30pm Church Rooms
Thur	12	M.U meet at the Pensford Church Rooms. 2.15pm. All Welcome Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Stockwood Concert Band. Visitors welcome £1.50 including tea & biscuits Chew Magna Garden Society. Old School Room. 8.00pm
Fri	13	Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection PSA Music Quiz Night. 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Sat	14	Tutored wine tasting & wine tasting evening
Mon	16	U3A - Ubley 10.15 for 10.30
Thur	19	Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. John Davey The Whitchurch Airport Story. Visitors welcome £1.50 including tea & biscuits CDA Meeting. 7.30pm Compton Dando Parish Hall. All welcome
Fri	20	ARC Spring Quiz Night. Cameley Lodge. 7.30pm
Sat	21	Coffee Morning – free to all Compton Dando residents Compton Dando Parish Hall 10.30am – 12.30pm Archaeology - Keynsham Methodist Church. 10.00am - 3.00pm
Sun	22	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
Wed	25	Mobile Library
Thur	26	Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Westfield Ladies Choir. Visitors welcome £1.50 including tea & biscuits Wildlife Trust. Chew Magna Millennium Hall. 7.45pm
Fri	27	Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection ARC Book Sale. Chew Valley Fruit Farm. 9.00am - 4.00pm
Sun	29	<b>Benefice Service 9.30am St Leonard's Chelwood</b> Parish Walk. Meet 11.00am Millennium Green - Lunch afterwards at Compton Inn. Details ring Liz 490487 or Alison 490903
April	09	
Wed	8	Schubert Mass in G. Combined Benefice and Ammonite choirs with orchestra. Publow Church, 7.30 pm
Fri	10	Workshop All Saints' Church, Publow 10.30am to 12 noon ARC "get your boots on" and join the Good Friday walk
Sun	26	<b>Pensford 10k and Fun Run</b>

### Archaeology for everyone



Have you found an interesting object whilst digging in the garden or out walking the dog? Bring along your finds for identification by our local finds liaison officer, Kurt Adams

# PENSFORD WINE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009



## Pensford Memorial Hall

Evening wine festival with 30 plus wines to try!

Entertainment by "Three piece Suite" Jazz & Folk Trio

This one day event will include a late afternoon  
**tutored wine tasting**

of six specially selected favourites by John Durston  
of the West of England Wine & Spirits Association.

This will take place from 5.15 p.m. - 6.45 p.m. Tickets will be **£8.50**

The evening session with wine tasting & cheeses  
by west country cheese makers Lye Cross Farm  
and entertainment by Three Piece Suite

This session from 7.30 p.m. - 11.45 p.m. Tickets will be **£7.50**

### Combined tutorial and evening session tickets **£15.00**



There will be classic wines from France  
Germany and the New World

A tasting competition with some great wine related prizes to be won  
will take place during the evening.

**Come along and enjoy the experience**

There will be a bar and refreshments available