



April 09

Dear Friends

‘This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow.
My love the Crucified
Hath sprung to life this morrow’

‘Our faith has not been in vain, because now has Christ arisen. Alleluia!’

All through Lent we have been preparing for this time. Christ has set us so many challenges, to enable us to approach Easter with confidence. He has shown us the way, but has also shown forgiveness to us all, when we get things wrong.

The disciples are there to represent us all, but no matter how hard we try to ignore it, the question is still asked of us - where were you, when they crucified our Lord ?

Well, no matter where we were, and no matter how hard we try to ignore Him, our Lord still welcomes us to be with Him both in His suffering and in His glory.

Suffering and resurrection – the constant themes of Easter and yet providing us all with the inspiration to deal with all that life might throw at us. Christ shows that no matter what might happen, glory can be ours. After rising from the dead He mingled with so many people in different places, just as he mingles with us now to help us move forward on our pilgrimage of faith.

Our Churches will have been decorated and made beautiful for this special time, (such a contrast after Lent), and we will be able to sing our Easter hymns of glory and hope. Amidst all the troubles of the world we can find God close to us and helping us to take the next step forward.

I hope Easter will be a lovely time for you all, and we look forward to seeing you all in our Churches. Check the times of our services for Easter Sunday as they are slightly altered to make sure each Church has a morning service.

‘Christ the Lord is risen Today – Alleluia ‘

May God’s blessing be with you all.

Clive R Murrie

Going to blazes!

An entertaining talk by
ex-Fireman John Craig

7.30 pm

Tuesday 14th April

Compton Dando Parish Hall

Everyone welcome!

Coffee and a Chat



Compton Dando Community Association Coffee Mornings are proving to be a big success. Why not come along and join us at our next Coffee Morning in the Parish

Hall. It is a chance to catch up with people you don’t see very often and to make new friends.

Everyone in the Parish is welcome and the drinks and biscuits are complimentary. There are games to play for young and old. We may even start a Tantrix League! Why not bring along a few books to swap or do you have some CDs that you wouldn’t mind loaning to other villagers? We are holding a Coffee Morning once a month at the moment and we are varying the day of the week, so keep a look out in the Parish Magazine and on the publicity posters or check out our website: www.compton-dando.org and look at What’s On.

If you need a lift there and back from within the village please call Alison on 490903

Bath & Wells celebrates 1100 years

Youth Pilgrimage from Sherborne Abbey to Wells Cathedral

Visit www.bw1100.org or tel 01749 67077 for more information

Sun 5th April – Thur 9th April

St Mary’s Big Breakfast

30 people attended the Brunch in aid of St Mary’s Compton Dando on 8 March, cereals, fruit juice, yoghurt, bacon, egg, sausages, beans and tomatoes and all for £5. It was such a success we are going to make it a fixture in the diary on the 2nd Sunday every other month. The next one is 10 May but PLEASE book yourselves in with Clive and Lorna Howarth on 01761 490644

PENSFORD TENNIS CLUB

The new season is about to start and if you are interested in joining – please come along to our start of season event on Sunday 5th April at 11.00am.

Details of how to contact someone at the club can be found on the web site www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk



April 6th Monday

8.00pm

**Dr Kevin Brown
STONEHEDGE**

£2.00 including Coffee/Tea

Compton Dando Church Estate Trust - Part 1: Introduction

This is the first of two articles which will appear in the Benefice magazine describing the Compton Dando Church Estate Trust. The Trust's activities have not historically been in the limelight and the Trustees consider that the local community should be more aware of them.

The Trust was set up around 1550 following the Dissolution of the Monasteries, and specifically of Bath Abbey. Its objectives are to provide financial support primarily for the maintenance of the fabric of Compton Dando Church and then for the maintenance of the Parish school and thereafter for the support of the poor of the parish.

Today the Trust still owns some land in Compton Dando and has income from some investments. It is managed by a team of up to 10 Trustees (all volunteers, also known by the old English name "Feoffees") and a Steward who receives a small payment. The Chairman of the Trust is Coos Curling, who lives in Woollard, and the Steward is David Brunskill, who is in Compton Dando. The Feoffees also include local residents

Fiona Gregg-Smith (who is Vice Chairman), Bobbie Roberts, Rev Sue Stevens, Dr Joe Bettey and Andrew Hillman.

The Feoffees meet twice a year to manage the Trust's finances and to decide how to use the Trust's income. The Trust normally makes an annual contribution to the parochial church council of Compton Dando, and it makes one-off grants to the PCC when suitable requests are made: for example the Trust recently paid part of the maintenance costs for regilding the church clock and for new bell ropes. It has also made big contributions towards new project costs such as building the new chancel in 1905, and more recently building the toilet and store in 2006.

In addition the Trust has contributed funds to Marksbury Primary School since there is no longer a school in the parish itself and village children attend Marksbury School. A number of small one-off payments have also been made where particular cases of local personal hardship have been identified.

The next article will give more detail about the Trust's assets and finances.



By the time you read this, all 448 of the returned questionnaires should have been analysed by the hardworking local volunteers. This information enables us to build up a picture of what is important to people in the five villages in our parish and the next step is to build an action plan for each topic, taking account of these priorities and the views expressed in the questionnaire. The action plan will list what needs to be done and by whom. During the next month or two we will be

consulting with relevant bodies and agencies including the Parish Council to identify where and how we can work together to deliver what is wanted.

Some tasks will involve individuals and local groups while others will probably involve the Parish Council and other agencies. Some things can be done relatively quickly while others will be longer term and take more work.

There are lots of good ideas in the parish plan and if you would like to help make some of them happen over the coming months, please contact either your village rep or ring Elizabeth on 490600. The more people that are involved, the more can be done!

Benefice of Publow with Pensford Compton Dando & Chelwood

All Saints Church Publow

7.30pm - Wednesday, 8th April 2009

Choral Music For Holy Week
With

Soloists : The Benefice Choir

The Ammonites Choir : An Invitation Orchestra



Admission free to all

Programmes £2



North Somerset
Agricultural Society

**COME AND ENJOY A DAY OUT
MONDAY 4th MAY**

Wrsxall, Nr Bristol

For information or advance ticket sales

Please contact Tim Ledbury

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

THE THIRD AGE TRUST



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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 April will be on the 20th in order to avoid Easter Monday. At that meeting the speaker will be the chairman of Stop

Bristol Airport Expansion and we will also hear from a representative of the Council for the Protection of Rural England. On 18th May there will be the Annual General meeting followed by an opportunity to meet representatives of all the interest groups which the branch runs. The value of U3A is social as well as keeping the mind stimulated, and as well as more serious study groups we have bridge and Mah Jong groups, pub lunch groups and a range of outings and trips.

The Tower of St Thomas a Becket Church. (Part 2)

We left the history of the Church last month at the beginning of the Reformation. By the end of the 16th Century the appearance of the Church inside, had completely changed. The altars and the painted walls would have gone. The Reformation and the Dissolution of the Monasteries would have been accomplished and the Church would follow the Protestant liturgy. Once again, as it did with Lollardy, the Church of St Thomas bears direct witness to this change. Attached to the Church is a Trust known as "the Feoffees". It was set up to provide money for the adornment and care of the Church and also for extra services wanted by the congregation. Established in about 1527, some years before the Reformation it still continues as a Charity administered by six to eight local people, which now cares for the Church Room. Within the last five years some papers concerning the feoffees have come to light and one particular document dated 1591 throws light not only upon the organization of this Church but also upon the general thinking that accompanied the Reformation and the years that followed. The hierarchy of the Church were distrustful of Rome and there is fear that "popish practices" might still be observed.

A matter of great importance not only to us, but also internationally is the fact that John Locke the "father of English philosophy" was brought up in this parish and attended this Church. At the end of the 16th Century Nicholas Locke, a clothier from Dorset moved to Pensford attracted by its prosperity. His eldest son John was the father of the philosopher, who was born in 1630. The elder John was attorney and agent to Sir Alexander Popham, lord of the manor, and as such would have been closely concerned with the management of a large estate and in the administration of the law, cruel and harsh as it was at this time. The younger John left home at the age of 13 to go to Westminster School, but it seems likely that an intelligent boy must have been influenced by the social scene that he observed around him and that would no doubt have been discussed at home. Religious intolerance and social unrest

in Europe and America was rife during his life and his writings had great influence on both sides of the Atlantic. He wrote of religious tolerance and was interested in the education and care of the young. But he is chiefly known for his political writings and especially his revolutionary ideas. He advocated a social contract between people and government with rights and obligations on both sides and this was advanced by both France and America. Lord Rees-Mogg wrote "All revolutions start in a Somerset village". Locke never returned to live in Pensford but he had extensive properties which he visited frequently until his death. Like his father and grandfather he left money to the Church and to the poor of the Parish. His words "the right to life and liberty" are enshrined in the American Declaration of Independence so we often find American visitors looking for places of importance in his life.

Throughout the centuries the Church has been subjected to floods but in 1868 the nave was almost completely destroyed by fire. Feoffees were obliged to use their funds to mortgage the cost of rebuilding and in the end lost much of their capital. Before the fire, the Church Room was built on the site of one of the properties owned by the Feoffees. It was given to the Curate, Mr Tyler on which he built the first School in Pensford.

In 1902 as part of a reorganization of parishes the Church of St Thomas a Becket became part of the ecclesiastical parish of Piblow again.

I hope that I have given you a small idea of the rich and interesting history of this Church.

Barbara Bowes

Pensford Memorial Hall

Saturday Night "Barn Dance" Fever. Saturday 14th February saw the return of a good old "ho down" at Pensford Memorial Hall. Young and old joined forces to "dousey doe" their way around the dance floor with Hopping Mad providing the music and much needed instructions from their caller. The event was in aid of funds towards the Pensford Memorial Hall Roof Appeal and Debbie, Alan, Jan and Alan would like to thank all those that came and supported the dance which raised £769.

Quiz & Curry Night The recent Quiz and Curry Night held at Pensford Memorial Hall proved a huge success with 28 teams all trying to out do each other, although lots of friendly banter there was only one aim and that was to WIN, with the Top Prize going to "The Outsiders" (captain Neil Thompson) close on their heels for second place was Connect 4 (captain Collette Dawson), followed in third place by The Birthday Boys (captain Jane James). A big thank you to Jan and Vicky who worked very hard in the kitchen serving up over a 100 plates of curry. Also a thank you to those who provided raffle prizes and a special thank you to Dave Wyatt from Clutton who composed the quiz and kept law and order on the night. The event raised £696 towards the Roof Appeal.

Forthcoming events:

Saturday September 12th – 60's night with The Mersey Beat Legends & Hog Roast.

Saturday 31st October – Halloween Party Tickets for both of these events will be available from:-

Alan & Debbie Hunt 490409

Jan Young & Alan Vowles 490753.

(June – Date and event to be confirmed "watch this space")



**Why not run to raise
sponsorship for the
Memorial Hall Roof
Fund?**

**Forms available (10K
& Fun Run)**

www.Pensford10K.com

Chew Magna Gardening Society

Chew Valley Gardening Club's next meeting is on the 9th of April at 8.00pm at the Old School Room, Chew Magna. We welcome back Lucinda Lachelin. Lucinda has worked for the RHS for 20 years, initially looking after a variety of plants then specialising in orchids before taking on her current role of Senior Supervisor for the Glasshouse Team. She has travelled extensively for the RHS in Peru, Ecuador and Malaysia. The talk will cover the move from the old Wisley glasshouse to the new one and include details of the building itself and the replanting of it. We can look forward to an interesting talk, it will be followed by tea, coffee and a chat. New members and visitors always welcome.



WALL OF SOUND CHARITY EVENT



The City of Bath Male Choir, finalists in the BBC "Last Choir Standing" programme in 2008, together with Rhiannon Lambert, a young and very talented soprano, will be performing at Downside School, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, on Saturday 18th April (7.30pm start). This charity event has been organised by the Rotary Club of Chelwood Bridge with the main beneficiary of the evening to be Children's Hospice South West. Tickets for the event are £12.50 Adults & £8 Children 11 & under are available by telephoning 01761 490767 or 01275 331093.

Chelwood Lucky Draw January & February 09

£15 - T. Jones	£10 - T. Young
£ 3 - P. Telling	£ 2 - P. Jones
£15 - G&L Weller	£10 - G. Tidcombe
£ 3 - K. Walker	£ 2 - B. Parsons

Pensford Evergreen Club
Coffee Morning
Saturday 18th April
Memorial Hall
10.00a.m - 12 noon
Entrance 50p
inc tea/coffee & biscuits



PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD MU

We had a very pleasant and interesting meeting on 12th March when Diana gave a fascination talk about her working days for the Mothers' Union at Sumner House London, so named after our Founder, Mary Sumner, who formed this International Society in 1876. She began with parochial fellowship for mothers, meeting at the Church Rectory at Old Alresford Hampshire, where her husband was the Rector. We are now a World Wide Organisation with thousands of members. How it has developed from her small beginnings.

Diane was very privileged and blessed to have worked at Sumner House with so many interesting people and experiences. Meeting many dignitaries of the higher echelons of the Church, including the Head of the Church, Her Majesty the Queen. What a very absorbing time it must have been for her.

We all very much enjoyed her talk and thanked her for making the afternoon so interesting.

Our next meeting is the 9th April, when our Rector will talk about the Eucharist for Maundy Thursday. Do join us for this special meeting at 2.15pm as usual in the Church Room at Pensford. You will be very welcome.

Mary Thomas

Church Market



SATURDAY 4th April
CHURCH ROOM : PENSFORD
10.00 – 11.30am
HOME BAKING



TRAIDCRAFT STALL
Proceeds towards Church Funds
Admission 50p to include coffee and biscuit

Market Report – March

In contrast to February, it was a lovely sunny day for the March market and many of you came and bought and stayed to chat over coffee. A very worthwhile amount of £157 was raised for church funds.

ALL SAINTS', PUBLOW

The Annual Parochial Church meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 29th April, 2009 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Pensford.**

For the three Sundays prior to the meeting the revised Electoral Roll, together with the Annual Report and Accounts for 2008 will be displayed at the rear of All Saints' Church. There will also be lists inviting nominations for:- **Two Churchwardens** to serve for the coming year and up to **four elected members of the Parochial Church Council** to serve for three years. All parishioners are warmly invited and if you are on the electoral roll you should attend to elect church officers for the coming year.

We look forward to seeing you on 29th April. Judith Hillman 01761 490324
Secretary to Parochial Church Council



It's the FUN RUN time of year again. This year it is on Sunday 26th April

starting and finishing at Pensford Memorial Hall grounds. It is a 4km course with the emphasis very much on FUN for all the family. Prizes will be given for 1st 2nd and 3rd boys and girls and the best fancy dressed girl, boy and team. There is also a goody bag and certificate for everyone who finishes! Price £2.50 per entrant or £6.00 per family group of 3 or more. (All proceeds go to Pensford Primary School) Registration begins at 2.00pm (Pre-race registration will be available from Pensford School Playground the week beginning 20th April from 3.00pm to 3.30pm everyday)

The race starts at 3.00pm with presentations at 4.00pm, in addition, this year there is an official Fun Run sponsorship form in aid of the Pensford Memorial Hall Roof Fund. These are available from Pensford Primary School's Office. Please consider raising some money for your village hall. Many Thanks. We look forward to your company on the day. For more information please see the 10k website at www.pensford10k.co.uk

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

(FOLLOWED BY HOT CROSS BUN AND SQUASH)
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PUBLOW. PENSFORD



Friday 10th April 2009
10:30 until 12 Noon



OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN

(Pre-school children to be accompanied by a responsible adult)

Come and make an Easter Garden, fill an egg shell with peat and seeds, make an Easter Card for a member of your family or you can sit in the quiet area to write your own prayer, draw a picture or read a book.



Entry by authorised consent form

For further information please contact

Mrs Sandra England Tel: 01761 452278/0797 5897768

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU



CHEW VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT 2009

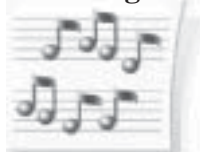
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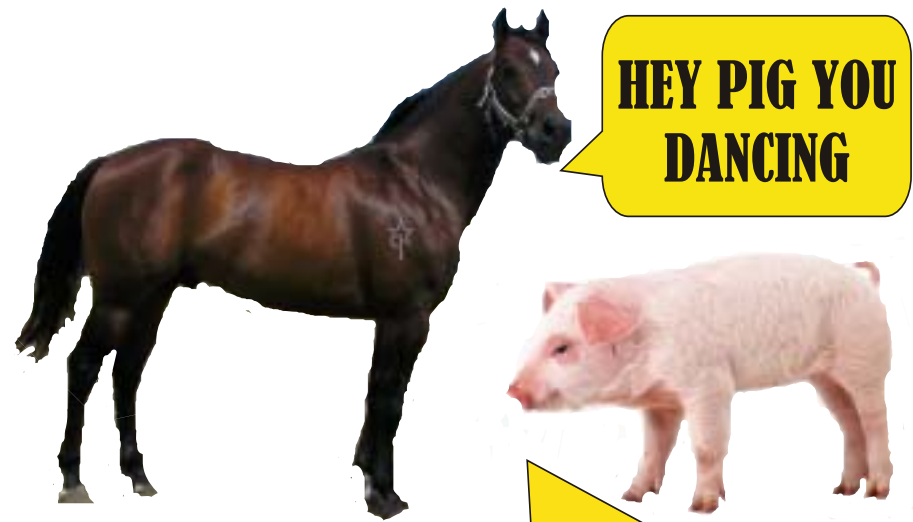
Selection of European Sacred Music

Emily Vine Soprano : Christopher Sheldrake Bass : Ian Ball Organ
David Bednall Conductor

St Andrew's Church, Chew Magna
Saturday 25th April, 2009 at 7.30 pm



Tickets £10 from choir members or on the door
or Tel 01275 333014



NO DOG MEAT, " I " IS
RACING

ITS BAC(on)K ! RACE NIGHT AT THE PENSFORD MEMORIAL HALL
COMPLETE WITH PIG RACING AND WOODEN HORSES
APRIL 18th -First Race 7.30pm PROMPT

Bar,

THIS IS A TICKET ONLY EVENT DUE TO ITS POPULARITY LAST YEAR. GET YOUR TICKET EARLY

INCLUDES PLOUGHMANS

Tickets £6 from Terry 01761 490426 Geoff 01761 490371
or Alan 01761 490440 from 2nd April
All proceeds towards Pensford Hall Roof Fund

**United Benefice of All Saints', Publow,
St Mary's, Compton Dando and St Leonard's, Chelwood
PALM SUNDAY, CONCERT & HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

PALM SUNDAY

April 5th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Chelwood
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints', Publow
	11.15 am	Family Service	St Mary's, Compton Dando

Wednesday

April 8th	7.30pm	Choral concert	All Saints', Publow
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9th	2.30 pm	Mother's Union Communion	Church Room
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Compton Dando

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10th	10.30 am - 12 noon	Children's Workshop	All Saints', Publow
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EASTER SUNDAY

April 12th	8.00 am	Sung Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Chelwood
	9.30 am	Sung Holy Communion	All Saints', Publow
	11.00 am	Family Holy Communion	St Mary's, Compton Dando

ALLELUYA - HE IS RISEN



**PENSFORD
WITH PUBLW**

Mrs Baber welcomed members to the March meeting. Unfortunately, the February meeting had to be cancelled due to the bad weather. Irene was thanked for her table flowers. Apologies were given and three birthday cards were presented. We had lost at the last skittles match, but had an enjoyable evening with our opponents Burrington Coombe. Correspondence and Avon News were dealt with. There was an opportunity to attend the Federation Lunch at Cameley Lodge which three members took up. Sylvia Baber will attend the Resolution meeting in Keynsham. Linda gave her

Treasurer's Report and also the result of the recent Coffee Morning.

The speaker was Mr Edward Shore of Barts Spices, who gave an interesting talk on the origins of spices and also mentioned the many charities which Barts supports. We were all given a goody bag containing a five pepper refillable ceramic mill and cookery book. The competition was the recognition of spices by smell, won by Sheila Rice, 2nd Janet Ogilvie, 3rd Mo Merrill.

The April meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th as the Monday is Easter Monday. The meeting will be held in the Church Room. The speaker will be Ms Vanessa Thilthorpe talking on 'Sue Ryder Care, the Lady and her Charity'. Visitors always welcome.

April 09

- Thur 2 Pensford Evergreen Club, Peter Davey - Clifton Rocks Railway Restoration & Open Days, Memorial Hall 7.00pm Visitors welcome £1.50
- Sat 4 Pensford Church Market. Church Rooms. 10.00am - 11.30am
- Sun 5 Youth Pilgrimage from Sherborne Abbey to Wells Starts**
- Mon 6 Pensford History Society. Stonehenge. Church Rooms. 8.00pm
- Wed 8 Mobile Library
Schubert Mass in G. Combined Benefice and Ammonite choirs, with orchestra. Publow Church, 7.30 pm
- Thur 9 MU meeting. Church Rooms. 2.15pm. Eucharist for Maundy Thursday
Maunday Thursday Service. 7.30pm - St Mary's Compton Dando
Pensford Evergreen Club, Keynsham Brass Band, Memorial Hall 7.00pm. Visitors welcome £1.50
Chew Valley Gardening Club's 8.00pm Old School Room, Chew Magna
- Fri 10 Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste collection day
Childrens Workshop. All Saints' Church, Publow 10.30am to 12 noon
ARC "get your boots on" and join the Good Friday walk
- Sun 12 Easter Sunday - See Service**
- Tue 14 Pensford WI Memorial Hall - Sue Ryder Care. The Lady and her Charity
Going to blazes, talk by John Craig. 7.30 Compton Dando Parish Hall
- Thur 16 Pensford Evergreen Club, Under the Counter, Memorial Hall 7.00pm
Visitors welcome £1.50
- Sat 18 Pensford Evergreen Club. Coffee Morning, Memorial Hall
10.00 am - 12 noon. Entrance 50p inc tea/coffee & biscuits
Pensford Memorial Hall Horse Race Night. 7.30pm, First Race. £6.00
The City of Bath Male Choir. Downside Abbey. 7.30pm
- Mon 20 U3A - Ubley Viillage Hall. 10.30 - Stop Bristol Airport Expansion
- Tue 21 Chelwood Village Hall AGM. 8.00pm
- Wed 22 Mobile Library
- Fri 24 Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste collection day
- Sat 25 Chew Valley Choral Society. St Andrew's Church, Chew Magna. 7.30pm
- Sun 26 Pensford 10k : Fun Run : C.D Plant & Garden Sale. See opposite**
- Mon 27 Pensford Ladies Group - Visit to Redcliff Caves. Bristol
- Tue 28 Compton Dando with Chelwood PCC AGM. Chelwood Hall. 7.30pm
- Wed 29 All Saints, Publow PCC AGM. Church Rooms. 7.30pm
- Thur 30 Pensford Evergreen Club, Terry Merret-Smith, Perchance to Dream
Memorial Hall 7.00pm. Visitors welcome £1.50
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- Sat 9 Compton Dando Morning Market. Parish Hall. 10.30am
- Sun 10 St Mary's Big Breakfast. Parish Hall, Compton Dando. 10.30am
- Sat 30 OOh Betty. Pensford Memorial Hall. 8.00pm




Sunday 26th April

Chip Timing : Medals : Cash Prizes
Free 'Buff' (first 300 entrants)
Cheer Leaders : Bar : Refreshments
Free Parking : Bag Storage

1.00pm start from Pensford Memorial Hall

Entry Fees

£10 (£12 unattached) in advance : £11 (£13 unattached) on the day

*Minimum age 15 on race day *Race run under UK Athletics rules



Fun Run (4k)

3.00pm start from

Pensford Memorial Hall

Entry Fees:

£2.50 per entrant on the day
£6.00 per family (3 or more) on the day



Compton and Dando Plant and garden Sale



Compton Dando Hall

Sunday 26th April 10.30am-4.00pm.

Vegetable, perennial, annual, wild flower, and indoor plants!

Refreshments available—including Ploughman's Lunches.

All profits go to the Hall funds

NB Roads into the village will be closed
approx. 12.30 to 2.00 to accommodate the Pensford road race