March 2010

Hooray! March…at last!

The month of Mad March Hares, primroses in the banks, birds singing, daffodils and (with any luck) the end of Winter.

March was the first month of the year until 1752 when we changed to the Gregorian calendar. Hopefully this March will herald a new start to warmer weather and new growth all round.

This winter seems to have gone on for ever and the ground has been so frozen that even the snowdrops have had a job to break through. Now the trees will be budding and plants pushing themselves up in readiness for another "barbecue summer"?! Whatever this year brings, there are bound to be good things and bad. Life is full of changes and we must adapt and move on.

Although during March this year the Church is in the season of Lent, there are many causes for celebration including Mothers Day, the nearing of Easter and the arrival of our new Rector, John Simpson, who will be moving into the Rectory in Pensford on the 11th March, with his wife Carol and son Martin…and Radleigh the dog. His Licensing Service will be on Tuesday 23rd March at Publow Church at 7.00pm. He is looking forward to meeting the people of our villages and it would be good to see as many as possible there to support him. John's first service will be on Palm Sunday, the 28th March, which will be a service for all the Benefice at St. Mary's Compton Dando at 9.30 a.m. Services for Easter Day will be as for a normal 1st Sunday of the month in each church.

With best wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year!

Janet Ogilvie

Churchwarden, All Saints Publow

Holy Week & Easter Services 2010

Palm Sunday	**March 28th**	**9.30am**	**Benefice Holy Communion** **St Mary's Compton Dando** **First Service of the new Rector** **The Rev'd Canon John Simpson**
Monday	**March 29th**	**9.00am**	**Morning Prayer** **St Leonard's Chelwood**
Tuesday	**March 30th**	**9.00am**	**Morning Prayer** **All Saints' Publow**
Wednesday	**March 31st**	**9.00am**	**Morning Prayer** **St Mary's Compton Dando**
Maundy Thursday	**April 1st**	**9.00am**	**Morning Prayer** **St Leonard's Chelwood**
		7.30pm	**Holy Communion** **St Mary's Compton Dando**
Good Friday	**April 2nd**	**9.00am**	**Morning Prayer** **All Saints' Publow**
		10-12noon	**Children's Workshop** **All Saints' Publow**
		2-3.00pm	**Good Friday devotion** **St Leonard's Chelwood**
Saturday	**April 3rd**	**9.00am**	**Morning Prayer** **St Mary's Compton Dando**
Easter Sunday	**April 4th**	**8.00am**	**Holy Communion** **St Leonard's Chelwood**
		9.30am	**Holy Communion** **All Saints' Publow**
		11.15am	**Family Communion** **St Mary's Compton Dando**

Women's World Day of Prayer

'LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE GOD' - On Friday 5th March over 3 million people worldwide will be worshipping together during an annual day of prayer, using a service prepared by Christian women in Cameroon. The first service is held in Tonga and continues around the World until the final service takes place, some 35 hours later in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and over 5,000 services will have been held in the United Kingdom. There will be a service locally in St John's Keynsham at 1.45 pm. All the denominations will be joining together. The service will be followed by tea. Men and children are also welcome.

Anne Hall

From the Parish Register of St Mary's

Funeral

29th January — Florence May STACEY

Baptism

7th February — Eden Rose GRIFFITHS
Joel Andrew Ian DAVIDSON ROBERTS

I would like to say a big thank you to all family, friends and neighbours for the gifts, cards and good wishes received on my 80th birthday.

Ivy Thompson

Final Details - ARC Quiz Night 2010

We are now able to publish the final details for our Spring 2010 Quiz Night at Cameley Lodge. So open your diaries and book the evening of Friday, 5th March, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets - £4.00 per team member and £7.00 per head for one of Cameley Lodge's delicious hot suppers. Please contact Bridget Gracey (tbgracey@btinternet.com), or tel: 01275 472639 for more details and to reserve a table for your team.

ALL SAINTS', PUBLOW ANNUAL MEETING

Advance notice of this important meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, 28th April, 2010 in the Church Room, Pensford. The first item on the Agenda will be the election of two Churchwardens to serve for the following year. Janet Ogilvie has indicated her willingness to stand again for election. However, Janet Smith is standing down and All Saints', therefore, requires a further person to put themselves forward to fill this vital post.

Please consider this situation very carefully and contact either of the current Churchwardens for more information.

St Mary's Big Breakfast - These are being hugely successful both as a village get together and as a fund raiser for the church. Depending on the numbers we raise between £75 and £100ish each breakfast. They are held in Compton Dando Hall on the 2nd Sunday of the month (mostly!!) at 10.30am. Cost is £5 for a full English Breakfast. Please book with Clive and Lorna, 01761 490644.
March 14 : May 9 : July 11 : September date to be advised : November 14 after Village Remembrance.

PENSFORD MEMORIAL HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednsday 24th March
7.30pm
Members of the public are welcome to attend the AGM

Teatime Madness

The Benefice After School Club
for primary school children
Crafts & games : Snack tea
Music : Praise & bible story

Monday 8th March

3.30pm - 5.00pm
Pensford Primary School
Pre-school children welcome accompanied by a parent
Older children come along as helpers
There is no charge for the club
For more information
Revd Sue Sevens 490898

A sobering thought - Many of you will have read or heard about the report 'An anatomy of Economic reality' that was published just a few weeks ago. In a detailed and startling analysis it offered a snapshot of an increasingly divided nation where the richest 10% of the population are more than 100 times as wealthy as the poorest 10%. The prime minister described the findings of the report as 'sobering.'

We often approach Lent as a sober season and in a very personal kind of way – 'what will I give up?', 'shall I join a study group?' Shall I give a little bit extra for a particular charity?' There is nothing wrong in any of these, but I can't help but feel that Lent might also be a sobering time for the church as community.

As a church, we seem to spend a disproportionate amount of time focussed on what we might call our 'internal agenda' and forget the reality that the church exists not for its own sake but for the sake of the world. We are not just a 'gathered' community, we are also sent, sent to contribute to the world's becoming what God intends it to be.

So perhaps we might use some time this Lent to reflect on some gospel imperatives about justice, beginning with Jesus' manifesto in Luke 4 (17-19), and as we do, reflect on how our lives both as individuals and as congregations can make a difference for good in the lives of others. May all of us seek God's grace to keep a Holy Lent. ***Peter Taunton***

Defibrillators for Woollard & Pensford

At a recent meeting the Parish Council agreed the need for two Defibrillators. Having this piece of equipment installed in an easy accessible location in Woollard & Pensford has the potential for helping to save a life. The cost of the equipment is around £2,000 and illumination is required along with an electricity supply. The Pensford 10k Committee are to be involved by providing a stand at their event on 25th April 2010 where a defibrillator will be available for demonstration. Sponsorship for this piece of equipment is now being sought from local businesses and donations can be made by contacting your local parish council on 01275 333549 or e.mail braggs1@tiscali.co.uk Further information can also be obtained from Chairman: Mr T Heaford - 01761 490271 or Cllr Janette Stephenson - 01761 490352.

Come and speak to one of the team!

One of your Neighbourhood Policing Team will be in your area on a specific location and time listed below. Also if needed we are happy to come and visit you in person or as a group in a location of your choice. Look forward to meeting you!

Chelwood Village Hall Car Park
Mon 15th March 4.00pm - 6.00pm
23rd April 5.00pm - 6.00pm

PC Stuart Peard 3455
PCSO Shelley White-Sharman 8570
PCSO Kate Chamberlain 7752
Non –emergency Tel: 0845 456 7000
Emergency Tel:999
SSNRADSTOCK@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Male Singers required for Bath Internation Music Festival project

This year's celebrations include an epic piece to open Party in the City: Performed by a 50 strong male choir, Wells Cathedral School brass ensemble, and led by Music Director Nigel Perrin, Thomas Wood's The Rainbow receives its second ever performance – following the premiere at The Albert Hall in 1951 – and commemorates Dunkirk's 70th anniversary. Bath Festivals is seeking MALE SINGERS to join the choir for this special performance. Choir members must have reading skills and be able to attend following rehearsals.

Sunday 11 : 18 : 25 Apri 2010. 3-5pm
Sunday 9 16 : 23 May 2010. 3-5pm
Friday 28 May 2010 Dress rehearsal at Bath Abbey followed by performance
All rehearsals will be held at St Michael's Without, Broad Street, Bath BA1 5LJ.
If you are interested in joining please send your contact details to

David Brunskill, 'High Morrow', Bathford Hill. Compton Dando. Tel:490449
Email: dandsbrunskill@btinternet.com

Sunday 25th April

A New Route for The Butcombe Brewery ARC Pub Walk , 2nd April 2010 (Good Friday) Walkers will meet at 11.15am at The Swan in Rowberrow to catch transport up to The Queens Arms at Bleadon where a glass of mulled wine will be waiting before setting off on the walk. Sue Gearing, Les Davies and their trusty team of volunteers are once again generously giving up their time to lead the walk. The distance is 9.25 miles stretching through contrasting landscapes with great views, travelling over hills and through woods, past the remains of a Roman Villa and over "The Strawberry Line" ending back at The Swan at Rowberrow where walkers will enjoy a well earned supper.

Cost Registration £12 to include mulled wine, supper and transport.

(Final registration date Thursday 25th March, but register quickly as there are only a limited amount of places and last year some people "lost out"!)

Walkers are encouraged to raise sponsorship for the Arthritis Research Campaign (arc) For further information on the Butcombe Brewery arc pub walk please contact Suzie Ladbrooke. The Old Sweet Shop, Church Street. Wedmore BS28 4AB. Tel/Fax 01934 713906 E-mail s.ladbrooke@arc.org.uk

Bavarian Success - Saturday 30th January seen the return for the third year of the Bavarian Evening. Once again the night was thoroughly enjoyable and a big thank you to all that attended this event which raised £650 for Pensford Evergreens.

A thank you also to all three local public houses who kindly helped in various ways to support this event.

Alan & Debbie Hunt, Alan & Jan Vowles

Diary Date: Saturday May 15th sees the return of the **Mersey Beat Legends 60's tribute band. Tickets will be on sale end of March and available from Debbie & Alan Hunt 490409 or Jan & Alan Vowles 490753 – more information next month.**

U3A
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. January saw the tenth Anniversary of Chew Valley U3A which members celebrated with an excellent lunch at Cameley Lodge. At the meeting on March 15th Steve Hoddell will talk about the Samaritans and at the meeting on April 12th John Page will speak about King John's Hunting Lodge at Axbridge. As well as the monthly meeting we run over 20 different interest groups. Singing for Non-Singers and Chinese History are two of our newer groups. Nationally U3A runs many residential study schools in various parts of Britain and the two main Summer Schools are held at Cirencester in August. For more information visit our website **chewvalleyu3a.org.uk** or the national website **www.u3a.org.uk** or phone the Secretary, Christine Evans on 01934 832841.

Pensford Local History Group

Monday 1st March
Roy Gallup
Lost Ports of the River Severn
Pensford Church Rooms
8.00pm

Last month our speakers where Roger and Judith Anderson. They told us about the life of eighteenth century Bristol Quaker Sarah Champion. They read from her diaries and letters, and she came across as an educated, curious, caring woman who travelled a surprising amount for the times and observed life around Bristol and the west country.

St Peter's Hospice Bristol
Sharing the Caring

The heavy snows in January led to the postponement of the Group's annual Bridge Lunch but we were successful at the second attempt and raised £976, thanks to the fortitude of our supporters!

In February, the princely sum of £585 was raised from raffles held during performances of "Camelot-The Panto" and we are grateful to CATS for their continued support. There will be a Soup and Cheese Lunch on Friday 26th March at the Baptist Chapel Rooms in aid of St Peter's and we hope to see you there.

Finally, we now have a clothing bank situated at the Old Mill in Chew Magna for recycling clothes, shoes, bedding and curtains in St Peter's Hospice shops. The bank is available during opening hours at Old Mill.

Avon Wildlife Trust

THE wildlife TRUST BRISTOL BATH & AVON

There will be a **Jumble & White Elephant sale** on Saturday March 27th 2010 in the Old School Room, Chew Magna at 2.00pm. Offers of help, or if you would like to have a clear out of books, toys, white elephant and clothes, please call 01275 332482.

Brown Bears and Bustards. On Thursday 25th March 2010 by Cecile Gillard in Chew Magna Millennium Hall, 7.45pm. Visitors £2.50.

Come on a wildlife journey from Hortobagy in Hungary, the largest protected grassland in Europe and home to the world's heaviest flying bird the giant bustard, to the beautiful Carpathian mountains in Transylvania, Romania, home to brown bears, Ursus beer - and Count Dracula!

Chew Valley Gardening Club's

Tony Titchen is our Speaker on Thursday, 11th March. His subject is 'Tresco Abbey Gardens'. These Gardens are very special and if you are unable visit them in person here is your chance to do the next best thing! Tony is a botanist as well as an expert on trees, he also leads groups of botanical holidays. I have no doubt he will be showing us wonderful slides of these gardens in the Isles of Scilly. We meet upstairs in the Old Schoolroom in Chew Magna at 8.00pm - visitor are always welcome.

Compton Dando Art Group

The Compton Dando Art Group have a demonstration on the 17th March at Compton Dando Parish Hall. The artist is Graham Cox will be painting painting in pastels. The doors open at 9. 45am. We finish at 1.00pm. Visitors £3.00 to include coffee and biscuits. There is also another Demo on 21st April when Chris Jones will be painting a Stag in Acrylics. Please do come along and join us.

STANTON DREW & PENSFORD PRE-SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

NEAR AS NEW 50/50 SALE

Children's clothes, shoes & toys

Plus childcare and maternity equipment

SATURDAY 6TH MARCH
STANTON DREW VILLAGE HALL
2.00PM TILL 4.00PM

For further details please contact
Lynette 07778 599006 / Sue 07711 545964

If you wish to sell your goods please obtain a sellers pack at a cost of £3.50 by telephoning one of the above numbers

Drop off your items and we will do the rest
Any profits made will be split on a 50/50 basis between you the seller and Stanton Drew & Pensford Pre School
Charity - 1055041

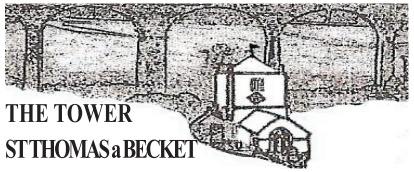
SATURDAY MARKET

Saturday 6th March
Church Rooms, Pensford
10.00am – 11.30am

for Publow Church

HOME BAKING
MARMALADE
CARDS from Vivien Lee
Brownies Cake Stall

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



OPEN
For any information contact:
Jane Flower 490234

Market Report February

A busy market on February 6th raised an amazing £230 for church funds. Thank you to all who baked goodies and made marmalade – the end result was truly gratifying. A further thank you to all who came and bought and stayed to chat. In March the Brownies will be manning their own cake stall in aid of their funds. In addition there will be further home baking and there is plenty of marmalade still available! We look forward to seeing many of you again on 6th March.

The Children's Society

Once again it is time for the annual emptying of the Children's Society home collection boxes. If possible it would be helpful if you could bring your box to All Saints' Church, or telephone me on 01761 490324 to arrange for me to collect your box. Last year's national collection raised £2.2 million, so I hope that we can again contribute our share of this significant sum. Thank you for your support and I look forward to hearing from you. ***Judith Hillman***

Publow with Pensford MU

Here we are, well into 2010 before we were able to have our first meeting of the year. The earlier severe weather made it too difficult for most of us to get out and about in January.

On 2nd February a number of us attended the coffee morning and Wave of Prayer meeting, at the tiny church at Chewton Keynsham, which was a very pleasant occasion.

Our Christmas meal together now seems a very long time ago, but it was a happy time and we had such a welcome by the landlords of the Dundry Inn. Nigel and Jane, who used to be at the George & Dragon at Pensford, were genuinely delighted to see so many familiar people from their years at Pensford, and we were served a very good Christmas meal.

At our February meeting we discussed our plans for the coming year and it was good to meet up with each other again.

Our next meeting will be on the 11th March in the Pensford Church Room at 2.15 pm. Alison Whitcombe will be telling us about the work at Westhay Opportunity Centre which helps people with learning disabilities. Newcomers will be most welcome. Come and join us.

Mary Thomas

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Because of the sophisticated nature of cars today, thieves often need to get hold of the keys to steal the car. They will look through the windows of properties to try and locate the keys and then try and gain access through unlocked doors or windows or by putting things like coat hangers or fishing lines through letterboxes or cat-flaps to try and get hold of them. There are some things you can do to try and prevent this type of crime.

1. Don't leave your keys in an obvious place. Make it as difficult as possible for thieves to find them.
2. If you have a garage, keep your car in it and out of sight of prying eyes. Don't let a thief see what you have. Don't forget to keep the garage locked!
3. If you do keep your car on the driveway, consider fitting gates or security posts.
4. Keep your keys out of view at all times. Thieves don't actually need to get into your house to get hold them - they will often use implements to hook them and take them out through the letter box.
5. Remember to keep doors and windows locked.
6. Report any suspicious activity.
7. Contact your local Beat Team if you would like more advice on 0845 456 7000.

Going to blazes!

An entertaining talk about life in the fire & rescue service

by John Craig

7.30 pm Tuesday 9th March

Compton Dando Hall

Everyone welcome

Refreshments available

Five Villages Community Action Plan

The end is in sight! Well, the end of this stage, as our Action Plan takes shape. People from across our 5 villages have been looking at the issues and we now have a list of actions that can be taken to address the most important problems and suggestions from the questionnaire.

Importantly, we have also now reviewed the draft action plan with B&NES. In January, Andy Thomas and Sara Dixon from B&NES came to our Steering Group meeting, held in Queen Charlton Hall with an audience of interested residents. Andy and Sara were very complimentary about our action list, also offering suggestions on how B&NES could help the parish achieve our aims.

Parish Council representatives have also reviewed the action plan and offered suggestions on how they can help and we have discussed which actions should be owned by the Parish Council to take forward.

A summary version of the draft Action Plan will soon be available for everyone in the parish to see and comment on. There will also be a Parish Plan update and chance for questions at each of the various Village Meetings in early March, so please come along!

ST MARY'S BIG BREAKFAST

Cost is £5 for a full English Breakfast
Please book with Clive and Lorna
01761 490644

Our next breakfast is Mothering Sunday March 14th at 10.30 after the 9.15 service at St Marys so why not make this a special treat for a very special day in the callendar for a very special person and for those of us without Mothers we could bring a friend.

Compton Dando Coffee Morning

10.00am - 12.00 noon
Saturday 20th March

Parish Hall

Come and join us for complimentary coffee/tea and cakes -Bring your family & Friends

A chance to meet up and spend some time getting to know each other

Games to play and books to swop

If you need a lift call

Alison 490903 or Steph 492500

March 2010

Mon	1	Pensford History Society. Church Rooms. 8.00pm
Thur	4	Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00p.m AGM
		Join now to become a member. Visitors welcome £1.50
Fri	5	Womens World Day of Prayer. St John's Keynsham 1.45pm
		ARC Quiz Night. 7.30pm. Camley Lodge
Sat	6	Publow Church Market 10.00am - 11.30am. Pensford Church Room
		Fairtrade Brunch. Chew Magna Mellenium Hall. 10.30am - 12.30pm
		Near as New 50/50 Sale. Stanton Drew Village Hall. 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Mon	8	Chewton Keynsham Village Annual Meeting 7.00pm Church Hall
		Burnett Village Annual Meeting 8.00pm. St. Michael's Church
		Teatime Madness. Pensford School. 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Tue	9	Queen Charlton Village Annual Meeting 7.30pm. Village Hall
		Going to Blazes - Compton Dando Parish Hall 7.30pm
Wed	10	Route M Library Day
Thur	11	Mothers Union. Pensford Church Room. 2.15pm
		Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00pm
		Zephyr - Musical Evening. Visitors welcome £1.50
		Chew Valley Gardening Club. The Old School Room. 8.00pm
Sun	**14**	**Mothering Sunday. Publow Church Family Service. 11.00am (No Evensong)**
		St Mary's Big Breakfast after 9.15am service
Mon	15	U3A meeting, Ubley Village Hall. 10.30am
		Neighbourhood Meet the team. Chelwood Carpark 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Tue	16	Woollard Village Annual Meeting 7.30pm. Compton Dando Parish Hall
		Compton Dando Village Annual Meeting 7.45pm. Parish Hall
Wed	17	Publow Church PCC. Pensford Church Room. 7.30pm
Thur	18	Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00pm
		Westfield Ladies Choir. Visitors welcome £1.50
Sat	20	Compton Dando Coffee Morning at the Parish Hall
Tue	23	Licensing of Revd Canon John SIMPSON All Saints' Church 7.00pm
Wed	24	Pensford Memorial Hall AGM. 7.30pm
		Route M Library Day
Thur	25	Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00pm
		Vince G - Singer. Visitors welcome £1.50
Fri	26	St Peters Hospice Soup & Cheese Lunch. Baptist Chapel Rooms
Sat	27	Avon Wildlife Trust Jumble & White Elephant Sale. The Old School Room
		Memorial Roof Appeal Barn Dance
Sun	**28**	**Palm Sunday. Benefice Holy Communion, St Mary's Compton Dando**
Mon	29	Morning prayer St Leonards
Tue	30	Morning Prayer All Saints'
Wed	31	Morning Prayer St Mary's
APRIL		
Thurs	1	Maundy Thursday. Morning Prayer St Leonard. Holy Communion St Marys'
		Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00pm
		Tim Davies in Glorious Mud!! Visitors welcome £1.50
Fri	**2**	**Good Friday Childrens Workshop, All Saints'**
		Good Friday Devotion St Leonards
		ARC Pub Walk, meet at The Swan in Rowberrow at 11.15am
Sat	**3**	**Morning Prayer St Mary's**
Sun	**4**	**EASTER SUNDAY**
Sun	25	Pensford 10k plus Fun Run

BARN DANCE

GYPSY'S KISS CEILIDH BAND

Saturday 27th MARCH
8.00pm
The Pensford Memorial Hall
with the fabulous foot tapping

Bar/Raffle

Tickets £8.00 (including buffet supper)

Tickets available from

Terry 01761 490426 or Geoff: 01761 490371

All procceeds to Pensford Memorial Hall Roof Appeal