

Dear Friends

In the past it has always been the Church's rule that you can be married in a particular Church if one of the couple lives in that parish. Otherwise a special licence had to be got to enable the wedding to take place in the Church of choice.

From Oct 1<sup>st</sup> that changes. You can now be married in the Church of your choice so long as you have some connection with that Church. It might be that you once lived in the Parish, that you were baptised or confirmed in that Church. It can be your parents who provide the connection or even your grandparents, but so long as a connection can be shown then the marriage can take place in that parish Church.

It still means that the idea of a 'nice Church' does not satisfy the criteria, but it means that people who have moved away for whatever reason can now go back to the Church which has meaning for them, and can be married there.

This is particularly important to small rural parishes like ours where many young people have to move away for work or further education and where housing costs can make it prohibitive for them to live. That important link with their Parish Church, the Church where they grew up, can be maintained. If any of your family would like to be married in any of our Churches, remember that although we are a united benefice they are separate parishes, then you only have to ask and we can see what can be done. Church weddings can be lovely occasions and it is very helpful that these new regulations can help us to provide the place for that to happen.

Special licences are still available for special pastoral cases and remember that you can be married in Church even if it is second marriage.

For all services, i.e. baptism, weddings, renewal of wedding vows or any other special occasion you only have to ask and we will try to work out a service to do justice to the occasion.

For further information you can check out the Church of England web page which has the new regulations in full.

We try to help, you just have to ask.

God bless you all

Clive R Murrie

## From the Parish Register of All Saints', Publow

### Baptisms

31<sup>st</sup> August Sydney May GARDINER

7<sup>ty</sup> Sept Isaac Terence COMERFORD

---

The founder of Norton Down Africa Fund, Christine Button, was our speaker at our September meeting. The Charity was registered in 2006 with the aim to relieve poverty in Africa. The fund supports health and education projects for the benefit of children in very remote communities. In Uganda the fund assists the Glenburnie Butega School of 270 pupils, many of whom are orphans and now have to live on the premises. The small 'dormitories' have three tier bunk beds with a box at the end of each to contain what little belongings each child has, if any. As well as going to school the children have to work and help with all the every day needs. Growing their own food, grain, wheat, potatoes, greens and the like and also having to do the water carrying twice each day from the pump some distance away, all hard work especially for the younger ones. In Kenya the Alice B's Nursery school has been set up in memory of a Bath resident, Alice Barlow and is funded by donations pledged in her memory. This fund also works with a local agency Koinona, helping to refurbish old buildings in order to accommodate children and qualified teachers with educational aids and also to provide each pupil with a daily bowl of porridge, a mainstay of their meagre diet. Christine was so very impressed by the happiness of the children and their beaming smiles. They have so little, apart from the clothes they wear. May in jumpers knitted and sent from the U.K from various organisations. The children love to sing and one of her very moving experiences was at a local church where hundreds, to the 'music' of drums, sung "How Great Thou Art". Their religion is very important to them. Many lovely, interesting pictures were shown and some with a rather sad story, especially the blind children. We all enjoyed the afternoon very much. Our next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> October, when we have a representative from the Children's Hospice, S.W visiting. Everyone most welcome to join us, 2.15pm at the Pensford Church Rooms.

---

## 1<sup>st</sup> Pensford

Have you considered joining 1<sup>st</sup> Pensford Brownie Pack? We would like some more friends to join us on a Wednesday evening between 6.30pm and 7.45pm at Pensford Memorial Hall. If you are aged between 7 and 10 years old, why not come along and join in the fun and see what being a brownie is all about. We look forward to seeing you. Please contact Debbie on 01761 492527 for more details.

## Hidden Slimbridge

Local Wildlife Group talk, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 by Neil Woodward, Slimbridge Wetland Centre Manager, in Chew Magna Millennium Hall. 7.45pm, £2.50, members £2 / £10 season. Everyone knows Slimbridge reserve for its ducks, geese and swans, but there is so much more to this Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust nature reserve than you'd think, as Neil Woodward will show us.

## Chew Magna Gardening Society

Chew Valley Gardening Club's next meeting is on the 9th October at 8.00pm at the Old School Room. Our speaker is Tony Gray from Sanders Garden World. Tony has worked in the horticultural industry in garden centres for over 25 years and will be talking on "pruning". He has promised to cover all those tricky plants including clematis, wisteria, roses

---

### 2008 CHARITIES NEED YOUR SUPPORT

A group of 10 colleagues from the Council's Transport and Highways Department will be taking on the Commando Challenge to be held at Bicton in Devon in October. The challenge consists of a 7 mile course - 4 miles on road and 3 miles of cross country. The cross country includes crawling through sewer-size pipes, diving through water filled pipes, walking along river beds chest high in water, trudging through bogs, crawling through dark tunnels and much, much more! Several thousand people take part in this day of madness each year!

Our team "The Riverside Rats" has been working hard to get fit. As the eldest team member, and having never taken part in any running sports, since Christmas I have been trying to get prepared for the big day by jogging around the roads of Compton Dando, Burnett, Woollard, Hunstreet and Chewton Keynsham! Some others on our team are keen sports players, almost 1/3 my age and hopefully capable of getting around the course with

and all varieties of fruit. He is happy to have a question and answer session to follow so bring along any burning questions you have. It may be a plant that you need identifying or queries on pests and diseases. It should be a very informative evening. New members and visitors are always welcome, the talk is followed by tea, coffee and a chat. The competition is "a collection of cucurbits". (I have just checked and this includes marrows-can we have a competition one year for the largest "courgette" which when your back is turned morphs into a giant marrow over night"?)

the minimum of effort! They may end up carrying me back to the finishing line!

The Commando Challenge is great fun but, at times, demanding, and it is also a great way to raise money for the charities Help for Heroes and the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

"Help for Heroes is an amazing charity with a goal of raising £6m to build a state of the art swimming pool and gym at Headley Court Rehabilitation Centre for our wounded servicemen and women. Money raised from the Commando Challenge will push the appeal nearer its goal and get the building work started earlier than we hoped. Fit or not, bring out your running shoes and sign up to the Commando Challenge" Jeremy Clarkson.

Please check out the Commando Challenge web site <http://www.commandochallenge.co.uk>. If you would like to help us raise funds for these great charities, please either donate on line at: <http://www.justgiving.com/riversiderats> or call me on 01761490501 and I will get a sponsor form to you. Your help will be much appreciated.

Gill Rice (Compton Dando)

The prizewinning author, mountaineer and broadcaster Stephen Venables will be presenting an illustrated talk in aid of St Peter's Hospice on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at Chew Valley School, Chew Magna. Highlights of the mountaineering and Antarctic expeditions in which he has been involved will be featured in the course of the evening.

Stephen's stories of meeting adversity with immense courage and sheer determination are truly inspirational and he is a highly sought after and motivational speaker. 2008 sees the twentieth anniversary of his ascent of

Everest, when he became the first Briton to reach the summit without supplementary oxygen after taking a new and challenging route up the Kangshung Face. His many adventures have taken him through the Himalaya from Afghanistan to Tibet and also to the Rockies, the Andes, the Antarctic, South and East Africa and the European Alps. The evening promises to be a fascinating insight into the challenges and rewards of a career in mountaineering.

Refreshments will be available during the evening and the presentation starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15 (£10 under 18s) and are available from Raynor, telephone 01275 332613 or email [raynor@netgates.co.uk](mailto:raynor@netgates.co.uk).

---

## THE HUCKLEBERRIES TO PERFORM AT THE PENSFORD MEMORIAL HALL

The Pensford Memorial Hall is the venue for a series of fantastic evenings entertainment this Autumn which begins on **Friday October 10th** with a Cabaret evening. Artists appearing include the hilarious stand up comedian and ventriloquist Paul Levant, with the musical Duo The Two Of Clubs providing their special brand of guitar/vocals.

**Saturday November 1st**, sees the arrival [probably by horse and cart] of Mart Connor and the Carrot Crunchers. With their very own country comedy musical act, singing ribald songs of country life, a very lively fun filled evening is assured.

**On Saturday November 29th**, local residents have a rare opportunity to see live on stage the famous HUCKLEBERRIES - This well loved band from Bournemouth, consisting of Banjo/Mandolin, Fiddle, Guitar, Electric Bass and Drums, play a mixture of Traditional Folk, Bluegrass, Ceilidh and

any music guaranteed to keep feet tapping. The band has appeared at a wide range of festivals including Glastonbury as well as receiving wide acclaim for their albums Reelgrass and Jigweed, and recently Incahoots. The appeal of the band is the infectious enthusiasm they convey to their audiences and accounts for the great reception they receive at their live gigs.

**Friday December 19th** there is a Christmas concert with Brass Music performed by the ever popular brass band, Bold Brass. A two course meal will be provided and the concert will enable all who attend to get into the Christmas spirit.

Tickets for all these events can be obtained from Terry, 01761490426, Steve, 01761490347 or Geoff 01761490371. Admission is strictly by ticket only, and with the exception of the Christmas concert, the price of £10 includes a ploughmans supper.

## How's your work-life balance?

Most of us see September as a new start. We feel refreshed after the sunshine and relaxation of the summer, whether we've been on holiday or not. But this summer brought little lifting of the grey skies, and gloom and doom in the economy. So how does that leave you feeling this autumn? Do you notice a tension as you grip the steering wheel on the drive home from work? Do you feel as if you are constantly rushing to catch up with yourself? Tired when you go to bed and tired when you get up? It may be some consolation to know that others have been there and have found a way through.

"Sometimes we feel trapped.....angry inside at the long-hours culture....there seems no right way out....instead of being at peace, we are troubled.....by the strain on our health and sense of well-being." Paul Valler was Finance and Human

Resources Director of Hewlett-Packard Ltd and uses first-hand experience of a pressurized life to uncover the root cause of these symptoms and inspire readers to **Get A Life** that is more balanced.

"This is not another *Little Book of Calm* for the superficial treatment of these symptoms. Restful sounds of nature being piped over the intercom and screensavers with pictures of South Sea islands didn't do it for me. I needed more than lavender under the pillow and encouragement from a personal fitness trainer. Coping mechanisms were not enough. I needed help to understand and deal with the deep cause of work-life problems. So I went looking for something."

**Get A Life by Paul Valler (IVP 2008) is available for loan from The Resource Centre at The Old Deanery, Wells. Phone 01749 685129 or email: resourcecentre@bathwells.anglican.org**

## Mobile Library

The Chew Valley Fundraising Support Group held a series of 'Teas @ 3' during June and July to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St Peter's Hospice.

Four 'Teas' were held in East Harptree, Stanton Wick, Stanton Drew and Chew Magna and a magnificent total of £723 was raised for St Peter's.

Many thanks to everyone who turned out to support us despite some very unseasonal weather!

We look forward to seeing you all again on 21st November for what promises to be a fascinating evening with renowned mountaineer and explorer Stephen Venables. Further details to follow.

Compton Dando	1.55pm – 2.15pm
Hunstrete	2.25pm – 2.45pm
Pensford Bridge	3.00pm – 3.45pm
Pensford Hillcrest	3.50pm – 4.20pm
Publow Layby	4.25pm – 4.40pm
Woollard Bridge	4.45pm – 5.05pm

**Ring Keynsham Library**  
**01225 394191 or 07980 998772**

## Compton Dando Website

On behalf of Compton Dando Parish Council I would like to announce the launch of our Parish Council Website.  
[www.comptondando-parishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.comptondando-parishcouncil.org.uk)

## Gift and Craft Fair

At

**Pensford Memorial Hall**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**10.00am to 4.00pm**

**Admission £1 – children under 12 FREE**

**Home-made cakes and refreshments**

**served all day**

**Light lunches 12noon to 2.00pm**

**MANY STALLS**

---

## Chelwood Harvest Festival

**Sunday 12th October**

Church Service at 11.15am

followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall.

The collection, produce and all proceeds from the lunch to St Peter's Hospice.

Gifts & produce for Harvest may be left

in the Church porch on Friday or Saturday.

If you are unable to attend the service then we would welcome your company at the Harvest Lunch.

Please advise

Marge Godfrey (490949) or Pat Weston (490245) if you are able to join us for Lunch.

Adults £5 Children under 12 £2.50 under 5 free

## Parish Plan update

Progress continues on the Five Villages Parish Plan!

A small group of volunteers, with members from each of the five villages, has started work on putting together a questionnaire based on the topics raised during the recent consultation. It will be test 'piloted' during October on about 5% of the people in the parish, to make sure the questions are clear and unambiguous before it is distributed to everyone.

The Open Morning on 20<sup>th</sup> September gave everyone an opportunity to find out what topics have been raised here and also showed us what other parishes have

achieved. We are now gathering together people who are interested in researching any of these areas to see what we might do here. If you have an interest – whether it is in community transport, a children's playground, 'village shop', improved roads, more recycling, alternative energy sources, making more ways of meeting others, or something else - now is the time to do something about it! Please contact Elizabeth, the secretary of the Steering Group on 490600. Thank you!

---

**'Things I just  
cannot do!'**

**A light-hearted &  
humorous talk**

**by Susan Marshfield**

**7.30 pm**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**Compton Dando Hall**

**Everyone welcome!**

---

**NHD Direct**

**08454547**

Call 24 hours on 08454647

**Emergency Dental Service**

(out of hours) 0845 1206680

**Minor Injury Unit**

Paulton Memorial Hospital

**Walk in Centre**

Riverside Health Centre , Bath

## Pensford Local History Group

The new programme for the Pensford Local History Group starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Church Rooms, 8.00pm when Dr Elaine Chalus from Bath Spa University will talk about: "Dorothy Popham: Dynastic Dreams and Hunstrete House". Elaine will describe her work with Timeteam and what was discovered - she appeared in the programme on Hunstrete House earlier this year, as well as Dorothy Popham, her role as a female landowner, her family and her dynastic dreams. Entry is £2 or £8 for the 7 talks in the programme, refreshments included.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November we have the return of the popular speaker, Mike Hooper, who will take us on a trip through Victorian and Edwardian Bristol.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December Pip Jones will talk on Bristol Ghosts.

## Church Market

### CHURCH ROOM - PENSFORD

Saturday 4th October 2008

10.00am – 11.30am

#### HOME BAKING

JAMS and PRESERVES

PLANTS from Mr Rugman

Proceeds towards Church Funds

Admission 50p to include coffee and biscuit

---

### Market Report – September

The sun shone and a good number of people enjoyed the chance to browse through cards provided by Vivien Lee and to purchase from the home baking stall. In a relaxed atmosphere everyone enjoyed the coffee and chat and £163.80 was raised for church funds. Our next market will be on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October when we invite everyone to choose from the plant stall and purchase the usual home baking.

---

### Chew Magna Monday Club

Can you spare one Monday morning a month to help us? Then you would love to join us between 9.30 and 2.00. The Monday Club meets every Monday in the Millennium Hall in Chew Magna and provides a happy social centre for elderly or disabled Chew Valley residents. The kitchen is well equipped and there is a dishwasher. We have one stalwart helper and need 3 more to join a rota. One Monday a month you'd be responsible for making coffee and tea, helping to serve lunch, and loading and emptying the

dishwasher. You would also have time to chat to Monday Club members. You'd be part of a happy team and would appreciate the company and the friendly atmosphere of the Club. You'd enjoy a delicious home-made dinner for £2 and would be welcome to join us on summer outings. And you'd have the satisfaction of contributing to the enjoyment of the members, most of whom live alone and look forward to Mondays

If you'd like to know more ask Jennifer Clapham on 01275 333006 or email [jen@chewmag.plus.com](mailto:jen@chewmag.plus.com)

## Art Exhibition

### Hunstrete House

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008

10.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008

10.00am – 6.00pm

Paintings by Heather Maggs

Donations & percentage of proceeds to

Cancer Research UK and

St Mary's Church, Compton Dando

Admission FREE

Refreshments available

---

### *HARVEST FESTIVAL ST MARY'S COMPTON DANDO*

*The Family Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service*

*will be held at St Mary's Church*

*5<sup>th</sup> October 2008*

*1.15am*

*Please bring gifts of*

*harvest produce to*

*the service*

*followed by:-*

*Harvest Lunch and Auction in the Village Hall*

*Tickets £7 adults and £3 children from  
Clive 490644 : Jenny 490727 : Sylvia 490449*

## October 08

Thur	2	Pensford Evergreen Club Mike Horler - My Life with Shire Horses Memorial Hall 7.00p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50 including tea & biscuits
Sat	4	Publow Church Market, Church Rooms. 10.00am - 11.30am Art Exhibition - Hunstrete House. 10.00am - 5.00pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Art Exhibition - Hunstrete House. 10.00am - 6.00pm</b> <b>St Mary's Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch</b>
Mon	6	Pensford History Group. Church Rooms. 8.00pm
Wed	8	Deanery Synod, Keynsham. 7.30pm Mobile Library
Thur	9	Mothers Union. Church Rooms. 2.15pm. All Welcome Pensford Evergreen Club. Stockwood Concert Band Memorial Hall 7.00p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50 including Tea & Biscuits Chew Magna Garden Society Meeting. Old School Rooms. 8.00pm
Fri	10	Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection Cabaret (Comedy and Dancing) Pensford Memorial Hall, 8.00pm
Sat	11	Pensford Gift & Craft Fair. Memorial Hall. 10.00am Chew Valley Art Trail Weekend - <a href="http://www.chewvalleyartstrail.co.uk">www.chewvalleyartstrail.co.uk</a>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Benefice Sunday School. Church Rooms. 10.00am</b> <b>Chelwood Harvest Festival and Lunch. 11.15am</b> <b>Chew Valley Art Trail Weekend - <a href="http://www.chewvalleyartstrail.co.uk">www.chewvalleyartstrail.co.uk</a></b>
Mon	13	Publow with Pensford PC meeting. Church Rooms. 7.15pm Pensford with Publow WI. Memorial Hall 7.30pm. The Work of Traidcraft
Tue	14	Compton Dando Ladies Group. Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Thur	16	Mothers Union Chew Deanery. Cathedral Prayers. Wells Pensford Evergreen Club. Horizon Folk Group Memorial Hall 7.00p.m Visitors welcome £1.50 including tea & biscuits
Wed	22	Mobile Library
Thur	23	Pensford Evergreen Club. Fingers & Frets Memorial Hall 7.00p.m Visitors Welcome £1.50 including Tea & Biscuits Wildlife Trust Meeting. Chew Magna Millennium Hall. 7.45pm
Fri	24	Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection
Sat	25	Help our Heros Coffee Morning. Church Rooms. 10.00am
Mon	27	Pensford Ladies Group, Rising Sun 8.00pm. Pretty Things.
Thur	30	Pensford Evergreen Club, Barley Rye Memorial Hall 7.00p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50 including tea & Biscuits
Fri	31	CD Community Association Halloween Dance. Parish Hall, 8.00pm

## COFFEE MORNING PENSFORD CHURCH ROOMS

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October

10.00am – 1.30am

In aid of injured personnel of  
Iraq and Afghanistan

“HELP OUR HEROES”

Home-made cakes : Preserves

Craft Stall : Cards : Raffle

Entrance 75p

---

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Buffet Supper and Dancing

Compton Dando Parish Hall

8.00pm

till the bewitching hour

Tickets £10 per person

Contact: Liz 490487

Organised by the CDCA