Dear Friends,

***I sense Autumn coming on***
***The mist has hung low all day***
***Small birds gather on the wing***
***Preparing to make their way***

***The trees begin to show***
***A trace of brown among the green***
***Bringing back the memories***
***That only you and I have seen***

***I sense Autumn coming on***
***The sun sinking red and deep***
***The fires burning in the fields***
***As late Summer falls asleep***

***The leaves begin to scatter***
***As the North wind calls their name***
***Folding gently back into***
***The silent earth from which they came***

Whilst September still hangs onto the summer and November gives into the winter, October puts it's arm around us and walks with us, transferring us from the warmer, longer friendly days to the colder, shorter sometimes more aggressive days of winter. Some people say it's rather a 'nothing' month, not made of much. But, it walks us into the winter, without it really telling us that it's there at all; gently preparing us for what we need to do and what is expected of us in the coming months.

The good in our parish, the people of our villages put an arm around us too. Circumstances can sometimes change for us, things happen in our lives that may appear daunting and unwelcome. But, quietly the strength in the people of this parish can help us to walk through these difficult times. Disappointment, regret, hurt, ill-health, loneliness, vulnerability are examples of the way every individual feels at some point. At these times we need strength, hope, reassurance, and energy. We need people around us who can walk with us; not leading, not following but, walking alongside. We are very lucky to live in such a place where this happens. Is our responsibility of this similar to the month of October? Is it there, just quietly being taken by us all, leading us gently from one place to another?

**Polly**

*PS The first one to identify the origin of the poetry above has a chance to win something edible and yummy!*

**From the Parish Registers of All Saints'**

**Interment of Ashes**

11th September Gilbert Raymond DUCKETT

**Compton Dando Community Association AGM**
**Thursday 15th October**

**This year's charity:**

# TARGA

**helping vulnerable adults & children in NW Romania**
**Talk by Reg Hiscox chair of TARGA**
**7.30 pm**
**Tuesday 13th October**
**Compton Dando Hall**
**Everyone welcome**
**Compton Dando Ladies Group**

**THANK YOU.....**

A big thank you to all those who attended Pensford Memorial Hall on Saturday 12th September, and enjoyed an evening of musical entertainment by the 60's tribute band the Mersey Beat Legends. The feedback has been excellent, so much so, that we are hoping to ask them back next year. Thanks again for those who supported this event,
Alan & Jan Vowles, Debbie & Alan Hunt.

Thank you to everyone who have been so kind to us by visits, cards, flowers and, we know, lots of prayers.
***Ron and Anne Waker***

# Teatime Madness

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

**October 19th**
**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**

**Elizabeth Pines Foundation**

**Education Trust**

Applications are invited from higher education students for financial assistance towards the cost of books and/or other materials necessary for their studies.

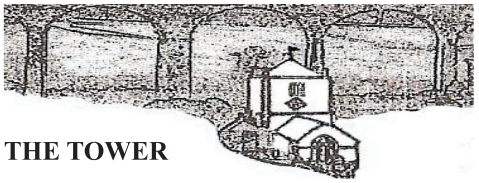
Applicants must be resident in the Parish of Publow and taking courses beyond 'A2' level.

Written application, giving details of the course, and what the grant is needed for, should be submitted to

**Andrew Hillman**
**Clerk to the Trustees**
**Birchwood House**
**Pensford. BS39 4NG**
By 31st October, 2009

# Notes from a Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th September 2009

**Church Street Pot Holes:** Still await attention. Clerk confirmed that works should be complete by 18th September 2009. It is thought that the change in Contractor has possibly caused delays within the Highways department.
Blackrock Lane has pot holes marked for repair, however some have been missed.
**Beat Manager:** The new Beat Manager Simon Glanfield will be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting. It was reported that he is already very active in the area..
**Mobile Library:** Proposals to change services has now been put on hold. Any further proposed changes will not go ahead without proper consultations being carried out.
**BMX Track following meeting on 21st July** Three children attended this meeting along with B&NES representative and Parish Council member. Discussions took place on how the track could be possibly altered.
**Bristol International Airport:** The Parish Councils' response lodging objections to the BIA Planning Application was submitted. A copy of Chew Magna Parish Councils' reply to the application has been received. Bristol City Council and B&NES Council have objected to the application. North Somerset Council have now commissioned individual consultants to report in relation to different objections raised.
**Litter Pick Day:** An e.mail of thanks had been sent to Jo Brain for her help in organising this event. Twenty two sacks of rubbish were collected.
**Ragwort:** The Parks & Open Spaces team had been informed about the Ragwort.
**Path from Pensford Garage to Whitley Batts** is reported to be in a very poor state of repair, there are also overhanging branches which need cutting back. This will be taken up with B&NES.
**Bus Stop – Hursley Hill:** It has been confirmed that a new bus shelter will be installed at the Hursley Hill stop on the corner of Gibbett Lane. Details on design will be sent to the Clerk when available. At a recent meeting of Norton Malreward parish council residents complained about the overgrown state of the tarmac path leading to this bus stop. Clerk has informed B&NES.
**Proposed new Safety Camera:** The Parish Council were informed that B&NES will not be altering or extending the 30mph speed limit as part of the camera installation, the 30mph limit will be extended to Home Fields as originally proposed. Part of National Speed Limit reviews speed limits through Pensford are being reviewed. The vegetation clearance has already been carried out in preparation of the new camera.
**Planning Outcomes:** 09/01893/FUL Mr Dilley Sunny Acres Woollard Lane Publow. Front porch extension following demolition of existing. PERMIT.
09/01908/LBA Ms Hurley Publow Oak Barn Blackrock Lane Publow. Internal and alterations to include link between main building and the converted garage, conversion of garage into study and new garage (regularisation). CONSENT.
09/01957/FUL Ms Hurley Publow Oak Barn Blackrock Lane Publow. Single storey garage extension (Part retrospective) (Resubmission) PERMIT
08/01661/FUL Mrs K Dawe Church Farm Peats Hill Publow. Erection of extensions, car port and conservatory. PERMIT
09/02800/TPO Mr D Sainsbury 15 Station Approach Pensford. Various tree work. CONSENT granted.
09/02411/FUL Mr M Younie Old Church Cottage Church Street Pensford. Conversion of property into 2 no. 1 bed dwellings with parking and erection of a rear extension. WITHDRAWN
09/02477/FUL Kath Sobey 51 Hillcrest Pensford. Single storey side extension to replace existing. PERMIT
**DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.15p.m.**
**Clerk: Mrs J Bragg 01275 333549 E.mail: braggs1@tiscali.co.uk**
**Web Site: www.publow-with-pensford-pc.gov.uk**



**THE TOWER**

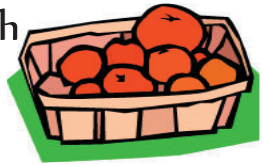
**ST THOMAS a BECKET, PENSFORD**

Much of the basic work inside is now complete and the building safe to enter. The original West doors have been found and will hopefully be repaired and re-hung,as soon as possible.
The main impetus to bring the Tower back to life was initiated by Father Geoff, who saw it as a "quiet place" in the centre of our busy village which people of any denomination, faith or none could use... a valuable site for anyone wanting a peaceful spot, just to sit, think, read, say a prayer, or get away from the stress of everyday life for a time, and where occasional services could be held.
To achieve this we do need a small group of people willing to be interested, make suggestions, & involved in it's future. This group could be called "The Friends Of The Tower" There will be a Meeting in the Church Room to discuss and plan and share ideas.

**Wednesday 14th October**
**7.30pm**
**Jane Flower : 01761490234**
**Barbara Bowes : 01761490285**

# Chelwood Harvest Festival

Sunday 11th October
Church Service 11.15am
Followed by Harvest Lunch
Chelwood Village Hall



All proceeds & produce to local hospice
Gifts + produce for Harvest may be left in the Church Porch on Friday 9th October

Adults £5.00 : Children 5 – 12 yrs £2.50
Under 5's Free
Tickets available from
Marje Godfrey 490949: Pat Weston 490245 : Helen Harper 490808

# CHEW VALLEY MONDAY CLUB HAS SOME VACANCIES

We are a friendly happy club which meets every Monday from 10am - 3-30pm in the Millennium Hall in Chew Magna. Our members are elderly or disabled Chew Valley residents who might live alone and might otherwise be lonely or housebound, others might be cared for by family who may appreciate a break.

The day is full of laughter and chat and starts with tea or coffee and biscuits on arrival. There is a morning raffle and once a month a short service takes place. There is a full and varied programme of afternoon events – a talk or activity.

In the summer there are various coach outings arranged. This year we have already been to Burnham on Sea and Sanders Garden World, a very sunny day to Weymouth, and to Westonbirt Arboretum. In August we will be going to Cardiff and in September we are having an early Christmas shopping trip to Clarks Village. Non members are welcome on these trips and the cost is £7.50 for Cardiff and £5.00 for Clarks Village. We leave at 9.50am and return at about 5.30pm from Cardiff and 3.30 from Clarks Village.

The fees for the Monday Club are £2.00 per meeting plus a £3.00 yearly membership, which includes drinks, biscuits, a cooked lunch prepared on the premises, and afternoon tea. If anyone would like to come just in the afternoon you can come as a social member at a charge of £1.00 per meeting, and enjoy lively entertainment followed by tea and cake.

If you think the club might be just for you, or you might like to help the club in any way, please contact the secretary for further information on 01275-333006 or email jen@chewmag.plus.com

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# AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT

ARC (Arthritis Research Campaign) is holding another of its very popular Quiz Nights this autumn 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, 30th October, starting at 7.30pm. A table for four is £12 and the Buffet Supper £7. Book with Peter Handley - tel. 01275 332177 and please let him know how many of your team will be taking the buffet. If you haven't done so before, come and join us and have a brilliant evening!

## Christmas Coffee Morning
## Chew Stoke Methodist Hall
## Saturday 7th November
## 10.30am – 1.00pm

The Chew Valley branch of the Arthritis Research Campaign will be holding a 'Christmas Coffee Morning' fund- raising event on 7th November.

Beat the Christmas rush! Come and join us to buy, in a 'relaxed way', Christmas cards from the extensive ARC catalogue, Christmas decorations, craft items, and cakes whilst enjoying a cup of coffee, mince pie and a friendly chat!

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U3A

U3A stands for the University of the Third Age which is a self-help organization for people no longer in full-time employment, providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. Local U3As are learning co-operatives which draw upon the knowledge, expertise and skills of their own members to organize and provide interest groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership. Chew Valley U3A runs over twenty different interest groups. As well as these groups there is a regular meeting held on the third Monday of the month, at 10:30 am at Ubley Village Hall. Non members can attend these meeting to find out more about U3A. At the meeting on October 19th Dr. Anthony Webster will talk about Nuclear Fusion Energy and at the meeting on November 16th Mr. Martin Davies will speak about Models of Daily Life in Ancient Egypt. Find out more about us at our website, chewvalleyu3a.org.uk or phone the Secretary, Christine Evans on 01934 832841.

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THE wildlife TRUST BRISTOL BATH & AVON

# Fungi in the Bristol Area Wildlife Group talk

On Thursday 22nd October 2009 by Justin Smith in Chew Magna Millennium Hall, 7.45pm. Visitors £2.50; members £2; Season available. Justin is a much respected local botanist who has travelled extensively in South America. He works very closely with Avon Wildlife Trust.

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# Chew Valley Gardening Club

Chew Valley Gardening Club's next meeting is on the 8th October at 8.00pm at the Old School Room, Chew Magna. We welcome Chrisine Pritchard who will talk on "garden design before it was trendy". Christine grew up in East Harptree and attended Chew Valley School before studying agriculture and going on to do an MA at UWE, she has been designing gardens since 1982 and has lost count of how many gardens she has designed. Her clients range from footballers' wives to bishops . The talk will be followed by tea, coffee and a chat. New members and visitors always welcome so come and find new ideas for your garden.

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Women's Institute

# Pensford with Publow W.I.

Mrs Baber welcomed members back after the summer break. Maureen was thanked for her table decoration. Apologies were taken and one birthday card presented. A newspaper cutting was passed round reporting on the successful Avon Sports Day which some of our members enjoyed, and hopefully this will be repeated. The programme for next year had been completed. It was decided to hold a Jumble Sale jointly with the Pensford Guides in October – a list for items was sent round to members. Correspondence and newsletter was dealt with. Some members had attended Stanton Drew's 90th birthday celebrations. An invitation to East Harptree in September was announced. We had a good response from our craft table at the recent church fete.Our speaker was Karen Woodfield who showed us many items of papercraft. We had a 'hands on' and made an interesting small photo album. These were judged and 1st was Audrey, 2nd Ann and 3rd Jo. The next meeting on Monday, 12th October, will be a talk called 'Journey to the North Cape'. Visitors always welcome.

# In fondest memory of Patrick Reeves.
# The Vale of Grace, Pensford

*Beyond the bridge the green runs high*
*Reaching to grapple with the sky*
*Beneath the bridge the river plays,*
*And so has done for countless days.*

*Old viaduct yawns across the vale,*
*No longer patronised by rail.*
*Viewed by all from where I'm stood*
*Sits once submerged by rising flood.*

*Street corner shop and Village Inn,*
*Churchyards time worn Cherabin.*
*Highway signpost, does display!*
*Bristol lies six miles that way.*

*And through this Hamlet wild with rage,*
*Pass monsters of a modern age.*
*But close your eyes, in a while I'm sure,*
*Your vision portrays coach and four.*

***Publow:***

*A country lane pursues the land,*
*Slicing through fields where cattle graze.*
*Winter wears that forlorn look,*
*Ice licks hungrily at the brook.*

*Hedgerow naked bared in shame,*
*Where buds will grace when Spring appears.*
*Rises the spire on All Saints Church,*
*A landmark where the birds will perch.*

*And all around the Countryside,*
*The hills, the fields, the trees, the sky.*
*Cross the bridge by winding road,*
*That's never sure which way to go.*

***Woollard:***

*Journey higher crest the rise,*
*Another Hamlet hail's in view.*
*Embrace the freedom with a will,*
*Then tumble onward down the hill.*

*Weaver Cott's still proudly stand,*
*Refreshed by life of better days,*
*What mysteries would these dwellings hold,*
*What stories would their past unfold.*

*By the Old Tannery stop a while,*
*Reflect on all the things you've seen.*
*Will passing thoughts be quite the same,*
*When you are strolling back again.*

**Fondest love to Pat, one of life's true gentlemen.**
**Julie & Martyn bragg and family**

# CHURCH MARKET

## Saturday 3rd October
## Church Rooms, Pensford
## 10.00 – 11.30am

## HOME BAKING, JAMS, PICKLES

## PLANTS from Mr Rugman
## JEWELLERY Stall

Proceeds towards Church Funds

Admission 50p to include coffee & biscuit

Pensford Church Tower St Thomas a Becket - OPEN

For any information contact: Jane Flower 490234

## September Church Market Report

The many 'regulars' who supported the September Market enjoyed a beautiful sunny day and some well-stocked stalls. In addition to the usual home baking and new-season jams, there were lots of cards to choose from, brought along by John Lee. A total of £172 was raised towards church funds and thanks go to everyone who supported the event.
A packed event is planned for 3rd October and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

## Publow with Pensford MU

Our September meeting started with our MU prayers and readings and then we had a "Sharing of Talents". Members brought along or talked about some of their talents. These included knitting, sewing, jam making, growing vegetables. singing and many more. Members then talked about their memories and how things have changed. It was a very relaxing and social afternoon and everyone had something to contribute. Afterwards there was a shared Harvest Tea. Our speaker at the next meeting will be Rev Christopher Hares who is a relative of Mary Sumner. He will tell us about this amazing lady, the wife of a vicar, who founded the Mother's Union from her home in Old Alresford, Hampshire. We would welcome any guests who would like to learn more about the history of the Mothers' Union and it's founder.

# Five Villages Parish Plan update

Things are at an exciting stage in the creation of the Parish Plan for our 5 villages. There are now 8 working groups, one for each section of the questionnaire (eg environment, transport etc) and each led by a member of the Steering Group. The groups are looking at the results of the questionnaire, prioritising the issues and ideas in each section and, most importantly, coming up with actions which could lead to the ideas becoming reality. The resulting draft Action Plan will be made available to the community before it is finalised, when it will form a key part of the overall Parish Plan. As for the Steering Group, we now have a new chair – Dusty Walker from Burnett, and vice-chair – Alison ter Haar from Compton Dando. The AGM on 10th September was well-attended by people from across the parish, who heard about all that has been achieved so far as well as the plans for the future before breaking up to enjoy a drink, tasty nibbles and the chance to find out more about particular areas of interest. The Steering Group is keen for people from each village to be involved in creating the draft action plan, to make sure it meet the needs of all 5 villages. There are opportunities to be involved in any of the topics that might interest you – transport, traffic, environment, sustainability, amenities, community, repairs & maintenance and identity & heritage. It does not mean giving a lot of time but it will have a big effect on how much we can achieve, so please do think about whether you can spare a bit of time to help. Ring the Secretary, Elizabeth on 01761 490600 for more information.

## Compton Dando Coffee Mornings

10.30-12.30

Tuesday 6 Oct : Saturday 14 Nov : Thursday 3 Dec

Parish Hall

Come and join us for complimentary coffee/tea and cakes

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

## Pensford Primary School PSA
## Family Halloween Disco
## Friday 6th November

Pensford Memorial Hall from 6.30pm-9.00pm

There will be music, games, tuck shop and a bar for adults. The evening will be rounded of with some fireworks!

We look forward to your company

All children MUST be accompanied by the adult responsible for them

Tickets £1 per person from the 19th October from the school or alternatively please phone either Karen Lawrence on 07818034109 or Helen King on 07765414037

# JUMBLE SALE

1st Pensford Guides & Pensford with Publow WI

Memorial Hall
Saturday 24th October
2.30pm
Admission 50p
Cakes, Tombola, Books, White Elephant, Raffle Refreshments
Good Jumble only
Any Queries 490663 or 490080

# October 09

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| Sat | 3 | Mission Possible. St Marys' Church Yard Clear Up |
| | | Church Market. Pensford Church Rooms. 10.00am - 11.30am |
| Sun | 4 | St Marys' Compton Dando Harvest Service followed by Lunch |
| Mon | 5 | History Society. Church Rooms. 8.00pm |
| Tue | 6 | Compton Dando Coffee Morning. 10.30am - 12.30pm |
| Wed | 7 | Mobil Library Route M |
| Thur | 8 | Mothers' Union. Pensford Chruch rooms. 2.15pm |
| | | Chew Valley Gardening Club. Chew Magna Old School Rooms. 8.00pm |
| Sat | 10 | Compton Dando Art Exhibition.See Opposite |
| Sun | 11 | Chelwood Harvest Service and Lunch. 11.15am |
| Mon | 12 | Pensford with Publow WI. Memorial Hall |
| Wed | 14 | ST Thomas a Becket Tower Meeting. Church Rooms. 7.30pm |
| Thur | 15 | CDCA AGM. Compton Dando Parish Hall. 7.30pm |
| Mon | 19 | Teatime Madness. Pensford School. 3.30pm - 5.00pm |
| | | Chew Valley U3A. Ubley Village Hall. 1030am |
| Tue | 20 | Deanery Synod. St Francis, Keynsham. 7.30pm |
| Wed | 21 | Mobil Library Route M |
| Thur | 22 | Wildlife Group Talk. Chew Magna Millennium Hall. 7.45pm |
| Sat | 24 | Guides with WI Jumble Sale. Memorial Hall. 2.30pm |
| Mon | 26 | Pensford Ladies Group. Church Rooms. Images of Bristol Past |
| Fri | 30 | ARC Quiz Night. Cameley Lodge. 7.30pm |
| Sat | 31 | Childrens' festival. Wells Cathedral |

## NOVEMBER

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| Fri | 6 | Pensford School Halloween Disco. 6.30pm - 9.00pm |
| Sat | 7 | ARC Coffee Morning. Chew Stoke Methodist Hall. 10.30am |
| Sat | 14 | Compton Dando Coffee Morning. 10.30pm - 12.30pm |
| Mon | 16 | Teatime Madness. Pensford Primary School. 3.30pm - 5.00pm |

**Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection. Route A Week begining Oct 5 : 19**
**Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection. Route B Week begining Oct 12 : 26**

**Hard Copy for Novembers Magazine must be with me (Pauline Parnell) by the 14th October. Thank you**

# The Compton Dando Art Group

## 2nd Art Exhibition

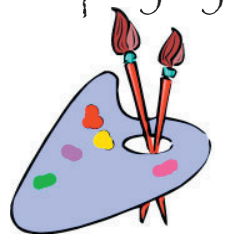
Saturday 10th October

10.00am – 4.00pm

Compton Dando Parish Hall

There will be a variety of paintings for sale, including printed cards taken from original paintings as well as handmade cards. Crafts and photography will be on display by members of the group

Entry is FREE.



Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served during the day.

Cream teas will be available 1.30 – 3.30pm

Proceeds from the raffle will be for the Dorothy House Hospice Care

DOROTHY HOUSE Hospice Care