

From the Parish Register of St Mary's Church, Compton Dando  
Baptism

6<sup>th</sup> July Eleanor Grace OTTUM & Clara Marie OTTUM

From the Parish Register of All Saints', Publow

Holy Matrimony

11<sup>th</sup> July Crowley Derring WOODFORD & Karine Anne FARRAR

12<sup>th</sup> July Niel Alexander BROOKS and Rebecca Claire URCH

26<sup>th</sup> July Mark William BUCK and Sharon GALVIN

Christian Burial

30<sup>th</sup> June John Terrence HATHERELL

Interment of Ashes

1<sup>st</sup> August Gwondolyn Isabel WILCOCK

15<sup>th</sup> August Sybil Wallace THOMPSON

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## The Bells and Tower at St Mary's Compton Dando

We are in urgent need of new recruits to learn to bell ring at St Mary's and the other churches in the parish. Can you help us.

The art of bell ringing is a tradition developed in England and only spread to a handful of countries where the English have settles. The ringing of bells requires being able to concentrate and keep in time, rather than having great strength and after training most people can ring quite successfully.

Bell ringing a social activity and requires teamwork and is a good opportunity to mix and meet people with visits to other towers. Bell ringers come from all walks of life and you do not need to attend church to ring. We need hands on support if we are to keep the tradition going in Compton Dando and the other local churches in the area.

We practice every Monday evening at 7.30pm and would welcome anyone who wants to come along and just try it out, without any obligation or commitment.

We are arranging an open evening on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008, at 7.30pm. Please come along if you would like to find out more.

Barbara, Julie and Robert Hatherell would like to say thank you to all who attended the wonderful farewell to John. The collection of £541.00 was donated to The Keynsham Life Boat Society, where John had been Chairman for many years. Barbara would also like to thank all residents of Woollard for the wonderful support received from them.

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## Pensford 10k AGM

8.00pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Rising Sun, Pensford

Members of the public are invited to attend

The accounts for 2007/8 will be posted on the website.

[www.pensford10k.com](http://www.pensford10k.com)

following adoption at the AGM

A closed committee meeting will follow the AGM

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Bus Passes 'R Us Support Group - The first Annual General Meeting passed without incident following Maureen's and Alan's enrolment on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July. The Fords would like to thank everybody who chose to spend time with us and for their lovely gifts. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Thank you.

## Compton Dando Fete 5 July - A view from the PA Tent (Gazebo).

It seems an age since the "wonderful" days of summer and how Compton avoided a rainy fete!

Well the wind blew and the Public Address (PA) tent fell down, as did several others. But we put them up again and again. And at 2:00 pm, prompt, the Rector, Clive Murrie, declared the Compton Dando Fete open and still it hadn't rained, despite the dire forecast.

Steve Rendell won the scarecrow competition - at least his scarecrow did, but because he was on duty on top of the church tower in a howling gale it was a close run thing!

The duck "race" was more a meander than a race because just after the fete opened the dam holding back the stream failed and there wasn't enough water to sweep the ducks down stream. A hasty rebuild provided just enough water later in the afternoon for a thrilling if somewhat slow race. And still it didn't rain!

As always the BBQ was the top money-spinner, but only after a frantic morning rush around all the grocers in the area to buy buns - whoops! However, the less than summer weather meant the Parish Hall teas did a roaring trade - well it was warm in there. And still it didn't rain!

Even though we saw little sun the fairground organ kept our spirits high and the swing boats meant some of the children rose even higher. Candyfloss was a new attraction - ever tried "flossing" in a gale? And at one stage the coconut shy seemed to be monopolised by testosterone fuelled fathers trying to out do each other. And still it didn't rain!

The Children's Olympics produced some fine competition. A small but very talented set

of entries in the decorated cake competition produced a great result when they were raffled in the pub at the end of festivities. And still it didn't rain!

From Tractor rides to Tattoos, from Car parking to Cake Making, from Bric-a-brac to Balloons and from Guess the weight of cakes, sheep, produce, it was probably the biggest fete ever. And then it rained!

Never in the field of fete dismantling have so few achieved so much in such a short time. In one hour exactly all the gazebos were down, the field completely cleared and all the litter collected. And the pub was full.

The Raffle winners were, 1st Prize - 2 Thermae Spa Tickets - Mr and Mrs Brown from Longwell Green; 2nd Prize - 6 Bath Racecourse Tickets - Ms Boughy from Staple Hill Bristol; 3rd Prize - Lunch for 2 at Hunstrete House - Mr and Mrs Bidwell from Radstock.

Other winners were

Alice Prescott, Dan Carpenter, Nan Young, Becky Parker, Paula Ford, Mr and Mrs Wilkins, Mr and Mrs Parsons, Mrs Donn, Bobbie Roberts, Bunty Collett, Gary and Jenny Pearce, Frank and Dorothy Nicholl, Vivien Lee, Ben Charm, Mr Herchstrasser, Mr and Mrs Brown, Maddy Prescott, Mr and Mrs Richardson, Mr Edwards.

Thank you, everyone who helped. We all had a wonderful time and by the way the net profit was £2,800 that will be shared between the Parish Hall, The Church and The Community Association.

September 2008

Dear Friends,

Growing up on the North East coast has always given me awareness of the sea and water. Now we spend time on the canals of the Midlands on our narrowboat Ellinor, so it could be said that past experiences have been useful in coping with this wet summer. However standing at the stern of the boat with the rain lashing down is not much fun any time of the year!

Leisure time is important for us all because it gives us a chance to recharge our batteries and to simply enjoy God's creation around us. So I hope you have all had a chance to share in God's goodness even though it might have been a bit wet.

All Saints had its fund raising day last Sunday and even though the weather was poor, lots of people came, lots of people helped and a goodly sum was raised both for Church funds and charity. My thanks to you all, and to all those people who supported events in Compton Dando and Chelwood earlier in the summer. It was good to have the opportunity to meet so many people. It has been a joy to me to find so many people working for their Church and village in many different ways.

Now we begin to plan for the autumn and winter months building up to Christmas. There will be lots of events in village halls and in churches all of which I am sure will be well supported and attended. Look out for Benefice events and services in all three of our Churches.

So with the nights beginning to lengthen and the crops being harvested make the most of what good weather there might be in the weeks ahead so we can be ready for autumn and winter, sure in the knowledge that the good weather will come again next year!

Yours in Christ

Clive R Murrie

PS - Check out the dates of the Harvest Festival services in your local Church.

A Physicist Amongst The Penguins - Local Wildlife Group talk on Thursday 25th September 2008 by Professor Peter Barham in Chew Magna Millennium Hall. 7.45pm, £2.50, members £2 / £10 season. Peter is a well known TV presenter talking about all 17 species of penguins and the conservation of African penguins around the coasts of South Africa.

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### **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 education 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 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2008

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### **Pensford Medicines**

At the end of September the Pensford Delivery Team will be handing over this service to the surgery. To use this service please fill in a consent form and hand it into the surgery BEFORE the end of September. The medicines then will be delivered on a THURSDAYS. Many thanks to all those people, past and present for delivering the medicines sometimes in difficult circumstances. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone Ann Hunt. Tel: 490244

**'The Antarctic'  
Talk illustrated with  
her photos  
of the scenery  
wildlife etc  
by Margaret Flux  
7.30 pm  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Compton Dando Hall  
Everyone welcome!**

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### **PENSFORD BEER FESTIVAL**

The first Pensford Beer Festival held at the Memorial Hall was a huge success, with tickets being sold out for both evenings well in advance. Everyone enjoyed sampling the large selection of ales on offer and the evenings entertainment of Jazz and Irish music. A grand total exceeding £3,500.00 was raised which has been paid directly into the Memorial Hall Roof Appeal.

The Beer Festival Committee would like to express their sincere appreciation to all kind persons who sponsored barrels, donated funds or helped in all sorts of ways to ensure the smooth running of the Festival. 'Thank you all so much'

Memorial Hall for your diary:

October 10<sup>th</sup> - Cabaret (Comedy and Dancing)

November 1<sup>st</sup> - Mart Connor and the Carrot Crunchers (Rural Comedy-Great Music)

November 29<sup>th</sup> - The Huckleberries (Traditional Irish Foot Tapping Folk Music)

December 19<sup>th</sup> - Bold Brass Christmas Concert (With 2 course Meal)

December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Years Eve Disco

## St. John Ambulance Carer Support Programme

The St. John Ambulance Carer Support Programme, run in association with Somerset County Council, is now in its third year and hundreds of carers across Somerset have benefited from the free training that it provides them.

Many carers groups have been set up as a result of the programme as carers are keen to keep in touch with one another not only for friendship but also to continue to exchange ideas and share experiences. The Carers Re-unions are also very popular and in June over 90 came together in Taunton to meet Princess Anne who is patron of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers and a strong advocate for more help for carers – many of whom find themselves undertaking this role 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Surprisingly it is still difficult to make carers aware that St. John can help them as many remain 'hidden'. According to the 2001 census there were over 50,000 in Somerset which means

New groups of the Exploring Christianity course are about to start. New groups this autumn will be in Bath, Taunton, Chard, Pill, East Brent, Compton Martin, Wells and Barrow Gurney with other groups continuing into their second year. The first module studied is Spirituality and Prayer. Other modules include an exploration of the New and Old Testament, Questions of Faith, Reshaping Church and Challenging Choices which looks at Christian ethics. No previous experience or study is required. 10 sessions per module at £45 per module.

Details Dawn Hickman, 01749 685 106  
dawn.hickman@bathwells.anglican.org

Neil Thompson will be running for Cancer Research in a 10k on September 28th at Ashton Court, 11.00am. Any readers who may wish to sponsor can donate online by accessing his website.  
www.run10ksponsorsome.org/neilthompson2

the figure will have grown significantly since then. We need to reach them.

Some of the 'outcomes' we have received following the courses are: 'knowing I am not alone'; 'the talking, the unloading and sharing'; 'support in my caring role'; 'the feeling of belonging'; 'the confidence to look after myself better'; 'encouragement to start a new life after a death'; 'a professional ear to listen to'; 'learning to relax properly after years of trying'; 'feeling better about myself - thank you'.

Please call Jude Glide or Ross Young at St. John Ambulance County Headquarters on 01823 345920 for further information about the Carer Support Programme and the new Parent Carer Support Programme or to arrange for us to come and talk to you. [www.somerset.sja.org.uk](http://www.somerset.sja.org.uk)

You are cordially invited to join us for wine, beer and nibbles at our AGM to hear about activities over the last year, suggest future events, and to elect new officers and committee members for the forthcoming year. We would very much like to see people attending who do not normally come to our monthly meetings. Why not bring along one "new" person as your guest.

Parish Hall - 7.30pm  
Thurs 18th September  
**AGM**

Compton Dando  
Community Association  
Contact: Liz 490487

Here we are, in circulation again after the summer break. Not a wonderful summer, but we have to look on the sunny side and hopefully were able to enjoy the good days. Maybe the Heat Wave is yet to come!!

In June some of us attended the funeral at Wraxhall Church, of Ella Alvis. It was a lovely service in a beautiful old church, where Ella had been a life long member. She was such a very nice lady, who we miss very much.

Our trip in July to Amerdown Centre was delightful. Twelve of us made up the group including a kind husband who came in order to provide an extra car to transport us there. He was however very impressed and found the Centre a most interesting place as we all did. It is a Christian Conference Centre and Retreat in Somerset, located in the grounds of Amerdown House, owned by Lord Hylton, the Present head of the Jollife Family. The Centre officially opened in 1973, the stable block having been converted into a very modern and comfortable meeting place. The Sisters of Sion were very involved in establishing Amerdown as a focal point on interfaith dialogue, justice, peace and reconciliation, completely Ecumenical. We enjoyed our lunch there followed by coffee and welcome talk given by Mrs Benedict Schoefield the Director. We were then able to visit their tiny, lovely little chapel and take a walk around the grounds. It was a most enjoyable outing for all of us.

Our M.U Summer Party at the Rectory in August was another very happy occasion for us, with lots of "goodies" and laughter. However, at just about the time of the arrival of most of us, the heavens opened into a very heavy downpour and some members did get rather wet! It didn't dampen our spirits and the sun did eventually shine in time for our homeward departure.

And now almost into autumn, we begin our meetings in the Church Rooms again, beginning on 11<sup>th</sup> September when we are having

a talk about Norton Down Africa Fund. Come along and enjoy the afternoon.

Mary Thomas

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Jumble Sale in aid of The Atiamah Trust - Supporting families and orphans affected by HIV/AIDS in Ghana.

There will be a jumble & white elephant sale on Saturday September 20th in the Old School Room, Chew Magna, 2.00pm.

Donations to Annie Stewart 01275 332482"

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## CHELWOOD FLOWER SHOW

Thank you to everyone for helping to make such a good Show this year. Beautiful, bright, colourful and inspiring - were all words used yesterday to describe the lovely vegetables, flowers, paintings, cakes, jams and crafts on display in Chelwood Village Hall. The Show lived up to its reputation of always having something to surprise and delight all who come to see it. We were pleased to welcome visitors from neighbouring villages too, and hear them say "we have enjoyed the Show so much, we are going to enter something next year." It is good to be part of it, and especially to see the excitement of the smallest children when

they spot that there is a Prize Card next to their contribution. (Some of the adults go a bit overboard too - and why shouldn't they?)

We'll let you know in next month's magazine how much was raised for the Village Hall building fund, but again, thank you to all involved for a great effort and a fantastic Show.

## Parish Plan Open Morning

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September there will be an 'Open Morning' about the Five Villages Parish Plan. It is an opportunity for you to find out what issues have been raised in each village in the parish (Burnett, Chewton Keynsham, Compton Dando, Queen Charlton and Wool-lard), add any others and ask questions of the Steering Group members. There will also be displays and talks about the 'top topics' such as community transport, village shops, renewable energy and environmental ideas, including many ideas already in action in

other villages that we could use in this parish. Your ideas and suggestions will also be very welcome. The Open Morning runs from 10am to 1pm in Compton Dando hall. Coffee and homemade cakes will also be on offer and everyone, from all five villages, is invited to come along.

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### Stanton Drew & Pensford Pre-School Playgroup 1968 - 2008

Following our Family Disco on July 4th we are pleased to announce that with your help we raised £143.00  
A Thank You to all of you who continue to support the Pre School events.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> July 08 we at Stanton Drew & Pensford Pre-School Playgroup decided to support Banardos children charity by offering the children and families a chance to raise funds by completing a Toddler Waddle Assault course. Children, parents and teachers got sponsorship from their friends and family which raised a £200.50 to help less fortunate children. The children had great fun completing the course and it gave them the opportunity to show off their strengths. We'd like to thank all the sponsors and parents for attending. Hope you enjoyed it, and I'm sure Barnados will be very grateful

Stanton Drew & Pensford Pre School would like to invite all past teachers and pupils who attended the school between 1968 and 2008. With continued local support we are glad to announce we are celebrating our fortieth year.

To mark the occasion we are holding a Family Barn Dance on September 13th at the Pre School and would love to catch-up with you all, so if you would like to show your children where it all began call me for a ticket £5 for adults (children under 18 free if accompanied by an adult) If any of you out there have any stories or photographs from your time at the school then we would love to hear from you.

Please call Laura Williams on 01761 492552 for information and tickets.

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### Chelwood Lucky Draw June : July : August 08

£15 - E.Bidwell	£10 - T.Minall
£ 4 - P.Joyner	£ 2 - A.Ross
£15 - H.Young	£10 - C&J Beecroft
£ 4 - P.Joyner	£ 2 - G.Gardiner
£15 - R&J Ashman	£10 - A.Sherborne
£ 4 - A.Sherborne	£ 2 - S&J Casselden

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### New 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)

# CHURCH MARKET

## CHURCH ROOM - PENSFORD

Saturday 6th September

10.00am – 11.30am

HOME BAKING

JAMS

CARDS by Vivien Lee

Proceeds towards Church Funds

Admission 50p to include coffee and biscuit

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### Market Report – July

A well attended event raised £167.35 for Church funds. There was plenty of home baking to choose from and books to browse. Sheila Rice brought along a selection of items in aid of Arthritis Research. An

enjoyable morning was had by those who attended and thanks go to everyone who baked, bought and sold.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at the next market on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

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### Publow Vicarage Open Garden and Church Fete

The annual open garden held by Mr and Mrs Derek Woodford at the Old Vicarage was combined with All Saints' Church fete on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. The gates opened at 2.00pm, by which time the weather had become showery, so visitors had to dodge quite heavy downpours during the afternoon.

The garden was a lovely backdrop to the event and the begonias looked particularly fine. The fairground organ provided excellent background music throughout the afternoon. There was a large number of stalls to peruse ranging from jewellery, hand bags, cards and casserole stands to crafts, plants, garden ornaments, tombola, raffle, white elephant and preserves.

Having enjoyed the performance of the Bristol Ladies Barbershop Harmony Singers, visitors could enjoy a cream tea, ice-cream or purchase from a well stocked cake stall. Attractions for children included face painting, badge making, bouncy castle and the popular 'Splat the rat' game. The afternoon was very successful, despite the unpredictable weather and raised £2,068.55 for church funds and £500 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

A huge thank you to the 'Bristol Ladies' and all those who contributed and helped with the event and to all the visitors who supported the afternoon.

# 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

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Saturday  
27th September  
Join the World's  
Biggest Coffee  
Morning  
Chelwood Village Hall  
10.00am to 12 Noon  
All proceeds to  
Macmillan Cancer  
Support

Pensford Memorial Hall  
100 + Draw July & August 08

This was our last 100+ Club Draw to take place. We have been running now for 25 years, and the Hall Committee felt it had now run its course.

We would like to thank all past and present members who have made a yearly commitment to support the club, which has raised a phenomenal amount of money towards the upkeep of the Hall, and hopefully you have been lucky enough to have received some prize money in return.

Thank you all once again for your support.  
Jane Stenner – Treasurer

£75 - P. Pickford	£25 - J. Dando
£20 - H. Howe	£15 - F. Fry
£10 - Y. Phillips	£ 5 - Tennis Club

£75 - A. Vowles	£25 - P. Wareham
£20 - A. Birch	£15 - J. Smith
£10 - A. Hillman	£ 5 - G. Williams

+ 30 x £5.00 winners

## Pensford Tennis

Wimbledon fortnight seems a long time ago now, but watching the experts certainly did enthuse Pensford tennis club players. We are ever hopeful of finding our own Andy Murray; so if you know of a keen youngster who would like to play, please encourage them to join. We are actively seeking to increase our junior section and are trying to organise regular coaching sessions for them. If your children would like to play during the summer holidays – please contact the club by e-mail or telephone.

September 14<sup>th</sup> – we are holding a DUCK RACE at Mill House, Woollard. The racing ducks cost £1 each. There is to be a cash prize for the winner and you don't have to attend the event for your duck to win. The event will start at 2.00pm and the ducks will be lined up at the starting gate at 3.00pm.

Ticket price, which includes a scrumptious bar-b-q, is £5. Ducks and tickets for the 'race meeting' are available from committee members at club times at the courts and from Janette Stephenson 01761 490352 and Alan Burbridge on 01761 490834 and by emailing [secretary@pensfordtennisclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@pensfordtennisclub.co.uk).

Club play is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.00pm and Sunday mornings at 11.00am. To secure your place in the race and/or to buy a ticket for the event, just come along at these times.

Please have a look at our website for details of joining fees and general information: [www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk)

# September 08

Thur	4	Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Caroline Lowe & Katharine Lloyd Well loved music & duets Visitors welcome £1.50
Sat	6	Publow Church Market. Church Rooms. 10.00am - 11.30am
Mon	8	Publow with Pensford PC meeting. Church Rooms. 7.15pm Pensford with Publow WI. Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
Tue	9	7.30pm 'The Antarctic' illustrated talk, Compton Dando Hall
Thur	11	Mothers Union. 2.15pm, Pensford Church Rooms Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Harvest Auction & supper Visitors welcome £2.50 including harvest supper!
Fri	12	Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection
Sat	13	Stanton Drew & Pensford Pre School Barn Dance
Sun	14	Benefice Sunday School. Pensford Church Rooms, 10.00am Tennis Club Duck Race. Mill House, Woollard. 2.00pm
Wed	17	Publow Church PCC Meeting. Church rooms, 7.30pm
Thur	18	Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Better than Chocolate Choir in Harmony Visitors welcome £1.50 CD Community Association AGM. Compton Dando Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Sat	20	10.00am – 1.00pm Five Villages Parish Plan Open Morning Compton Dando Hall Atiamah Jumble Sale. Chew Magna. 2.00pm
Tue	23	10k AGM - The Rising Sun, Pensford. 8.00pm
Thur	25	Pensford Evergreen Club Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Denver - Easy Listening with Voice & Guitar Visitors welcome £1.50 Aphysiciast amongst the penguins. Chew Magana. 7.45pm
Fri	26	Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection
Sat	27	Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning. Chelwood Hall. 10.00am - 12 Noon
Sun	28	Harvest Festival 11.00am All Saints', Publow followed by Harvest Lunch 12.30 at Pensford Memorial Hall
Mon	29	Pensford Ladies Group Skittles & Buffett. Queens Arms 8.00pm
October		
Sat	4	Art Exhibition - Hunstrete House. 10.00am - 5.00pm
Sun	5	Art Exhibition - Hunstrete House. 10.00am - 6.00pm St Mary's Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch
Fri	10	Cabaret (Comedy and Dancing) Pensford Memorial Hall

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[www.comptondando-parishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.comptondando-parishcouncil.org.uk)

## 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

## FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL ALL SAINTS' PUBLLOW SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 11.00 am

followed by Harvest Lunch  
in the Memorial Hall  
at 12.30pm

Tickets £5 adults  
children under 16 free

Tickets from:

Judith Hillman 490324 : Janet Ogilvie 490020

Janet Smith 490584 : Gillian Wookey 490336