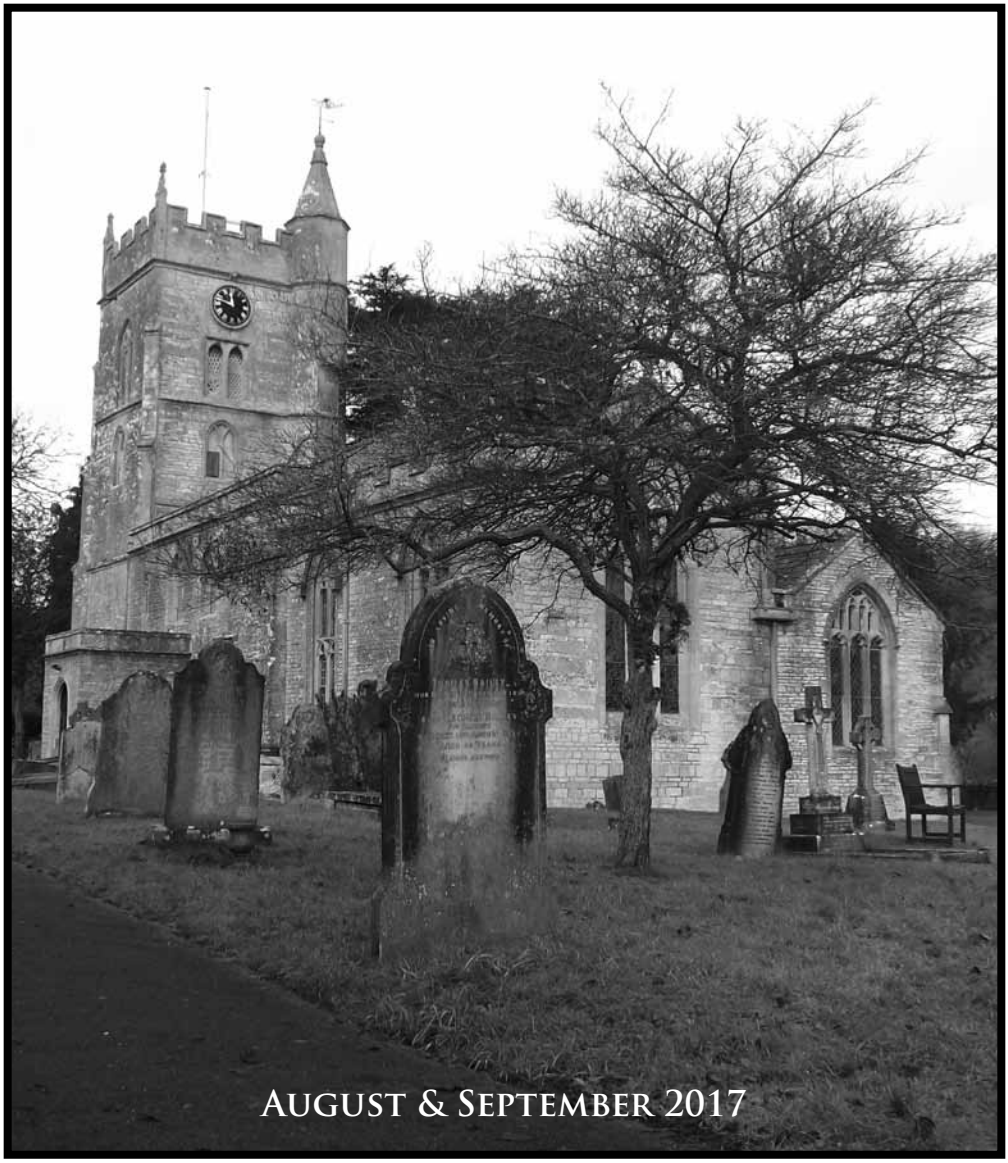

August & September 2017

Parish News

United Benefice of

Publow with Pensford,
Compton Dando
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Rector

Revd Denise Calverley, The Rectory, Old Road, Pensford		07849 821588

Church wardens

Publow with Pensford	Mr Andrew Hillman	01761 490324
	Mrs Janet Smith	01761 490584
Compton Dando	Position Vacant	
Chelwood	Mrs Ann Sherborne	01761 490586

Publow with Pensford PCC

Secretary	Mrs Judith Hillman	01761 490324
Treasurer	Mrs Gillian Wookey	01761 490336

Compton Dando & Chelwood PCC

Secretary	Position vacant	
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Organists

Publow with Pensford & Compton Dando	Mr Martin Sussams	07952 637507

Benefice Administrator

pensfordparishoffice@gmail.com

Church Services

As from September 2017:-

1st Sunday

Publow All Saints' 10:00am Benefice Eucharist

2nd Sunday

Compton Dando St. Mary's 10:00am Cafe Church

3rd Sunday

Publow All Saints' 10:00am Holy Communion

Compton Dando St. Mary's 6:00pm Holy Communion

4th Sunday

Chelwood St. Leonard's 10:00am Holy Communion,

Publow All Saints' 6:00pm Choral Evensong in January, April, July & October

5th Sunday

Rotation round the Benefice

Front cover image: Compton Dando Church.
Email any photos of our local churches to **pensford@gmail.com** and see it as our front cover.

Leaves from the Vicar's diary

My family is excited about our family holiday. It's not grand, international, or even particularly long but they can't stop talking about it and planning visits to favourite places and doing favourite things. And I get that. A holiday is time to down tools, throw out the regular schedule, enjoy something different, be spontaneous and certainly relax together.

After being on holiday for while, do you get that niggling thought that you don't want to go home? I have to stop my mind so that I don't begin to think about all the responsibilities that are waiting for me when I get back. But I also find that as soon as I get back, I'm always glad to be home!

Part of the reason why is some really helpful advice that someone gave me about 6 years ago. They said, "*always have something in your diary that you can look forward to.*" Lightbulb moment, what a great idea!

This year I'm looking forward to changes to the Benefice worship service schedule and a new House-group bible study beginning in September.

First there is a new TeaTime Fellowship starting Sunday September 3 in The Pensford Church Room from 4:00pm-5:30pm. It's a short, informal, all age service including contemporary worship, followed by a lovely warm meal together. Yum. TeaTime Fellowship will be held fortnightly. Everyone is welcome.

Secondly, I'm looking forward to a new Bible study held weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm at The Rectory, Pensford, starting September 6th. We're going to get stuck interactively into the Bible, understanding the basic reasons for faith in Jesus Christ and how to follow him. Come for a cuppa & homemade biscuit with your bible if you have one. If not don't worry, we have spares. Plan to have a good time and maybe get answers to those niggling questions you've always wanted answers to.

Thirdly, Café Church has been happening at St Mary's Compton Dando for some time. But it's Sunday is changing. Café Church at Mary's will now take place on the Second Sunday of every month instead of the first, beginning with welcome, coffee and pastries at 10:00am. The short service will begin at 10:15am. And I'll be able to get there for the first time since arriving in the Benefice! Café Church in September will be 10th at 10:00am. The current second Sunday morning Communion service at St. Mary's will also move to the 3rd Sunday at the new time of 6:00pm. The first one is September 17th. Finally, 6:00pm. All Saints Choral Evensong will only happen in January, April, July and October on the 4th Sunday of month due to a decline in attendance.

There is much to look forward to in Benefice life apart from all the other good things that I pray you enjoy this summer.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Grace and peace,
Revd Denise Calverley

Editor's Note

August & September herald the winds of change from summer holidays to the first days of school. August is a time of relaxing, recuperation and rest, often filled with water fights, day trips, holidays and the ever present Bank Holiday Saturday Regatta at the Rising Sun. September signals the beginning of Autumn, with tearful farewells at school gates, shorter days and the return of woolly jumpers. I am thoroughly looking forward to the end of summer Fete at Pensford Memorial Hall and the first ever Chew Valley Challenge. Summer and Autumn are already shaping up to be full of fun, laughter and wonderful memories. Donna

Church News

Benefice Administrator

For the churches of All Saints', Publow with Pensford, St Mary's, Compton Dando and St Leonard's, Chelwood.

Applications are invited for the post of Benefice Administrator. This is an interesting part-time role to support Revd. Denise Calverley, Priest in Charge, and the parish officers across the Benefice in the efficient running of our three churches. Duties include preparation of service sheets and newsletters; coordination of, and taking minutes at meetings; correspondence, rotas etc. We are looking for someone able to work flexibly for an average of 20 - 25 hours a month, including some evenings, and who is approachable, organised and confident with standard IT (email; Word). Training will be offered for other IT packages if required. The post will be home based in the first instance.

This paid post is available from September although, in line with Church of England policy, confirmation of the appointment is subject to satisfactory references and a DBS (Disclosure Barring Service) check. Starting remuneration will be £2,700 pa (plus expenses).

For further information and a copy of the job description, please contact Revd. Denise Calverley: email dmcalverley@icloud.com or tel. 07849 821588.

To apply, please send a short CV (maximum 2 sides A4) summarising your previous experience and suitability for this role together with the names and contact details of two referees (one of whom should be a recent previous employer, if relevant). Deadline for the receipt of applications is 31.8.17.

All Saints' Publow
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Church Room, Pensford

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Saturday, 5th August

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Saturday, 2nd September

• Home Baking •
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Church News

From the Parish Registers of

All Saints' Publow

Holy Matrimony

17th June - Matthew Arthur CLIFTON and Rebecca Louise SMITH

24th June - Scott Andrew UPTON and Helen Elizabeth Ann JAMES

1st July - Martin John COOPER and Caroline Louise GRIMES

7th July - Richard Peter JONES and Lisa Jade THOMPSON

Interment of Ashes

29th June - Mary Maria DENNISON

10th July - Patricia Ann BRYANT

From the parish Registers of

St Mary's Compton Dando

Thanksgiving Service

21st June - for the life of MERVYN COX

Holy Matrimony

8th July 2017 - Simon PEARCE and Charlotte ALLEN

Elizabeth Pines' Foundation Education Trust

Applications are invited from further and 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 with Pensford.

Written application, giving details of the course, and what the grant is for, should be submitted to: Andrew Hillman, Clerk to the Trustees, Birchwood House, Pensford, BS39 4NG by 31st October, 2017.

All Saints' Church Market

As well as the home baking stall loaded with cakes, quiches, jams and marmalades, there were two extra stalls at the Church Market in July. The Inner Wheel Club of Chelwood Bridge brought along goods to sell from the Purple Community Fund. Ring pulls from drink cans are collected and sent to the Philippines where the ladies make them into beautiful bags and jewellery. The items are returned to this country to be sold and proceeds sent back to the Philippines to help pay for the children's schooling, as otherwise they would be collecting scrap from the rubbish tips. The stall raised over £100 for this worthwhile charity. The Reverend Trevor Stubbs came with copies of the three books he has written in the 'White Gates Adventure' series. Although aimed at teenagers, these books are a good read for any age combining adventure with moral dilemmas, and sales were brisk. Trevor reports that he has sent £34 to the charity he supports in the Sudan. The final amount raised for Church funds was £241.90. Grateful thanks, once again, to everyone involved.

We look forward to seeing you all on 5th August and 2nd September.

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Pensford Evergreens

We have our Annual Summer break for August, with no meetings until September. In September we have

- 7th - Oldland Brass Band
- 14th - Harvest Bring and Buy Auction and Ploughmans Supper
- 21st - Brenny-Country Singer
- 28th - Just Good Company

Pensford Evergreens meet at 7pm Every Thursday in Pensford Memorial Hall, all welcome.

Chew Valley Gardening Society

Our next meeting, will be held on Thursday 14th September, when Chris Smith, of Pennard Plants, will be telling us about all sorts of new and overlooked common edible plants that we can grow in our gardens.

We aim to provide an interesting and informative range of talks and activities for those interested in gardening, whether a beginner or experienced.

Full details of the programme of talks and visits for 2017 are shown on the Society's website: **www.chewvalleygardeningsociety.org.uk**

New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings, which close with tea or coffee, giving you a chance to chat with gardening friends, old and new.

Please come along to the Old Schoolroom in Chew Magna on the second Thursday each month, at 8.00pm.

Cafe Church St Mary's Compton Dando

Paul Baxter gave us the second of his enthralling talks on the nature of matter and the creation of the universe. He drew extraordinarily compelling parallels between the story of the creation from Genesis and current scientific thinking about the big bang and the evolution of the universe. He spoke of light being energy, how the universe is held together by gravitational pull and explained that this only worked if we accepted the concept of dark matter which we can't detect but is needed to hold the universe together. He told us where the seas came from and then the dry land and then the fish, reptiles, mammals and eventually homo sapiens (us). Then he read to us from Genesis and everything correlated. He also pointed out that although the sun and the moon were vastly different in size, viewed from the earth they looked pretty much the same size. A fascinating and thought provoking talk.

Changes to Cafe Church. There will be no Cafe Church in August. The next will be in September on THE SECOND SUNDAY, Sept 10. It will be at the new time of 10:00. Our speaker will be the Revd Denise Calverley who will talk about the changes to Benefice Services and her vision for the new Benefice Cafe Church on, now, the second Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome, it's not just for regular worshippers. Cafe Church is informal and easygoing and it includes coffee and pastries as well. Come and give it a try.

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Jess and Fran have worked hard to ensure they support artists and small business from the area, with stunning pieces dotted around the walls and a carefully curated crafters corner, all adding to the cosy, welcoming feel of The Miners.

As their families grow, Fran and her husband have recently welcomed their second son and Jess' eldest begins school, the girls have decided to alter their opening hours, with a break for a much needed holiday from Sunday 27th August to Monday 4th September 2017. The Miners will reopen from 5th September for you to enjoy their delectable offerings:

Tuesday: 8:45 - 16:00
Wednesday: 8:45 - 16:00
Thursday: 8:45 - 16:00
Friday: 8:45 - 16:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 16:00
Sunday: CLOSED
Monday: CLOSED

Jess and Fran are testament to following a dream and building strong links with the surrounding community. With them supporting many events and the ongoing Café Conversation afternoons with the Village Agent team, I am proud to have already filled my loyalty card and will happily enjoy many more moments within The Miners' Coffee Shop.

Donna Squire

Pensford Publow and The Stantons

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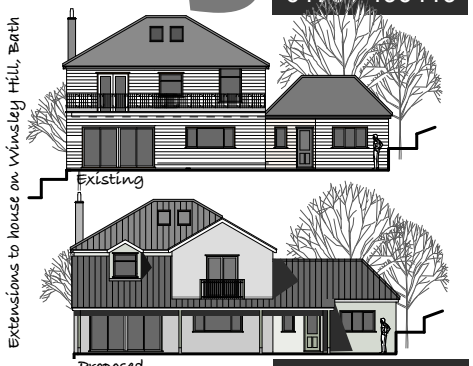

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Pensford Tennis Club

The club opened its courts to visitors on Sunday 9th July and was pleased to welcome adults and children having a try-out with a bat and ball. New players are always welcome. Check out our website **www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk** and Twitter and Facebook pages.

Each year club members are entered in a draw for pairs of Wimbledon tickets. This year's lucky winners watched some fantastic tennis in glorious weather - they enjoyed Pimms, strawberries and cream plus Andy, Johanna, Rafael, Roger and Novak – a perfect day out! To have a chance in the club ballot to be the one enjoying yourself at Wimbledon join our Club. You need to be in it to win it!

Pensford Tennis Club results in the LTA Summer League show that the Ladies Team has had mixed fortunes but are still hovering at the middle of their Division but the Men's team have excelled themselves and are near the top of their Division.

Our club coach runs a very comprehensive and effective coaching programme which is open to members and non-members alike and caters for all levels and abilities. If anyone is interested please contact Dan Church on 07738 081652 or email danchurch04@hotmail.com. Dan is also available for private lessons. Please note you do not need to be a member of the Club to take part in the coaching sessions. No prior booking for group coaching - just turn up on a day listed.

Mondays:

7:00 - 8:00 Adult Improvers

Tuesdays:

3:30 - 4:30 After School Tennis Club. Any child under 11 years old, from any school, can sign-up.

6:45 - 7:45 Beginners/Rusty Rackets (rackets provided)

Wednesdays:

6:45 - 7:45 Boot Camp Exercise Class (on the Playing Field)

Thursdays:

6:45 - 7:45 Ladies Improver Group

On the social side we have our Quiz nights as usual on the third Monday of the month in the Rising Sun at 8pm. The next ones are on Monday 21 August and on Monday 18 September. We hope you can make it.

On Saturday, 18 November we are running a Bavarian Evening in Pensford Memorial Hall 7:30pm - 11pm with music, drinks and cold buffet all included in the price of £17.50pp. Tickets are available from the Post Office or phone 01761 490834.

For more information about our Club check out our website **www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk**

Chelwood Flower Show

19th August 3.00pm in Chelwood Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to come and join us at this popular yearly event. Classes cover flowers, vegetables, cookery, painting and Floral art. There are various classes to interest children from ages four to fifteen and usually they delight us with their show of talent and imagination. Something to look forward to. Not to be forgotten is the section for Photography - yards of white table top gradually filling up with vibrant colour and dramatic black and white images.

We would love to see you there, entering exhibits, just looking or for a cup of tea and a natter.

Schedules will be available early in August from Annie Sherborne 01761 490341, Jackie Young 01761 490614 or at **www.chelwood-village.co.uk**

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AUGUST

Wed 2nd "Extend" exercise class, *Chew Stoke Methodist Hall* 12:30-1:30pm
Thurs 3rd Walking Football, *Chew Stoke Leisure Centre*, 4:30-5:30pm
Sat 5th Coffee Morning and Market, *Pensford Church Room*, 10 - 11:30am
Sun 6th Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10:00am
Tea and homemade cake, *St Mary's, Compton Dando* 2-5pm
Wed 9th Hub In a Pub special, *Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke*, 1:30-3:30pm
"Extend" exercise class, *Chew Stoke Methodist Hall* 12:30-1:30pm
Thurs 10th Walking Football, *Chew Stoke Leisure Centre*, 4:30-5:30pm
Sat 12th Coffee Morning, *Compton Dando Parish Hall,* 10:30-12:30pm
Sun 13th Holy Communion, *St. Mary's, Compton Dando*, 10:00am
Tea and homemade cake, *St Mary's, Compton Dando* 2-5pm
Wed 16th "Extend" exercise class, *Chew Stoke Methodist Hall* 12:30-1:30pm
Thurs 17th The Great Chew Valley Get Together
Walking Football, *Chew Stoke Leisure Centre*, 4:30-5:30pm
Sat 19th Chelwood Flower Show, *Village Hall*, 3:00pm
Followed by Auction of Show produce and plants at 8pm
Sun 20th Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10:00am
Tea and homemade cake, *St Mary's, Compton Dando* 2-5pm
Mon 21st Pensford Tennis Club Quiz Night, *The Rising Sun, Pensford*, 8:00pm
Wed 23 Hub In a Pub, Stoke Inn, *Chew Stoke* 1:30-3:30pm
Thurs 24th Walking Football, *Chew Stoke Leisure Centre*, 4:30-5:30pm
Sun 27th Holy Communion, *St. Leonard's Chelwood*, 10:00am
Tea and homemade cake, *St Mary's, Compton Dando* 2-5pm
Mon 28th Bank Holiday Tea and homemade cake, *St Mary's, Compton Dando* 2-5pm
Wed 30th "Extend" exercise class, *Chew Stoke Methodist Hall* 12:30-1:30pm
Thurs 31st Walking Football, *Chew Stoke Leisure Centre*, 4:30-5:30pm

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd Coffee morning and Market, *Pensford Church Room*, 10-11:30am
Summer Fete, *Pensford Memorial Hall* 11am - 5pm
Sun 3rd Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10:00am
Teatime Fellowship, *Pensford Church Room*, 4 - 5:30pm
Wed 6th "Extend" exercise class, *Chew Stoke Methodist Hall* 12:30-1:30pm
Thurs 7th Walking Football, *Chew Stoke Leisure Centre*, 4:30-5:30pm
Sun 10th Café Church, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 10:00am
Tues 12th Coffee Morning, *Compton Dando Parish Hall*, 10:30-12:30pm

September diary cont.

Wed 13 "Extend" exercise class, *Chew Stoke Methodist Hall* 12:30-1:30pm
Hub In a Pub, *Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke* 1:30 - 3:30pm
Thurs 14th Benefice Officers' Meeting, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 11:15am
Walking Football, *Chew Stoke Leisure Centre*, 4:30-5:30pm
Chew Valley Gardening Society, *The Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna* 8pm
Sun 17th Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow*, 10:00am
Teatime Fellowship, *Pensford Church Room*, 4-5:30pm
Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 6:00pm
Mon 18th Pensford Tennis Club Quiz Night, *The Rising Sun, Pensford*, 8:00pm
Wed 20th "Extend" exercise class, *Chew Stoke Methodist Hall* 12:30-1:30pm
Thurs 21st Walking Football, *Chew Stoke Leisure Centre*, 4:30-5:30pm
Sun 24th Holy Communion, *St. Leonard's Chelwood*, 10:00am
Chew Valley Challenge, *Woodford Lodge, Chew Stoke*, 10am
Mon 25th Teatime Madness, *Pensford Primary School*, 3:15 - 4:45pm
Wed 27th "Extend" exercise class, *Chew Stoke Methodist Hall* 12:30-1:30pm
Hub In a Pub, *Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke* 1:30 - 3:30pm
Thurs 28th Walking Football, *Chew Stoke Leisure Centre*, 4:30-5:30pm

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- **Date:** Thursday, 17th August
- **Time:** 11.00-3.00pm
- **Venue:** Chew Valley School, Chew Lane, Chew Magna, Bristol BS40 8QB
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Public Meeting - A37 Pensford Concerns

A Highways and Transport public meeting was organised by Ward Councillor Paul May for 19 July in Pensford Village Hall. Kelvin Packer, Bath & North East Somerset Council Group Manager Highways and Traffic Environmental Services, along with Janette Stephenson, Chairman of Pensford Parish Council, and 41 local residents attended the meeting.

Mr Packer outlined the Highway's proposals covering many issues relevant to Pensford and he emphasised that he wanted to hear his audience's views. He covered the Council proposals to tackle matters behind the local issues and resolve those that had a bearing on Pensford's challenges. This included working within the West of England Combined Authority; strategic routing of through traffic; review of routes to see whether road users were on the most suitable routes and not forgetting pedestrians in their deliberations whilst balancing safety, the environment and engineering measures.

He outlined the work that had been carried out since the meeting last year which included an accident locations/clusters review; changed speed limits; cutting back of vegetation; 2 major resurfacing schemes and revised road junction markings. There was much discussion about road signage; correct positioning and type of bollards; road resurfacing and remarking; the 'village gate' initiative; Vehicle Activation Signs; safety outside the village school along with different types of kerb stones and their location. Of particular concern was the 'rat runs' on Old Road, High Street and Publow Lane and flouting of speed limits. A separate discussion then followed concerning the B3130 and the A37 junction. Mr Packer had 3 different proposals in addition to leaving the junction as it is.

The meeting was considered to be very positive and Mr Packer took away a lot of ideas for consideration. He was thanked for his time and effort to explain the Council's proposals and listen to the feedback.

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Wednesday 23rd August, 13th & 27th September, 1.30-3.30pm - at The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke: This is an opportunity to drop into our friendly and informal group, and receive help and advice from our volunteers with using your IT "gadgets", including phones, cameras, IPads or other types of tablets and computers. Learning some basic IT skills allows people to keep up communication with family and friends who may be a long way away, as well as keeping up to date with what's going on in their community. Technology can open a whole new world for so many people. Attendees have learned how to set up email accounts, order their shopping online, book tickets for events and even open social media accounts.

Gadget Busters - Get help with your laptop, IPad, tablet, phone or camera on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays,1.30-3.30pm, £3 per session.

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Wednesdays: 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th August - No "Extend" on 23rd August.

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Pensford Primary School

A message from Mr Barton

Throughout the term each week has been unique with its own variety of 'special events' as we have moved through the summer. This week has been no exception.

On Monday we took the whole school to Bristol Zoo. This was a really great day out, in perfect weather, and an ideal opportunity for children to truly enjoy their experience of learning as they toured the zoo and attended their workshops.

Tuesday was an opportunity for us to say thank-you to those volunteers who have supported the school so incredibly well throughout the year.

On Wednesday, Kingfisher took part in a rounders tournament. In fact, when they arrived, they learned that due to wet and slippery grass the game they would be playing wasn't rounders as they now knew it! They quickly adapted to the new rules and, against highly competitive opposition, our A team took the bronze medal position.

Thursday brought some exciting news as we learned that the Pensford, Publow and the Stantons Community Trust has responded favourably to an application we made to them for finance to help us improve the front playground. We are very grateful that they have agreed to support us and will be giving more details of the development in the autumn.

You might have thought that such a busy week might have ended quietly on Friday but Pensford's Got Talent made that impossible! I want to say 'well done' to EVERYONE who took part in this event, whether it be in the earlier rounds in classes or in the final. All the acts were of a good standard and there were some really good moments of true excellence, such as when last year's winner, Anna, sang a capella and held us all spellbound, even bringing a tear to Mrs Bevan's eye! At the end we announced a winner for each class and an overall winner, who this year was Theo for his fantastic guitar playing.

On Monday, after their day at the zoo, our football team played the second leg of their match against Cameley School. This was to decide the winners of the inaugural Chew Cam Cup. It was an exciting game with lots of goals but in the end the Pensford team managed to improve on their 4-2 lead from the first leg and win the cup with a 10-6 win on aggregate. Congratulations to the team and to Mr Miller, who worked with Cameley to start this new competition.

On Thursday the team played a friendly match against the strong opposition from Four Acres Academy in South Bristol. This was a close game, 2-2 at half time, but unfortunately with a strong wind against them in the second half Pensford narrowly lost 3-2. Still an impressive game.

Have a great summer.

Mr Barton

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Notes from a meeting of Publow with Pensford Parish Council held on 20th June 2017.

Speeding Old Road & High Street: Emails of concern regarding speeding on High Street and Old Road had been received from two Residents. Cars are reported to be travelling in excess of 20mph and drivers becoming aggressive with those who do drive at the speed limit. The 20mph Limit had been installed following a speed survey. Clerk to write to Stephan Chiffers and request another speed survey is conducted. Cllr May confirmed that the promise of Vehicle Activated Signs still remains and these will be installed on Old Road.

Rubbish Collections: A member of the public had raised the concern that rubbish is often dropped from the Lorries on Recycling Day, Clerk to follow up with B&NES.

Planters for Village: Parish Council support the idea of placing planters next to the Acker Bilk Bench. Donations of plant cuttings will be asked for through the Parish Magazine. The Rubbish Bin still needs re-locating.

Pollution: Clerk confirmed that Nicola Courthold and Rob Spalding from Environmental Monitoring at B&NES will be attending the July Meeting. The provisional average from Jan-April at the Pensford School Diffusion tube was reported to be 19ug/m3. This is well below the annual air quality objective. A lot of work has been completed around Pollution in Whitchurch and Temple Cloud. Cllr May would like the pollution monitored further up Pensford Hill.

Dog Fouling: An e.mail had been received from a member of public concerned about the amount of Dog Mess not being picked up around Pensford and in particular the Hillcrest area. A lack of bins could be the reason for this. It was confirmed at the meeting that there is only one bin in Hillcrest which is located by the Telephone Box which houses the Defibrillator. In response to this e.mail Clerk had e.mailed the current dog warden but no reply has been made. Clerk to follow up.

It was also asked if a bin could be placed by Publow Church Car Park. Many visitors come to the Church and also park by the Church to take advantage of the footpath here.

Parish Charter: A draft revised charter had been circulated amongst Parish Council for consideration and comments. Deadline is 31st July 2017.

River Chew: A member of public concerned about the condition of the banks of the River Chew had been recently written to the Environment Agency and copied the Parish Council in. All Parish Council members had a copy of the correspondence. Parish Council to bring to the attention of the Landowner their obligation under the Riparian Ownership.

Lock Up Works: All vegetation had been removed and the pointing works had been carried out by Strachey Historic Conservation. Access was kindly allowed through Popham Cottage Garden. This work is a small part of the works as described in the recent Condition Survey Report.

Meeting notes cont.

Tennis Club: The courts have been resurfaced and painted in the original colours. A social club night on the 4th June to mark the official opening received a lot of support. The court surface will continue cure for a few months and cannot be played on if the temperature is on or above 20 degrees. The next event will be on 9th July (Wimbledon Mid-Sunday) 2pm til 5pm

The Tennis Club are very grateful for all the Parish Council support, the support from the Pensford, Publow and the Stanton's Community Trust who provided a grant of £3k, the LTA who provided a grant of £2.5k and matching loan and all the community support at our fundraising events.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th August 2017

Diary dates

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Mon 14th Parish Council Meeting, Pensford Memorial Hall, 7pm

September

Mon 11th Parish Council Meeting, Pensford Memorial Hall, 7pm

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