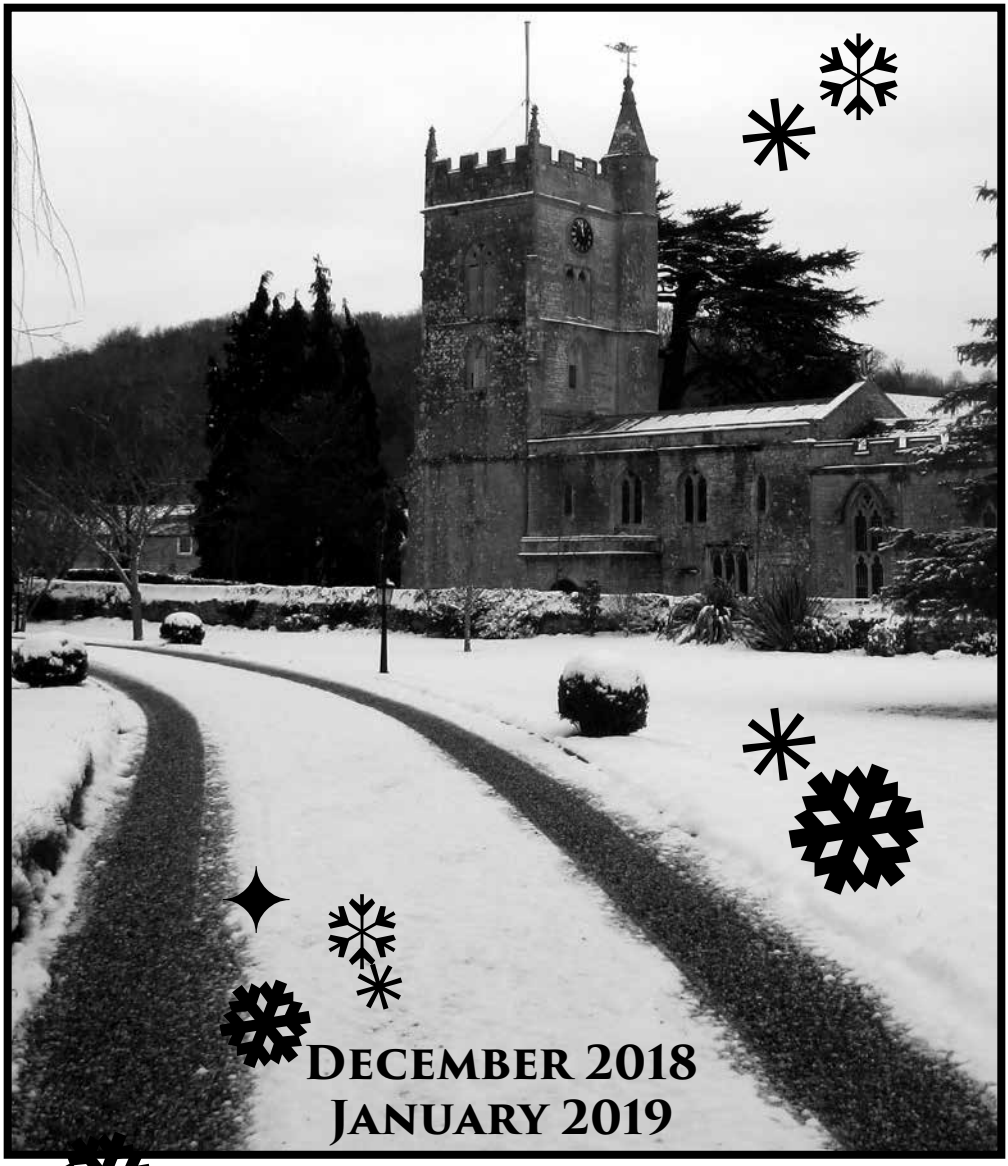

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Parish News

United Benefice of

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	Mrs Janet Smith	01761 490584
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Chelwood	Mrs Ann Sherborne	01761 490586

Publow with Pensford PCC

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Treasurer	Mrs Gillian Wookey	01761 490336

Compton Dando & Chelwood PCC

Secretary	Mrs Jill Sherborne	07771 863166
Treasurer	Mr Richard Evans	01761 490144

For Benefice Enquiries **pensfordparishoffice@gmail.com**

Church Services

1st Sunday
Publow All Saints' 9:30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday
Compton Dando St. Mary's 10:00am Cafe Church
Tea Time Fellowship 3:00pm (Pensford Memorial Hall)

3rd Sunday
Publow All Saints' 9:30am Holy Communion
Compton Dando St. Mary's 11:00am Holy Communion

4th Sunday
Chelwood St. Leonard's 9:30am Holy Communion
Publow All Saints' 6:00pm Choral Evensong January, April, July & October

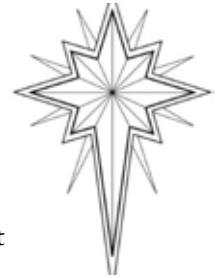
5th Sunday
Rotation round the Benefice

Weekly
Every Thursday Compton Dando St. Mary's 10:30am Holy Communion (said)

Front cover image: Many thanks to Hilary Cox for their photo of Compton Dando Church. Email a photo of our local churches to **pensford@gmail.com** and see it as one of our front cover.

Leaves from the Vicar's diary

December



Zeal defined implies energetic and unflagging pursuit..., eagerness and ardent fervour.

In Psalm 69:9 David says ...zeal for your house consumes me,…

As we begin the Advent, Christmas, and New Year season do you find yourself full of zeal, and energetic, in unflagging pursuit of an aim? Or are you're secretly flagging instead, trying to keep up and get through the commitments and plans that are in your diary?

I've been inspired lately by reading ***Do What Jesus Did*** by Vineyard church pastor and author Robby Dawkins. His unflagging pursuit of one aim is introducing people to Jesus. Robby tells the story of preparing for an airplane flight when his wife says, "*just have a normal flight. Put on your headphones, watch a movie and relax.*" He agrees. However, quite quickly his quiet is interrupted by the lady in the seat next to him who can't resist tapping his head-phoned self and asking him what he does for a living? After she guesses incorrectly that his profession is either wrestler or rapper, he tells her he's a pastor. This conversation leads, quite naturally for him into extraordinary events for others on his flight. Jesus simply introduced himself to people who weren't expecting it.

The book really is as inspiring account of Robby Dawkins' unflagging pursuit of introducing people to Jesus. But God himself did this first with the birth and life of Jesus as told in the Bible. If you don't know this story, His story, I encourage you to be inspired by it in the gospel of Matthew. But this holiday season there is also a gift booklet ***#followthestar A Journey through the 12 Days of Christmas*** which you can pick up in any of our parish churches encouraging you to take a brief journey each day, beginning on Christmas Eve, to meet with Jesus. And if you'd like to join in to make a star of any kind, we'll display them in our churches. With eagerness because of my personal experience, I can tell you meeting with Jesus will change your life! This holiday season allow some time for meeting Jesus, "Emmanuel God with us" Matthew 1:23. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. God richly bless you,

Rev Denise

Christmas Church Services in the Benefice

December 16th	Holy Communion 11.00am *St. Mary's Compton Dando*
	Service of Lessons and Carols 6.00pm *All Saints' Publow*
December 23rd	Holy Communion 9.30am *St. Leonard's Chelwood*
	Service of Lessons and Carols 6.00pm *St. Mary's Compton Dando*
December 24th	Christingle Service 3.00pm *All Saints' Publow*
	Midnight Mass 11.30pm *All Saints' Publow*
December 25th	Family Communion 9.00am *St. Leonard's Chelwood*
	Family Communion 10.30am *St. Mary's Compton Dando*

From the Parish Registers of

St Mary's Compton Dando

Funeral Service

28th August - Betty Muriel BATT

Baptism

28th October - Harry Jack CARPENTER

All Saints' Publow

Baptism

21st October Millie May and Alfie Scott HENLEY

Interment of Ashes

8th November Betty May DUCKETT

All Saints' Church

November Market

The All Saints' Church market held on 3rd November was really well supported, raising £292.33 for church funds. Brisk sales on the home baking and preserves and some very good value pansies were soon snapped up. The Fair Trade and Traid Craft stall was well stocked with Christmas gifts and cards as well as their food items. Draw tickets for the Christmas Hamper were on sale. Many thanks to everyone who supported us by baking, buying or selling. The raffle draw will take place at the Big Christmas Market being held on Saturday, 1st December at All Saints' Church from 10.00am - 2.00pm. For further information – Judith Hillman, 01761 490324, Janet Smith 490584 or Gillian Wookey 490336.

Caring in Bristol

Julian House in Bristol is now partnering with the Trinity Centre to provide an enhanced provision for homeless and destitute people in Bristol this Christmas.

We are, once more, being encouraged to support this worthwhile cause. Donations of warm good-quality second-hand clothes, new underclothes, socks and non-perishable food and cleaning materials are all welcome. The Centre also accepts gifts of cash and cheque donations (made payable to "Caring in Bristol") which are welcome as soon as possible to enable the Centre to plan ahead and can be delivered to any of our churches, or contact Judith Hillman (01761 490324) or Ann Hunt (01761 490244).

Thank you to many of you who have already left bags of clothes in our churches. These will be delivered shortly. Additional donations will be greatly appreciated.

Christingle Service

On Christmas Eve at 3.00pm the Christingle Service will take place at All Saints' Publow. All children are invited to bring their parents and grandparents to this annual celebration at the start of Christmas. As is our custom we shall be donating the cash collection taken at this service to The Children's Society in support of their work with vulnerable children who run away from home. We look forward to welcoming you all.

The Rector and Churchwardens invite all Senior Citizens associated with the Benefice to

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Friday, 14th December

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All Saints' Publow

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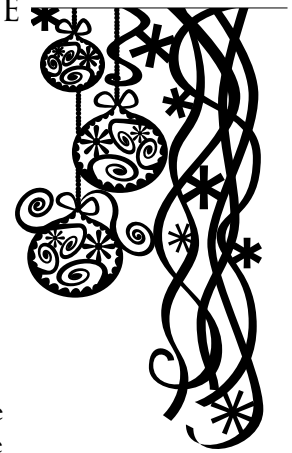

God with us

Well, we are into the frantic pressie-buying month of December now. The American 'Black Friday' tradition appears to be firmly a part of our own pattern and has brought the search for the perfect Christmas present yet earlier in our calendar. Parish and school Christmas Fayres offer us home- made, Fairtrade, recycled and singular alternatives. And increasingly the inequalities within our economy become more apparent as people risk debt to bring a smile to their child's face.

When I was a parish priest we found that many of our single parents felt trapped by the pressure of keeping up with those around them. We tried to introduce a maximum spend for all our congregational and family present buying in order to bring some parity. It wasn't easy!

I'm reminded at this time of year of the line that we are seeing more frequently, accompanying invitations to weddings and birthday parties: *'No presents required, just your presence!'*

It makes me think about what Christmas really means. During this time of preparation and waiting for the big day to arrive, many of us will sing the words of that Advent hymn, 'O come, O come Emmanuel', a 12th century hymn that invites God to fulfil his prophecy to his people. Will we really take in those words?

'Emmanuel' means 'God with us', such an important and comforting phrase in these times of uncertainty and anxiety, as we wonder what the new year will bring.

Christmas we know is a time when people can feel lonely, disappointed, stressed. There are reputedly more suicides and marriage breakdowns during the course of this holiday period. One of the best Christmas presents we can offer then must surely be that of hospitality, a listening ear and simply our 'presence' among those who feel forgotten, rejected or overlooked.

In so doing we will find God's own present to us this Christmas, as in any and all other Christmases, His presence. The God to whom "*every animal of the forest and the cattle on a thousand hills, belongs*" (Psalm 50) has given us the best present of all - He is with us.

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Pensford's Annual Nativity Trail Returns

The Pensford Nativity will be returning again this year and will be open every Friday , Saturday and Sunday evening until Christmas and Boxing Day, but will not be open after Boxing Day.

This trail is fast becoming a part of the festive season for local people, and the scenes will be open from dusk until 9pm.

Everyone is invited to get into the Christmas spirit by exploring, walking and discovering the Kings, the Shepherds, Angel Gabriel, as well as Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus, all in life size forms..

The grand opening is on Saturday 1st December around 5pm, and will start at Pensford Lockup and finish at Pensford Church rooms for mulled wine and refreshment. You are asked to bring torches and also wear shoes suitable for safe travelling.

These life size figures are the work of local man, Paul Baxter, who has created Nativity figures over the past five years.

Asked how he made the figures he said: "*They are face casts of local people on bodies made to their measurements.*" Mr Baxter added : "*The Nativity is provided for free but if you enjoy it please make a donation in the donkey, which is by the Church Tower. Money goes towards the upkeep of the tower.*"

Jane Flower, who runs the Friends of Pensford Church Tower, said; "*Paul has done a marvellous job with the Nativity figures over the past five years.*" Guides and clues will be available in the Lock-up.

Cams Valley Arts Trail

Another Successful Arts Trail

A superb weekend was had by hundreds of visitors who took the time to visit some, or all, of the 13 venues at the annual Cam Valley Arts Trail in early November. Artisans from villages around the Cam Valley showed their varied art works and some gave free workshops e.g. Batik, macro photography, silver-smithing and ceramic blackbird magnets.

Karen George, chair of the group, said: "We were delighted by the number of people who came to support us, new faces and old friends. We are also thankful to all our advertisers and grant providers, without whom we would struggle to put on such a wide ranging community arts trail."

This year the group has welcomed quite a few new local artisans which shows in what a vibrant, creative area we live. Look out for information on a day's workshops on Saturday 2nd March 2019 and the Spring Exhibition on Saturday 4th May. **www.camvalleyartstrail.co.uk**

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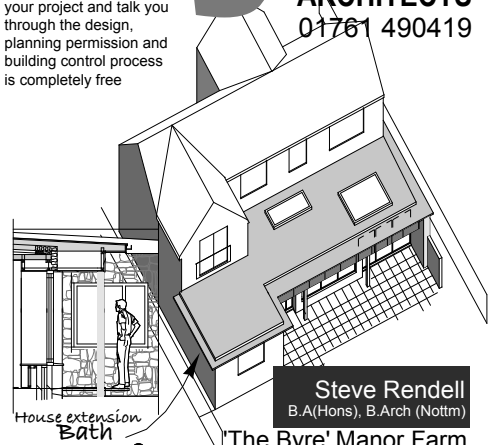

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Pensford Tennis Club

At the AGM on 15 November Pensford Tennis Club appointed a new President and a new Treasurer. Bernard Coombs, a former President and now an Honorary Life Member of Avon LTA, has supported the club since its inception in 1996. Sadly he has decided that the time has now come to pass on the baton/racket to someone else as President of the club. Many thanks are extended to him for his wide tennis knowledge, his invaluable expertise and his wise guidance over the years.

Nominated by Bernard Coombs, Alan Burbridge is now the new President of Pensford Tennis Club. Alan has also held the Treasurer's position from its outset. He has taken the club through some turbulent times but understandably now that we have excellent new courts, prospering membership and are again financially sound he considers that it is time to make way for energetic new blood. The club is however grateful that he is still prepared to offer support as President. As a thank you at the meeting the club made Alan an Honorary Life Member. Steve Bellamy, an extremely good tennis player, has agreed to become the new Treasurer.

On Friday 14 December we are repeating last year's successful Christmas social tournament - dressing up is encouraged. Hopefully the mulled wine and mince pies will fortify players against the elements. Check out our website for more details. **www.pensfordtennisclub.uk**

Our Club coach, Dan Church, runs a very comprehensive and effective coaching programme which is open to members and non-members alike. Dan caters for all levels and abilities and he can be contacted on 07738 081652 or email danchurch04@hotmail.com. He is also available for private lessons. Our club championships and the Box League competitions are also organised by Dan.

Coaching Timetable - also available at **www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk**

Mon: 7:00pm - 8:00pm Adult Improvers

Tue: Juniors
3:30pm - 4:30pm After School Tennis Club. (Any child under 11 years old, from any school, can sign up
4:30pm - 5:00pm Tots Red Ball Group (Children 3 -5 years old)
5:00pm - 5:45pm Red Ball Rally Group (Children 6 - 9 years old)
5:45pm - 6:45pm Orange/Green Ball Group
Seniors
6:45pm - 7:45pm Rusty Rackets/Beginner Group (Rackets provided)
7:45pm - 8:45pm Ladies Improver Group

Our next Quiz Nights are Monday 17 December in The Rising Sun, Pensford, 8:00pm and Monday 21 January 2019 in The Rising Sun, Pensford, 8:00pm

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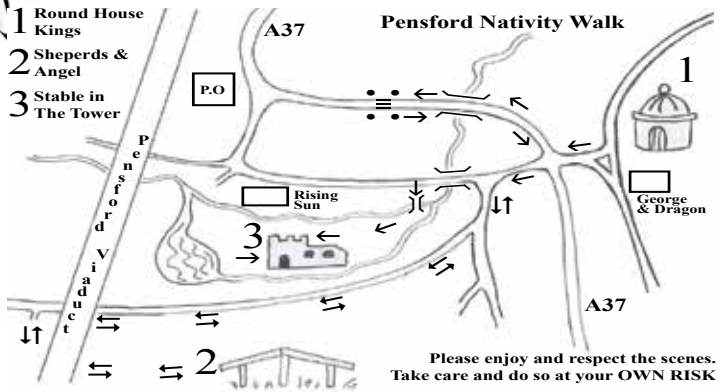
Pensford Nativity Walk

Saturday 1st December



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Sunday 9th December
Rising Sun
6.30pm
George & Dragon
6.45pm

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Diary

December

Sat 1st	The Big Christmas Market, *All Saints' Publow,* 10am -2pm
	Pensford Nativity Walk, *Pensford Lock-Up,* 5:00pm
Sun 2nd	**Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow,* 9:30am**
Tues 4th	Prayer Group, *Bridge House,* 11:00am
Wed 5th	Bible Study Group, *The Rectory,* 7:30pm
Sun 9th	**Café Church, *St. Mary's Compton Dando,* 10:00am**
	Pensford Mummers Play, *Rising Sun* 6:30pm, *George & Dragon* 6:45pm
Tues 11th	Prayer Group, *Bridge House,* 11:00am
Wed 12th	Bible Study Group, *The Rectory,* 7:30pm
Fri 14th	Benefice Christmas Lunch, *Pensford Memorial Hall,* 12:30pm
Sat 15th	Coffee Morning, *Compton Dando Parish Hall,* 10:30 - 12:30pm
Sun 16th	**Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando,* 11:00am**
	Service of Lessons and Carols, *All Saints' Publow,* 6:00pm
Mon 17th	Christmas Quiz Night, *The Rising Sun, Pensford,* 8:00pm
Tues 18th	Prayer Group, *Bridge House,* 11:00am
Sun 23rd	**Holy Communion, *St. Leonard's Chelwood,* 9:30am**
	Service of Lessons and Carols, *St. Mary's Compton Dando* 6:00pm
Mon 24th	**Christingle Service, *All Saints' Publow,* 3:00pm**
	Midnight Mass, *All Saints' Publow,* 11:30pm
Tues 25th	**Family Communion, St. Leonard's Chelwood, 9:00am**
	Family Communion, St. Mary's Compton Dando, 10:30am
Sun 30th	**Morning Prayer, *St. Mary's Compton Dando,* 9:30am**

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Sun 6th	**Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow,* 9:30am**
Tues 8th	Prayer Group, *Bridge House,* 11:00am
Wed 9th	Bible Study Group, *The Rectory,* 7:30pm
Sun 13th	**Café Church, *St. Mary's Compton Dando,* 10:00am**
	Tea Time Fellowship, *Church Room,* 3:00pm
Tues 15th	Prayer Group, *Bridge House,* 11:00am
Wed 16th	Bible Study Group, *The Rectory,* 7:30pm
Sun 20th	**Holy Communion, *All Saints' Publow,* 9:30am**
	Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando,* 11:00am
Tues 22nd	Prayer Group, *Bridge House,* 11:00am
	Deanery Synod Meeting, *Farmborough,* 7:30pm
Wed 23rd	Bible Study Group, *The Rectory,* 7:30pm
Mon 21st	Quiz Night, Pensford Tennis Club, *The Rising Sun, Pensford,* 8:00pm
Wed 23rd	Inner Wheel Annual Tea Party, *Pensford Memorial Hall,* 2:15pm
Sun 27th	**Holy Communion, *St. Leonard's Chelwood,* 9:30am**
	Choral Evensong, *All Saints' Publow,* 6:00pm
Tues 29th	Prayer Group, *Bridge House,* 11:00am
Wed 30th	Bible Study Group, *The Rectory,* 7:30pm

What's On

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Inner Wheel

Invitation to Annual Tea Party

Senior Citizens in the Chew Valley and surrounding area are once again invited to the Inner Wheel Club of Chelwood Bridge's annual tea party in January.

The club, along with all other Inner Wheel clubs in the country, hold similar events to celebrate Inner Wheel Day, with the Chelwood Bridge Club always holding a tea party for senior citizens in the area. It will be taking place on Wednesday January 23rd at Pensford Memorial Hall , starting at 2:15pm Besides tea, sandwiches and cakes, there will also be games and a raffle.

If you do not have any means of getting there, but would like to come, transport can be arranged. If you would like a lift and/or would like to find out more, please ring Heather on 01761 452092. Please also contact Heather if you would like to come along, so that we have an idea of numbers wishing to attend.

Arthritis Research UK

Chew Valley Branch

We would like to thank all those who have supported our two autumn events this year. Firstly, we held a Coffee Morning in Chew Stoke Methodist Hall and raised £145.12. On Friday, 9th November we held what is likely to be our last Quiz Evening. Again, we would like to thank everyone who joined us for the evening and helped us make it a success. We raised £243.00 on the evening and sold £79 worth of Christmas cards. Added to which we all had a really good evening. Many thanks to Chris who devised such fiendish questions and to Cath who kept score, and finally to Cameley Lodge who prepared a delicious supper. On a national level, Arthritis Research UK has now joined forces with Arthritis Care to form a combined organisation called 'Versus Arthritis'. The new name can be attached to local issues i.e. Chew Valley Versus Arthritis to identify with local support groups and organisations. We hope that you will be able to support us in future ventures in 2019.

Parish Council Updates

Numerous Publow-with-Pensford residents have signed-up for the Parish Council's free email news and alerts service but it may be timely to issue a reminder to readers about this service, particularly to those new residents who have recently moved into the area.

The Parish Council provides an automated service to alert subscribers when it posts important information on the Parish Council website. Examples of alerts include Parish Council meetings, (agendas and minutes), the electronic version of the Parish Magazine, information on local consultations, surveys, advance notice of local road works, relevant local information from Bath & North East Somerset council etc.

Using this service can save time and avoids having physically to visit the Parish Council website or Noticeboards to keep up to date.

There is a sign-up form on the right-hand sidebar of the Parish Council website: **www.publow-with-pensford-pc.gov.uk/pc**. Subscribing is a two-stage process to prevent fake sign-ups. To subscribe, complete and submit the form. The Parish Council then sends an automated email containing a validation link. To complete the process simply click the validation link. To report difficulties completing this process just send an email to webmaster@publow-with-pensford-pc.gov.uk.

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Pensford Local History Group

On Monday 3 December the Pensford Local History Group is hosting a talk by Ruth Coleman who has been working for the West of England Rural Network on a series of events and collaborations with local communities to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1968 floods that hit the Chew Valley. Many of you will remember the very successful Pensford and Woollard events in July that Ruth helped to organise.

Steve Haines will show the film that he has made about the 1968 floods as a lasting record. Steve said "*The film is about the 1968 flood through the Chew Valley, through the people who lived in Chew Stoke, Chew Magna, Pensford, Publow and Keynsham. It will be in words, photographs and cine.*"

This evening event will be held in the Memorial Hall between 7.30 - 9.00. Entry is £3.50 for visitors and 50p for Local History Group members, which includes refreshments. Copies of the newly published book recording first hand accounts of the floods in Pensford, Publow and Woollard, will be available to buy - a perfect Christmas present for friends and family!

The topic of the November meeting could not have been more timely - Leigh Coomber and Chris James gave an excellent talk about the seven servicemen of Pensford and Publow who were killed in the First War and who's names are recorded on the war memorial. Leigh and Chris first gave the talk in 2015 but continued their research. So this month's talk included new material and the news that their research led them to identify an eighth local man, Frederick Smith, who was killed but not commemorated - approval has been given for his name to be added to the memorial. Thank you Leigh and Chris.

We Remember It Well

Back in the summer, several events were held commemorating the Great Flood, when the River Chew swept through the valley, causing so much devastation and havoc. As part of these events, stories and pictures were collected for exhibitions throughout the Chew Valley including Woollard and Pensford. Several contributors suggested these stories be brought together into a book, as most of the hard work had been done actually gathering them all. So, a small group was formed to collate and preserve all the memories. Beautifully produced, with pictures from 1968 as well as today, linking over 30 stories with poems and letters from residents of Pensford, Publow and Woollard. ***"We Remember It Well: Stories of the Great Flood of 1968 in Pensford, Publow and Woollard,"*** will be available for sale at £5 per copy at Pensford Post Office and The Miners' Coffee Shop in Pensford, and will be promoted further at the Church Christmas Market, on Saturday 1st December in All Saints' Church in Publow, BS39 4HP. (10am until 2pm). Further information can be obtained by ringing Julie on 01761 490884, or emailing her at julie.baber@yahoo.co.uk

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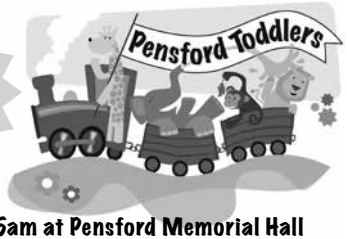

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Pensford Primary School

A message from Mr Barton

Welcome back to Term 2. Already there is the faint sound of bells in the background as we begin preparations for our Christmas performance in Publow church. This year we will be performing, "It's a Party", a children's nativity play in which a group of angels invite various characters to a very special party! The whole school will be involved, with younger children playing the character parts and some older ones helping to narrate the story and everyone joining in with the singing. Key Stage 2 children will also perform some additional songs with their classes too.

Meanwhile we have had a visit from a British high jumper, Robert Mitchell, to carry out a sponsored circuit workout with all the children.

Kingfisher Class

We have had an assessment week this week where the class have carried out various practice papers, where they have all tried their hardest and should be proud of themselves. To end the week, the class went to Forest School and had a lot of fun dissecting a lamb's heart, looking at all the different parts of a heart and completing an obstacles course to see the effect of exercise on the heart rate.

Otter Class

This week we have really enjoyed reading more of ***'The Polar Bears Explorers' Club'*** and using the book for inspiration, everyone wrote their own Explorers' Club rules to follow, whilst we explore the rest of the book. We headed off to Forest School and had a great time. The main focus was how to keep warm in cold climates. So, the children had to make their own person using natural materials. They then went on a scavenger hunt to find clothes to keep their person warm. Afterwards we discussed how exercise keeps you warm and took part in an obstacle course to see how it warmed them up. Finally, everyone sat down to have a delicious hot chocolate (another way to warm up!)

Dragonfly Class

This week we have continued to learn about the Great Fire of London and have written our own diary entries (just like Samuel Pepys). We thought about what it would have been like to be in London in 1666 when the city was ablaze, and have written some great descriptions of what we would have seen, heard, smelled and how we would have felt.

Ducklings Class

The children have been learning the Gingerbread Man story in class and can already retell half of it. We have been learning this through the making of a story-map and giving it actions. Many of the children have been so enthralled with the story, they have made their own story maps to take home!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

You can view this newsletter and any previous versions online at:
www.publow-with-pensford-pc.gov.uk

The Arts Society Mendip

4th December

'*Is photography Fine Art?*' is the subject of the talk by Brian Statter. The lecture will be followed by a Christmas Reception and Lunch.

8th January

'*Gilded Glories - the fascinating story of gilded decoration*'. Jo Mabbutt will describe this art form over its 22 centuries, from decorating wood to food and drink.

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Guests Welcome. Contact 01934 862435.

Chew Valley U3A

Monday 17th December

Commencing at 10am for refreshments before the meeting at 10.30 am at Ubley Village Hall. There will be a recital by the Recorder group and a quiz followed by a Christmas drink and nibbles. The usual meeting fee of £1 for members or £2.50 for visitors will apply.

Monday 21st January 2019

Chew Valley U3A will be holding their monthly coffee morning at Ubley Village Hall. Refreshments will be available from 10 am and the meeting will commence at 10.30am with a talk by Debbie Birtwhistle who is the Fundraising Officer for the Air Ambulance. A meeting fee of £1 for members and £2.50 for visitors will apply.

Family Bingo Night at Chew Valley School Society

Thursday 6th December

Feeling lucky? Come and have some fun playing bingo and winning prizes!

The doors to the school hall open at 6.30pm, there is no admission charge and no need to pre-book as all bingo cards will be sold on the door.

There will be many prizes won throughout the evening and all game winners will receive fabulous luxury festive hampers. Refreshments will be sold and there are more chances to win fantastic prizes in our raffle.

This year we are raising funds for a SEN reading scheme, School Counsellor, Easter GCSE revision course, improving behaviour rewards and microscopes.

What's On Outside The Benefice

Gadget Busters

Wednesday 12th December

Gadget Busters is based at the Rural Network Hub at the Children's Centre next to Chew Valley School and takes place every 2 weeks on alternate Wednesdays 9:45-11:45am, £3 per Gadget Busters session.

Get help with your laptop, iPad, tablet, phone or camera. Drop into our friendly and informal group to talk to one of our volunteers.

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Awake the Voice

Sunday 9th December 7:45pm

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Tickets £12 (£6 u18s and students) available from **www.cliftonfestival.com** or on the door.

Chew Valley Wildlife Group

Thursday 24th January 2019

CHINA - Birds, Wildlife, Conservation in Chew Magna Old School Room, 7.45pm. Admission £2.50. Illustrated talk by John Aldridge & Andy Davis.

This is an illustrated talk on the birds and other wildlife seen on a two-week trip, to the Chinese coastal area east of the capital Beijing, in late April - early May, 2017. This part of China is on the East Asian Flyway, an important refuelling area for wading and song birds on their way north to their Siberian breeding grounds at this time of year. The talk will also touch upon other wildlife seen during the trip and "our" take on Chinese conservation.

Saturday 12th January 2019

Fund Raising Jumble Sale for Avon Wildlife Trust

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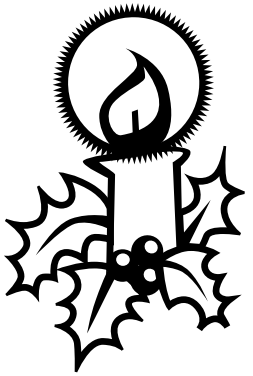

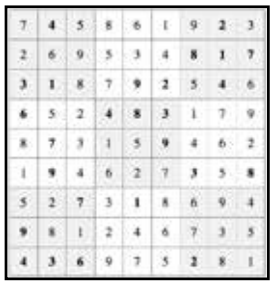

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