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Thank you to every one of the thirty two families who hold a box in their home and contribute their spare change throughout the year. If anyone else would like to join this group please do get in touch. During 2014, over 2,700 children were identified as needing protection from sexual abuse, so any increase in our contributions will be gratefully received by the Children's Society. I look forward to hearing from you. **Judith Hillman 01761 490324**

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Churches working together

The future of our buildings

During Lent, Canon John led three very stimulating discussions in the three parishes in the Benefice, on the subject of the future of our churches. Attending were regular churchgoers, together with those who attend less often or never. Total attendance was over 70, so a good cross-section of our village populations.

The three buildings are hugely valued as historic places at the heart of our communities. There was a general feeling that they must be maintained at all costs. Fortunately, all are in good physical condition at present and finances are in reasonable shape, albeit without substantial reserves to deal with an emergency such as has befallen some local churches recently, with roofs falling in (Dundry) and bells falling down (Kilmersdon). The buildings are widely used for major local and family occasions – weddings, funerals, baptisms, harvest festivals, Christmas and Easter. There is a feeling that they could be used even more but not in an inappropriate manner nor at the expense of the village halls.

Any church community is, of course, about much more than its building – indeed Jesus managed very well indeed without any buildings at all. Worship must be at the heart of the churches' activities. The meetings heard that we may be fortunate enough for the next Rector to be

given more theoretical working hours than our recent Rectors - although it is hard to see how much more could reasonably have been expected of Rev. Geoff Calway and Canon John Simpson. There is though always a never-ending demand both to give support to the community and to sustain the life of our three churches. One approach to consider is to find ways of introducing lay ministry in order to maintain a regular pattern of frequent services in all three churches.

Further, all wish to maintain and even increase the already good work with children. Contact with the increasing numbers of older people in our villages is vital church work too. In order to make best use of time, and to better coordinate all that goes on within our Benefice, the churchwardens are looking at ways of reducing administrative burdens on both Rector and volunteers and perhaps to find central funding for a Benefice administrator.

The wardens of all three parishes are working on a new "Benefice Profile" which is effectively a prospectus for our next Rector. This profile will seek to address all the above matters and it will be discussed in detail at a meeting to be held at **Compton Dando village hall** on Wednesday, 13th May at 7.30pm to which all are invited.

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The courts will certainly be finished in time for our Start of Season Event on Sunday 3 May at 11am. Non-members are more than welcome to come along and try out our new courts. If you have never played before this is an ideal time to find out if tennis is the sport for you - come along and have a go - racquets will be provided. We are even putting on some food!

One of the perks of being a member of Pensford Tennis Club is that you qualify for entry into the Club's Wimbledon ticket

draw. Each year the Club is allocated several pairs of tickets. To take part in the draw all you need to do is join our Club by completing the membership form which can be found on our website - remember you need to be in it to win it!

Our Coaching sessions are held Tues:
3:30 - 5:00 Pensford After School Tennis Club (Note: Any child under 11 can sign-up)

5:00 - 5:45 Cardio Teens / Juniors 11 - 16

5:45 - 6:30 Under 14's

6:30 - 7:30 Adult Beginners / Improvers

7:30 - 8:30 Adult Cardio Tennis

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For further information on coaching phone or email Peter Coniglio on 07724 831290 /email Alison@tennislessonstoday.com or phone Dan Church on 07738 081652. www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk

Chew Valley Gardening Society News

At our April meeting Sally Gregson gave us a very informative and interesting talk, on the history of Cottage Gardens, covering the period from around 1500 to date.

In the 16th Century farmland belonged to the local lord, the landowner, and went up to the cottage doors, so there were no gardens, but there were lots of herbs, both medicinal and culinary, and fruit which people could harvest from the countryside. By the 18th Century, some enlightened landowners had introduced the concept of vegetable competitions or shows to

encourage their tenants to grow vegetables in the gardens which they were now providing with the cottages. It was at this point that people started to grow flowers as well as vegetables.

Subsequently, the cottage garden concept was also used in some of the great houses and by well-known gardeners like Vita Sackville West at Sissinghurst and Christopher Lloyd at Great Dixter. We wait with interest to see how the cottage garden concept will develop in the 21st-century.



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SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Pensford Primary School

To recognize National Science week, all the children participated in science related activities all week, including specialist workshops; they learnt facts by having a great deal of fun too. Kingfisher class have been immersing themselves in all things Roman, culminating in a day of 3-D

model making. We now have in our hall a hypocaust, an aqueduct, a Roman road, Hadrian's wall and a Roman villa. They even visited the Roman Baths while Otter class spent the day at Redwood Outdoor Activity Centre and Dragonfly class at Bristol Zoo. **Lorna McIsaac Headteacher**

Pensford & Stanton Drew Preschool

Easter is always a really fun time at the preschool. The children spent a lovely morning baking Easter biscuits and then putting them into the Easter baskets that they had made earlier. In the afternoon the children explored the outdoor area and went on an Easter egg hunt. They had great fun counting out the eggs and putting them into their baskets. A new fence was being

put up at the outdoor area and the children were able to sit on a tractor which was a great success. An open day is being held at the preschool on the 14 May 10.30am to 12.00pm. It is an opportunity for potential parents to come along and see what we do and to buy some of our delicious cakes. All are welcome so please come and support us!



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- Sun 3rd Sung Eucharist, *All Saints' Publow*, 9.30am
 Family Bike Ride to Chew Valley Lake, *Compton Dando Millennium Green*, 9.30am
 Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 11.15am
- Sat 9th Avon and Somerset Constabulary Male Voice Choir, *All Saints' Church Publow*, 7.30pm
- Sun 10th Holy Communion, *St. Leonard's Chelwood*, 8.00am
 Sung Eucharist, *All Saints' Publow*, 9.30am
 Evensong, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 6.00pm
- Sun 10th - 16th - Christian Aid Week**
- Mon 11th W.I. Meeting, *Pensford Memorial Hall*, 7.30pm
- Thurs 14th Mothers' Union, *Church Room*, 2.15pm
 Pensford Evergreens 7pm - 9pm *Memorial Hall*, FJ Duo
- Sun 17th Sung Eucharist, *All Saints' Publow*, 9.30am
 Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 11.15am
- Mon 18th Tea Time Madness, *Pensford Primary School*, 3.15 - 4.45pm
- Tues 19th Community Assoc Coffee Morning *Compton Dando Parish Hall* 10.30am
- Thurs 21st Pensford Evergreens 7pm - 9pm *Memorial Hall*, Somer Valley Singers
- Fri 22nd Neighbourhood Plan Open Meeting, 2pm - 7pm
- Sat 23rd Neighbourhood Plan Open Meeting, 11am - 3pm
- Sun 24th Holy Communion, *St. Leonard's Chelwood*, 9.30am
 Holy Communion, *St. Mary's Compton Dando*, 11.15am
 Evensong, *All Saints' Publow*, 6.00pm
- Thurs 28th Pensford Evergreens 7pm - 9pm *Memorial Hall*, Melksham Pearlies
- Sun 31st Benefice Eucharist, *St. Leonard's Chelwood*, 10.00am
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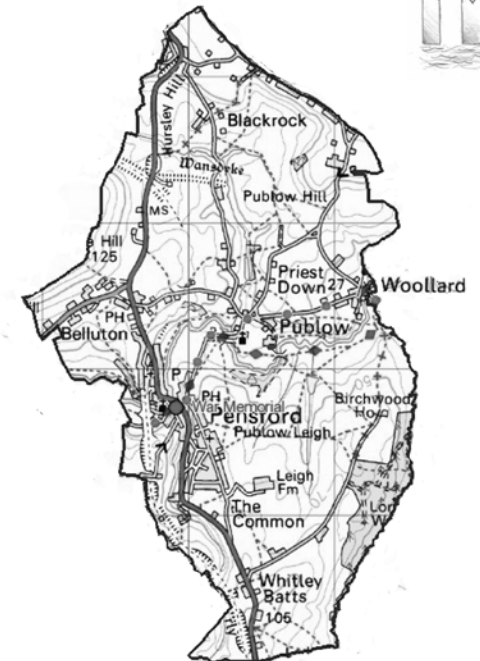
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In March, Pam Hitchins gave us an excellent talk on prayer, which we felt to be an appropriate subject for Lent. Our April meeting was just after Easter so we decided to meet informally. We spent a while discussing marriage, and then enjoyed looking at each other's wedding photos. On 14th May, we have invited Julie Bragg, the Clark to the Parish Council, to come and talk about her work with the council and as a Village Agent. As always, visitors are very welcome to come to our meetings. **Anne H**

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Chew Valley Monday Club

It has been a busy month. Some of our volunteers attended a first aid course which was organised by the Village Agents and run by the Red Cross. Everyone including those who already had some first aid training agreed that the course was very useful and informative. At our March committee meeting, and following consultation with our members, we agreed on our outings for this summer.

They will be: 18th May - Weston- Super - Mare, 29th June - Bristol Zoo, 14th Sept. - Longleat

Also the Avon Wildlife Trust have very kindly invited us to visit Folly Farm on the afternoon of the 8th of June.

We continue to offer our members a full programme of afternoon entertainment and we have recently enjoyed playing Indoor Boules, Singing with Pam Jeffrey, Musical Entertainment with Geoffrey Peglar and Down Memory Lane with Gill Lewis.

Future events include Annie's Exercises, Animals I Have Rescued by Sally Taylor, A Talk by Avon Wildlife Trust and How to make a Hanging Basket by Pat Howland.

The Monday Club is a fun and friendly place, which they would be lost without. We always welcome new members, so don't be shy - come and join us. We meet every Monday excluding Bank Holidays. If you would like to know more please contact Eileen on 01275 331325 or Wendy on 01275 333063.

We are in need of more volunteers so if you can help in anyway, just one Monday a month, we would be especially pleased to hear from you.

Arthritis Research UK

The Chew Valley Branch held a quiz at Cameley Lodge on Friday 20th March in which 13 teams took part in a keenly contested competition. The excellent sum of £300 was raised and as usual there were very few points separating the top teams. "Final Answer" scraped through to win at the end, partly because one of their team was an absolute fountain of knowledge on identifying the photographs of current politicians! He scored nineteen out of twenty. I think the writer of this article would have scored one! Our thanks go to Chris, who as usual, organized a very enjoyable set of testing questions, and to Cameley Lodge for providing the venue and a delicious supper.

The second hand book sale is on hold at the moment as New Manor Farm is renovating the barn. There will be further news on this event later in the year.

On Saturday May 9th there will be a Spring Concert given by the Hall Singers in Chew Stoke Church Hall. Doors will open at 7pm and the concert will begin at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 each to include tea, coffee and nibbles. Ring Cynthia on 01275 333019 or Jean on 01275 332686 to order yours.

Finally, advance notice of our summer Coffee Morning in Bishop Sutton. On Wednesday, 1st July Liz Balmforth will, once again be hosting our Coffee Morning. Please join us for a cup of coffee between 10.30am and 12.30pm on the 1st July at her house in Ham Lane. Admission £1.00. Raffle, cakes, bric-a-brac, books and plants.

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Parish Liaison Meeting was attended on 25th February: A Presentation took place on the Implementation of the Care Act 2014. April 2015 sees new legal changes. April 2016 new funding changes. Local Development framework: Placemaking Plan: Consultation options closed end of January. Draft will be prepared for consideration banes cabinet Sept 2015 and then submission for examination.

Housing development boundaries review deadline was 27th Feb

Designation of local green Spaces: The government gave the opportunity for green spaces with special community importance to qualify for a new protection status.

Community infrastructure Levy: A tax on development comes into being 6 April. Any decisions thereafter or approved thereafter will be CIL liable.

B&NES budget 2015/6 approved. No Council Tax increase. Funds received from government reduced but cost reductions made... number of offices reduced, improved IT, saving heating costs new Keynsham offices'

Briefing note performance Planning delegation Scheme Statistics were given on decisions made at officer level.

Provision of improved broadband: 2/3 villages in B&NES are not covered by superfast broadband. A Map of B&NES was circulated showing broadband coverage given. In order to get traffic off road and get people homeworking agreed that improved broadband is needed in rural areas. Parishes requested a ½ day seminar in summer to

get more information. It was agreed to take this to cabinet member for a date.

Parish Sweeper: A review of the parish sweeper scheme will be undertaken.

Energy at Home: There will be a new energy at home advice service... how to use less energy & obtain grants.

St Thomas a Becket Churchyard: The Parish Council had received notice from the Parochial Church Council that it was their intention to transfer maintenance obligation to the Parish Council. The Parish Council proposed to resolve not to take on the Maintenance Obligation, therefore the Town Council must take over the maintenance of the Churchyard. The Parish Council have three months in which to give written notice of their resolution to the Town Council and the PCC.

Neighbourhood Planning Workshop: A Neighbourhood Planning Workshop had been attended by three members of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee.

Neighbourhood Planning Update: New Funding is now being released for Neighbourhood Planning. The Dates for the Open Meetings are Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd May. Display boards will be on show at the Open Meetings. It is hoped to display Pensford as it was, Pensford as it is now, then have a section for Members of the Public to add Pensford "What they would like to see".

The Neighbourhood Planning Committee are looking at a Prize Draw Incentive for the return of questionnaires. Sources of Renewable Energy were discussed.

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Bench for Acker Bilk: The Family of the late Acker Bilk support the Parish Council's suggestion of a Bench in his memory. It was agreed that it could be placed next to the Lock Up and maybe re-locate the iron bench elsewhere in the Parish, maybe the Memorial Hall.

Mrs Cains is progressing the idea of new signs for the Village. Contact has been made with Caroline Roberts, Cabinet Member for Transport who has been involved with new signs for Farrington Gurney as part of a project to 'de-clutter' the A37, reducing unnecessary signage and replacing damaged signs, focusing on A37 from Farrington Gurney to Whitchurch.

Allotments & Footpaths: A meeting had taken place with the Footpaths Officer on the Allotment Site. He will tidy the pathways and trim where necessary to keep the overgrowth down. A meeting between the Footpaths Officer and Public Rights Of Way Inspector from B&NES had taken place. Ringspit Lane issues had been looked at.

A letter was received from an allotment tenant who said that he was delighted to see the vacant plots next to his and the path along the bottom of the allotments had been trimmed.

Pensford Tennis Club: A meeting was held on 17th March 2015. Costs for resurfacing were discussed and a figure of approximately £14,000 to have both courts re-surfaced was discussed. An application of £3,000 has been made to the Community Trust to help with resurfacing

one court and refurbishing another. Tennis Coaching has started now. The After School Club is well attended.

Redundant Bus Shelter: Matter still ongoing. One local builder has shown an interest in carrying out the works. Notification awaited from B&NES in relation possibly closing the footpath whilst works are undertaken.

Gritting: Woollard had been missed off of the gritting route recently. This was reported to Council Connect.

Transportation & Highways: A meeting will take place with Highways to discuss parking & Speeding problems around the Parish.

Speeding: In relation to concerns regarding speeding Clerk has written to B&NES Mr Tom Hayward challenging the Capital Schemes Programme Rural 20mph Speed Limit Programme.

War Memorial in Church Street: Cars and vans are reported to still park up tight to the wall around this monument. This will be discussed during the meeting with B&NES representative.

Highways: Pot holes in Church Street have been reported to Council Connect.

Your Care Your Way: Extra Leaflets have been requested. Further to this an invitation has been received from the Village Agents to a consultation event, Introducing "Your Care, Your Way".

Sign damaged by Hedgecutter: Damaged signs by Church Farm have been reported to Council Connect.

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Birchwood Lane Sign: Council Connect have been informed that this sign is in need of repair.

Woollard Lane: A sign was damaged by the Hedgecutter, Clerk has reported this to Council Connect and asked for a replacement.

Pavement from Garage to Whitley Batts: This has been reported to Council Connect and Highways Inspector. Clerk has asked for all overgrown vegetation to be dealt with and for a litter pick to be undertaken. Also the condition of the footpath in places requires attention.

Rotary of Chelwood Bridge Community Award: The Parish Council's nomination for this award has been sent. The closing date for nominations is the end of March. The Rotary described our nomination as "very Worthy"...

Date of next Meeting:
Monday 11th May. This will be the Annual Meeting followed by Monthly Parish Council Meeting.

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01225 477000

Benefice Mother's Union
Enrol. Member - Anne Hall 01761 490653

Bristol Airport (Noise Concerns)
01275 473799

Chelwood Parish Council
Chairman - Mr P Sherborne 01761 490586

Chelwood Village Hall
Bookings - Mr Pat Harrison 01761 490218

Chew Valley Gardening Society
Liz Heaford 01761 490271

Compton Dando CA
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Chairman - Ms T Mitchell 01179 860791
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Compton Dando Parish Hall
Bookings - Mrs Fox 01761 490955

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Pensford Evergreens
Robert Bailey 01761 490639

Pensford Football
Steve Harrison 07891 635661

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Pensford Gospel Hall
Roy Hill 01275 332475

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Rachael Dando 01761 490663

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Penny Cross 01275 333823

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Therese Tyson 01761 490670

Pensford Memorial Hall
Chairman - Peter Moore
Bookings - 0779 5535850 or email
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Pensford Neighbourhood Watch
Coordinator - Chris James 01761 490392

Pensford School
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01761 490470
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Pensford Tennis Club
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Police Community Support Officers
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