

Dear Friends,

This is the magazine issue which covers two months, the summer months, the warm sunny months - the time when many people have their holidays and the time when the children are not in school.

For Churches, this is the time for weddings and garden fetes, for flower festivals and outdoor services. The sun brings out the smiles, the good times, but it also means the grass has to be cut and the weeds seem to grow twice as fast as normal!

However in some parts of the world the sun does not bring on smiles rather fear and uncertainty. Last month's magazine reminded us of the humanitarian disasters in China and Burma. There are still problems in so many parts of Africa. Our Armed forces are suffering casualties in Afghanistan and Iraq. So many places are coping with the suffering of their people.

Please think of others this summer as you go about your lives in relative safety. When you hear a siren on the main road, remember that the police or the ambulance or the fire engine are going to help people in need. Both officers and the potential victims need your prayers and your support. When you read in the papers or see on the television accounts of others in need, the least we can do is offer up a little prayer for them.

I hope you enjoy the next few months. I will be interested to hear about the Churches you might visit where ever you are on holiday, in this country and abroad.

May God be with you all

Clive R Murrie

Calling all Singers

Chew Valley Choral Society would like to hear from any singers in the area who would like to join us in September – whether soprano, alto, tenor or bass. We do not require auditions, but some choral experience is helpful, as is the ability to read music.

ABOUT US - We were formed in 1976 and meet weekly in Chew Stoke Church Hall for rehearsals leading to two concerts each year, usually in Chew Magna and Blagdon Churches. Our music director is David Bednall, formerly with Wells Cathedral but now based in Bristol, where he is furthering a highly successful career as both performer and composer.

We sing a full repertoire of sacred music and have performed major works by Mozart, Handel, Bach, Fauré, Vivaldi, Haydn, Britten and many others. Our next term starts on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm but in the meantime please get in touch if you would like to express an interest or just to find out more.

Please phone Helen on 01275 333014.

Floods of 1968 remembered

It will be the fortieth anniversary of the great flood of 10th July 1968 which so badly affected the parish. There will be an exhibition portraying these events, organised by the Keynsham @ Saltford Local History Society at the Fear Hall, High Street, Keynsham, Saturday 5th July, 10.00am - 4.00pm. There will be slide, video and tape recording presentations. Tea and coffee will be available.

There is also information and pictures of the flood on our local web site, just follow the instructions to the correct page.

www.publow-with-pensford.pc.gov.uk

Pensford Tennis Club

Despite the awful weather we have been experiencing, we have been playing a lot on the courts – a good way to keep the moss down!

COACHING for Adults and children – we have two very nice qualified club coaches and you don't have to be a club member to use their services. If you would like coaching please contact Ron Grew (for adults) on 01761 472234 or Matt Thompson (for children) on 01275 891515

Club play is held on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm and Sunday mornings at 11am to 1.00pm. If you would like to come to play with a view to joining, just come along at these times. Please have a look at our website for details of fees and playing times. - www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk

Pensford Memorial Hall 100 + Draw May & June 08

£75 - B. Batt	£25 - G. Jones
£20 - S. Dark	£15 - J. Harding
£10 - P. Saunders	£ 5 - J. Beedell

£75 - A. Ford	£25 - L. Quinn
£20 - R. Stenner	£15 - S. Kelly
£10 - S. King	£ 5 - J. Bamford

Chew Magna Gardening Society

The next meeting of the Chew Valley Gardening club will be on the 10th July at 8.00pm at the Old School Room. Our speaker for the evening will be Eve Hessey who will be speaking on "Gertrude Jekell and her contribution to garden design". Eve Hessey came to the club last year and gave us an informative talk on potagers so we welcome a return visit.

From the Parish Register of All Saints', Publow

Interment of Ashes

13th June Rebecca (Betty) FILER

Weddings

17th May Jessica STRATTON to William Twiston DAVIS

14th June Carlie RAWINS to Marc GRIFFITHS

Baptism

18th May Benjamin Thomas BROWN

Chelwood Lucky Draw May 08

£15 - S&C Meale £10 - P. Jones
£5 - A&P Harrison £2 - D. Ross

1st Pensford Guides

We would like to send thanks to everyone who helped and supported us with our coffee morning on Saturday 14th June. We raised £206.62. This will be used to pay for the repair of the shed doors. Thank you again. Guides always welcome new recruits. Please contact Rachael or Jacky Dando

Garden Coffee Morning for ARC

Peter Handley is holding a Coffee Morning in his delightful garden at Wayside, Wick Road, Bishop Sutton on Wednesday July 16th, 10.30am until 12 midday. This is always a popular village event so why not come along and join us. There is an entrance charge of 50p and as usual, home made goodies will be on sale, there will be a Bring and Buy and a raffle with splendid prizes. All the proceeds go to the ARC (Arthritis Research Campaign) to help fight this group of painful diseases which are so common in people of all ages. Do come enjoy the morning and support this good cause.

Parish Walk

We are hoping to have a Parish Walk, Tuesday 29th July. Starting 9.30am. The walk will be about 7 miles there and back, dogs welcome, brollys and wellingtons also! Please contact Mervyn for further details before Monday 21st July. Tel: 01761 471618

Pensford Toddler Group would like to thank everyone who donated jumble to the Bag2school collection on 15th May. With your help we managed to raise £105. We are planning another collection in November so keep us in mind if you're thinking of having a "clear out"!

Christian Aid

The majority of the Christian Aid envelopes have been collected from around the Benefice and the total of those donations came to £1050.72, which with the benefit of Gift Aid will rise to £1216.28.

Your donations will go to wherever the need is greatest, regardless of the faith of the people involved. With so many natural disasters and such poverty in the world your generosity will be truly appreciated. Special thanks must go to the magazine distributors for their help, and to everyone who collected and contributed towards this grand result.

Jackie Young

Internet safety

Like it or not, the internet is part of the fabric of our society, influencing much of our daily lives and interactions, particularly for young people. But there are dangers in the virtual world as well as the real one and adults need to tread the difficult path of celebrating what the internet can offer, whilst protecting young people's physical, mental, emotional and spiritual safety.

Staying Safe Online is an easy to read booklet which addresses some of the key issues around helping young people stay safe online. It explores what the dangers are, how young people use the internet, what safeguards can be put in place – and how to respond if and when inappropriate use of the internet does take place. It costs £2.95 and is available from the Resource Centre on 01749 685129 or email resourcecentre@bathwells.anglican.org

"For most people, religion comes under the same category as stamp collecting or Latin American dancing. It is what some people choose to do with their spare time. And, in the same way that not exactly everyone goes for train spotting, not exactly everyone goes for religion. If you do, then we are, on the whole, happy for you. Personally, we can't see the attraction. But then (we find ourselves saying) "I am not the religious type." Fair enough, you might think.

But imagine this. You and I are walking across the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol, admiring the Avon Gorge and peering down at the muddy old river some eighty metres below. After a while, we decide to head down to the towpath. While you make your way back along the bridge, I stay out in the middle and begin to clamber over the railings. I am just about to step off into thin air when you see what I am up to and yell out, "Mike, what are you doing!"

"Well, we wanted to get to the riverbank, so

I thought it would be quicker to climb down straight from here," I explain in a matter of fact sort of way. "But, Mike, you'll drop straight down into the river. You'll kill yourself!" "No, not me," I reply. "You see, I'm not the gravity type." "Well, what would you say to that? I take it that you'd tell me in no uncertain terms that, when it came to gravity, my "type" was irrelevant. You'd tell me that gravity was not just an idea that people found helpful. Gravity was a reality that everyone in the world needed to reckon with. At least, that's what I hope you'd say.

Our culture has left us with a view of the world in which we would be seriously concerned about the mental well-being of anyone we met who said they were "not the gravity type", but if we met someone who said they were "not the religious type" we would barely raise an eyebrow. We have been brought up to believe in two separate worlds. On the one hand, there is the "physical world", in which we can publically agree that it is, for example, dangerous to step off suspension bridges. On the other hand, there is what we might call the "spiritual world", which we regard as being essentially private."

In his book Real Life Jesus, Mike Cain goes on to argue that the type of person we are is irrelevant. Like gravity, Jesus Christ is a reality that everyone needs to reckon with. His book starts with forty pilot whales stranded on Darlington Beach, Tasmania. It's a down-to-earth, riveting read. If you'd like to borrow it, or you know someone who would, please contact the Resource Centre in Wells.

Phone: 01749 685129, or email: resourcecentre@bathwells.anglican.org.

Lady Farm Garden - Chelwood Open Day

Sunday 3rd August 2.00 - 6.00pm

A rare opportunity to visit this
picturesque private garden
this summer

**Home-made cakes and tea
Tombola**

CHURCH MARKET

CHURCH ROOM - PENSFORD

**Saturday 5th July
10.00am – 11.30am**

HOME BAKING

Stall in aid of Arthritis Research

BOOKS

Proceeds towards Church Funds

Admission 50p to include coffee and biscuit

Market Report – June

A magnificent total of £223.20 was raised for church funds at the market on 7th June. A further supply of plants from Mr Rugman enticed many people to stop and buy and to explore the delights of the home baking stall. Samantha had a range of Bodyshop products for us to sample and added a generous contribution to the total raised.

A very enjoyable time was had and grateful thanks are expressed to all those who baked, sold and bought. July's will be on the 5th and we look forward to welcoming everyone for more home baking, books to browse through and items to buy from the Arthritis Research stall.

PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD MU

Our meeting on 12th June was a very pleasant afternoon for all of us. Following our notices, updates and future arrangements for the next meeting, our usual service was held and then we began our afternoon of entertaining each other. The theme was "Something old to tell a story about". Some delightful objects were brought and we were shown a beautiful bible from the Holy Land, it's covers made from olive wood so smooth and polished, also a New Testament from there with covers made from Mother of Pearl, these were brought by Sheila Rice. Diana brought a very simple treasured item from an Irish Catholic Church. It was a 'Mary Pendant' bearing the figure of The Virgin Mary and accompanied by a leaflet of prose and prayers, really lovely and charming. Photographs of a very overgrown plot and quite a run down cottage were shown by Ann Hall, taken when they first moved into 116 The Common. What an undertaking!! Lots of work, both outside and inside. Several treasures were discovered during

the renovations, two being very old toys, a sailing boat once owned by two Edwardian small boys and a 1914 – 18 type toy army car complete with soldier driver. What tales they could tell.

Helen told of her early days with MU with Phil and Betty and she read a lovely poem given to her by them at a by-gone birthday. A book she treasures very much now. Mary Thomas brought two dozen of the knitted dolls she makes for the children of Naji Safi School in Kenya, accompanies with photographs of the children receiving her pervious made dolls and taken to them by Bobbie and Ken Williams, who visit them regularly. A colourful spectacle, very new, NOT following the "Something Old Theme" but they created a lot of interest.

In all, with delicious refreshments, by Margaret and Sheila we had a great afternoon enjoyed by everyone.

We shall not meet in the Church Rooms again until 11th September, when new members will be most welcome. Do come along.

Mary Thomas

PENSFORD BEER FESTIVAL

18th & 19th JULY 2008

Friday Night with Jazz : Saturday Lunch

Saturday Night with Irish Music

**Up to 30 Beers + Lagers
and local Ciders**

Normal Bar & Food available

Admission by Ticket Only

www.pensfordbeerfestival.co.uk for details

July/August 08

Wed	2	Publow Church PCC Meeting. Church Rooms. 7.30pm Mobile Library Route M
Thur	3	Pensford Evergreen Club - Talk by Peter Davey "To Knowle by Train." Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50 inc tea & biscuits Keynsham Film works - Cabaret
Sat	5	Publow Church Market, Church Rooms. 10.00am - 11.30pm Floods of 68 remembered. Fear Hall, Keynsham. 10.00am - 4.00pm Compton Dando Village Fete. 2.00pm
Sun	6	Afternoon Tea, All Saints Church, Publow. 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Thur	10	MU outing to Ammerdown Chew Magna Garden Society. Old School Rooms. 8.00pm Pensford Evergreen Club - Katie Robson "Variety, musicals & sing-a-long." Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50 inc tea & biscuits
Sun	13	Sunday School Picnic - Publow Church 3.00pm Afternoon Tea, All Saints Church, Publow. 2.00pm - 4.00pm Parish Council Meeting. Compton Dando Parish Hall - 8.00pm
Tue	15	ARC Coffee Morning at Wayside, Bishop Sutton. 10.30am - 12noon
Wed	16	ARC Coffee Morning at Wayside, Bishop Sutton. 10.30am - 12noon Mobile Library Route M
Thur	17	Pensford Evergreen Club - Three's Company "Music & Fun." Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50 inc tea & biscuits Compton Dando CA Meeting. Village Hall - 7.30pm
Fri	18	Pensford Beer Festival, Memorial Hall
Sat	19	Pensford Beer Festival, Memorial Hall
Sun	20	Afternoon Tea, All Saints Church, Publow. 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Thur	24	Pensford Evergreen Club - Midsomer Norton & Radstock Silver Band. Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50 inc tea & biscuits
Sun	27	Afternoon Tea, All Saints Church, Publow. 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Tue	29	Parish Walk. 9.30am
Wed	30	Mobile Library Route M
Thur	31	Pensford Evergreen Club - Withywood Performing Arts. "Local Radio's Whistler & Squeeze-box Star!!" Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50 inc tea & biscuits
Sun	3	Lady Farm Open Day 2.00pm - 6.00pm Afternoon Tea, All Saints Church, Publow. 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Sun	10	Publow Church Fete and Open Garden - The Old Vicarage. 2.00pm - 5.00pm Afternoon Tea, All Saints Church, Publow. 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wed	13	Mobile Library Route M
Thur	14	MU Tea Party at the Rectory
Sat	16	Chelwood Flower Show 3.00pm, Auction of products 8.00pm
Sun	17	Afternoon Tea, All Saints Church, Publow. 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Tue	19	Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall - 8.00pm
Thur	21	Compton Dando CA Meeting. Village Hall - 7.30pm
Sun	24	Afternoon Tea, All Saints Church, Publow. 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wed	27	Mobile Library Route M
Thur	28	Beetle Drive and Sausage Sizzle. Pensford Memorial Hall - 6.00pm
Sun	31	Afternoon Tea, All Saints Church, Publow. 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Web Site: www.publow-with-pensford-pc.gov.uk

Five Villages Parish Plan

Have you had your say yet? What are you concerned about? What would you like to see here in the future? Now is your chance to make a difference!

All five villages of our parish (Burnett, Chewton Keynsham, Compton Dando, Queen Charlton and Woollard) have representatives on the Steering Group and you can contact them directly with your views. You can also go to your village meeting or speak to one of the many volunteer helpers who will be contacting people across the community, to try to ensure we include everyone's ideas.

If you live in Compton Dando you can also write your ideas on the form which is available on the website (www.compton-dando.org), in the hall, pub or from the village representatives.

Then over the summer your concerns, ideas and suggestions will be fed into a questionnaire which will be sent out to everyone in the parish in the autumn. This information will provide the Steering Group with the ideas and feedback on which to base the Parish Plan, so it is really important that as many people as possible fill in the questionnaire.

For more information please contact Colin Taylor (Woollard), Dusty Walker (Burnett), Trudie Mitchell (Chewton Keynsham) or phone Elizabeth Brealey (Compton Dando) on 490600.

Compton Dando Village Fete

Come along to enjoy all the fun of our traditional village fete

**Children's Games - tombola - football challenge - skittles
guess the weight of the sheep - bouncy castle - produce stall - cake stall
roll a coin - coconut shy - Olympic Hula Hoop - art exhibition
Olympic Scarecrow competition - helium balloons - coin in the water
tattoos - bric a brac - Olympic novelty cake icing competition
greeting cards - and many more**

There will be a BBQ serving delicious food, with cream teas in the village hall, ice creams and candyfloss. The grand raffle with the main prizes: 2 Thermae Delight Bath Spa tickets, 6 tickets for Bath Racecourse Family Fun and Motor Show day, and lunch for two at Hunstrete House, as well as numerous other prizes.

Compton Dando Community Association www.compton-dando.org