

Dear Friends,

Which day is the first day of the week for you? Monday, the day most people begin working again after the weekend or Sunday, the first working day for me. Perhaps some people may even consider Saturday as the first day of a new week.

We in the Church have this difficulty in a few weeks time. When does Christmas actually begin. Does it begin with the shops and streets being decorated? Does it begin with the multitude of activities in December? When does it begin?

Our Church calendar gives us the season of Advent to prepare for Christmas. Advent Sunday being November 30<sup>th</sup> and the following three Sundays having special themes leading up to Christmas. We use Advent calendars, Advent wreaths, our Churches will use purple on the altar. It is a season a bit like Lent leading up to Easter.

So what can we make of this time of the year? Certainly we cannot ignore all that is going on around us. There will always be carol services, dinners, parties for us to attend from many organisations that will close down over Christmas. In all the fevered activities we need to find a little bit of space for Advent, to prepare for the coming of our Lord. We need to find a little calm before the storm, we need to hear the still small voice speaking to us to prepare us for the message of the angels 'Glory to God in the Highest and peace to his people on earth'.

Try to use Advent as a time of preparation for the festivities to come and then celebrate the Coming of our Lord with all your hearts. Be in your Church where ever that might be and welcome in our Lord, make Christmas special because it is special. Enjoy it for all that it means. Share that joy with others so that when the New Year comes we will be prepared certain in the knowledge that the love of God has come to earth to be with us in all that we do and say.

Rejoice and be glad. May you all have a thoughtful Advent, a joyous Christmas and a holy and blessed New Year.

Clive R Murrie

## From the Parish Register of All Saints', Publow

### Baptism

26<sup>TH</sup> October Zachary Devon TIDCOMBE  
Romola Iris SCHOFIELD  
Jack William BOWN

### Holy Matrimony

18<sup>th</sup> October Karl Neville Binns and Amanda Jane Rummins


### Christian Burial

20<sup>th</sup> October Denys Herbert HUDSON

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

### Baptism

2<sup>nd</sup> November Joshua Harry PRIEST

 Chew Valley U3A holds its monthly meeting on the third Monday of the month at Ubley village hall. Meetings start at 10:30 am. Coffee is served before hand. At the meeting on 15th December Alan Clarke will give an illustrated talk about the Isles of Scilly. U3A is for anyone over 50 who has time to spare during the day. Chew Valley U3A runs over 20 different interest groups and arranges social events and trips to places of interest. Anyone wishing to find out more should contact the Secretary, Christine Evans on 01934 832841.

Following the Pre School's Barn Dance in September we would like to take another opportunity to say a special Thank You to these local companies who supported our Anniversary event.

Vears Limited, R.O.Dando, Kelston Sparkes, Scaffolding by Design, Asda Whitchurch, Morrison Hartcliffe, Sainsburys Ashton. Your kind donations made our event possible. Stanton Drew Pre School



## Pensford Football

Sadly, we had to reduce from two teams to one this season, and many of last year's team are playing three leagues higher than last year.

However, under the guidance of Club Manager Alan Hunt and Team Manager Kevin Brain, we are rebuilding. Training sessions are held at the ground on a Tuesday evening.

If you would like to join the club either as a player or in a Committee capacity, please call Neil Thompson on 0117 9311774 or on 07766 320762.

Alternatively, come along and support!



The coffee morning to raise money for the injured of Iraq and Afghanistan raised the fantastic sum of £700.00. I would like to thank everyone who came, cooked, helped or sent a donation to achieve this worthwhile total to keep the servicemen and women who are giving so much, Thank you. Brenda Stone



Mr Tony Quinn came to our meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November to talk about their trip to Egypt. The Nile and Cairo made a very interesting afternoon with slides to accompany it. The

clear blue skies on the pictures made it very clear that the September temperatures are rather high there.

Cruising from Luxor to Aswan they were taken to see many temples of great historic interest, all very old but one reputed to be 3,000 years old. The shopping Centre looked a hub of activity and of course the herbs and spices shops were much in evidence.

Flying from Aswan to Cairo they had sightseeing tours and visited the nearby Valley of the Kings, Pyramids and Sphinx. There appeared to be a great assortment of wild bird life in some areas and the remarkable piece of engineering in the building of the temple of Karnack was very interesting.

In all a most memorable holiday to mark their Ruby Wedding.

Our Christmas meal together will be 11<sup>th</sup> December. We will meet in the Church Rooms again in the New Year.

A very Happy Christmas to all our readers.



## Caring at Christmas

HELP US – Make a difference to Bristol's homeless. "Our task remains as great as ever." This is the message from The Julian Trust this Christmas.

Practical gifts are needed such as – good warm clothes mostly for men, toiletries, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, towels and new underwear and donations of money, particularly if gift aided are gratefully received. Please could you leave your gifts in your respective churches or phone us, Richard and Ann Hunt 490244 and we will collect. We would like to make our last trip to Little Bishop street on Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you

Graham and family wish to thank all those concerned for their kind support and hard work in connection with the church service, refreshments afterwards at the memorial hall and the bell ringing in the evening. We have received so many compliments for the arrangements from the family and friends present. It was a sad but lovely day in memory of Jill. We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the very kind thoughts and condolences we have received from all of you.

Jill has been the treasurer for the Parish Mag for many years and will be sadly missed by many people. Our wishes and thought go to Graham and family.



"Jumble Sale in aid of The Avon Wildlife Trust - Chew Valley Group. There will be a Jumble & White Elephant sale on Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 in the Old School Room, Chew Magna at 2.00pm.

If you would like to have a clear out before Christmas of books, toys, white elephant and clothes please call 01275 332482"

# Church Market

SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
CHURCH ROOM : PENSFORD

10.00 – 11.30am

HOME BAKING

with a Christmas Theme

BRACE STALL

Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw



Proceeds towards Church Funds

Admission 50p to include coffee and biscuit

## Market Report – November

Despite the cold weather it was good to see so many faces at the November market and a happy time was had by all. Thank you to all who attended and those who baked, bought and sold: between us we raised £117

for Church funds.

Thanks also to Debbie Forge who provided the usual wide range of Traidcraft items. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next market on 6<sup>th</sup> December.



## PENSFORD WITH PUBLOW

Mrs Baber welcomed members to the November meeting. Birthday cards were presented to

two members. Sheila was thanked for the table flowers. Apologies for absence and minutes of the last meeting were dealt with. Correspondence and items from the newsletter were read. A reminder for the skittles match was given. Programmes for the Federation Carol Service were given out. As this was the AGM meeting, Mrs Baber gave her report on the activities of the last year. Linda will be taking over the role as

treasurer for the coming year and a report was sent round. Gwyneth was thanked for acting as treasurer this year, but due to other commitments will be standing down from the committee. Two new members were willing to stand.

Our speaker was Mr Bernard Trapp who gave us an illustrated talk on "China – the Forbidden City and Terracotta Army, etc." which proved to be very interesting with some humorous anecdotes. The competition was 'An article from China' won by Gwyneth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny and 3<sup>rd</sup> Maureen.

The December meeting will be "An enchanted evening of stories, songs and poems" and will be followed by a buffet.

**Remember not every  
one goes to the shops for  
their Christmas Presents**

**Keep your homes safe  
this Christmas**

**CRIMESTOPPERS**  
**0800 555 111**  
Call anonymously with information about crime



### Five Villages Parish Plan – what next?

Most people should have had their questionnaires by now and, we hope, completed and returned them. Thank you to everyone who filled in their form and especially to the many volunteers who gave their time delivering and collecting the questionnaires. What happens next is a lot of sorting and analysing of all the responses to build up a picture of what is important to people in the five villages in our parish. The findings will be made available for everyone to see. Then we can use this information, in consultation with relevant partner bodies and agencies, to both identify things that can be done in the short term to meet people's needs and also to influence local and central government and funders by giving proof of what local people want.

If you have a particular interest in any of the topics raised in the questionnaire please do get in touch. Interest groups will be looking into the most popular topics and everyone is welcome to join in. Please contact Elizabeth Brealey, secretary of the Steering Group, on 490600.

## PANTO 2009

"YEEE HAH"



## TROUBLE AT THE OK CORRAL



ANYBODY INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH CHAOS PRODUCTIONS PANTO?

WE DESPERATELY NEED A COUPLE OF PEOPLE TO HELP WITH LIGHTS AND STAGING

"GO ON YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO"

"OH YES YOU DO"

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL SIMON ON 07880 554078



# PENSFORD MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE PROUDLY PRESENT **BOLD BRASS** CHRISTMAS CONCERT

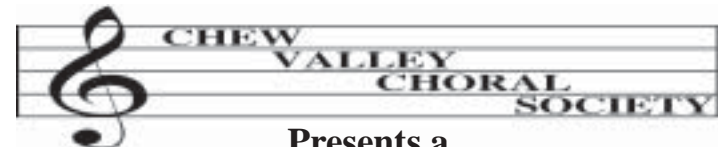
FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2008

7.00 pm.

Admission by Ticket only £11.00 (with 2 course meal inc.)

Wine and soft drinks available (not included in the ticket price)

Tickets available from:- TERRY 490426 : GEOFF 490371



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## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Benjamin Britten *A Ceremony of Carols*  
Vaughan Williams *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*  
and much more beautiful Christmas music

Ian Ball – Organ  
David Bednall – Conductor



St Andrew's Church, Blagdon  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 7.30pm  
Tickets £10 each from choir members  
by telephone 01275 333014, or on the door.

# December 08 / January 09

- Mon 1 Pensford History Group. Church Rooms. 8.00pm  
 Thur 4 Advent Group 7.30pm Woollard Place  
 Sat 6 Publow Church Christmas Market. Church Room. 10.00am - 11.30am  
 Chew Valley Choral Society - Christmas Celebration. Blagdon. 7.30pm  
 wed 8 An enchanted evening of Stories, Songs & Poems. WI. Memorial Hall. 7.30pm  
 Tue 9 Publow with Pensford PC meeting. Church Rooms. 7.15pm  
 Thur 11 Mothers Union Christmas Lunch. Farnborough 12.30pm  
 Advent Group 7.30pm. Woollard Place  
 Fri 12 Benefice Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens  
**Sun 14 Benefice Sunday School. Church Room. 10.00am**  
**Mummers Play**
- Mon 15 Ubley U3A meeting. Parish hall. 10.15am for coffee, talk 10.45am  
 Fri 19 Bold Brass. Memorial Hall. 7.00pm  
 Sat 20 Benefice Carol Service. All Saints Church Publow. 6.30pm  
**Sun 21 8.00am & 9.30am Services as usual**  
**Benefice Carol Service. St Mary's Compton Dando. 6.30pm**
- Tue 23 Crib Service. Chelwood. 6.30pm  
 Wed 24 Christingle Service. All Saints Church Publow. 3.00pm  
 Midnight Mass. All Saints Church. 11.30pm  
 Thur 25 Christmas Communion with Carols. St Leonard's Church. Chelwood. 9.00am  
 Family Communion with Carols. St Mary's Church Compron Dando 10.30am  
**Sun 28 Benefice Holy Communion. St Mary's Church. Compton Dando**



## January 2009

- Thur 8 Mothers Union AGM. The Rectory. 2.30pm  
 Sat 10 Avon Wildlife Trust Jumble Sale. Old School Rooms. Chew Magna. 2.00pm  
 Bavarian Evening. Memorial Hall. 8.00pm - Late  
 Wed 21 Publow Church PCC. Church Room 7.30pm  
 Sat 24 Three Peice Suite. Memorial Hall. 8.00pm
- February**  
 Thur 26 Panto at the OK Coral  
 Fri 27 Panto at the OK Coral  
 Sat 28 Panto at the OK Coral



## Christmas & New Year refuse

### Normal Day of Collection

### Revised Day of Collection

Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan

The following week all collections are one day later than your normal day  
 No recycling collection on 25th, 26th December and 1st January

## Pensford Memorial Hall Committee proudly present an evening of Jazz and Folk Music with the celebrated



# Three Piece Suite

Helen James : John Hooper : Ali Nourse

A unique mix of jazz piano, classical and folk guitar  
 and fiddle with vocals presented in their full-of-fun style

**SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY 2009**

**Pensford Memorial Hall**

**8.00pm**

**Terry 490426 : Geoff 490371**

**Tickets £6 to include supper : Licensed Bar**

# Mummers Play

## A Chew Valley Tradition in Pensford



**Sunday 14th December**

**Rising Sun 6.30p.m : George and Dragon 6.45p.m**

**Come and Join the Fun**