May 2008

Ascension Day May 1st

Pentecost May 11

Trinity Sunday May 18th

These are the major festivals which we shall celebrate in our Churches in the coming month... Ascension Day when our Lord ascends to heaven from earth. Pentecost when the Holy Spirit comes to the disciples and Trinity Sunday when we remember Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is three and God is one.

These days bring the extraordinary events of Easter to a close and now we have to get on and live our lives reflecting and considering all the things we have seen and heard over the past few weeks.

However we do not forget our Church whilst waiting for Christmas to come around again. We come together week by week in our Churches to refresh our minds and souls and to support each other on our journey through life. We pray together, we sing together, we worship together, it's the being together that is important. Can you be a Christian yet not go to Church? I think the answer is no you can't, unless it is ill health or some other disability which prevents you coming but even then the Church can come to you in your own home.

One of the communion service prayers reminds us that 'we are the body of Christ'. That means all of us, our neighbours and friends. We need the support of Church family just as we certainly need the support of our Heavenly Father every day. Where can that family meet, where can the body of Christ meet – in Church.

As always we look forward to seeing you there.

Clive R Murrie Rector

Chew Magna Gardening Society

The next meeting of the Chew Valley Gardening club will be on the 6th May at 8.00pm at the Old School Room. Our speaker for the evening will be Lady Rosemary Fitzgerald who will speak on "Plants for off seasons and nasty places".

Lady Fitzgerald worked in wild and rare plant conservation and since retiring has set up an ecologically run plant nursery near Kilve on the Somerset coast.

Further details can be found on www.beggarsroostplants.co.uk. We can look forward to an informative evening which should help us plant up those problem areas in our gardens. The competition is "a vase of May flowers". New members and visitors are always welcome.

NHS Direct 0845 4547

Call 24 hours on 08454647

Emergency Dental Service
(out of hours) 0845 1206680

Minor Injury Unit
Paulton Memorial Hospital

Walk in Centre

Riverside Health Centre, Bath

Pensford Golf Society

Confirmed fixtures dates are as follows; Wed 21st May - Thornbury. 1.00pm Mon 16th June - Stockwood. 1.00pm Wed 23rd July- Dewstow, PIGS Championship. 1.00pm Mon 18th August - Saltford. 1.00pm If you are interested in joining our friendly group, ring David Parnell for more details. Tel: 01761 490888

Whit Sunday Walk

To celebrate Whit Sunday, 11th May, join our Sunday School and Families from all along the valley and walk up to Maes Knoll Tump. We meet at the YDA Hall, Norton Malreward and set off at 2.00pm

You will see wonderful views all around and over the entire Chew Valley, the three suspension bridges, the Welsh coast and the entire City of Bristol at your feet. It is actually quite a short walk and not too steep.

There will be something special to eat at the top, and then back to the Hall for tea. Go on give give it a go!

Bring the dog too!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - United we can do many things

have clean water, on tap, all the time. To walk for up to 24 hours to collect drinking water is unthinkable. Yet this is what is magazine. happening in many parts of Bangladesh, You will be helping this project and many and it's the women and children who do other life enhancing schemes. The it. In the low lying wetlands, the land is envelopes should be collected between flooded for more than half the year and 11th and 17th of May. If you have underground water sources can be envelopes which are NOT collected, contaminated with arsenic.

In the south west, the rise in sea levels, 490614 partly as a result of climate change, is MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS We making fresh water salty. Christian Aid has teamed up with The Bangladesh magazines to collectthe Christian Aid Centre for Advanced Studies to set up envelopes, and are most grateful for that Water Councils. Through these the help. If you are unable to do the collecting

rainwater safely and in doing so, improve their health.

It also means that the children can go to school instead of walking miles for water. We tend to take it for granted that we You can make a real difference to someone's life by putting a donation in the envelope that is attached to your

please call me. Jackie Young Tel: 01761

usually rely on the people who deliver the people are learning how to harvest this year, would you please let me know.

Church Security

is suspicious then ring the Police straight Churches safe.

away. Make note of a car number or lorry All our Churches are fairly isolated so we or van number. Take a photograph if you need your help to keep an eye on them have your camera handy but please do when they are not being used, not get involved. Keep your distance Unfortunately Churches are not immune make a note and tell the Police as soon from the thieves and vandals, so a special as possible. This neighbourhood watch care is needed. If you see anything that or Church watch is how we can keep our

PENSFORD PINT TO PINT RACE EVENING

supplying the bookies, race marshals and into the halls roof fund. Terry Phillips

Saturday March 15th saw the very first of course our starter and king of the running of the Pensford Pint to Pint race commentators Simon (do I look good in evening. A large crowd roared as the this jacket or what?) King. Thanks also horses came under starters orders and to G B Brittons for supplying the course, racing began promptly at 8pm. Splinters the sponsors of the races, the wonderful flew as the horses rose majestically over ladies for the buffet provided, to all those the fences and although several horses who kindly donated raffle prizes and last fell during every chase, thanks to the skill but by no means least to Tony, Dave and of our resident vet John (rubber glove) all who worked tremendously hard behind Hicks, all horses were safely returned to the bar all evening. A hugely successful their wooden boxes. A huge thank you to and entertaining evening raised nearly the members of Chaos Productions for two thousand pounds which will be paid

Extracts from April's Parish Council

Speeding Traffic on A37: It was reported that a hi-tech survey is now being carried out, the usage of the road is being monitored so too will the problem of traffic being at a start and stop position and the pollution being caused.

Refurbishment Programme Signal Crossing - Pensford Bridge: Due to the age and condition of the existing street furniture at the signal crossing there has been a need identified by B&NES to replace the equipment. The existing pedestrian crossing will be replaced between Sunday 20th April and Wednesday 23rd April. Proposals have been discussed with the Primary School. Parish Council suggested clerk contact the department involved to make them aware of possible works to bus shelter.

Bus Shelter: B&NES still await approval from the Department for Transport for the Greater Bristol Bus Network Scheme and will contact the Clerk when they receive further news.

Gullies: Clerk confirmed that Highways have a map showing all the gully locations within the Parish and will let the Parish Council have a copy in due course. Parsonage Lane: The problem of blocked gullies was reported and dealt with by B&NES.

Woollard Lane: A correctly spelt road name has now been put up.

Street Closure Events: Clerk was asked to look into the procedure for a street closure. B&NES need a miniumum of 16 weeks notice and a cost of £176.25 plus VAT or £141.00 for a registered charity would be payable.

National Parking Laws: It was reported that these will come into effect and enforced under the Traffic Management Act locally from Monday 31st March. The aim is to keep roads safe and help beat traffic congestion. There will be an introduction of two levels of penalty charge. £50 lower charge for lesser offences such as an overstay at a parking meter. £70 higher penalty for parking on a double yellow line, bus stopping area or loading bay. Penalty notices can also be served by post in certain circumstances e.g. driver drive off. Wheel clamping can be used for persistent offenders. Councils are to produce annual reports on parking activities. Greater powers will be given to Parking Adjudicators. Parking attendants will be known as Civil Enforcement Officers.

Culvery Wood: It was reported that the walks through the wood are very overgrown with brambles and is in need of maintenance. Properties in Station Approach are losing their view gradually as the wood becomes more mature.

Planning Outcomes: 087/02876/FUL Mr M Sivier Stoneycroft Woollard Lane Publow. Conversion of storage barn to a residential annex ancillary to the main dwellinghouse. Permitted, 07/02560/FUL Dr John & Mrs B Bowes Cottles Farm House Blackrock Lane Publow. Residential Annexe. Permitted. 08/00612/CLPU Mr & Mrs Chapple Hursley Hill Plantation Hursley Hill. Application for a certificate of lawful development for proposed use of a log cabin. Refused. Appeal Decision: Mr M Gould Parcel 4668 Stanton Lane Pensford. Agricultural building and stables and change of use of part of site to equestrian. Appeal dismissed.

Note: MAY 12TH will be the AGM/ANNUAL & A MONTHLY MEETING of the Parish Council.

Chelwood Lucky Draw March/April 08

£15 - H. Young £10 - J. Fagnani £5 - C. Beecroft £2 - T. Minall

£15 - P. Sherbourne £10 - C.Lowery £5 - P. Jones £2 - E. Bidwell

The Making of Somerset

U3A members on a breathless journey continent and the subsequent separation neighbours. Over the next two millennia some of the land was cleared for agriculture and animal husbandry and the climate gradually warmed until around 2,000 BC and the Iron Age. Gradually trade routes developed and metal such as tin from Cornwall and copper from the continent. During the Iron Age several country changing the population, more land was cultivated, forests cleared and Somerset was increasing, villages were website www.chewvalleyu3a.org.uk scattered on the fertile levels, fish

farming, cultivation and animal husbandry were well established. There is extensive Les Cloutman led a large audience of evidence of the Roman mining activities still to be seen on the Mendip Hills and covering 4,000 years in the history of our evidence of Roman road building is all county. His starting point was the around us today. After the Romans and breaking of the land bridge with the through the Dark Ages the Saxon invasion reached the borders of Wales and many of our island flora and fauna from our of our village names date from those days. The name Someset originally meant "The Summer Land" as much of it was used only during the summer months. Somerton became the County Town, the centre of a thriving and productive region. The audience was breathless as Les eventually brought the picture up to the Welsh hills were exported to the present day May brings the end of the vear for U3A. The AGM is on Monday waves of immigrants moved across the 19th May in Ubley Parish Hall, coffee is served from 10.15am and we shall be entertained with a presentation from our animals grazed on the grassland. It was Jazz Appreciation Group. There are no at this time that the peat bogs on the meetings in June or July and we levels were laid down. By the time of the reconvene for the new season on August Roman invasion the population of 18th. F.F.I - Tel 01275 333414 or on the

Pensford Beer Festival

18th & 19th JULY 2008

The first Pensford beer festival will begin tickets please send requests, together on Friday 18th July at 7.00pm with the well with your remittance (clearly stating the known and highly respected jazz band; session required), to Pensford Beer Bob Reynolds and the Bristol Bobcats, Festival, 5, The Orchard, Pensford, performing live on stage. The second Bristol BS39 4BG. session on Sat 19th at 11.30am until Cheques should be made payable to the 4.00pm with the final session from 7.00pm Pensford Memorial Hall. All the proceeds to 12.00pm. The Gypsy's Kiss ceilidh of the festival will go into the Memorial band will perform live at this final session. Hall's new roof appeal. The festival promises a choice of some Should you wish to help to stage the 30 local beers ,ciders and guest ales from event, or perhaps sponsor a barrel of beer across the country.

of £5 includes a complimentary can be obtained from our website: commemorative glass. To book your www.pensfordbeerfestival.co.uk

for £50. (where we would be happy to Tickets are strictly limited for each display your advertising on the barrel and session, and available by pre-booking. in the programme). Please contact Terry Admission is by ticket only and NO tickets 01761 490426: Geoff 01761 490371 or will be sold on the door. The ticket price Steve 01761 490347. Further information

Pensford Toddler Group

Jumble Pickup

Your jumble will be collected from the Memorial Hall Tuesday 13th May at 11.15am

Bag2School

We will be paid by weight....so the more the merrier! Donations of quality second hand ladies', men's and children's clothing, as well as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags would be very welcome If you are unable drop off between 9.00am & 11.00am on 13th May but still have jumble to donate Please bring it to

Stephanie Butler, 206 Cockers Hill Compton Dando. Tel: 07795 281352

Pensford Football Club

The village football team is now over 100 village and is well-known within the years old. The past few years have been Somerset footballing world. amongst the most successful in its recent. There must be many ex-players and find themselves in two cup finals as well hand, and who would be crestfallen at the Premier League title. Much of this hard year. work has been built on the hard work of I would therefore call upon anyone with a manager, Andy Greatbanks, a face many footballing background, or indeed anyone of you will have seen supporting local who just wants to help a village concern functions. However, the troubles get back on its feet, to come forward and associated with the Village Hall and its make themselves known. We know there facilities mean that the future are great young local players waiting their development of the Football Club is turn at senior level. Help us to make sure severely limited. It is quite possible that there is a future for them in their own the team which has enjoyed great success village. Many thanks may well not exist at all unless we find Neil Thompson, Chairman, Pensford volunteers from the village to help support Football Club Neil.thompson@ndfs.co.uk it. This would be a tragic shame. Pensford Tel: 0117 9311774 has always been established as a football

history and once again this year, Pensford officials in the village who could lend a as challenging for the Mid Somerset idea that we might not have a team next

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turned away before they have been really plans to continue for many years. prospective resident was 'vetted' and they 2.15pm. were required to produce their Birth Certificate, proof of Baptism and to state WHERE they had been communicant. There were a number of rules to be adhered to such as Everyone to be in

The start of season match took place on Sunday 6th April – in wintry conditions. Do you know anyone taking the big step these times.

We had a surprising and most interesting by 10.00pm and all washing to be taken talk at our meeting on 10th April. The in from the garden by 4.00om each day. surprise was that few of us knew of the no gossiping among the residents etc. existence of Partiss College, which we Obviously the rental has increased over were to hear about and which, from the the years but apparently it is still a very panoramic picture we were shown, is a fair charge for all its amenities. It is call a truly magnificent building in Bath college because Mr Partiss never wanted completely hidden from a thoroughfare, it to known an Almshouse, There are 30 Jill Harman is the Bursar there and she separate houses created within this was able to tell us much of its history and impressive mansion, each entirely self present day use. Built of Bath Stone in contained with its own front door and small 1826 for Mr and Mrs Partiss as a family back garden which has to be tended by home, but they had no children and in the resident. Their church is in the centre 1849 it became a much sought after of the building and there are communal accommodation for 'Distressed Ladies' rooms for parties, concerts, fairs and the being funded by a Trust set up by Mr like, for those who wish to join in. Partiss Partiss and his wife. It now houses clergy College is not a Nursing Home and a really widows, retired professional ladies and sick person would be taken to hospital for what used to be called retired care. The Trust set up by the Partiss Will Governesses, although no applicant is still funds this exceptional place and it

introduced to the accommodation and its. Do come along and join us at our next facilities. In the Old days every meeting on 8th May in the Church Rooms, **Mary Thomas**

Pensford Memorial Hall 100 + Draw April 08

£75 - A. Chilcott £25 - P. Smith £20 - M. Bailev £15 - R. Dando £10 - A. Bridges £5 - I. Thompson

It's Your Move

Players carried on playing during snow from Primary to Secondary School this showers. We even continued with our bbg summer? Remember how apprehensive and one brave soul volunteered to do the you felt when you made that move cooking for which he was greatly admired. vourself? There is brilliant little book Club play is held on Tuesday evenings produced by Scripture Union which is and Thursday evenings (until the league designed to give children confidence as season) at 7pm and Sunday mornings at they make this transition. You can buy 1pm. If you would like to come to play individual copies for £2.99 For more with a view to joining, just come along at details including a DVD telling the story of It's Your Move! go to www.scriptureunion.org.uk/itsyourmove, or phone 0845 0706006.

Compton Dando Art Group

Compton Dando Art Group is holding a watercolours, oils and pastel work. She forward to see her work. Besides working art classes at various local Art Groups. in watercolours, oils and pastel, she also Dee has also lived in Kuala Lumpur. works in textured paste, which is very Malaysia and Singapore, where her art is vibrant." The cost of entrance is £ 3 and hanging in hotels and private collections. this includes coffee and biscuits.

will finish at 1.00pm. Dee Cowell, who Deaf People. was born and educated in Zimbabwe, is For further information about the

demonstration by international artist - left Zimbabwe to live in South Africa. Dee Cowell - who will be working on a spending four years each in Cape Town. textured paste piece on flowers, on Durban and Johannesburg, where she Wednesday May 14 at Compton Dando painted, taught and exhibited. She left Village Hall. Art group representative, Africa in 1988 for the United Kingdom, and Sonia Priest, said: "Dee is a dynamic has taught art privately from her home demonstrator and everyone is looking studio, as well as holding Adult Education

Her portrait paintings of dogs have also The doors open at 9.45am for a prompt been printed as greeting cards to raise start at 10.00am, and the demonstration money for the charity Hearing Dogs for

renowned internationally for her demonstration please ring 01761 490551.

Up the garden path...

Plants & gardening by Jean Drew & Plants for sale

7.30 pm Tuesday 13th May **Compton Dando Hall**

Everyone welcome!

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The annual box opening has now been completed and this year's total amounts to £768. This is not quite as much as last year, but one or two people who have had boxes for many years are now no longer able to contribute. I thank them for their past support and also everyone else who continues to have a box in their home.

The Children's Society continues its work with disadvantaged children, enabling them to have a more secure and happy childhood, and relies on the annual box collection which amounts to more than £2 million nationwide.

There are 35 households in the Benefice who contribute to the annual box collection. If there is anyone else who would like a box, please do get in touch with me.

Judith Hillman 01761 490324 Hon. Local Secretary

Chew Magna Monday Club Summer Outings

Monday Club summer outings The Chew Valley Monday Club has organised several trips this summer for its members - to Sanders Garden World and Burnham-on Sea. Minehead. Wevmouth. Weston-super-Mare and Clarks Village. The shorter trips are for members only but some places will be available to nonmembers on the longer outings. Would you like to join the Monday Club on a summer outing? The trip to Minehead takes place on 23 June and includes (with an extra charge) a ride on the W Somerset Railway with cream tea. The Club goes to Weymouth on 28 July, with time to explore freely. Lunches are not included. The coach leaves Chew Magna fire station at 9.50 am, and returns there around 5.30 pm. Anyone wishing to come should book and pay £7.50 in advance. For further information or to reserve a place ring Jennifer Clapham on 01275 333006 or email jen@chewmag.plus.com

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parishioners attended.

re-elected to the PCC for a further three interesting and inspiring. by co-option.

The Annual Report and Accounts were The May meeting will be a visit from Mr adopted and reports received from the Donald Packham from Bristol Zoo. There various church organisations.

Judith Hillman, 01761 490324 Secretary to Parochial Church Council

Pensford Local **History Group**

A guided walk around the Redding Pits. Red House Farm Redding Pit Lane. Winford **Monday 19th May** Fee: £1.50 (includes tea and biscuits) Arrive ready to start

the walk by 7.00 p.m.

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Mrs Baber welcomed members to the April meeting. Birthday cards were presented to two members. Apologies for absence and minutes of the last meeting were dealt with. The 90th birthday party had been a great success.

Congratulations and thank you cards had been received. Correspondence and items from the newsletter were read. We were pleased to see we had won a cake The Annual Parochial Church Meeting from the Yorkshire Tea competition. The was held on 9th April, 2008. The Rector, Memorial Hall representative gave details the Assistant Priest, the Reader and 24 of forthcoming events. A report on the EGM at Weston-super-Mare was given. Janet Ogilvie and Janet Smith were The speaker was Miss Deirdre Pickford. elected Churchwardens for the coming who spoke about the origins of quilts and year. Anne Hall, Kate Hood and Judith brought many with her. Some she had Hillman were elected to Deanery Synod made herself, but there were a couple that for a three year term. Joan Owen was were 100 years old. The talk was year term. There are two remaining competition was to design a guilt square vacancies on the PCC which can be filled and was won by Jo Beedell, 2nd Sheila Rice, 3rd Sylvia Baber.

> will be a silent auction for 'Coins for Friendship'. Visitors welcome.

Parish Plan update

evervone in the parish of Compton Dando say. Even though Woollard is split will have the chance to give their thoughts between two parishes, the whole village on what they would like to see here for is very welcome to join us! We are also the future. All ideas and views are planning a stall in Compton Dando as part welcome. on whatever topics you care of the festivities on the same day. We about.

change. Maybe you wonder whether we Charlton, Chewton Keynsham and concerned about what we will all do for and in groups. To avoid confusion over have been recorded and will feed into this website www.compton-dando.org

next stage of the process. As I write, we are planning to have a stall at the Fun Run in Woollard on Sunday 27th April, for Over the next couple of months, people to find out more and to have their hope to have similar stalls at events in Maybe you may want nothing at all to the other villages in the parish - Queen could have some sort of community Burnett, and we will also be involving lots transport scheme here, as happens in of volunteers in talking to people some other places. Maybe you are throughout the parish, both individually fuel as oil prices rise. Maybe we need parishes, the parish plan will from now on more facilities for young people. Maybe be known as our 'Community Action Plan'. we just need the roads mending properly. Look out too for the new logo which The community consultation started back includes a stylised map of the parish and in February at the first Open Day and all villages. For more information please see your comments and ideas from that event the notice boards in the villages or the

Sponsored Walk

In June, Chris Daubney of Compton Dando, will be undertaking a sponsored walk to raise funds for the village. Following his successful walk in 2006 he now plans to walk from Mizen Head in the south of Ireland to Malin Head in the north, a distance of some 450 miles, which he hopes to complete in a month.

In 2006 Chris walked from Lands End to John O'Groats, raising several thousand pounds for the village. Over the distance of 1030 miles he wore out 3 sets of boots and averaged 14 miles a day, with 76 overnight stops, and covered 38 ordnance maps.

> Please contact Alison ter Haar **Compton Dando Community Association** to obtain a sponsor form. Tel 490903

May 08

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Web Site: Web Site: www.publow-with-pensford-pc.gov.uk There have been many additions to the web site recently. Take a look at our interesting site to view forthcoming local events to the local scrapbook items in the archives.

CHURCH MARKET

CHURCH ROOM - PENSFORD Saturday 3rd May

10.00am - 11.30am

HOME BAKING PLANTS from Mr Rugman **CARDS & PRESENTS by Georgia**

Proceeds towards Church Funds

Admission 50p to include coffee and biscuit

Market Report – April

April 5th was a beautiful sunny day and everyone. £147.60 was raised for church many people came to support the efforts funds. of those who had produced the goodly On 3rd May there will be the usual home array of home-baked cakes and quiches. baking together with plants and cards an enjoyable morning was had by to seeing you.

Debbie brought the Traidcraft stall and something for everyone. We look forward

Thank you Linda

Linda Quinn has been organizing the Christian Aid collections in this area for If you know of anyone who would over eight years. In that time she has put appreciate a lift to any of our churches in many hours of work and helped to raise on a Sunday or you can offer a lift if it is funds that have helped the most required then let us know. We will try our disadvantaged people in the world. best to help. Thank you Linda for all your efforts.

Lifts to Church

AFTERNOON TEA AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PUBLOW

All Saints Church will be open between 2.00p.m - 4.00p.m each Sunday between 6th July - 31st August for refreshments.

A welcome break for ramblers and other visitors to picturesque Publow.