#### Dear Friends

Did you go to any of the Harvest services this year? I hope so because each of the Churches was beautifully decorated and such a lot of produce was given. All the gifts as well as the money raised on the day from each of the Churches were given to local and national charities. The harvest lunches were also well supported and we must thank all those who worked so hard to provide for the occasion.

So now we move on to Advent and Christmas. The pattern of services will be as in previous years with both shared and local services at each of our three Churches, so watch out for the times and places later in November.

But how do we equip ourselves for all these services and festivals, how do we continue to further our knowledge and understanding of our faith and beliefs. Well there are so many books and articles written that information is readily available but how do we know what is right or wrong, useful or not. There are many courses run by the Diocese which can help ranging from Exploring Christianity to Exploring Spirituality and everything in between. It is good when we can continue to explore or faith. For many, school is just a distant memory and confirmation classes go back even further and that can be the full total of our 'instruction'. We can try to help with suggestions and advice.

Have you seen the legal notice for St Thomas a Becket Church here in Pensford. As you know the Church was declared redundant in 1971 and since then it has had an unhappy existence. The scheme proposed by The Church Commissioners enables a part of the Churchyard to be used by the Tower (owned by the Church Preservation Trust) and the owner of the Nave who wishes to convert the Church into a single dwelling. The legal notice allows all interested parties to make a reasoned judgement on its merits and, if they think fit, a reasoned expression of support or objection to the scheme. So hopefully the future of the Church building looks a little brighter. The Churchyard will remain as it is now and work on the Tower will begin soon with a group of local people working to maintain the Tower as an ancient building (late 14th century).

Lots of things happening, lots of things to think about.

God be with you all

Clive R Murrie

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

21st September Archie Jack PEARSON

**Holy Matrimony** 

11th October Cassie FORD and Harry RICHARDSON From the Parish Register of St Mary's Church, Compton Dando **Baptism** 

7<sup>th</sup> September Oliver George BOX



Jane Powell from Charlton distance for the visit.

operates.

Farm Children's Hospice at We were shown films of the children at Wraxhall was our Speaker on both Charlton Farm and at Little Bridge the 9th October. She was a very House Hospice near Barnstable Devon, lively and enthusiastic person and gave both truly remarkable places, and they a wonderful insight into how the Hospice are now aiming to build a third one in Cornwall by 2011 in order to provide It really is a most remarkable and lovely greater access to a Children's Hospice place, built just for children, it has many for the families in the SW Peninsular of marvellous facilities for them to use if they Britain. They offer such special care for are able, whilst staying there. Some of very sick children and provide expert course, are never able to return to their palliative and end of life care. They get homes. The whole place is designed so very little government funding and relay that the young precious lives of Cancer a great deal on the generosity of the sufferers may be as happy and as full as people in the South West, even so they possible. They have a very inviting can, and do, provide care for up to 400 swimming pool and jacuzzi, games families across the whole area. The rooms, libraries, quiet rooms and rooms afternoon was most moving for all of us. for the ones who want music. All these A number of us attended All Saints facilities are for the use of the families Publow Harvest, and once again the also, when they come to stay at the lunch was excellent, our thanks to Hospice. The accommodation for families everyone who worked so hard to make it is really first class for parents and siblings so. At our next meeting on 13th November alike, who are able to stay for a week or the subject for the talk will be "A cruise so enabling them to be near their child down the Nile" Everyone most welcome, for a while, often having travelled some 2.15pm in the Church Room. Do join us.

#### Just a reminder.....

that tickets are on sale now for "Higher Than the Eagle Soars", an illustrated talk Robin and Sylvia Box and family would 332613 or at raynor@netgates.co.uk. Supporting St Peter's Hospice.

#### Thank you

to be given by renowned mountaineer like to thank everyone who attended the Stephen Venables at Chew Valley School Funeral Service for Theresa, also for the on Friday, 21st November at 7.30pm. lovely cards, letters, kind messages of Tickets cost £15 (£10 for under 18s) and sympathy and donations received, thank are available from Raynor on 01275 you to the Reverend Clive Murray for conduction the service and Michael Rowe for his support.

## Notes from a Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Members of the Public attending the meeting reported the poor condition of the Old Road. road surface, primarily where there is no pavement and the road meets the kerb edge there are large parts of tarmac broken away causing a tripping hazard. Clerk to report to Highways at B&NES. Memorial Hall/Children's Play Area: Following confirmation that the Parish Council have been offered 100% funding to improve the childrens play area a meeting had been held at the Guildhall, Bath and a site meeting held to survey the site. Members of the toddler group, Pensford 10K, Tennis Club and Parish Council attended the site meeting. The current toddler area will remain where it is with a limited upgrade and the remaining Pathfinder grant money used for play facilities for 8 – 13 year olds. It was therefore proposed to site the new play facilities incorporating a BMX track towards the back of field. Street Naming in Woollard: It was reported that this initial process started because Emergency Vehicles were not reaching Woollard Village. Call centres could now possibly be moved to London or Newcastle. A meeting was held between Mrs Stephenson. Mr Watson and Clerk following the realisation that Publow with Pensford Parish Council had been left out of the loop of correspondence and consultation. A letter bringing this to the attention of Mr Laker, GIS Team was sent. Clerk then read out the reply received from Mr Laker which explained what will happen and why. All of which the Parish Council agreed, Litter Bin, Woollard: A request will be made for a new one. Nursery Corner to Garage: Pavement is very uneven and dangerous and also suffers overgrown vegetation. Clerk to report. Belluton: It was reported that B&NES attended to overhanging trees with remarkable speed whilst the road was closed. A very satisfactory job was done. Bus Stop Update: The Parish Council had received final plans following past meetings which have taken place between Parish Councillors and B&NES Public Transport Department. It was reported that B&NES propose to install a new bus shelter outside the Miners Welfare Institute which will include the removal of 2/3 parking spaces and on the school side of the bridge B&NES propose to install a longer sweep for the bus to pull in with a canopy type stop installed. This will remove possibly 4 parking spaces. All new stops will have electronic displays installed. Now that B&NES have confirmed that they will not be removing the old bus stop, the Parish Council will arrange for it to be repaired as a matter of urgency. Speed Camera: Concerns have been raised with Traffic & Safety department at B&NES regarding the removal of the speed camera after it had been burnt and the question taken up when will it be replaced? B&NES informed clerk that the past installation and replacement of safety cameras was funded through the safety camera partnership. Changes to this now mean that it is the responsibility of the councils to fund the camera enforcement and there is little or no funding for unplanned costs. This matter was also raised with MP Dan Norris. Mr Norris has reported to the Parish Council that a replacement camera would cost £45,000 - £50,000 Red Telephone Box at Hillcrest: Clerk reported that in order to Adopt the telephone box an Unmetered Electricity Supply Contract between Western Power and the Parish Council had to be entered into regarding the costs in relation to the light inside the box. This cost would be approximately £17 per year. After discussion it was thought that the Telephone Box could possibly become a liability to the Parish Council should it suffer vandalism. A vote took place and the majority vote was to have the Telephone Box removed. Planning Outcomes: 08/02191/FUL Mr J Packer. Agricultural buildings between The Bungalow and Cottles, Blackrock Lane, Publow. Conversion of barn and outbuildings and new extensions to create residential dwelling. REFUSED. It was reported that this application was referred to committee for a decision to be made. Highways recommended refusal on the grounds that a reliance on the car as a major mode of transport recommended refusal. 08/02599/REN Mr & Mrs G Hunt 39 Hillcrest. Erection of a detached dwelling (Renewal of permission 03/01856/FUL) PERMITTED 08/ 03022/FUL Mr & Mrs Tremlett 49 Hillcrest Pensford. Two Storey Side Extenstion. REFUSED

## **Chew Magna Gardening Society**

Chew Valley Gardening Club's next meeting is on the 13th November at 8.00pm at the Old School Room. Our speaker is Jon Wheatley, talking on "Dahlias-a new look". Jon will be known to many of us for his partnership with Mary Payne and their winning gardens at Chelsea and Hampton Court. Jon has been growing dahlias for many years and will be able to cover all aspects from selection of varieties to cultivation. Dahlias have seen a return in popularity in recent years and are an exciting addition to the garden extending the season through to the first frosts. Whether vou want a tasteful "Bishop of Lladaff" or a blousev cactus with a head about 12" across Jon should be able to advise.

The competition is "a presentation of autumn foliage". New members and visitors are always welcome, the talk is followed by tea, coffee and a chat.

#### Gorillas in Uganda

On Thursday 27th November 2008 by Ron McCann, in Chew Magna Millennium Hall. 7.45pm, £2.50, members £2/£10 season. A talk with slides about preservation and protection of the highly endangered Mountain Gorillas in Uganda, Africa.

Many thanks to all who supported the recent Art Exhibition at Hunstrete House, resulting in £900.00 being sent to Cancer Research UK and St Mary's Church , Compton Dando.

#### **Christmas Gifts for all!**

2009 marks the 1100th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Bath and Wells. There is an exciting programme of events and activities planned, but also a specially commissioned range of merchandise. Items available include tea towels, a cloth bag, chocolate, beer and cider - something for everyone! So, please do consider supporting the Diocese when doing your Christmas shopping, and in turn help to celebrate 1100 years of the Church in Somerset. Order forms are available from Claire Toseland at the Old Deanery Tel: 01749 685110 or email claire.toseland@bathwells.anglican.org. Alternatively, items can be ordered from our online shop at www.bw1100.org.

## **History Group**

Church Rooms - 8.00pm Monday 3rd November **Mike Hooper** 

# A trip through Victorian and Edwardian Bristol

£2.00 including Coffee/Tea

#### PENSFORD MEMORIAL HALL ROOF APPEAL

At the recently held, hugely enjoyable Cabaret Evening at the Memorial Hall a cheque for, £500 was handed to Terry Phillips (Chairman Hall Committee) by Pete Clouting on behalf of the organisers of the 10K race committee.

A delighted Terry said the donation would help greatly in the Hall Committee's efforts to raise money needed for the Hall new roof.

#### Stanton Drew & Pensford Pre School 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Barn Dance review

Our sunny and warm evening was a success with 150 locals poised for dancing!!. The disco started the celebrations off then over to our live band 'Hoping Mad'.

The Druids Arms kept glasses topped up and everyone drank and dined on pig roast and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening which carried on well into the misty evening.

Edwina Morris the Pre School's founder was presented with flowers by our current leader Lynn Willmott and asked to say a few words. Edwina and Lynn then cut cakes to bring on another forty years of the Pre School.

The dance brought many people together for one evening so we really hope you enjoyed the reunion.

This event would not have been possible without the generosity, support and donations of many local companies and individuals. The hard work paid off as we raised £610.00 for the Preschool so final thank you to everyone who continue to support us in every way.

I would like to say a BIG THANK-YOU to everybody that helped me raise money for Bristol Leaque for Cats at this years Craft Fayre held on 11th October. I managed to raise £50.20p which I have passed to the charity. Plus an extra THANK-YOU to my Auntie Jane Stenner for letting me have this special stall.

If you would like some information or to become a member for as little as £10 per year of this special charity please send a SAE to my mum: Mrs A.Stenner. The Old Sty, Nursery Farm, Pensford, Bristol. BS39 4NB. Tel: 01761490952

Charlotte Stenner

#### DO YOU SING IN THE

**BATH?** ....or at work, or on holiday, or in a pop group? If you don't but would like to, we still need you to sing in the choir at the church Carol Services which have now been scheduled for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at All Saints Publow and the following night Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at St Mary's Compton Dando, both at 6.30pm. For several years we have raised a special choir in the Benefice to rehearse and then sing four unaccompanied carols just for these services. It's informal and fun, but we make an excellent sound in the end.

Please come along to St Mary's on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 7.15pm, for the first rehearsal (of four). All sorts of voices are welcome, there is no audition, and you are bound to know somebody already in the choir.

Full information from David Brunskill (01761 490449), John Merchant (01225 340222), Janet Ogilvie (01761 490020) or any church member.

Are you friendly, outgoing and do you have experience of working with preschool aged children? Marksbury & District Playgroup is looking for a playgroup assistant to help out on 1-2 mornings per week at Marksbury Village Hall. Interested? Please contact Joanne Groves on 01761 471866 for further information.

#### **Mobile Library**

Compton Dando	1.55pm – 2.15pm
Hunstrete	2.25pm – 2.45pm
Pensford Bridge	3.00pm - 3.45pm
Pensford Hillcrest	3.50pm - 4.20pm
Publow Layby	4.25pm - 4.40pm
Woollard Bridge	4.45pm – 5.05pm

#### **Chew Valley Choral Society**

#### Presents a

#### 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.

### "Three Men's Company" Come to Ubley

The Chew Valley Branch of the Arthritis Research Campaign is delighted to welcome this well-known group for an evening of unmissable entertainment. The group comprises David Higson who presents the programme, John Marsh on the piano and Jeremy Watkins with the songs. The majority of their performances are in the Bristol area and the West Country, but they have also given shows abroad. They donate their earnings to charity and any proceeds from this concert will be given to the

Arthritis Research Campaign (ARC). Their evening's entertainment consists of light-hearted verse, prose, songs and piano music from, for example, the Victorian and Edwardian eras and Stage and Music Theatre. In addition, to get you into the party mood there will be a glass of wine available. The concert is at Ubley Village Hall on 21st November at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available from 01275 332686 or 01761 490894.

All the proceeds from the evening will go to the Arthritis Research Campaign.

**2009** marks the 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Bath and Wells. It seems too important a landmark to go unmarked, and a perfect opportunity to give thanks for our past, celebrate our present, and challenge the future.

There are many exiting events and initiatives already planned. Bishop Peter will walk the bound of the Diocese across May and June, hopefully meeting many of you en route. As he walks he will celebrate how the church is making a difference in the communities that they serve, through seeing the work that you all do.

The walk will culminate at a major day of celebration in and around Glastonbury Abbey on 2009, where we hope to welcome many of you from around the diocese. Young people from Bath and Wells, Exeter and Salisbury dioceses will take part in a Holy Week pilgrimage from Sherborne to their respective cathedrals. There will be a celebrity cricket match at

## Pensford Tennis Club

The horrible, horrible summer didn't stop the 'keeners' of Pensford Tennis Club. Play continued despite the rain and wind. The summer league took place and the ladies came third in their division and the men were fourth in their division. The women's veterans league has just finished. We put in a team and although we haven't heard what the placings are. we think we will be about middle. Winter league starts at the end of October. The captains make sure that every player who fancies playing a competitive match gets the opportunity to play so, if you are interested in playing competitive tennis then please come along - contact details at the bottom of the article.

We held a fund raising duck race in September and were very lucky the sun the County Ground in Taunton, a sponsored walk to Wells in September, and many special acts of worship. A whole range of commemorative goodies are in production.

The Children's Society have kindly agreed to be the main sponsor for the year. There is a dedicated website at <a href="https://www.bw1100.org">www.bw1100.org</a> which will host information about everything that is planned, and will also offer a means of posting your messages and comments. Do have a look when you get chance.

There is still scope for much more, and it's a chance for all of us in the Diocese to get involved with the celebrations in a way that we would like. Do you have an idea, big or small, for your local area? The planning group would welcome your ideas and input.

Speak to your Deanery Coordinator in the first instance, or email claire.toseland@bathwells.anglican.org
Lets make 2009 a year to remember!

shined, which meant that lots of lovely people came to the event. The winning ducks were owned by Ann and Clive Kibby - £30, Annette and David Chilcott - £20 and Val and Len Cross - £10.

On behalf of the whole tennis club, thank you to everyone who supported us and I am happy to report we raised £700 to put towards the re-surfacing of the courts. We are a small club and depend solely on membership and fund raising to keep going.

Club play is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.00pm and Sunday mornings at 11.00am.

Please have a look at our website for details of joining fees and general information:-

www.pensfordtennisclub.co.uk
Alan Burbridge on 01761 490834 or secretary@pensfordtennisclub.co.uk.

#### friendship force SOMERSET

When being interviewed by Radio Somerset a Canadian lady, who had visited Somerset the previous year as a Friendship Force Ambassador, was asked what had been the highlight of her visit. Her answer was not visiting Bath, or touring Exmoor in a 50 year old coach, or sampling 'the best fish and chips in Somerset' but having the opportunity of going to morning service at the local church with the couple who she was staying with followed by lunch in the village pub.

Back in 1976 when then President Jimmy Carter was visiting the north east of England, it was proposed that to foster better understanding between the two countries a plane load of citizens from each should have the opportunity to visit and experience life in the other. Within a year a jumbo jet flew into Newcastle airport carrying around 300 visitors from the USA who were home hosted for a week by people in and around Newcastle. The plane returned to the USA with a similar number of people onboard from the North East who were home hosted around Atlanta in the USA.

In the 30 or so years since that first exchange Friendship Force International (FFI) has grown into an international nonprofit making organisation with clubs in around 60 countries and exchanges taking place in and out of countries all around the world. The purpose behind these visits continues to be to build understanding between the people of different countries and to work towards peace. Friendship Force has been doing such a good job over the years that it was short listed for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992.

Ambassadors travelling to visit a country are home hosted by members of a local community for seven days. They are entertained by their hosts and experience both the locality they are visiting and the culture and hospitality of the people they are staying with.

There are currently 20 Friendship Force clubs in the UK, including the Somerset club which has being going for 11 years and was voted club of the year in 2007. It now has over 50 members scattered all over the county.

In March 2009 the club will be hosting Friendship Force's 2009 UK conference. It is being held at the Bishop's Palace in Wells and will be attended by delegates from the 20 UK Friendship Force clubs and possibly from clubs further afield. The highlight of this conference is likely to be the announcement of full details of FFI's 'New Strategy' to take the organisation forward from 2009.

During 2009 the Somerset club will be welcoming and hosting visitors from all over the UK, South America, Australia, and Europe and ambassadors from Somerset will have the opportunity during the year to travel out to Canada, Germany and other parts of the world. Participation in Friendship Force Somerset's 2009 programme is open to anyone living in Somerset who meet FFI's simple criteria for being an ambassador or host. Experience of hosting and visiting 'friends' from and in other countries is not essential. Further information on Friendship Force Somerset's 2009 programme can be obtained by emailing

info@thefriendshipforcesomerset.org.uk or calling 0845 054 9973.

### "Peace and Ouiet"

Do you like the open air and tranquility? Do you enjoy gardening and stretching your legs? If the answer is yes, then you villages.

At present Merveyn Cox is working alone to keep the grass in the churchyards neat and tidy. He is doing a great job but he really needs help. Perhaps you have retired or are between jobs or are having a gap year; if you could spare some of Why is Christmas like a day at the office? together to help, the job takes less time. When you take a breather from the If the approach of Christmas is getting Pensford. Magical!

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#### **Chelwood Lucky Draw** September & October

£15 - T. Minall £10 - P. Weston £ 4 - G&D Knight £ 2 - G&L Weller £15 - M. Harrison £10 - W. Crowley £ 4 - S&H Groves £ 2 - S&N Wright It was reported in last month's magazine that Pensford's 100+ Club has closed. withdrawal symptoms and would like to become Friends of Chelwood Lucky Draw we would welcome them into the fold. Rates are £1 per month (in half year or jobs ticked off the list already! vearly dollops) The amounts we pay out have been a source of fun in Pensford for years but if more people joined we could perhaps reach the heights of the 100+ Club. We must pay out 50% of receipts by law. Please call me on 01761 490614 if you would like to join. That applies to anyone in Chelwood too. Jackie Young.

#### **Chelwood Harvest Festival**

All the produce used to decorate the church together with the £300 from the collection and Harvest Lunch is donated may be just the person needed in our to St Peter's Hospice. Our grateful thanks to all who helped and supported Chelwood's Harvest Home.

## **Do Nothing: Christmas is Coming**

your time please do. If people get You do all the work and the fat guy in the suit gets the credit. Oaden Nash

trimming and cutting you may be lucky you stressed already, you might enough to see a dipper walking appreciate an Advent Calendar with a underwater on the river bed in Publow or difference. From 1 December all the way through to Christmas Day, it gives you Go on - give Mervyn a call, he'll be short, practical steps that you can take delighted to hear from you. 01761 each day to slow down, take time out and enjoy getting ready for Christmas. Do Nothing: Christmas is Coming Stephen Cottrell £ 4.99

> All those presents to buy – and children's presents are never easy. You'd like to buy something of lasting value that will give them pleasure but won't be broken by Boxing Day. Two new Children's Bibles fit the bill perfectly.

If any of the members are feeling The Little Bible Storybook £4.50 is for younger children aged about 1 - 4, and the Big Bible Storybook £10 would suit 5 - 9 year olds. So there you are - two

> 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 Memorial Hall Committee Proudly Present**

## The Huckleberries

Saturday November 29th 2008

**Admission by Ticket only** £11.00 to include a Ploughman's Supper

Tickets available from Terry:- 490426 : Geoff:- 490371 Steve:- 490347

#### Parish Plan Ouestionnaire is here!

of weeks!

The questionnaire is based on the ideas proof of what local people want. and concerns you have raised over the So it is really important that everyone last few months. The idea is to gather completes the questionnaire. We have information about what is important to tried to make it as easy to fill in as possible people in this parish by giving everyone because we know everyone has busy a chance to contribute their views. We lives, but please take a few minutes to will then put all this information together answer the questions. It will make a to create a shared picture of how we want difference. our villages to be in the future - what it is Thank you.

Look out for important to keep and what other your Parish amenities or services we want to see.

P I a n The Parish Plan will be useful because it questionnaire will identify things that can be done in the which should drop short term to meet people's needs, and it through your letterbox in the next couple will also enable us to influence local and central government and funders by giving

'Above eve level' in Bath & Bristol **Features of interest** often missed Illustrated talk by **Gordon Tarrant** 

7.30 pm

Tuesday 11th November **Compton Dando Hall Everyone welcome!** 

Interested in hosting an exchange student?

We are looking for host families for European sixth-form students.

A rewarding, fulfilling and paid enterprise. Students come to England for varying periods of five months, six months or an academic year. The host family does not have to finance the student in any way, but accept them as part of the family. The local rep is responsible for support and for ironing out any problems that may occur. The reps also arrange for students to attend school local to their host family. Students are expected to keep their own bedrooms clean and tidy and carry out chores as part of the family. They are committed to abide by strict regulations and if they break them or behave badly they run the risk of being expelled from the program. Comment from a host mum: "We were on a fun learning curve with our first student and find it a thoroughly enjoyable experience with the second." For further information please contact your local 'into education' rep

0117 971 2238 : elisha.uk@btinternet.com

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

## **Church Market**

**CHURCH MARKET SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER CHURCH ROOM: PENSFORD** 10.00 - 11.30am

### **HOME BAKING** TRAIDCRAFT STALL

### **Proceeds towards Church Funds** Admission 50p to include coffee and biscuit

### Market Report – October

Although somewhat quieter than some Mr Rugman. months, many people enjoyed the homebaked goodies and browsing through Mr first of the month and Debbie Forge will Rugman's well-stocked plant stall.

A total of £154.95 was raised for church funds, including a generous donation from

The market in November will be on the be returning with the laden Traidcraft stall. We look forward to a busy and enjoyable event.

#### **PENSFORD** WITH PUBLOW

Mrs Baber welcomed members to the October meeting. She thanked members for the cards and best wishes sent to her after her operation, and said she was glad to be back. A birthday card was presented. Jo 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 board was sent round with details of next year's skittles match was announced.

raised the sum of £144.50 and Mrs Baber welcome. thanked all who had helped in any way.

The speaker this month was Lyndsey Wright from Traidcraft, who brought many items for sale, and explained with video the origins of Trade Fair. She outlined how third world countries depend on the sale of these items and told of many successes and heart warming stories. She said if everyone bought 10% of their weekly shopping as trade fair items, what a difference it would make.

The competition was 'A Hallowe'en Decoration', won by Sheila, with Linda second and Maureen third.

The November meeting will be 'China programme. A venue and date for the Forbidden City, Terracotta Army, etc.' This is also the AGM and nominations for the Our participation in the Pensford Craft Fair committee were invited. Visitors

## **Pensford Toddler Group Fudraising**WE NEED YOUR JUMBLE!!!

Ladies', men's and children's clothing, as well as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags would be very much appreciated by the Toddler Group. All items are for **RE-USE**. No Bric a Brac Please.

The organization **Bag2school** buys our jumble from us, giving us the opportunity to raise funds for our group, assist the environment and create employment both at home and abroad. For more information this scheme see **www.bag2school.com** 

So, if you can, just pop down with your unwanted items to Pensford Memorial Hall on

Tuesday 25th November 9.00am-10.00am.

If this isn't convenient then we can collect it from you before this date. Telephone: Steph 01761 492500 or Tracy 01761 490950

Stanton Drew & Pensford Pre School
Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November
Stanton Drew Village Hall

10.00am - 12noon

Come and browse around the stalls full of SEASONAL GIFTS and stop for REFRESHMENTS while you're here We look forward to seeing you.....

## **BAVARIAN EVENING**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2009 Pensford Memorial Hall 8:00pm- Late

£18.50 per ticket - (including food & drink)

All proceeds split between Pensford Memorial Hall & Pensford F. C.

Tickets go on sale 1st November from
Alan & Debbie 490409: Alan & Jan 490753
Please note this is a seated event
Limited tickets available - Over 18's only

## **Christmas Gift Sale**

Saturday 8th November

Chelwood Village Hall 10.00am to Noon

Jewellery: Home-made Cakes & Jams Books: Cards: Crochet: Christmas Gifts Proceeds in aid of St Leonards Church

## **Old Vic Theatre School Nativity Play**

Friday 28th November

Chelwood Village Hall 7.00pm prompt

Tickets: Adult £3.00 Children £1.50 Proceeds in aid of St Leonards Church

## November 08

Sat Mon	1 3	Publow Church Market. Church Rooms. 10.00am - 11.30am Pensford History Group. Church Rooms. 8.00pm
Wed	5	Mobile Library
Thur	6	Pensford Evergreen Club. Ian McGuire Introduction to British Birds Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome
Fri	7	Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection
Sat	8	Christmas Gift Sale. Chelwood Village Hall. 10.00am - 12noon
Sun	9	Sunday School. Church Rooms. 10.00am - 10.45am
		Act of Remembrance. Pensford War Memorial. 10.45am
Mon	10	Publow with Pensford PC. Church Rooms. 7.15pm
		Pensford with Publow WI. Memorial Hall. 7.30pm
Tue	11	Compton Dando Ladies Group. Parish Hall. 7.30pm
		Deanery Synod. Farmborough Church. 7.30pm
Thur	13	Pensford Evergreen Club. Bristol Concert Wind Band
		Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50
		Mothers Union. Pensford Church Room. 2.15pm
		Chew Magna Gardening Society. Old School Rooms. 8.00pm
Wed	19	Mobile Library
		Publow Church PCC. Pensford Church Room. 7.30pm
Thur	20	Pensford Evergreen Club. Crofts End Mission Band
		Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welcome £1.50
Fri	21	Pensford Cardboard & Garden Waste Collection
		Talk by Stephen Venables. Chew Valley School. 7.30pm
		ARC Victorian & Edwardian Evening. Ubley Hall. 7.30pm
Mon	24	Pensford Ladies Group. AGM. Rising Sun 8.00pm
Tue	25	Bag 2 School Collection. Memorial Hall. 9.00am - 10.00am
		Carol Choir Auditions. Stary's Church. 7.15pm
Wed	26	Christmas Fair. Stanton Drew Village Hall. 10.00am - 12noon
Thur	27	Pensford Evergreen Club. Michael Horseman A Kiwi Experience
		Memorial Hall 7.00 p.m. Visitors welc ome £1.50
		Wildlife Trust. Chew Magana Millennium Hall. 7.45pm
Fri	28	Vic Theatre School Nativity Play. Chelwood Village Hall. 7.00pm
Sat	29	Pensford School Christmas Fair. Memorial Hall. 11.00am - 1.00pm
		St Mary's Christmas Cracker. 5.00pm - 7.00pm
0	00	Huckleberries play at Pensford Memorial Hall.
Sun	30	First Sunday of Advent. Benefice Holy Communion
Desar	nho=	St Leonard's Chelwood.9.30am
December		
Sat Sun	6 14	Chew Valley Choral Society. St Andrews Church. 7.30pm
Sun	14	Mummers Play

## **CHRISTMAS CRACKER**

## Saturday 29th November

5.00mp - 7.00pm

Bar-B-Que: Mulled Wine: Christmas Music Seasonal Stalls ... and Father Christamas (if he's available)

Pensford Primary School
Chritmas Fair 29th November 2008
Pensford Memorial Hall
11.00am-1.00pm
Lots of fun

Raffle: Luxury hamper: Tombola: Cakes Gifts Cards: Guess the weight of the cake and much more Watch out for Santa in our magical grotto!