

Parish Newsletter

Compton Dundon and Littleton

February 2017

Incorporating **The Herald**

PARISH NEWSLETTERS MIGHT END!

The 'March' Village Newsletter may be the last one you receive for some time as, so far, nobody has volunteered to compile it as from April. The Parish Council, who sponsor the newsletter, are looking for two volunteers to share the job of compiling and two people to look after its distribution to the delivery team. Having two people for each job means that you are covered for holidays etc.

The compilation job involves gathering contributions (articles and photographs) from village groups and finding a space for them in the newsletter. The I.T. skills needed are very basic. We currently use 'Publisher', (the Parish Council will provide the software), but any volunteer may wish to use alternative software. Once completed, it is emailed to the printer.

The distributor receives the hard copies and sorts them before taking them around to the delivery team. The whole distribution process takes approximately an hour each month.

Ongoing support will be provided, in addition to hard and digital copies of previous newsletters, templates etc. If you feel that you can help, please contact John Gordon (Details page 2) or Greg Jones (Details page 12).



Village Lunches

The village lunches are at 12.30 p.m. on the final Wednesday of each month. To book a meal, please contact either:

Ally Dore 01458 445463
allydore@btinternet.com) or
Pauline Atkins 01458 272485
paulineatkins1944@gmail.com)

The next village lunches are on the following Wednesdays:



22nd February
29th March
26th April
31st May

If you are able to join the rota, for cooking the meals, your support will be very much appreciated. Please let Ally or Pauline know.

To submit news items/information for the **March** newsletter, please contact John Gordon on johngordon1952@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01458 272135 or drop details into Pippins, Hayes Lane, Compton Dundon TA11 6PB. The deadline for the March 2017 newsletter is the **17th February**.

100 Club Winners December 2016

- £100.00**
#64 Susie Robertson
- £50.00**
#24 Jerry Castle
- £20.00**
#10 Janet Davies
- £15.00**
#49 Anthea Bell
- £10.00**
#56 Teresa Stallard
- £10.00**
#20 Ron Slade
- £10.00**
#43 Stuart Stacey



The 100 club starts again in March. Tickets are now available, at £10.00, on a first come, first served basis.

If you would like one, please contact Janet Davies (01458 272877) at Ferndale, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon.

Compton Capers Thanks to Simon and Ally Dore, and the amazing team of helpers and performers, the 2016 edition of Compton Capers was a great success. The evening was a sell out and the endeavour raised a magnificent **£1,122.15**, which will help to maintain and improve our lovely village hall. Well done!





**Compton
Capers**



2016



Highlights from the January Meeting

Ian Williamson took us on a Journey to Nepal. Ian, an avid walker and National Trust enthusiastic, is a volunteer fund raiser for St Margaret's Hospice.

Retiring in 2015, Ian is now free to do anything he fancies and he has taken advantage of his new found freedom. Trek to Nepal is a fund raising enterprise organised by St Margaret's Hospice and Ian decided to forego his fears of altitude sickness and take part. In 2015 there was no trip organised by the Hospice so Ian decided to organise a trip himself. There was a big age difference in the group he joined, people were aged between 19 years and 60+.



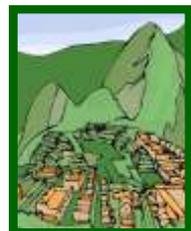
April 2015 an earthquake struck Nepal, travel was restricted but in August the way was clear and due to circumstances to be explained later, Ian stayed, on this occasion, much longer than originally planned. The initial track, over very stony paths was arduous, the porters very helpful, carrying many bags in one pack. Nepal is a land of great contrasts, poverty and affluence evident but the views are sensational. Tracking to Poon Hill, putting up prayer flags, staying in tea houses where the accommodation is very basic, dealing with heat in the daytime but very chilly at night was all part of the experience.

With the border to India closed because of unrest, life was hard with no petrol or cooking gas. On returning from the trek, the group visited a school where there were 300 children, some of whom walk for two hours to come to school. Later a treat was a chocolate cake engraved with the names of all the hospices in the country represented by the group, where at the Bhaktapur cancer hospital walls of the hospital built to replace the one wrecked by the earthquake, were painted to enhance the appearance.

Ian decided to stay on to take part in a programme, Rebuild Nepal. We saw a video illustrating how a house was rebuilt for a family, who, since the earthquake, had lived in their cows tall. Very primitive building tools, relying mostly on hands, sweat and tears. Ian admitted the task was made easier by the presence of two experienced builders.

Such a beautiful country, sadly the powers that be are corrupt and life is tough for the Nepalese.

Ian's next project is the Machu Picchu Trek, he had many other interesting talks to give and was always actively engaged in fund raising, also spending time at Montacute House and Lytes Cary House the latter being recommended for an April visit as 6,500 tulip bulbs have been planted again with Ian's help. Frances thanked Ian, saying she felt quite exhausted just listening to all he had achieved and hoped he would visit us again in the future.



The competition for holiday memorabilia was won by Julie Gordon followed by Angela Castle and Pat Maddaford, the latter winning the Flower of the month with pansies.

We were pleased to hear that Doreen Smith, recently in hospital, was at home and making good progress.

Forthcoming events.

- * Again we have not been lucky in the allocation of places for the visit to the Custody Unit at Bridgwater and it has been decided to try to arrange a our own private visit. Janet will look into this possibility.
- * Roadshow at Long Sutton Wednesday 15 March evening, no details except that Compton Dundon Drama Group will provide the entertainment with their rendition of Cinderella.
- * County enquiry as to whether we are interested in joining a "Tea List", we will provide afternoon teas with a maximum guest list of 50 people.
- * Volunteers required for Somerset Sight, to visit sight impaired people in their own homes.
- * An opportunity to visit Alexander Palace with Weston Zoyland W I in March to visit the National W I Fair.

Pat Maddaford presented the financial statement.

The class for the W I shield at the forthcoming village show is 3 cheese scones.



Women's Institute 2017 Meetings Calendar **Meadway Hall - Wednesday - 7.30 p.m.**

8th February	Sandy Bateman	Magic of Minack
8th March	Judith Stewart	Tapping Therapy
12th April	Pam Martin	Somerset in Stitch
10th May	Michael Malaghan	It Shouldn't Happen to a Writer
14th June	Dr Yvonne Varley	Secret Life of Arthur Ransome
12th July	Jill Fade	Edible Crystallised Flowers
9th August	Ann Goold	Miniatures in Dolls Houses
11th October	Tony Bagwell	Nine Thankful Villages
8th November	Rachel Harding	Ballroom and Latin Dancer
13th December	Kay Wych	Maid at Glastonbury Abbey



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**The Dundon Cider
Co-operative's
Wassail.**



A fun time was had at this year's wassail,
once again hosted by David & Merelyn Jones.



Take Art in Concert

Martin Harley & Sam Lewis

Compton Dundon Village Hall

1st April 2017 at 8.00 p.m.

(Doors open at 7.30 p.m.)

This is a rare and golden opportunity to see Martin Harley and Sam Lewis on the same bill. Martin Harley is a deeply important and astounding songwriter, playing popular blues and folk oriented guitar and vocals, famed for his exceptional lap slide guitar skills. With his rich soulful vocals, well-crafted songs, roots country and blue-eyed soul Sam Lewis quickly established himself as one of Nashville's most talented tune smiths. From Roy Orbison to Van Morrison to Willie Nelson, the influence of Ray Charles can be felt from the first note to the last beat.

Martin Harley & Sam Lewis in concert promises to be a spine chilling, feet wiggling, heart soaring evening from two of the finest music talents on the circuit. We are very fortunate to have such artists to entertain us in our own village hall.

Tickets available, **£10.00**, from Alan Riley (01458) 447223
Patricia Heap (01458) 446025



Compton Dundon Walking Group

The walking group started their year with an interesting walk around Butleigh and Barton St David before finishing at the Rose and Portcullis for a meal.

The group usually meet on the third Sunday of the month. We meet at the Meadway Hall at 10.00 a.m. Please contact Martin (01458 273591) for more information. The next walk is due on **Sunday 19th February** and further details will be emailed to members.

Compton Dundon & Littleton Gardening Club

The **6th February** meeting, at the Meadway Hall, will be **'Grandma's Garden'** with Yvonne Bell.
We meet at 7.30 p.m.



New members will always find a friendly welcome.



Healthy Body Maintenance

Meadway Hall 19th March at 2.00 p.m.
£5 entry



Andrew Knight, an experienced local osteopath, has agreed to do a one off, two hour 'body maintenance session', tailored to all ages and physical abilities but especially the over 50's, with no age limit.

The session will cover a warm up and warm down routine that allows for safer exercise at any age and engagement level and the understanding as to why it is of use and why doing this before going gardening, for example, is also important. As well as the prevention of aches and pains resulting from general wear and tear and ageing, some of the more unknown exercise benefits will be included; for example cognition improvements, bone density, physical condition and blood sugar. The wearing of loose clothing is recommended for those taken part in the session.



For further details please contact:
Alan Riley 01458 447223



Chris and Martin, the new managers of the Castlebrook Inn, are looking forward to meeting villagers.

They very much want the Castlebrook to be a community pub and invite local groups to use the pub for their meetings, at no cost.

Currently, they are serving basket meals, jacket potatoes, baguettes and specials during the week and on Sundays they are serving roast dinners from 12 noon and 6.00 p.m., in addition to the pub menu.

The Castlebrook Inn



Martin is planning to further develop the menu once they have fully settled in. Try to pop into the pub in the next few weeks and give Chris & Martin a Compton Dundon welcome. (448902)

The Craft Club: Claire Axten will be showing us how to make fabric bowls during this session. You will need a sewing machine, large scraps of material and a cutting board/cutter. Please contact Trish (01458 447075) for further information.

'Fabric Bowls'

Tuesday 7th March
Meadway Hall
9.30 a.m. — 12.30

This newsletter and past issues may be found on the village website: www.comptondundon.com. For the latest community news and information, follow Compton Dundon on Facebook: www.facebook.com/comptondundon

Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) Bird flu is spreading across Europe and H5N8 bird flu cases have recently been found in wild wigeons in Somerset. It is important that, whilst risk to human health is very low, bird keepers and members of the public remain vigilant for signs of the disease in domestic or wild birds. Signs include swollen heads, respiratory problems and loss of appetite. DEFRA has issued important information for poultry keepers and this may be found on the Compton Dundon website.





The footpath volunteers were busy again in January, taking down the village Christmas tree, putting the sign posts back up in Emblett Lane and repairing gate posts. If you are able to help, on the second Sunday of each month, please contact David:

david.shears@southsomerset.gov.uk

I have received phone calls recently, from villagers, asking for the footpaths group to be thanked for their continuing contribution to our village. I am sure that we are all grateful for their efforts.

Fly Tipping

The contents of a child's bedroom have been dumped in a river, in Compton Dundon, sparking an Environment Agency appeal for information to track down the culprits. The waste, consisting of flat-pack bedroom furniture, toys and clothes was retrieved by officers from the water on Tuesday 10th January. A spokesman said it took four staff two hours to pull out the dumped items, at a cost to the tax payer of £200. The furniture was taken to a depot to be recycled. Throwing rubbish into any watercourse creates a blockage with the risk of further pollution problems.



FixMyStreet Use this site to report, view or discuss local problems such as potholes, graffiti, fly tipping.

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>



**The Somerset Day
15th February**



Sunrise
7.24 a.m.



Sunset
5.26 p.m.

Recycle More

Somerset has given the green light to recycle more with the formal backing of all six partners of the [Somerset Waste Board](#). The partners have approved the proposal to introduce the new kerbside collection service collection package entitled **Recycle More**.



This will lead to improved recycling services with the introduction of new materials to collections – plastic pots, tubs and trays, small electrical items and household batteries. In tandem with the expanded recycling service, **household refuse collections will change in frequency from fortnightly to three weekly**. Garden waste and clinical waste collections will remain unchanged.

Every week you will be able to recycle: All paper, cardboard, food waste, food and drink cans, aerosols, glass bottles and jars, tin/aluminium foil, shoes, textiles (unstuffed) as well as all plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, small electrical items and household batteries.

Assuming approval, it is unlikely that there will be any changes to kerbside collections before autumn 2017 at least. Everyone will be notified well in advance before changes happen and there will be roadshows in local areas.

As part of the rollout of the new service you will receive a durable, reusable SWP recycling bag to help you store the new materials. You will be offered the opportunity to order replacement recycling containers if yours are old and need replacing. Before then, if you currently have broken or missing recycling containers, visit our container ordering webpage to order replacements free of charge.

It is estimate that there will be a saving for Somerset of £1.7 million every year – valuable savings that could be spent supporting the important pressurised services we all value – and it could be higher.



The Parish Council



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The next Parish Council meeting is, on **Wednesday 1st February 2017**, in the Meadway Hall. It starts at 7.00p.m.

On behalf of the residents of Compton Dundon, the Parish Council would like to publish a very heartfelt thank you to John Gordon for editing, compiling and distributing the Parish Newsletter. We are aware of how much work goes into making our newsletter an interesting and colourful read so we'd like to thank him for all the hard work and for attending all the village events with his camera at the ready! All our best wishes.

Dean Ruddle, our County Councillor, is holding a surgery at the White Hart Inn on **Saturday 18th February** from 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Please make an appointment by either calling 01458 274865 or emailing anne.yates@btinternet.com



Stephen Page, District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on **Saturday 25th February** from 11.00 to 12.30 in the 'Full of Beans' Cafe, 6 West Street, Somerton. All are welcome to meet with Stephen and discuss any concerns or issues. To make an appointment kindly contact him by e-mailing stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephoning 07519 739137137

Parish Council Planning Business



District Council Planning determinations

1. 16/03513/FUL: Mr. J. Chapman, Bartletts Farm, Hayes Road, TA11 6PF. Replacement of existing building with new building for office B1(a) use.

Application permitted

2. 16/04953/S73A: Mr J Lovell, Plot 2, Land west of The Gammons, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. Variation of condition 01 of application 15/00523/REM for the development of plot 2 to be carried out in accordance with drawings 16-418/001, 002, 003, 004 & 005.

Application permitted

3. 16/04362/FUL: Mr & Mrs Butten, Land OS3663, Somerton Road, Compton Dundon. Erection of a workshop/poultry shed, siting of 4 poly tunnels for crop production and one mobile home for use as workers and feed/vets store and laying of access track (part retrospective).

Application refused

4. 16/04307/OUT: Mr & Mrs Strudwick, Land at Old Farmyard, Behind Town, Compton Dundon. Outline application for the erection of a dwelling and formation of vehicular access. **Application permitted**

Planning consultations

1. 16/05355/LBC: Mr. D. Martlew. Badgers Cottage, Peak Lane, TA11 6PE. The carrying out of various internal and external alterations to include installation of porch (partly implemented). Following brief discussion it was unanimously **resolved to support** the application.

Other planning issues

1. Tree Preservation Order: Land at junction Behind Town and Touch Lane. The Council appraised themselves of the various documents received and requested the Clerk to respond to the proposed TPO in support of the land owner. In the Council's view the specified trees are not significant to the environment; the proposed remedial action set out by the owner is acceptable and the diseased tree gives concern with respect to the public and neighbouring properties.

Broadband: 80 vouchers were issued in the Parish but the take up was insufficient with Voneus to reach their threshold. It was agreed that local businesses should be encouraged to express an interest in Gigaclear.

South Somerset District Council Online Services

<http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-services/>



Cricket Club AGM

Following on from their successful season, Compton Dundon Cricket Club will be holding its AGM at **8.00 p.m.** on **Sunday 19th February**; at the Castlebrook Inn. New members, for the new season, are very welcome.

Crispin School Alumni A recent development at Crispin School has been to highlight the achievements of former pupils. It is particularly pleasing to see that the progress of two former Compton Dundon pupils has been shown in the most recent editions.

Matthew Shields attended Crispin School & Strode College before gaining a First Class Honours degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Portsmouth. He is now a project manager for RJM, working on multi million pound emission reduction projects on power plants throughout the world. This involves flying business class to projects in China and Vietnam and leading teams of engineers during testing on these huge plants.



He hopes to move to Singapore next year to open and manage the new RJM office.



Rebecca Brown attended Crispin School and Bridgwater College before gaining a First Class Honours in LLB Law at Cardiff University. After her degree she attended The University of Law in Bristol where she passed the **Legal Practice Course** with distinction and achieved a Masters Degree (MSc) in Law, Business and Management. She is currently a trainee solicitor, undertaking her training contract

with a Top 30 City Law Firm. She is due to qualify in 2018 and her ambition is to become a partner.

Well done to the both of them.



The Duck Hut in
Goose Lane

For those of you who were wondering what it looked like inside Caroline's newly erected 'Shepherd's Hut' at Church Farm. Here it is!

Stay safe and well in severe weather

Somerset County Council is urging people to take extra care and look out for others during the cold and icy weather. The severe cold weather and icy conditions or snow over the next few days which could increase the health risks to vulnerable people and disrupt the delivery of services.

Top tips in colder weather:

- Take account of the weather when planning your activity over the following days. Anyone planning a journey in Somerset can now find all the information they need to avoid unnecessary delays in one place <http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk>
- Look out for friends and family who may be vulnerable to the cold, ensure their driveways and paths are clear and they have access to warm food and drinks, medication and are managing to heat their homes adequately.
- * Remember to visit your Pharmacist at the first sign of illness and stock up on sufficient necessary medicines.
- * Try to maintain indoor temperatures to at least 18C, particularly if you are not mobile, have long term illness or are 65 or over.

The local Somerset NHS advises that A&E and 999 services are for life-threatening and serious conditions only. Your local high-street pharmacy can help with minor illnesses and complaints such as coughs, colds, flu, stomach upsets, aches and sprains. If you feel it's not a 999 emergency - but you need medical help fast, dial 111.



The Herald

Newsletter of St Andrew's Church Compton Dundon

Any enquiries with regard to Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals should be directed to the Priest in Charge, The Reverend Sharon Walker; Tel: 01458 442297 or sharonannewalker@hotmail.com.

Church Officers

Church Wardens: Martyn Steer 273455 & Helen Thomas 274427

Treasurer: Margaret Sutton 272811

Date	Service	Preacher
5th February	Christingle and Candlemas Service Meadway Hall 9.30—Croissants & coffee 10.00 Service	Mike Berger
12th February	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd Sharon Walker
19th February	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd Diana Greenfield
26th February	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd Brian Gillett
1st March	Ash Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Mission Church Street	Revd Sharon Walker

Christenings: The Church of England welcomes all babies, children and families for christenings—whatever shape that family takes. You do not have to be married or have been a regular churchgoer - as a parent, You do not even have to be baptised yourself - though you could be. A christening is just the beginning. Over the years to come, it's a journey you'll share with your child by:

- ☺ being there for your child to talk about the bigger questions of life - questions about hope, faith and love.
- ☺ praying for your child through the ups and downs of their faith journey.
- ☺ showing them practically how to make those good choices in life.
- ☺ Helping them to learn more about their Christian faith, through their church and other ways.

Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells



At one time January and February were not part of the Calendar as the winter was regarded as being a 'monthless period.' Indeed it was not until about 700BC that Numa Pompilius added January and February to the Calendar. February was named after Februa, a festival of ritual purification. In Old English February was called Solmonath (mud month) or Kalemonath (named after cabbages). In Somerset we certainly know something about both mud and cabbages! But how strange to regard winter as being 'monthless'? It assumes nothing is happening. And that's certainly not true. In our gardens we see snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils appearing. New life and new growth is evident everywhere. For farmers this is also a very busy period with early lambing often underway and with winter sown crops already well established.

February is a time when we appreciate that the days are lengthening and for many of us 'spring cleaning', whatever that may mean, is often under way. In February, Epiphany is well behind us and Lent almost upon us. Across the Diocese there is also much that is happening. Bishop Ruth and I are looking forward to six *Community Conversations*, the first two of which are in February. There will be two in each archdeaconry and these are occasions for us to meet people from right across the diocese. Some will be people we know well, but we hope many will be people who we have not had the chance to meet before. The aim of each *Conversation* is to provide an opportunity for us to hear and to share some of the things that God is doing among us. We are called to be followers of Jesus, living and telling the story of his love. All PCC secretaries and clergy have been given these dates, so do speak to one of them if you would like to come along. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your stories.

With warm greetings, Peter+



Church Friday Teas

A warm thank you to those villagers who supported this venture. Perhaps we'll do it again in the future.

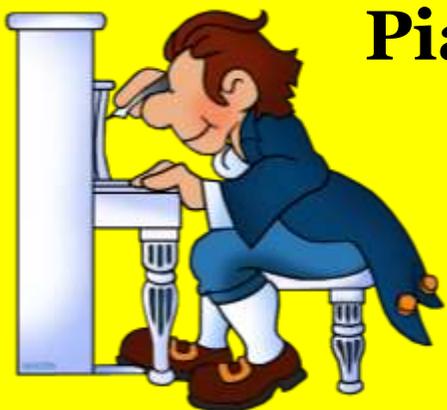
Mothering Sunday Service

Meadway Hall

26th March

Rev'd David Hatrey





Pianist Wanted

St Andrew's urgently requires a pianist, who is prepared to help out on a few occasions during the year. It would be useful to welcome a third musician, who can help out in emergencies.

Please contact Helen 274427
or Martyn 273455

Carol Singing: Thanks to the generosity of villagers, together with a contribution from Tintinhull School, a very pleasing sum of £663.52 was sent to the Crisis at Christmas Charity.

This donation enabled approximately 29 homeless people to come in from the cold this Christmas, to have a chance to shower, freshen up and get clean clothes, to have three nutritious hot meals including Christmas dinner, to have a health check and treatment from a doctor, optician and dentist and to have an introduction to Crisis' year-round services for training and support for the future.

Thanks also to the many villagers who braved the cold to help with the carol singing.



An Alpha Course began on **Tuesday 17th January** at Walton Church, starting at 7.00 p.m. You are all invited. Please contact Sharon sharonnewalker@hotmail.com for further



Christmas at St Andrew's

Christingle & Candlemas

Meadway Hall

**Sunday 5th
February**

10.00 a.m.

**Croissants, jam & coffee
served from 9.30 a.m.**



St Andrew's Congregation

Welcomes you to a

**Cheese and Wine
Get Together**

**Saturday 25th February
6.00 p.m.—8.00 p.m.**

Meadway Hall

