



# Parish Newsletter

Compton Dundon and Littleton

July 2017

Incorporating The Herald

# Glastonbury Festival

Compton Dundon Campsite Crew



The village volunteer crew swing into action at the festival this year, surviving the early heat wave and helping make the largest and most popular music festival in the country a success.



## 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:



26th July  
30th August

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

## 100 Club Winners June 2017

£15.00

#55 Val Cobbett

£10.00

#44 Jill Champion

£5.00

#36 Val Daye



The next issue of the Parish  
Newsletter is: -  
**September**

To submit news items/  
information for the September  
newsletter, please contact Alan  
Dean by either:

1. Tel: 01458 270057
2. [alan.dean14@btinternet.com](mailto:alan.dean14@btinternet.com)
3. Drop details into Foothills,  
Peak Lane, Compton Dundon,  
TA11 6PE

The deadline for the September  
2017 newsletter is the 21st  
August 2017.

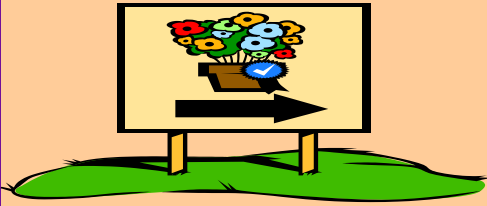


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issues may be found on the  
village website:  
[www.comptondundon.com](http://www.comptondundon.com).

For the latest community  
news and information, fol-  
low Compton Dundon on  
Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/  
comptondundon](http://www.facebook.com/comptondundon)

Its nearly here!

This year's 2017



# VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August

2.30pm Meadway Hall

Don't miss out this year. All entry forms by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August – 30p for each item entered. Items can be brought to the hall from 8.00am to 10.30am.

Doors open to all at 2.30pm – come along and view all the exhibits. Try the tea and cake.

**CHILDREN'S ENTRIES** - - Free face painting ticket with each entry for under 12 years.



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

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>





An invitation to:



The Village Hall

Summer Barbecue, Boules and  
Musical Celebration

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm to  
10.00pm at



Meadway Hall



The whole village is invited to a **'get together'** after the Village Show to share the cider made with the Cooperative in October 2016. You can cook your own barbecued snacks, have a game of boules, if you like and join in with Simon Dore and his musical friends.

Please bring your own food to barbecue. **We'll** set up some barbecues, in advance.

**We'll** make a summer cider punch and of course, **there'll** be lots of your **Cooperative's** cider to drink. We made more than 100 gallons and **it's** been maturing nicely in its wooden Calvados barrel.

Please invite whoever you think might enjoy the evening.

**There's** also a warm welcome from Simon if **you'd** like to join him in making some happy music.

# **Traditional 'Compton Dundon' Afternoon Tea**



**Sunday 9th July 2017**

**3.00 until 5.30 p.m.**

**Meadway Hall**

**Tickets available from the Post Office,  
Ally 445463, Kathy 274531 or Jan 273455**

**All proceeds to the Village Hall Fund**

The Somerset Day  
16th July



Sunrise  
5.15 a.m.  
Dawn  
4.32 a.m.



Sunset  
9.18p.m.  
Dusk  
10.02p.m.

## Highlights from the Meeting on- Wednesday 14th June, The Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon

Our speaker was Dr Yvonne Varley who spoke to us on the subject "The Secret life of Arthur Ransome 1884 - 1967".

Dr Varley is a GP in Dorset and first became interested in Arthur Ransome when she was first married; her husband bought with him a copy of Arthur Ransome's **"Swallows and Amazons"**



when they were setting up their new home together. An Author unknown to her, her husband suggested she read it, and from thereon she was hooked. Many people may be aware of his authorship of the Twelve books in the Swallows and Amazons series, based largely upon children, boats and school holiday adventures set in a period between the two World Wars, but his bibliography extends much further than that. He illustrated his own books and this series remains in print today. In 1937 he won the first Carnegie Medal for "Childrens Book of the Year" Category.

His life was an adventure in itself, he was born in Yorkshire and educated at Rugby School. It soon became evident that he was a writer at heart and he began writing whilst at University; finding he could support himself from the proceeds, his University course went unfinished. By his late 20s was renting a house in Tisbury, Wiltshire and married Ivy who duly provided a daughter, Tabitha. His writing was varied and interesting from articles, to his first book "Bohemia in London" and a biography of Oscar Wilde. All was not well with the marriage and the demands of time needed to write to earn a living were sometimes challenged. Arthur decided that he needed time to write and so, being refused a divorce, he ran away to St Petersburg where he learnt Russian in

3 months. At this time Russia was a country in turmoil, with both the First World War and Russian revolution brewing.

He became a correspondent for the Foreign Office and reported on proceedings in an unbiased standpoint, although to some it seemed he sympathised with the Bolsheviks. He certainly had free access to Lenin and Trotsky so his information was sourced "from the horse's mouth". He was recruited by MI6 as agent S76 unknown to MI5, who had him under surveillance because of his activities! Some might question if he was a double agent, he certainly wasn't anti-Russian. We are left to join our own conclusions.

Eventually a divorce from Ivy enabled him to marry Trotsky's Secretary Evgenia and they returned to live in Manchester where he wrote for the Manchester Guardian. It is in this relatively settled period of his life that the Swallows and Amazons books were written. Both are buried in Rusland, Cumbria.

Following the talk we had tea and a short business meeting.

The Monthly Competition subject "A Children's Book" was won by Pat Addaford

Flower of the Month was won by Janet Wall with her bunch of Nigella



## Forthcoming Women's Institute Meetings

Meadway Hall - second Wednesdays at  
7.30 p.m.

12th July	Jill Fade	Edible Crystallised Flowers
9th August	Anne Goold	<b>Minature in Dolls' Houses</b>
13th September		No meeting

# Compton Dundon Golf Society



So July took us to the land of Kings - Lyme Regis - to a beautiful course above the bay, in lovely sunshine - the shorts were out in abundance, so that Alan Witcombe could show off his suntan!

We welcomed another new member Denis Welch - our first vegetarian - his bacon bap was devoured by the hungry horde, whilst he waited for an egg one.

We were a little concerned when we were advised to take care on the 16th as a large section had disappeared down the cliff. Fortunately we returned with all members. After this warning everyone appeared to do their best to behave ( and thereby avoid mention in this dispatch). However Dave Wisnieski first on the tee in front of the starter, keen to impress the Starter what a good golfing Society we are, proceeded to shank his tee shot along the ground to the ladies tee a short distance ahead. Have a good round! said the Starter.

Pat Searle had turned her hearing aid off - I think she didn't want to talk to her team members really! So they ended up using a form of semaphore to show her where to go on the course. Her husband Jim told us afterwards that she was drying out (whatever that



means!) Rob Litston managed to influence his team members, Andy Frampton and Peter Robertson, who both managed to hit balls amongst the group in front. Rob Litston was so frustrated by his personal lack of target practice that he turned to cannibalism - at the meal afterwards, having seen Denis Welch's meal he asked - Did I order a Vegetarian? - Denis did look worried!

Shots of the day were awarded to Royston Maddaford, who managed to hit the red tee block with his drive and saw his ball finish some 30 yards behind him. Andy Curtis was so impressed, he thought he would beat that and on 18th managed to replicate Royston's shot, but managed to lose his ball in the stinging nettles behind the tee. He took another shot, struck a tree and the ball rebounded to within six inches of his feet - so he took his fourth shot from the tee - where that went is veiled in secrecy!

As to the competitive side of things, Rob Litston and Jim Searle won nearest the pins, and top team were Rob, Andy and Peter.

Next visit is Thursday 13th July at Saltford Golf Club, Saltford.

The cost for all venues is £40 which includes a bacon roll and coffee beforehand, a round of golf and a two course meal afterwards (The food usually makes up for the golf!)

We welcome any new members and/or guests – contact Dave Wisniewski 01458 270982 or [dave@somerbuild.com](mailto:dave@somerbuild.com) if you would like to join us on any or all of these.

## Compton Dundon Walking Group



The dates for walks for the rest of this year are as follows (not all follow 'third Sunday of the month' pattern to avoid busy times): -

July 16 August 20 September 17 October 15

November 19 December 10

Contacts: Martin & Lynda Tel: 01458-273591

# Compton Dundon Gardening Club



On Wednesday 14th June we made our last visit of the club year to Stourhead. The calendar for the 2017/2018 year will be published in the September newsletter. Meetings are normally held each month on the first

Monday in Meadway Hall starting at 7-30 p.m.

Contact Kathy on 01458 27431 or 07870831811 for information about the Gardening Club.

## South Somerset Countryside Site Events

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July- Woodland Storytelling for Pre-School Children, Yeovil Country Park

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July- Woodland Storytelling at Yeovil Country Park

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July- Chard Countryside Day, Chard Reservoir LNR

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July- Creepy Crawly Creatures at Yeovil Country Park

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July- Wonderful Woodlands at Yeovil Country Park

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August- Firestarters at Ham Hill Country Park

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August- Woodland Storytelling at Yeovil Country Park

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August- Crafty Chard Day at Chard Reservoir LNR

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August- Dazzling Dragonflies at Yeovil Country Park

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August- Capture the Fort at Ham Hill Country Park

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August- Ham Hill Dog Show, Ham Hill Country Park

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August- Bat Walk at Yeovil Country Park

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August- Grand Designs at Ham Hill Country Park

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August- **Children's Photography at Yeovil Country Park**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August- Bat Walk at Ham Hill Country Park

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August- The Wild Café at Ham Hill Country Park

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August- Night Time at Ninesprings, Yeovil Country Park

For more details and bookings please visit [www.southsomersetcountryside.com](http://www.southsomersetcountryside.com).  
Enquiries [countryside@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@southsomerset.gov.uk) or 01935 462282

## Boules

There will be a boules tournament for teams of 4 players on Sunday 17th September on the new Petanque Terrain at Meadway Hall.



More detailed information about the format will be confirmed nearer the date, depending upon the number of teams entering. Starting in the morning and including a ploughman's lunch in the entrance fee for each team. To enter a team please contact Simon Dore on 01458 445463 or by email to [cdvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:cdvillagehall@gmail.com)

We are hoping to arrange **“Come and Join In” sessions** on the second Sunday afternoon in the month during the summer starting in June - to encourage people just to turn up and join others in a friendly game of boules. Why not get some friends and come along?

## The Craft Club



There will be no Craft Club on Tuesday 4th & 18th July.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st August in Meadway Hall 9-30 a.m. To 12-30 p.m.

On Tuesday 15th August Denise Stirrup will be showing us how to make cards from pressed flowers and everyone will have the chance to practise. Denise will be supplying all the materials. The cost to be notified later.

Please contact Trish Cox (01458 447075) for further information.



Subscribing to Somerset Performing Arts Library in Yeovil will gain your group access to our vast collection of music scores and play scripts. For details see [www.somerset.gov.uk/pal](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/pal) or phone 01935 472020

## Compton Dundon Short Mat Bowls Club

The Bowls Club meets at 7-15 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays each week, in the Meadway Hall. As well as club evenings, they regularly compete in both friendly and league matches. Why not come along for 3 free evenings, with bowls provided. Any enquiries, please ring Michael Bell (01458 442046)



## The Arts Society

(previously National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies– NADFAS)

Illustrated lectures - all at Caryford Hall, Castle Cary - at 11-00 a.m. - £6 - free parking: -

18 July: - The Making of Venice: From Swamp to Serenissima

17 October: - The Horse and Modern Art from George Stubbs to Mark Wallinger

21 November: - Burned, Bombed or Bulldozed: Britain's Lost Houses (*for information 01963 350132*)



Stacey and Dale at The Castlebrook Inn would like to thank all who came and supported the charity bingo evening, and particularly those who generously donated prizes.



The evening was a big success **raising over £300** for the fantastic local charity "Headway" Bristol, which do amazing work to improve life after brain injury.

### Castlebrook car boot sales return

- starting 1200 noon Saturday the 8th July, £5 a car/pitch (set up from 11 a.m.), burgers and hot dogs for sale, ice creams, face painting and more!

# Compton Dundon Cricket Club

## Match reports

21st May - Queen Camel 151 all out beat Compton Dundon 121 all out . The ten men of Compton Dundon were defeated by a well matched Queen Camel side in this home fixture. Compton lost the toss and were asked to bowl, and started fairly well. M.Hoskins took 3 wickets for 20 runs, one of which being opening batsmen H. Taggart (22). Good Spells from T.Weech (1-13), C.Lambden (2-25) and G.Jones (2-23) accounted for most of the other wickets.

Compton went out to chase the target of 151, and lost opener P.Lindsey first ball of the innings by N.Hainsworth (1-30). After a steady partnership between B.Chislett (12) and T.Weech (35), Compton slumped to 121 all out, and defeat.

28th May - friendly away v Huish & Langport  
Compton Dundon CC 176-5 beat HLCC 174-8

A well-spirited friendly between CDCC and HLCC saw Compton Dundon end up comfortable winners. Compton won the toss and elected to bowl, on a very lively wicket. Huish and Langport started well notching up 38 runs in the first 7 overs. After this things were kept very tight by Compton, until a quick fire 40 from the Huish Captain M.Pritchard left HLCC on 174. Compton had a shaky start until a brilliant partnership saw B.Chislett (58) and C.Porter (56) pile on the runs. After the loss of some comical wickets, it was left to C.Lambden (4 N.O) to hit the winning runs in the 32nd over.

4th June - Compton v Cranmore.

We only managed 12 overs before the rains came and the match was abandoned. (7 pts each)

11th June - Compton v North Perrot.

Perrot could not raise a team so forfeited the match to Compton (20pts)

Sunday Mid-Wessex forthcoming league fixtures: -

2nd July - Cranmore (A)            9th July - Broadwater (H)

16th July- Queen Camel (A)    23rd July- Crewkerne (A)

30th July- Butleigh (H)        6th Aug - W&M Chinnock (H)

13th Aug - Butleigh (A)        20th Aug- North Perrot (A)

27th Aug- Street (H)            3rd Sept– Kingsdon (A)

The club bar will be open to all at each home match day.

Junior Coaching takes place on Friday evenings . Session on 30<sup>th</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm

Contact Greg Jones: - greg@mor-cott.co.uk Tel: 07976 539907

# The Parish Council



## Parish Council Members

Cllr Greg Jones (Chairman) 272531 [greg@mor-cott.co.uk](mailto:greg@mor-cott.co.uk)  
Cllr Hugh Thomas 274427 [hughthomascdpc@gmail.com](mailto:hughthomascdpc@gmail.com)  
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Website: [www.comptondundon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.comptondundon-pc.gov.uk)

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 5th July 2017 in the Meadway Hall, starting at 7-00 p.m.

Dean Ruddle is our County Councillor and District Councillor for the Wessex Ward. His next surgery is on Saturday 15th July between 9-30 a.m. and 11-00 a.m. in The White Hart, Somerton.

To make an appointment either call 01458 274865 or email [anne.yates@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.yates@btinternet.com)



Stephen Page, South Somerset District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon)

No monthly surgery in July & August - next surgery on Saturday 30th September 2017 from 11.00 to 12.00 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

email [stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk)



South Somerset District Council Online Services  
<http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-services/>

## Parish Council Planning Business



At the Parish council meeting on Wednesday 7th June 2017 the following district council planning determinations were discussed: -

a) To receive notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 17/01148/FUL: Mr. J. Rowland, Upper Hayes Farm, Hayes Lane TA11 6PD. Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with associated parking. PERMISSION GRANTED.

b) To agree responses to planning and legal consultations

1. 17/02014/REM: Mr. Scott Baker, Clarendon House, Street Road, TA11 6PY. Application for reserved matters following approval of 16/00678/OUT to include details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

2. 17/01832/S73A: Mr & Mrs Searle, Land at Laws Farm, Middle Way, Compton Dundon. Application to vary condition 1 of 15/01319/S73A, proposing minor revisions to garage design.

3. 17/02392/TEA: Telefonica UK Ltd, Land at Peak Lane, Compton Dundon. The installation of a new 18m slim-line lattice mast with 3 no. antennas, 2 no. dishes and 3 no. equipment cabinets along with ancillary development



Planning application for installation of a phone mast near Ham Lane/Peak Lane junction (Ref: 17/02392/TEA)

Residents may comment on this application by writing to Alex Skidmore, Planning Dept, South

Somerset District Council, Brympton Way, Yeovil, BA20 2HT or email

[planning@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:planning@southsomerset.gov.uk) quoting above reference and giving your name and address. Details of the application and submissions may be viewed at: - <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-a-planning-application-online/?keyword=17%2f02392%2fTEA>



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

Services & Events - 2nd to 30th July 2017

*All Sunday services start at 10.00am unless otherwise stated*

Date	Service	Preacher
9th July	Holy Communion	Revd Diana Greenfield
16th July	Holy Communion	Revd John Greed
23rd July	Holy Communion	Revd Toby Salisbury
30th July	Benefice Service at the Mission Church, Street at 10-30 a.m.	Archdeacon of Bath & Wells



# Village Hog Roast

Once again, the weather held for the Annual Village Hog Roast on Saturday 10th June although the sunshine was in short supply. A tremendous £2400 was raised towards the support of our village church, St Andrews, during the coming year.

Thank you to all those who sponsored the event and helped run it and also to all those who came along to enjoy the many attractions of the evening. Without the support of all of you, it couldn't have been done.



## Pets and Parachutes

The annual Pets and Parachutes service held on 4th June raised £200 for the charity Dogs for Good. a UK-based charity, training and providing accredited assistance dogs for people with physical disabilities and children with autism, thereby making life changing differences to their lives. Thank you to all those who came with their four-legged friends and



to those who parachuted their beloved cuddly toys from the top of the Church Tower.



## Somerset Remembers

2018 marks the centenary of the end of the First World War. Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday will fall on the same day. On November 11th 2018 there will be many civic, town, village and parish Services and Acts of Remembrance.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset, Annie Haw, has given early notification of her plan to hold a County event in Wells, on the early evening of Tuesday 6th November 2018, which will avoid conflicting with other acts of remembrance organised by communities in this year of increased significance.

## Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

This month I shall make my first visit to Zambia. Mostly we take holidays in Scotland so this sounds somewhat exotic and probably warmer! However it is not intended to be a tourist visit but rather an opportunity to grow the friendship between our diocese and our sisters and brothers in our partnership link with Zambia.



Next year we celebrate 40 years of that friendship and you will be hearing much more of how we hope to mark that milestone and develop and strengthen the partnership. We hope that there will be visits to and fro so that we can learn from one another about how we live and tell our stories of faith and how to share the grace of God in our lives.

In recent months we have seen something of a growing fear and anxiety creeping in to some of the ways in which we as a society respond to people who have a different culture, ethnicity or religious faith than ourselves. Such fear can prevent us from the joy of discovering alternative views or perspectives or engaging in novel experiences. Reticence in taking risks can mean we miss the delight of making new friends.

Trust is something which grows as we step outside of the boundaries of our known world into the unfamiliar territory of another. The call of Christ to follow him is one that takes us beyond ourselves into places of discovery and the **expanding of horizons**. **I'm looking forward to meeting my Zambian brothers and sisters** in the shared journey we have committed to walk together.

I hope that each of us will make the most of the opportunities we have both here and abroad to open ourselves to the voice of God as we experience new people, new places and new discoveries this summer.

The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley  
Bishop of Taunton

## SIERRA LEONE 2017

### Leone



Sierra Leone has a troubled history; it is a country still suffering from the effects of the civil war from 1991 to 2002 and more recently the ebola epidemic.

Their lifestyle is in stark contrast to ours: homes are basic, made of mud blocks, with a fire for cooking and a community outhouse for a toilet. Only 31% of adults are literate. The average life expectancy is 43 years.

Each October a group of sixth formers from Wells Cathedral School travel to Sierra Leone to undertake charity work. Over the years they have forged strong links with Ballanta Music Academy and J.T. Reffell Primary School. This year we are also visiting an orphanage, the School for the Blind, and will be performing music concerts in local schools.

Each sixth former travelling, including me this year, has pledged to individually raise £150. This is the amount required to send one child to school for one year.

Together with Toby Dennis from the village, we will be raising money through a 20 mile sponsored cycle ride, from Langport along the River Parrett and around the Levels villages. This will take place on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.



I would be grateful for any sponsors to help me achieve my goal of helping one child in Sierra Leone to have an opportunity of schooling and a brighter future.

If you can sponsor me, please contact me at [kingp18@wells-cathedral-school.com](mailto:kingp18@wells-cathedral-school.com) or telephone 01458 274926.

THANK YOU for your support.

Patrick King  
(Hayes Road, Compton Dundon)