

Parish Newsletter

Compton Dundon and
Littleton

October 2017

Incorporating The Herald

Cider Time

It's that time of the year again
and the chance to join in producing
apple juice to drink and for cider. Details of the
annual village Apple Pressing Day on page 4.



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:

25th October

29th November

13th December
(Christmas Lunch)



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

Newsletter entries



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

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

The deadline for the November
2017 newsletter is Monday
23rd October 2017.



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](https://www.facebook.com/comptondundon)

Correction

Village Directory

Please note on page 4 under
'Women's Institute' the number
for Pat Maddaford should be
448530 (not 445830)

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST FIRST EVER CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN SET TO TRANSFORM GRASSLAND INTO WILDFLOWER MEADOW



Somerset Wildlife Trust is delighted to announce that it has exceeded its £5000 Crowdfunding target for its Perry Mead Wildflower Project. Thanks to over 150 members of the public, an amazing £5,630 **was raised for the Trust's Perry Mead Wildflower Project** which will go towards overall cost of completing the project which is £9500.

The Crowdfunding campaign also caught the attention of local business Golledge Electronics, who then pledged a further **£1000 to help secure the project's success**, alongside generous donations from an anonymous donor and one of the **Trust's own area groups who were also**



inspired by the project. This wonderful new project now has the funds to **improve habitats for Somerset's bees and butterflies, which will help reverse the shocking decline in pollinators over recent decades.**

The money raised will be used to collect seeds from flower-rich fields at Babcarry Meadow Nature Reserve and sow it onto a species-poor field at Perry Mead Nature Reserve, transforming a mainly grass field into a diverse mix of flowering plants and grasses; perfect food for Somerset's bees and pollinators to enjoy.

Since the 1930s we have lost 97% of our wildflower meadows, and with it lots of our pollinators. This is bad news for us as we rely on them for food - **one in every three mouthfuls of food is down to them. And it's not just the 250 species of bees that put the time in - it's butterflies, moths, flies and various other insects such as beetles and wasps.** Now we can repay the favour and make sure they have the habitat they need to survive and thrive.



100 Club Winners September 2017

£15.00#) *Regret that the names were not available*
£10.00#) *at the time the newsletter was sent to the*
£5.00#) *publisher.*

Dundon Cider Cooperative

Apple Pressing Day

Sunday 18th October, 11.00am

at Lollover Mile House

- Bring and share lunch
- Please bring your apples and/or cutting knives and energy to our annual apple pressing day.
- **If you'd prefer, deliver your apples during the previous week.**
- **Everyone's welcome, with or without apples!**
- Please note: **if you'd like to help pick apples during the week beginning 11th October, call Andrew on 274531**

Somerset Fingerpost Restoration Project

Somerset has a wonderful range of historic fingerposts, which remain as iconic landmarks in our countryside and represent tantalising reminders of the past.

The aim of the Somerset Fingerpost Restoration Project is for local authorities to work in partnership with the community to restore these iconic landmarks and return them to their former glory.



Somerset County Council and the Southwest Heritage Trust have produced a handbook to provide all the information required to enable community groups to decide if they would like to take part in this valuable restoration project. You can view the handbook at: -

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/policies-and-plans/schemes-and-initiatives/somerset-fingerpost-restoration-project/>



There is an extensive section on health and safety guidance and training. Please do not be put off by this as its main purpose is to ensure your safety and the safety of other road users.

Somerset County Council will be offering all volunteers **‘Highway Safety Awareness Training’** in the form of a half day local workshop. Only volunteers who have successfully completed this workshop will be allowed to carry out cleaning and painting work on fingerposts. There must be a minimum number of two volunteers present on site when carrying out minor refurbishment and maintenance work on fingerposts.





There was no WI meeting in September.
Forthcoming events are listed below

About the WI

The Women's Institute (WI) was formed in 1915 to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. Since then the organisation's aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. The WI celebrated its centenary in 2015 and currently has almost 220,000 members in approximately 6,300 WIs.

The WI plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities.

(<https://www.thewi.org.uk/about-the-wi>)

Dates to Remember:

December 6th Christmas Dinner, venue to be arranged.

October competition: Wartime Memorabilia



Forthcoming Women's Institute Meetings at

Meadway Hall - second Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.

11th October	Tony Bagwell	Nine Thankful Villages
8th November	Rachel Harding	Ballroom & Latin Dancer
13th December	Kay Wych	Maid at Glastonbury Abbey

Warning - Thieves About!

Sometime between 21st and 25th August two racing bikes were taken from a shed at a house on Compton Street. If anyone noticed anything please contact the police on 101. This is a reminder to be careful with your sheds and what is stored in them.

Electoral Review of South Somerset

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out an electoral review of South Somerset District Council.

The review will draw new council ward boundaries across South Somerset.

The Commission has also announced that the council should have 60 councillors in future: the same as the current arrangements.

Now we are asking for evidence about your local area to help us decide a new pattern of wards for South Somerset.

Your views will make a difference

Local people know their area best. That's why we are asking you for evidence on a range of issues:

- Do you have suggestions about where your ward boundaries should be?
- Which areas do you identify as your local community?
- Where do people in your area go to access local facilities such as shops and leisure activities?

For more details and interactive maps, visit:

consultation.lgbce.org.uk or www.lgbce.org.uk

Have your say

Send your views to:

The Review Officer (South Somerset)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
14th floor, Millbank Tower
Millbank
London SW1P 4QP

Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Follow us on Twitter: [@LGBCE](https://twitter.com/LGBCE)

The consultation closes on **30 October 2017**

The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
for England



Note for information: -

Map of South Somerset from Council, giving variances by wards, shows that our ward Wessex has 2 members and is not at variance with other districts based on population represented.

Compton Dundon Golf Society

September found Compton Dundon Golf Society on the outskirts of Yeovil.

The BBC weather forecast – always trustworthy (!) - promised us fine weather all day, despite the previous two days downpours, so we set off full of enthusiasm and good cheer, in the bright sunshine, only to be disappointed as the clouds filled the sky and several quite heavy showers descended on us.



Nevertheless, we managed to continue our usual standards (see previous reports!), despite the prevailing conditions.

The water ingress obviously had an adverse effect on several people's eyesight – both Royston Maddaford and Andy Curtis spent a long time searching the rough grass for their balls when they were actually in the middle of the fairway. They were both using fluorescent yellow balls to **help them spot them more easily! Doesn't seem to make much difference!**

Dennis Welch **couldn't find his ball** either, until he found that he had parked his buggy on top of it. Rob Litston, on the other hand, **couldn't find his 4 iron in his bag**. He was convinced he had left it on an earlier tee, so he took a different club and played the most horrendous



shot. When he returned to his bag, there smiling sweetly at him was his 4 iron!

Dave Wisniewski found an alternative way of avoiding the myopia that appeared to be afflicting the others – he started using a pink ball – until it was pointed out that there was a colour clash with his waterproof coat.

Peter Robertson obviously is having withdrawal symptoms from missing his seaside holiday this year and decided to spend as much time as possible in the sand. On the 6th hole he put his ball into a bunker, and from the tee on the very next hole he put the ball into the same bunker again – **we think he hadn't finished digging for treasure.**

Pat was excited about having a go at the 'nearest-the-pin' competition. She was amazed to see that Noone's name was on the sheet as being the nearest – it was pointed out that they were the first group to attempt it!

As to prizes – Brian Love won nearest the pin on the 10th, Pat Searle on the 13th, and Robin, Jim and Andy won the top team score.



The next outing - Wednesday 4th October at Wells Golf Club. New guests welcome – contact Royston Maddaford if you would like to join us for some social golf. 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 WILDLIFE EXPRESS

Somerset Wildlife Trust's special fundraiser returns for a second year and is proud to present the **'Steam Tea Wildlife Special'** steam train ride on Thursday 26th October.



This year it returns with a special VIP guest – Val Stones from TV's **'Great British Bake Off'**. Val will be judging those ticket holders brave enough to bring their own scones and jam. All profits from the ticket sales will be donated to Somerset Wildlife Trust.

Greeted by Val and Somerset Wildlife Trust staff, the steam train leaves Bishops Lydeard at 2.45pm, travels through the Quantock Hills and along the Somerset coastline to Minehead and then returns by 5.45pm. Ticket holders will be travelling in style in VIP carriages on one



of WSR's iconic steam trains and enjoy a tasty cream tea. There are a limited number of ticket sat £29.50 (includes a cream tea)

Compton Dundon Gardening Club

Next meeting Monday 2nd October - 7.30pm
Stephanie Hafferty - 'Growing and using edible flowers'.

Stephanie works with Charles Dowding, an advocate of 'organic no-dig gardening.' She will explain how to grow a range of edible flowers, including varieties and growing/sowing tips, plus ways of preserving them, with recipes for cosmetics, food and cocktails.

The AGM will precede the meeting and start at 7.00pm.



The garden club has need of some more committee members. If you would consider serving on the committee and would like more details you can you get in touch with Kathy on 01458 27431 or 07870831811.

Meetings are normally held in Meadway Hall each month on the first Monday of each month from September to June at 7-30 p.m.

Remaining Programme for 2017 – 2018

Date	Topic	Speaker
6 th November 2017	Alluring Alpines	Paul Crumbleton
4 th December 2017	Christmas floral demonstration	Anne Hassad
8 th January 2018	New year quiz	
5 th February 2018	The Pharmacy in the Plant	Alan Dean
5 th March 2018	Orchids	Howard Burnett
1 st /2 nd April 2018	Easter weekend	
9 th April 2018	History & development of bishops' palace gardens	James Cross
May 2018	Visit to Sweet Acre Nursery, Glastonbury	
June 2018	Visit to Hestercombe House & Gardens	

Boules Tournament

The tournament was held on Sunday 17th September on the new Petanque Terrain at Meadway Hall.

Ten teams of four entered together with 'substitutes' and supporters. It proved a great success and was blessed with some warm autumn sunshine after recent rainy weather. Enthusiasm was high if not always matched by the skill level. Fortunately no one ventured outside the playing area and the emergency services were not required.

An excellent ploughman's lunch had been prepared and refreshments and local cider were 'on tap'.

The overall winning team Boule La La showed their pedigree (and previous experience) to win the final, but competition remained keen throughout into the Plate and Bowl consolation events.

Thanks go to Simon Dore and team of helpers for organising the tournament which hopefully will be more than a 'one-off'.

	Main Final	Plate	Bowl
1st	Boule La La	Peaky Boulers	Moulin Boule
2nd	Somerset Globetrotters	Tintinhull Ringers	Dee Wizz
3rd	Planet Krikkit	The Triers	Bowling Stones
4th			N & S Hamptons



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)

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): -

October 15 November 19 December 10

Contacts: Martin & Lynda Tel: 01458-273591

The Somerset
Day
15th October



Sunrise
7.35a.m.
Dawn
7.02 a.m.



Sunset
6.17p.m.
Dusk
6.50p.m.

Worried about whether there is rain about? Try the Met Office UK Rainfall Radar Map website at <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/observation/rainfall-radar#?map>

Site is updated every 15 min. Don't forget to refresh the screen and update the time bar below the map if you keep the page open for some time.

Compton Dundon Cricket Club

End of 2017 season

Compton Dundon had a mixed season but comfortably avoided relegation from the first division of the Mid-Wessex League. The final positions were: -

Mid-Wessex Cricket League - Division 1 – 2017

Team	p	w	l	c	a	lcn	wcn	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Cranmore CC	14	8	1	1	1	0	3	44	35	234
West & Middle Chinnock CC	14	8	1	2	2	1	0	38	43	171
Butleigh CC	14	5	5	1	3	0	0	34	45	158
Crewkerne CC	14	6	4	3	0	1	0	38	39	141
North Perrott CC	14	5	3	2	3	1	0	42	32	141
Compton Dundon CC	14	2	7	1	3	0	1	37	31	137
Queen Camel CC	14	3	7	1	2	1	0	34	47	113
Broadwindsor CC	14	1	10	1	2	0	0	41	33	106

p - Played, w - win (10), l - loss (0), c - Cancelled (8), a - Abandoned (7), lcn - Team Conceded (-20), wcn - Opposition Conceded (20), BatP - Batting Bonus Points, BowlP - Bowling Bonus Points, Pts - Points



Junior Coaching

This years Coaching Sessions came to an end in July, were very well attended; a peak of 23 children one week. Thanks to the coaches; Dave Morgan and Greg Jones. See you all again next year.



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

The Parish Council



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The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 4th October 2017 in the Meadway Hall, starting at 7-00 p.m.

Vacancy on Parish Council

The secretary issued notices for the filling of the Council vacancy by co-option at the September meeting. There were three applications and the vacancy was filled by Chris Swain by co-option.

Dean Ruddle is our County Councillor and District Councillor for the Wessex Ward.

Next surgery Saturday 21st October in the White Hart, Somerton from 9-30 a.m. until 11-00 a.m. To make an appointment either call 01458 274865 or email anne.yates@btinternet.com



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

Next surgery on Saturday 21st October 2017 from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon 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 or 07519 739137

South Somerset District Council Online Services

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

Parish Council Planning Business

From the August Council meeting : -
Telefonica/Vodafone application for a
telecoms mast at M Wrights
(Ref: 17/02392/TEA)



It was noted that no further updates had been received from the applicant. The Parish working group had met on several occasions and the Council had commissioned an independent third party report. This had now been received and would form the basis for a further response to the consultation by the Council. Following some factual corrections, the draft was unanimously accepted by the Council and the Clerk was requested to forward the document to the Head of Planning.

Items on the agenda of the September Council meeting: -

a) To receive notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 17/02168/FUL: Mr. G. Marshman, Dutch Barn, Behind Town, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PT – Erection of new dwelling (revised Application). **APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**
2. 17/02014/REM: Mr. S. Baker, Clarendon House, Street Road, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PY – Application for reserved matters following approval of application 16/00678/OUT to include details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. **APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**
3. 17/03068/FUL: Mr. Greg Poulter, Decoy Farm, Peak Lane, TA11 6NZ. Single storey extension plus amendments. **APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**

b) To agree responses to planning and legal consultations

1. 17/03225/FUL: Mr/ A Fewings, Land OS 4966, Somerton Road Compton Dundon. Erection of General Purpose Agricultural Building.
2. 17/03292/FUL: Mr. S. Baker, Clarendon House, Street Road TA11 6PY – Part change of use of land, the erection of 1 no. dwelling and detached triple garage.

c) Other planning consultation issues

1. Update on 17/02392/TEA: The installation of a new 18m slim-line lattice mast with 3 No. antenna, 2 No. dishes and 3 No. equipment cabinets along with ancillary equipment.



Newsletter of
St Andrew's Church
 Compton Dundon

The Herald

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 - 1st October to 5th November 2017
All Sunday services start at 10.00am unless otherwise stated

Date	Service	Preacher
1st October	Harvest Festival & Lunch (see page 18)	Revd David Hatrey
8th October	Holy Communion	Revd Sharon Walker
15th October	Holy Communion	Revd David McGeoch Rural Dean
22nd October	Holy Communion	Revd Toby Salisbury
29th October	Benefice Communion at St Andrew's	
5th November	Great War Vigil of Commemoration	Revd Brian Gillet

1917, The Year of Passchendaele

1917 was a year of dramatic and incredibly destructive events. Russia, under its new Bolshevik masters, withdrew from the war. America, exasperated, decided to enter it. The rate of technological change accelerated ever more rapidly. Aircraft, originally used mainly for reconnaissance, developed into battlefield fighters and long-range bombers. Zeppelins appeared over the skies of Britain. U-boats, marauding the oceans, threatened Britain with starvation, though the decision to use them indiscriminately proved to be the biggest miscalculation of the war. The new weapon, the tank, passed from infancy to youth, and 400 British tanks fought in November at Cambrai. Even nastier gasses were devised and employed. And the 'tin hat', used by front line soldiers in 1916, was issued in 1917 to all the troops. At home, motorised ploughs were provided by the government to increase the area of arable land and the production of wheat to stave off the threat of starvation. (In Somerset the increase was over 30%.)

A hugely important non-military development was the creation of a postal service, the largest ever devised. Throughout the war it dispatched to the troops 2 billion letters and 114 million parcels, an absolute rock in the morale of both troops and their families.

We shall reflect on such changes and on the human aspects of this terrible war: of the comradeship, of the sheer guts and sometimes of the pain and misery of the young men and lads doing the fighting; of the fortitude of those men and women in the casualty clearing stations; of the winning of VCs; of the stoicism and suffering of those at home, and not least of the endurance of the mud and horrors of Passchendaele.

We shall use music and fine poetry and above all, letters written by the troops themselves to wives, girl friends, families and friends, which throw light on their thinking and on their emotions in face of an awfulness they were totally unprepared for.

We shall hold this Vigil of Commemoration in the Church at 6.30 on Sunday, 5th of November, just a few days before in 1917 the end of the campaign of Passchendaele. It will be a record of tragedies and a celebration of the human spirit.





Sunday 1st October at 11-00 am at St Andrews Church
Revd David Hatrey will lead the festival and will be auctioning any donations of perishable goods after the Harvest Lunch (see below)
Non-perishable goods will be donated to the Street Food Bank.
Donations of perishable items such as vegetables, fruit or cakes, and of non-perishable items such as teabags, jars or tins, will all be welcome at the Harvest Service.
There will also be a box in the Church throughout September for any non-perishable items.
Perishable goods may be left in the donations box in the church from Friday 29 September.



HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 1st
October 2017



The annual Harvest Lunch will take place at the Meadway Hall after the Harvest Festival Service.
Tickets will be on sale shortly and should be purchased in advance (adults £8, children 11 or under £4) for catering purposes.
Help on the day, and/or a dish such as a salad or a pudding, would be very much appreciated.
If you are able to help in any way, please contact Margaret Sutton on 272811 or Pauline Atkins on 272485, or another member of the Parochial Church Council.

Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

I'm a patron of Somerset Sight, one of the perks that comes with the job! My elderly mum has macular degeneration and so I was very interested to hear more about this valuable work. Jackie (CEO) and Bella (Chair of Trustees) came to tell me more. They have over 250 volunteers who work across the whole of Somerset supporting those with visual impairment. 160 of these visit people in their homes to offer such vital help as reading **people's mail aloud.**



I know how important that is to my mum. Living on her own, her letters **are a lifeline, a contact with the outside world.** She's blessed with plenty of visitors, partly because she will talk to anyone and is confident enough to go out and about to discover new things even though she occasionally trips over and breaks something! But can you imagine how confining losing your sight can be? How your world could become smaller as you lose your confidence? How lonely you might become?

Loneliness and isolation are the experience of many people, not just those who are the seniors of our communities or those with disabilities to overcome. I know that many of you have a real gift for noticing that and doing something about it. Many of our communities rely on people like you to give time and attention to those who are feeling disassociated from the world around them, a little lost.

Visiting, volunteering with organisations such as Somerset Sight, are **important gifts of service to our communities, a wonderful way of 'living the story' of God's love.** If you are doing so, then thank you for that simple but profound act of love. And if not, then why not consider giving an **hour a week to someone who might discover God's love through you?**

Rt Revd Ruth Worsley

Bishop of Taunton

Castlebrook Inn Events

October, November & December (01458 448902)

The Castlebrook Inn



Saturday 7th
October 2017

From 12 noon
Sellers can arrive at 11am
to set up



Halloween Party

With Disco and Karaoke

7pm till midnight, on 28th October.

free Halloween shot for everyone In costume

*Free vodka jelly for everyone who sings
karaoke*

Halloween Tea Party

Tuesday 31st October 5.30pm

Make own scary face Pizza's with gruesome dessert.

Spooky treasure hunt for Halloween treats.

Themed party games.

£7 per child - All

food, drinks and
activities included
(booking required on a first
come first serve basis)



Kids Halloween Disco



Friday 27th October 2017

6pm till 8.30pm £3.50 per child

Fancy dress optional with prizes for best
costumes

Includes party games, prizes and
refreshments

Pub open as normal

*The Castlebrook Inn
Christmas party 2017
Bookings now being taken
Please see our menu & enquire*