



December 2017

Incorporating The Herald

# Parish Council change

At its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 Compton Dundon Parish Council bid farewell to Stas Berkieta who is standing down as our Parish Clerk after 5 years in the role.

Our new clerk will be Helen Richardson who is taking over at the December meeting.



Parish Council chairman Greg Jones accompanied by the other councillors presented Stas with some bottles of his favourite wines. Stas is leaving for a life back in the Yorkshire Dales with our thanks and best wishes.

# 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  
(allydore51@gmail.com) or  
Pauline Atkins 01458 272485  
(paulineatkins1944@gmail.com)

The next village lunches are on the following Wednesdays:

13th December

This is the Christmas Lunch  
Please use the contact details to  
book your places



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.

## 100 Club Winners



November 2017  
£15.00# Joan Coupe  
£10.00# Royston  
Maddaford  
£ 5.00# Brian &  
Sharon Love

## Newsletter entries

**\*\*NB: No newsletter in January\*\***

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

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

**\*\*Please note: - I will be on holiday in January so the deadline for the February 2018 newsletter is very early on Wednesday 10th January 2018\*\***



This newsletter and past issues may be found on the village website:

[www.comptondundon.com](http://www.comptondundon.com).

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



# Meadway Sessions

Melrose Quartet  
Review -  
17th November

What a wonderful evening of music! Is it me or do these events just get better and better? From the opening A cappella song *Mariah's Gone*, the night was

laid out before us with a mix of instrumental and unaccompanied songs. We had contemporary songs written by the band members and their own take on traditional pieces; far too soon the first half came to an end with the rousing *Dominion of the Sword*, a personal favourite of mine. The second half kicked off with their version of a traditional Somerset song, *Seeds of Love*. It was wonderful to hear so many songs that had been musical gifts between members of the group. The band engaged with the audience in a very personal way making the evening a really special occasion.

This was the first time that we have used our amplifier and loudspeakers and their sound man did an excellent job with the audio. The clarity of sound was the best I have heard in a while.

The evening was made more special with the large turnout of a particularly enthusiastic audience which made for a great atmosphere. I personally loved every minute of it, and so many people have contacted me to say how much they enjoyed the evening, so a big thank you to Jess and Richard Arrowsmith, Nancy Kerr and James Fagan and, just as important, a big thank you to all those that turned up to make it such a great evening.

We must not forget all of the volunteers that helped with the smooth running of the event - distributing publicity leaflets, selling tickets, setting out the hall, sorting the car parking, manning the door and running the bar. These events would not take place without this help.



Alan Riley  
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(Alan with the Melrose Quartet)



**Meadway Sessions Presents**

## ***Churchfitters***

**Compton Dundon Village Hall**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 8.00p.m.**

**Doors open at 7.30 p.m.**

The Churchfitters is a folk band like no other. A bass guitar made out of a frying pan. Heart-wrenching vocals accompanied by a musical saw. Foot-stompingly fast fiddle mixed with infectious funk-rock bouzouki. And traditional tunes reinvigorated with mesmerising jazz sax.

The three virtuoso musicians from England and France strut their stuff on a stage that bristles with instruments - adding flute, banjo, dulcimer, tin whistle, guitar, ukulele, stand up dustbin bass and a sackful of percussion to their ensemble. And let's not forget the unique 'bing-bong' machine made out of hack-saw blades. Throw in some exquisite harmonies, a slew of startlingly original songs and a few jokes that create instant rapport and you've got a high energy show that always leaves audiences cheering.

How do you adequately describe such a musically diverse, uplifting band? You leave it to Mike Harding, a self-confessed 'huge, huge fan'. He calls them 'totally brilliant and beautiful'.

**Tickets £10 from Alan Riley 01458 447223**

**Buy Tickets online at <http://www.wegottickets.com/event/413798>**



# All Out Yesterdays

## The Rebels Skittle Team

The Rebels skittles team are celebrating their 41<sup>st</sup> year playing in the Street & District Skittle League. The team started by a bunch of local lads are currently playing at the Castlebrook Inn on Thursday evenings. (If you see Colin Carbin can you please remind him !)



Photo of the 1979 Division 5 winning team  
Back Row - Paul Green, Colin Carbin, Richard Wright, Pete Lester, Morris Bowles  
Front Row - Rob Napper, Rob Litston, Andrew Curtis, Austin Tucker, Phil Litston



## Highlights from the 8th November meeting at Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon

Rachel Harding, our Speaker kept us fascinated with her Rhinestones and Sequins - Memoirs of A Competitive Ballroom Dancer. Her mother always taught her that self praise is no praise at all and Rachel has tried to adopt this motto throughout her dancing career. Starting at a social evening in their local village where Rachel danced quite happily whilst her husband sat in the corner, refusing to take to the floor. One very persuasive lady however would not leave him alone and he was finally dragged on to the dance floor. At the end of the evening, his face was matching the colour of his tie - bright red.

On the journey home he vowed never again to be so humiliated and announced he was to learn to dance. Not quite believing what she was hearing, Rachel enrolled at their local dance school where they began with the traditional 1-2-3, 1-2-3, which they practised over and over again, with the furniture pushed out of the way, at home. This was followed by the next lessons, 4-5-6, 4-5-6, again practised over and over again. Suddenly their teacher told them she felt they were ready for bigger and better things. Rachel and her partner (as her husband was now known) moved to an Advanced Class where, mesmerised, they were able to pick out some of the steps. Subsequently they were ready for a medal class.

Ordinary shoes are no good at all for competitive dancing, special shoes were purchased and Rachel began to make her dance dresses, her other love in life is sewing. Her partner was to wear a matching waistcoat to her dress, again her needle came in useful.

Progressing through the various stages, dresses became more elaborate and her partner had his dance jacket especially tailor made.

Rachel and her partner excelled at Latin dancing but the ballroom techniques were more difficult. This latter problem was solved when they were introduced to Peter Elliott, an ex-World Champion. He gave lessons at Newbury, so much closer to home than London. Under his tutorage everything improved and they went from strength in ballroom dancing.

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An extra section in the ballroom dancing competition at Gloucester was for Lady Elegant in which the dress, charisma and personality is judged as well as the dancing. Rachel, still making her own dresses, and what wonderful dresses they were, won right through to a 5th stage but, as they were by now dancing all over the world, this competition clashed with a dancing date in Germany which was judged to be more beneficial.

The Latin dancing had stagnated but its revival was brought about by tutoring by Tony Goodyear of Bath, also an ex World Champion. Meeting many famous people, amongst them Len Goodman who remarked on their charisma and confidence. The basic principles for both techniques are similar.

During the 14 years of active competitive dancing, Rachel and her husband ran their own business, managed a large house and garden and raised two children, who incidentally took no interest in dance but scoffed at their parents prancing about.

Rachel brought one of her beautiful dresses for us to examine and admire, plus lots of photographs of their dancing career.

Answering questions which were lively and varied, Rachel said her favourite Latin dances were Jive and Rumba and ballroom, the Foxtrot.

Frances thanked Rachel, saying how much she envied her life of dance, Frances would love to do the same but had married a non dancer.



## Business meeting

A very successful trip was made to Thatchers Cider Factory at Sandford (North of Cheddar) in October followed by a delicious lunch at the adjoining Railway Inn. Angela was thanked for her organisation of this trip.

A thank you letter was received from Anthea for flowers and card received following her recent operation, we were pleased Anthea was able to attend the meeting.

Pat Maddaford presented the Financial Statement showing a healthy balance.

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Other November events: -

November 10th - **Drama Rehearsal at Mary Burt's 4.00 p.m.**

November 21st - Craft Club at the Hall, 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

November 22nd - **Scrabble at Julie Gordon's 6.45p m**

## Dates to Remember

December 4th - Group Christmas Concert at Westonzoyland

December 6th - Christmas Meal Castlebrook Inn 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

December 13th - Christmas Party at Meadway Hall with Speaker, Kay Wych on **"Maid at Glastonbury Abbey"**. Also mince pies, tea and coffee, Secret Santa, wrapped gifts to the value of £5 and a raffle for two luxury hampers.

The competition for an evening bag was won by Christina Napper with Pat Maddaford and Angela Castle second and third.

The Flower of the Month, winner Pat Maddaford with begonias.



Last but not least Sandra and Joan were first in the recent W.I. Short Mat Bowls competition, and second was Mary and Anthea. well done, all of you.

*(This report by Wendy Edwards )*



**Forthcoming Women's Institute**  
Meetings at Meadway Hall - second  
Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.

13th December

Kay Wych

Maid at Glastonbury Abbey



# Compton Dundon Gardening Club

Next meeting Monday 4th December - 7.30pm

Anne Hassad - 'Christmas floral demonstration'



This is a repeat of last year when Anne gave an amazing demonstration of floral displays for Christmas.

As last year all these displays can be won in the raffle.



A glass of Christmas wine and a few nibbles should finish a great evening. All visitors are very welcome.

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.

Date	Topic	Speaker
8th January 2018	New year quiz	
5th February 2018	The Pharmacy in the Plant	Alan Dean

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.

## Help Wanted Village Show



The Village Show needs a new coordinator. The show is scheduled for Saturday 11th August 2018 and needs your help for it to continue. This is a vital role but comes with loads of help and support. The organisation for this annual event is well established. If you feel you could fill this role please get in touch. Additionally we would welcome the assistance of anyone who can lend a hand, however small.

To help contact Lloyd Harrison at [lloyd.harrison12@btinternet.com](mailto:lloyd.harrison12@btinternet.com) or 01458 440551

Compton Dundon Cricket Club

## Christmas Bingo

Meadway Hall on Saturday 2nd December 2017

Doors open at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Eyes Down



### 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.

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): -

December 10th

Contacts: Martin & Lynda    Tel: 01458-273591



Compton Dundon Village Hall

## Annual Christmas Bingo

Meadway Hall on Saturday 9th December 2017

Doors open at 6.45 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start

## Recycling & Refuse Collections Bank Holiday Changes

### Christmas and New Year 2017/18

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 18 to Friday 22 Dec	No change
Monday 25 to Friday 29 Dec	<b>All two days later</b> , including Monday pickups on Wednesday 27 Dec and Friday pickups on <b>Sunday</b> 31 Dec
Monday 1 to Friday 5 Jan	<b>All one day later</b> , including Friday pickups on <b>Saturday</b> 6 Jan
Monday 8 Jan onwards	Usual collections resume

Revised collection days above also apply to assisted and clinical waste collections.

**Garden waste collections** will not take place Monday 25 December – Friday 5 January, resuming from Monday 8 January 2018 on usual days.

**Decoration-free natural Christmas trees under 6ft should be composted:**

Take to your local recycling site or, if you pay for garden waste collections, put them out on your usual garden waste collection day from 8 January. (As a very last resort you can send your tree for landfill burial. Place next to your refuse bin on your usual collection day between **8 - 19 January 2017**).

**Recycling centres** are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Open all other days on their usual schedule. Vehicle permit conditions apply as usual over the festive season. All recycling sites accept only debit or credit card payments for disposal of soil, hardcore, tyres, gas bottles, vehicle parts and commercial waste, and to purchase Revive compost. Asbestos and plasterboard disposal is by online pre-payment. Crewkerne and Dulverton community recycling sites' £2 entry fees are by cash.

[www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk)

In severe weather, check our website.

Somerset Waste Partnership manages waste and recycling services on behalf of all Somerset councils.

SWP Bank Holidays Christmas 2017

The Somerset Day  
16th December



Sunrise  
8.09 a.m.  
Dawn  
7.29 a.m.



Sunset  
4.04 p.m.  
Dusk  
4.44 p.m.

# The Parish Council



## Parish Council Members

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Website: [www.comptondundon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.comptondundon-pc.gov.uk)

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 6th December 2017 in the Meadway Hall, starting at 7-00 p.m.

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

Next surgery Saturday 16th December in the Precinct, Somerton from 8-30 a.m. until 11-15 a.m. with mulled wine, mince pies, chocolates, the Somer Singers and Santa Claus.

January surgery on Saturday 26th January in the White Hart, Somerton from 9-30 a.m. until 10-30 a.m.



To make an appointment either call 01458 274865 or email



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

Next two surgeries are on Saturday 16th December 2017 & Saturday 26th January 2018 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 at [stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto: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

Items on the agenda of the November Council meeting: -

a) To receive notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 17/03558/FUL: Mr H. Thomas, The Beacon, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon, TA11 6NZ. Replacement of detached garage and annexe and modification to entrance. APPLICATION PERMITTED.

2. 17/03292/FUL: Mr S. Baker, Clarendon House, Street Road, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PY. Part change of use of land, the erection of 1 No. dwelling and detached triple garage. APPLICATION PERMITTED.

b) To agree responses to planning and legal consultations

1. 17/03953/FUL: Mr & Mrs J and S Butten, Land at OS3663, Somerton Road, Compton Dundon, TA11 6NX.

The erection of a building to be used partly for a chicken pen, WC and rest area, siting of 4No. polytunnels and access track.

2. 17/03891/FUL: Mr D. Davis, Maismore, Compton Street, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PS. Proposed demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a new 4 bedroom dwelling on land to the east of Maisemoor.



## "Signs and Lines"

A Small Highways Improvement Scheme secured by County Councillor Dean Ruddle has been implemented to improve highway safety through the village.

This followed concerns raised by local residents about the number of serious accidents at Stockelm; mostly caused by vehicles travelling too fast.



The Parish Council will continue to monitor the average speeds of vehicles passing through the village via the regular reports from the Speed Indicator Device (example chart on left).





# 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

### Services & Events - 3rd December 2017 to 28th January 2018

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

Date	Service	Preacher
3rd December	Christmas Pudding Service	Revd David Hatrey
10th December	Holy Communion	Revd Sharon Walker
17th December	Carol Service 6-30 p.m.	Revd David Hatrey
24th December Christmas Eve	Crib Service 3-30 p.m.	Revd Diana Greenfield
24th December Christmas Eve	Midnight Communion 11-30 p.m.	Revd Sharon Walker
25th December Christmas Day	Holy Communion 10-00 a.m.	Revd David Hatrey
31st December	Benefice Service 10-30 a.m. at Street Mission Church	To be announced
7th January	Non- Eucharist Service	Revd Diana Greenfield
14th January	Holy Communion	Revd Sharon Walker
21st January	Non- Eucharist Service	Revd David Hatrey
28th January	Holy Communion	To be announced



# Christmas at **St Andrew's** Church



## Christmas Pudding Service



This will take place in at 10 a.m. in St Andrew's Church on **3rd December**, led by the Reverend David Hatrey. Bring the family along to help stir up the Christmas Pudding mix and make a wish. You can also order your puddings for Christmas.



17th December at 6.30pm

Our annual Carol Service, which had standing room only last year, will be taken by The Revd David Hatrey. There will be plenty of opportunity to join in the singing of traditional carols and the service will be followed by mulled cider and mince pies.



## Christmas Eve - 3.30pm - Crib Service

This happy service, led by The Revd Diana Greenfield, is not just for families but is a joyful experience for all ages. Please note the change to the usual time.



## Christmas Eve - 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

The Service will be taken by The Revd Sharon Walker and is an evocative candle-lit communion at which the final candle in the Advent Ring is lit to greet the arrival of Christmas morning.

## Christmas Day - 10.00 a.m. - Holy Communion

The Christmas morning Service will be taken by The Revd David Hatrey and is a Christmas Communion Service for all the family.



## CAROL SINGING

Once again, there will be Carol Singing around the village, with the entire collection going this year to Crisis at Christmas which offers year-round help and opportunities for homeless people. If you would like to join in, please come on any of

the following dates to the meeting points below or join us along the way. If you would like more information or require a lift, please contact Helen Thomas on 274427 or at [helen@thethomas.net](mailto:helen@thethomas.net)

This year, as you will see below, we have also been asked to sing at the Switching on of the Christmas Lights at the Castlebrook Inn.

Day	Gathering at	Round
Fri 1st Dec	The Castlebrook at 6.30pm	Switching on the Christmas Lights
Wed 6th Dec	Meadway Hall 6.00pm	Hayes Road and Ham Lane and The Castlebrook
Tue 12th Dec	Lime Tree House Compton St 6.00pm	Compton Street
Thu 14th Dec	<b>Burt's Barn</b> Peak Lane 6.00pm	Hayes Lane, Moor Close and Peak Lane
Mon 18th Dec	To be arranged	Main Road & Littleton

## Great War Vigil

On 5th November The Revd Brian Gillett led a Service of Commemoration of 1917, in particular of the Battle of Passchendaele, to remember all those, of whatever nationality, who took part in that terrible war. This was a touching and moving tribute, in which several members of the village took part, with a series of readings and music. Many thanks must go to Lloyd Harrison who put so much work into planning this Commemoration Service, appreciated by all who attended.

## A Date for your Diary

The Revd Diana Greenfield, who has just been on a visit to India, is organising an Indian evening, with food and music, to be held at 7.00 p.m. at the Mission Church on Friday 12 January. All are welcome and further details can be obtained from Diana at [dmgreenfield@me.com](mailto:dmgreenfield@me.com)



## A Few Words from The Reverend Sharon Walker

Starting in January there will be a slight change to our pattern of services at **St Andrew's Church.**

1st Sunday - Non-Eucharist service taken by Revd Diana Greenfield

2nd Sunday - Holy Communion taken by Revd Sharon Walker

3rd Sunday - Non-Eucharist service taken by Revd David Hatrey

4th Sunday - Holy Communion taken by an available Priest

The services will remain at 10-00 a.m. and we are very grateful to those willing to take the 4th Sunday for us. We feel that it is important to maintain a regular weekly worshipping community in Compton Dundon. It would be lovely to see you on a Sunday morning and if you haven't been to church for a while or are wondering what goes on then come and see, a warm welcome awaits you. There is something very special about God's people gathering together to worship Him. The words of this Hymn tell of the powerful name of Jesus:

*At the name of Jesus, Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him, King of glory now;  
**'Tis the Father's pleasure, We should call him Lord,**  
*Who, from the beginning, Was the mighty Word.*  
All are welcome, God bless, Sharon*



## The Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all those kind people who filled shoeboxes with presents to be distributed by the charity Samaritan's Purse to children in many different parts of the world.

The boxes always bring great delight to the children.



# THE BIG BREAKFAST

Yet again, **'The Big Breakfast'** was a huge success. In total 188 breakfasts were served and everyone appeared to be enjoying the event greatly. There was a wonderful atmosphere and it was tremendous to see so many people there, meeting up with old friends and making some new ones.



A Good Time  
for All





The team in the kitchen were busy constantly from the start until the finish. These included the cooks and those who did all the washing up, the outside sausage barbecue, and the team in the dining area who waited on table and cleared away, as well as those involved in taking orders, selling raffle tickets or Bucks Fizz.



A big thank you to everyone involved in whatever capacity, including all our customers and stallholders - it was a wonderful team effort which raised the tremendous sum of £930.



# Castlebrook Inn

Tel: 01458  
448902

*Christmas party 2017*

*Bookings now being taken Please see our menu & enquire*

The Castlebrook Inn

Christmas light turn on!!

On 1<sup>st</sup> December from 5pm

Table top mini xmas market from 5pm

Morris Dancing

Christmas menu samples

Face painting

Light turn on @ 7pm

SANTA

Carol

Singing

Meat raffle

Music

Lots more to be confirmed.



Christmas menu 2017  
01/12/2017 – 23/12/2017  
Menu available online at  
<http://castlebrookinn.com/>



or in the November issue of this newsletter

Two courses & coffees £17.95 Three courses & coffees £22.95

A £5.00 per head deposit will secure a booking