



Parish  
Newsletter

Compton Dundon and  
Littleton

April 2018

Incorporating The Herald

# Swimathon 2018

**“The  
Compton  
Codgers”**  
swim  
again!

This year they swim  
for Marie Curie  
and for Cancer  
Research.



The team of Phil Cookson, Lynda Lofthouse, Lloyd Harrison, and James Stallard will be swimming 5 kilometres in the Strode Pool on Saturday, 28 April 2018.

They will be inviting donations for these two vital humanitarian causes. Cancer is not yet beaten and sufferers need special care. Having raised almost £3,000 over the last three years, the team is hoping for great support in 2018.

# 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 2018 village lunches are on the following Wednesdays:



25th April            30th May  
27th June            25th July  
29th August        26th September  
31st October        28th November  
12th December

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 March 2018

£15.00 #89 Joan Carbin  
£10.00 # 5 Les Taylor  
£5.00 #94 Jerry Castle

## Newsletter entries

The deadline date for the May newsletter is Monday 23rd April 2018. To submit news items/information for the newsletter, please contact Alan Dean by either telephone (01458 270057), or email ([alan.dean14@btinternet.com](mailto:alan.dean14@btinternet.com)) or drop details into Foothills, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PE

*Please send documents and files in a PC compatible format - Apple 'PAGES' documents need converting. Photo and image files should not be compressed.*

## Andrew Chiffers Memorial Ceilidh



This memorial event was held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Meadway Hall.



The Somerset Levellers Ceilidh Band provided entertainment with music, songs and dance.

The dances were taught by an experienced and friendly caller and interspersed with tunes and songs to allow dancers to 'catch their breath'.



The Band were supported with music and songs from SUBS the **'Somerton Ukulele Band and Singers'**.



There was a Hog Roast meal included and a bar with local real ale and wine.

Thank you to organisers Simon Dore and Alan Riley and to all those who helped in organising and running the event.

**We raised a fabulous £1968.24 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.**

Well done.

# Craft Club



Meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday in the month at Meadway Hall

April 3rd & 17th

May 1st & 15th

Contact Trish Cox on 01458 447075 or email at [coxelders@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:coxelders@yahoo.co.uk)



We think there is demand for a table tennis session in the village hall? Suggestion for playing on Thursdays between 3.00 & 5.00 p.m. or times to suit the majority. If you are interested please contact Michael Bell (442046) or Rebecca Wells (273874)

## Compton Dundon Gardening Club

Next meeting Monday 9th April at 7.30pm

### ‘History & Development of Bishops’ Palace Gardens’

A talk by James Cross

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 evening of each month from September to June at 7-30 p.m.

Date	Topic	Speaker
May 2018	Visit to Sweet Acre Nursery, Glastonbury	
June 2018	Visit to Hestercombe House & Gardens	

## A Repeat Entry for Your Attention



## Livestock Worrying



### Rural Crime Team message for all dog walkers

Livestock worrying is a big concern as we approach the Spring. We are seeing an increase in such reports and would like to take this opportunity to politely remind dog walkers to keep their animals on leads around livestock.

In a worrying follow-up to this article last month, we hear this report from Ally and Simon Dore while they were out walking: -

“Ally and I discovered a dead lamb and another with its throat bleeding on the ridge by the monument yesterday. They had been attacked by a dog/dogs that morning. It has been reported and the police are involved. Any loose dogs are in danger of being shot by the farmers responsible for the welfare of the sheep up there. If anyone knows **anything, the police would be interested.**”

Remember to follow the Countryside Code especially during the lambing season. If your dog attacks livestock, you could end up being responsible for offences including criminal damage and sheep worrying, as well as potential prosecution for offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act. Farmers have the right to shoot dogs that are worrying or attacking livestock. **We don't want anyone to lose their beloved family pet.**

The Avon and Somerset Police Rural Crime Team recommends:

- Always checking for livestock in fields when walking your dog/s
- Always making sure you shut gates behind you
- When in or near fields with livestock, keep your dog/s on a lead and under control at all times. The only time you should release your dog is in the event of being chased by cattle. By restraining the dog in this circumstance you put yourself at risk of being injured
- If you live near livestock and own a dog/s make sure that your property and garden are secure so your pets cannot escape

Leading rural insurer NFU Mutual saw a 50% rise in dogs attacks on livestock in the UK in 2016.



## Highlights from the March meeting at Meadway Hall, Compton Dundon

We were all inspired by our Speaker, Marion Dale who told us how to create a dream garden, with colour and plants.

**Marion's background was very different from a garden designer, being a Marketing Consultant in London, but after thinking for some time about a change of career, a redundancy notice gave her the push to take the plunge. Moving to a converted barn in a village near Marlborough, Marion's garden was the original cow yard. Hedges of beech, large windows in the barn which let in light, afforded very little privacy, plus the added burden of a lawn which comprised more weeds than grass, Marion decided something had to be done. Not sure how to proceed, Marion enrolled at Lackham College, plus studying City and Guilds qualification at night school. Her final assignment a show garden won a Gold Medal at the Bath and West Show.**

Moving to Somerset four and a half years ago, she is now living in Tintinhull, renovating a Victorian cottage and garden. Marion advised us to think about the style of garden we would wish to create. Italian style gardens are very formal with very few flowers but lots of water and geometrical landscaping. Cottage style gardens where plants take on shape and form. Modern contemporary style with reflective metal, coloured clippings, minimalistic. Lower maintenance gardens using resin bound gravel, hard landscaping, very little in the way of flowers. Wildlife garden, wild flowers which can prove very difficult to maintain, or a themed garden.

It is very important to select the right plants for the soil, soil testing should be first priority. On visiting any garden centre for the first time, the golden rule is take no money, but arm yourself with a notebook and pencil and ask lots of questions.

Write down the full botanical names, don't worry about the pronunciation. Clay soil takes longer to warm up but holds heat and nutrients, but cannot be worked when it is wet. Remember, work out how much space you have, do not pick plants which will outgrow your garden. Marion advised us as to the best plants

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to grow to suit various conditions, all of this advice illustrated by a very informative slide show. We all know now where we have been going wrong; no excuses now not to have a dream garden.

Angela thanked Marion for such an informative talk.

The competition for a buttonhole in any medium was won by Sally with lavender and Polyhymnia, second Pat Maddaford with camellia, third Angela with osteospermum.



The flower of the month was won by Trish with chionodoxa.

Trish welcomed back Patricia Heap after a long absence and also two visitors.

Dates to Remember: -

18th April - Group Spring Meeting at Shapwick.

26th May - Celebration of Votes for Women & SFWI: -

12 noon to 3.30 p.m. Meadway Hall Compton Dundon with Ploughman s Lunch Entertainment 7.50 p.m.

18th July - Visit to Midelney Manor House with cream tea.

We were reminded that visitors are to pay £4 per visit with visits restricted to two per year.

*(This report by Wendy Edwards )*



### **Forthcoming Women's Institute**

Meetings at Meadway Hall - second  
Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.

11th April	Yvonne Bell	Hobble Skirts & Harem Pants
9th May	Daphne Atkinson	Life Below Stairs
13th June	Dr Frances Burroughs	A Victorian Garden

## Compton Dundon Golf Society



A new season begins, and so Up North we travelled to Shirehampton, where we discovered a course that partially resembled a building site. Holes being dug everywhere, new bunkers being built and mostly temporary greens in use. On the positive side – they make the holes bigger on temporary greens – useful for some, particularly those with varifocals or squints! And the Golf Club were very kind and did us a very good deal. It will be a great course when the work is finished.

So – to the action! **How quickly comes the fall from Grace (it's a long way!).** Picture the scene - On the first tee stands the 2017 Champion, ready to start the new season, with the fairway lined with adulatory members. Actually, they all stood behind the tee – **they know the standard of Simon's play. The drive goes straight down the middle of the fairway to everyone's surprise, and off he goes** on his celebratory round – to return with the worst score of the day out of the whole group – and by some considerable margin!

You may have been aware of the latest report on doping in sport, and the unethical use of asthma drugs to raise performance. Hamish, we suspect, is doing something similar, he claims not to smoke, but on his round of golf, he gets through at least 6 cigars, lighting one up and then putting it down on the ground near his ball, when it is on the tee. Could the heat rising be assisting his ball? Is there a tame scientist in the village who will undertake tests for us? Is there a case for an official enquiry?

**Karen's reputation is growing** – that steely smile hides a determination to dislodge Rob Litston from his position as Chief Assassin. Having practised using Phil as a target, she invited her brother to join her team and used him instead. Her aim is improving, because she hit his trolley. Phil does seem twitchy on the course nowadays.

Peter Robertson attempted to handicap his playing partners with a ricochet from a Poplar tree, which missed both of them by a few inches. He needs to work on his angles – it should have been 102 not 100 degrees!

On the course, there were two holes that crossed over each other while using the  
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same fairway, going up over a hill. Peter and Simon, whilst trying to hurry up to cross in front of a following group, proceeded to dig several holes up the fairway to add to the many others officially being dug – did they want lots of mini bunkers on the course? This cross over was a complete bafflement to Jim and Pat, **who went the wrong way. Pat did complain that she couldn't keep up with that "Young Gazelle" Rich Conway** as he disappeared up the hill.

Finally, several of us discovered a new meaning for the letters SW on the bottom **of our clubs. I bet most of you thought it meant Sand Wedge but no....in a few of the bunkers we had to play out of snow .....**

The next outing is at Filton Golf Club on Thursday 12th April, all welcome. Contact Richard Conway 445977.

Advance notice - on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August we are organising a Charity Golf Day in aid of Cancer Research at Wedmore Golf Club. It will be a Texas Scramble for teams of Four. For the uninitiated (which includes me!) – this means you get a good player and you all place your balls wherever they hit theirs and it makes you appear to be a better golfer (or something like that!) The day includes bacon rolls and coffee, round of golf and a 2 course meal, plus a proportion of the entry fee goes to the charity. The cost will be £45 per person. Why not get a team together?

## MENDIP GOLF CLUB OPEN DAY

Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A warm invitation to all new, intermediate and experienced golfers of any age to come and try the course and facilities. There will be a free coaching session with a PGA teaching professional to adults and juniors, an opportunity to see the course and use the practice facilities. Equipment provided for those without clubs of their own. Special membership opportunity available on the day plus free entry into a draw to win a 2 month trial membership for May and June.

Meet our friendly bar staff and experience our excellent catering  
Mendip GC is situated off the A37 at Gurney Slade, 4 miles North of Shepton

Mallet. For further information look on [www.mendipgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.mendipgolfclub.co.uk),  
Email: [stuardisney@thegolfacademy.net](mailto:stuardisney@thegolfacademy.net) Tel:01749 840793 and Facebook  
f:@MendipGC



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)

# Castlebrook Inn

Tel:01458  
448902



## Tuesday evening (twos-day)

2 dining, Buy one get 1 half price

Cheapest meal half price



Our friendly and welcoming country pub, designed with you in mind.

## Wednesdays evening (r“hump day”)

2 x 8oz Rump steaks & all the trimmings for £20

## Thursday evening (thirst-day)

A drink with your meal for an extra £1

On selected drinks/ measures

## Friday evening (fry-day)

Battered Cod, chips and peas for

## Saturday evening (sat-turf-day)

Add a surf to your turf for £1 (all steaks inc)

Always seeking ways to improve our facilities and service. We look forward to seeing you.

Live music evenings on 20th & 27th April

## Joining the Rural Economy

### **Danielle Hart of ‘Secret Squirrel’ writes: -**

“My family and I move to the village a couple of years ago, and since that time I have started a little business from home making accessories for Mums and their babies. I have recently been featured in LoveSomersetOnline. Compton Dundon is named within the article, along with why my family and I love life in Somerset, and particularly the village of Compton Dundon.”

**To read about Danielle’s business** Livi Lou Loops go to the website at; -

[https://lovesomersetonline.com/2018/01/23/livi\\_lou\\_loops\\_compton\\_dundon/](https://lovesomersetonline.com/2018/01/23/livi_lou_loops_compton_dundon/)



## 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

Unless decided otherwise, 2018 walks will all be on the third Sunday of each month (exceptions being if any dates clash with busy times like Mothers' or Fathers' Day, etc). The usual start times will be 10.00 a.m. at the Village Hall (to share cars if possible), or directly from a walk start point at around 10.30 a.m. (in which case details will be given with general information about a particular walk). Lunch after at a suitable hostelry.



Remaining dates for 2018 are as follows:

April 15th	May 20th	June 24th (avoid Fathers' Day on the 17th)	
July 15th	August 19th	September 16th	October 21st
November 18th	December 9th (avoid busier dates nearer Christmas)		

As usual, we need volunteers to lead walks and arrange lunch venues.

Contact: - Martin & Lynda Tel: 01458-273591

## The Somerset Day 15th April



Sunrise  
6.14 a.m.  
Dawn  
5.39 a.m.



Sunset  
8.07 p.m.  
Dusk  
8.42 p.m.

# Compton Dundon Cricket Club

Compton Dundon Cricket Club open up with two friendly matches to East Huntspill (29th April—Away) and Shapwick & Polden (6th May—Away) before starting their Mid Wessex League campaign against Broadwindsor on Sunday 13th May (Away).

The first home game is on Sunday 20th May against Long Sutton

Compton Dundon will be competing in the Mid Wessex League on Sundays throughout the summer. (The bar will be open at home games)

Junior Coaching starts on Friday 4th May at 6-00 p.m. (**“Star Wars Day”**) and continues on a Friday evenings until July: all welcome at £1 a week.

Interested in playing cricket in the village?

We are always looking for players and this year we have a number of key players out with injury or away studying. If you are able to play for your local **“Village” club; even if just occasionally please contact Pete Lindsey** on 440706.



## 60th Anniversary Celebrations

Here is an old team photo from the 1961 season to mark the start of our 60th anniversary year.

The Anniversary Dinner will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the Meadway Hall.

Please watch out for more details.



Greg Jones (Secretary) 01458 272531 or [greg@mor-cott.co.uk](mailto:greg@mor-cott.co.uk)

## The wonder of Facebook.

Thanks to all the people who took part in the discussion about the pictures posted onto the Compton Dundon Facebook page of the fire in the centre of the village in the 1970's



The old Shop at the Cross



The Shop before the fire



"This was my grandparents' (Hubert and Elizabeth Old's) farmhouse for most of their working life. They sold it to Mr Fry, a year or so before the fire. Devastating for all the family. Haven't seen some of these amazing photos before." - **Anita Harris**

"I was born there and Anita Harris and I spent a lot of our childhood at this house with Gran and Granfy Old. Have never seen these photos, but remember how upset our Mum was when she learnt of the fire." - **Ruth Malaguti**

"I remember going to tea there with you and Anita. I think we had boiled eggs? It was such a lovely old house, but I don't recall the devastating fire." - **Jenny**



"You are right Shirley; Its Mum (Janet Green), Chris, Ainsley Hilton and Me! The chap with the beard is one of the GPs from Street" - **Bish Jones**

"It certainly looks like Ellen Legge in her mack." - **Janet Davies**

# The Parish Council




## Parish Council Members

Cllr Greg Jones (Chairman)	272531	<a href="mailto:greg@mor-cott.co.uk">greg@mor-cott.co.uk</a>
Cllr Hugh Thomas	274427	<a href="mailto:hughthomascdpc@gmail.com">hughthomascdpc@gmail.com</a>
Cllr Diane Churches	442078	<a href="mailto:diane.churches@live.co.uk">diane.churches@live.co.uk</a>
Cllr Tiffany Kearton	440031	<a href="mailto:faerys@gmail.com">faerys@gmail.com</a>
Cllr Stephen King (Vice Chair)	274926	<a href="mailto:Pat_SteveKing@yahoo.co.uk">Pat_SteveKing@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Cllr Geoffrey Walker	446487	<a href="mailto:walkermessages@gmail.com">walkermessages@gmail.com</a>
Cllr Chris Swain	273597	<a href="mailto:christopher.swain@muller.co.uk">christopher.swain@muller.co.uk</a>
Clerk: Helen Richardson	Email:	<a href="mailto:comptondundonclerk@gmail.com">comptondundonclerk@gmail.com</a>

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 4th April 2018 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 on Saturday 21st April 2018 in the White Hart Inn, 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](mailto:anne.yates@btinternet.com)



Stephen Page, South Somerset District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon) will be holding his regular monthly surgery on Saturday 28th April 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

Easter waste collection changes: - Good Friday 30th March pickup on Saturday 31st March - no collections on Easter Monday 2nd April so all collection services that week are one day later, including Friday collection on Saturday 7th April.

All recycling sites remain on their usual schedules. 9 sites open on Good Friday 30th March, and all 16 on Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday  
Online Services at <http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-services/>

## Parish Council Planning Business

Items on the agenda of the March Council meeting: -

### **a. To receive notifications of district council planning determinations**

1. 17/03953/FUL. Mr & Mrs J & S Butten, Land OS 3663 Somerton Road, Compton Dundon. The erection of a building to be used partly for a chicken pen, WC and rest area, siting of 4 Polytunnels and access track. PERMITTED with Conditions
2. 18/00058/FUL. Mr Greg Jones, Compton Dundon Cricket Field, Hayes Road, Compton Dundon TA11 6PF. Erection of an equipment storage building.

Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

1. To receive an update on the bus shelter project
2. To approve response to SCC re T1004273 Stock Elms Cottages



## Somerset County Council

### Libraries Consultation 2018



At the February meeting of the Parish Council, Dean Ruddle, our County Councillor urged residents to respond to the forthcoming library consultation. Both Street Library and Somerton Library are under threat of closure.

To ensure communities have sufficient time to explore the options the consultation period has been extended for a further 7 weeks, ending Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June (originally 22<sup>nd</sup> April).

Details of the consultation and background information are available at [www.Somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation](http://www.Somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation).

## THE ARTS SOCIETY, MID SOMERSET



- 17th April Velasquez - The Great Magician of Art (10.30)
- 15th May Charles Saatchi - A modern Medici
- 19th June Three Great Families and their Gardens

The Arts Society illustrated lectures at Caryford Hall, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ at 11-00 a.m. - free parking. Entry fee £6. Information 01963 350 132



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 April to 29th April 2018  
*All Sunday services start at 10.00am unless otherwise stated*

Date	Service	Preacher
1st April Easter Sunday	Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt	Revd Diana Greenfield
8th April	Holy Communion, Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Bring & Share Lunch	Revd Sharon Walker
15th April	Family Service	Revd David Hatrey
22nd April	Holy Communion	Revd Brian Gillet
29th April	Benefice Holy Communion	



# Lent Lunch

The very enjoyable and successful Lent Lunch, which took place in the Meadway Hall on 20th March, raised



the substantial sum of £160 for Christian Aid.



## St Andrew's

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This meeting will be

**held at St Andrew's**

Church immediately after the Service on Sunday 8th April 2018 and

will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

All are welcome to come along.



There is a great need for Parishioners to serve on the Parochial Church Council. If anyone wishes to join the P.C.C., would they please contact the Secretary, Susie Robertson, or one of the Churchwardens.

Letter from the Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton - April 2018

## Love and foolishness

April 1<sup>st</sup> is both Easter Sunday and April Fool's Day. Not a bad combination. For 'it is the foolish things of God which confound the wise of this world', so says Paul in his letter to Corinth .....

(See the Bishop's complete letter at <http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Love-Foolishness-Bishop-Ruth-Apr-2018.pdf>)





St Andrew's  
Church  
Compton Dundon

**Flower Festival**

***Memories***

**Saturday 26th May  
Sunday 27th May  
& Monday 28th May**  
10.00 a.m. — 5.30 p.m.

**Refreshments and Stalls**

**Monday  
Barbecue**  
12.00 noon—3.00 p.m.

# FLOWER FESTIVAL

## & FUN DAY

**St Andrew's Church, Compton Dundon**

Saturday May 26th to Monday May 28th 2018

**The St Andrew's Flower Festival**, which is held every two years, will take place in the Church over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend.



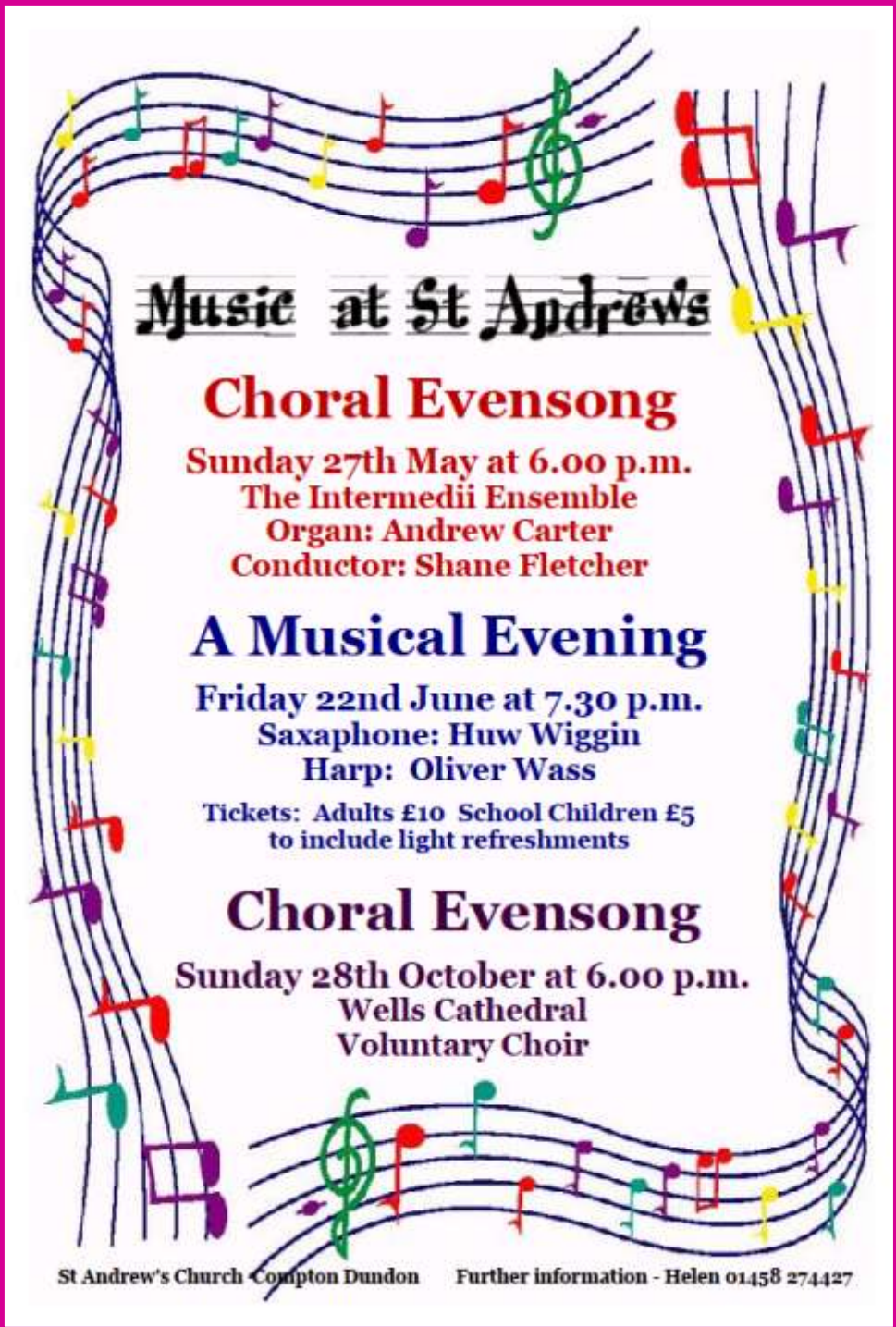
This year, in place of the usual village Hog Roast which is normally held in early June, there will be a **Fun Day** for the whole community of Compton Dundon.



This will take place in the Church grounds on May 28th and will include a Barbecue, Cider Punch And Soft Drinks, a Plant Stall, a Jam and Preserves Stall and a Cake Stall among others. There will also be a Raffle and Activities for Children.



We are looking for people who would be prepared to provide plants, cakes and jams for the different stalls or raffle prizes, or anyone who has an idea for a stall; or who would just be happy to help on the day. We also need empty wine bottles and empty jam jars! If you can help in any way, please contact either Helen (274427) or Martyn (273455) or speak to one of the members of the Church. Your help will be very much appreciated.



## **Music at St Andrew's**

### **Choral Evensong**

**Sunday 27th May at 6.00 p.m.**

**The Intermedii Ensemble**

**Organ: Andrew Carter**

**Conductor: Shane Fletcher**

### **A Musical Evening**

**Friday 22nd June at 7.30 p.m.**

**Saxophone: Huw Wiggin**

**Harp: Oliver Wass**

**Tickets: Adults £10 School Children £5  
to include light refreshments**

### **Choral Evensong**

**Sunday 28th October at 6.00 p.m.**

**Wells Cathedral**

**Voluntary Choir**

St Andrew's Church Compton Dundon

Further information - Helen 01458 274427