

Parish Newsletter

Compton Dundon and
Littleton

July 2018

Incorporating The Herald

Flower Festival Success

Thanks to the hard work of all involved and supported by fine weather, the Flower Festival and Fun Day run over the late May Bank holiday weekend proved to be a great success.



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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 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.

Reminder - Compton Dundon and Littleton Village Show Saturday 11th August at Meadway Hall

All households will have received a copy of the programme for the village show in May so we hope that you will have had a look to decide at what you might **'have a go'**. (Contact Ally Dore 01458 445463 if programme lost)

Childrens' section winners will have the opportunity of a cash prize this year!

All information on how to enter is in the programme.
Even if you are not entering any categories, come along and admire the exhibits and enjoy a cup of tea, cakes and ice-cream.

Newsletter entries

There is no newsletter in August or January

The deadline date for the September newsletter is Thursday 23rd August 2018. Please send any August items you would like included. To submit news items/information for the newsletter, please contact Alan Dean either by telephone (01458 270057), or email (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.

Poppy Appeal 2018



To mark the centenary of the ending of the First World War on November 11th, the plan is to **“Poppy bomb” St Andrew’s Church** on Remembrance Sunday November 11th to commemorate this important occasion. This will be in the form of a **‘Poppy Waterfall’ from the pulpit.**

Please would you help by knitting, crochet, or sewing as many poppies as possible. Various patterns are available on the internet or Julia has knitting and crochet patterns which she can give to you. There are some hints at the bottom of this page.



The Parish Council has ordered 30 Large Poppies to place round the village as part of the British Legion ‘Poppies on Lamposts’ scheme. See also the **Craft Club** entry page 4.



*****We need completed poppies by November 1st latest*****

Thank you in anticipation. For patterns or more information contact Julia Welch at 7 Hayes Lane or Tel: 01458 272526

Knitting Pattern for Poppies

*Leaving a length of wool when casting on and off will allow the poppy to be tied.
A pin can be attached to make a brooch.*

For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn)

The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but 3.5 mm or 3.75 mm (UK9) is recommended.

If you have different yarn left in your stash, use that and the appropriate needle size.

If you have any problems with any of the techniques in the poppy patterns - and you have access to the Internet- you will find lots of tutorial videos on YouTube.



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

July 3rd

(No meeting on July 17th)

Contact Trish Cox on 01458 447075 or email at coxelders@yahoo.co.uk

At the moment we are trying to make as many poppies for the church to be displayed in November.

You can knit, crochet or sew Poppies.



Compton Dundon Gardening Club

The last meeting of the current club year was a group visit to Hestercombe House and Gardens on June 26th.

The visit included a guided tour of the gardens with a talk about its history and development.

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

A calendar for the coming 2018/19 year will be issued in the September edition.

Contact either Julie Gordon 01458 272135 or Ally Dore 01458 445463 for further information.



Compton Dundon W.I. - Report of Meeting on 13th June 2018

The meeting was opened by our President, Trish who welcomed 2 visitors and several apologies were received .

Next month's speaker has been changed to Grumpy's Travels in America.

Our speaker, Dr Francis Burroughs was introduced, his subject was **"A Victorian Head Gardener"**. Dr Burroughs gave a very interesting and informative talk covering the many responsibilities of a Victorian Head Gardener. Long hours had to be worked providing fruit and vegetables for the whole household of 20-30 people, growing and caring for the large variety and quantity of plants required for the kitchen **as well as flowers to 'grace' the tables and**



rooms of the household all year round. Even mowing the lawn involved

covering the horse's hooves with leather boots so that no mark would be left on the lawn. Other lower members of the garden staff would follow the mower collecting grass cuttings, **sweeping leaves and then 'rolling' the lawn to create lovely chess board markings.**



Following the talk Dr Burroughs chose the winning entries of "A Victorian Item", Trish 1st, Pat 2nd and Mary 3rd. The flower of the Month competition was won by Janet.

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Thanks were given to Wendy for all her work as Press Secretary and in appreciation, she was presented with a gift, including appropriately in **view of the speaker's subject, an orchid.**

Items of interest were noted by Janet:

- **Letters of appreciation were received regarding our 'Votes for Women'** lunch on the 26th May
- **SCFWI annual meeting at Westland's on 20th October**
- **St Andrews Church 'music' on Friday, 22nd June at 7.30 pm, £10 including refreshments.**
- Montacute Village Open Gardens, 21st – 22nd July (15 gardens). Refreshments at village hall afterwards. Coffee at 10.30, light lunches and afternoon tea available. £6 for both days, children free but no dogs.
- The teams for the Quiz between Compton Dundon and Somerton were finalised.
- Bucklers Mead WI will be attending our meeting on 11th July.
- Trip to Midelney Manor gardens on 18th July, £11.50, including cream tea.
- **'Women Walk the World', 8th August, meet at village hall at 6.30, walk up to Church and back across the fields and then finish at the pub for refreshments.**
- Confirmation that Val and Angie have been elected as Vice Presidents.
- Visit to Bucklers Mead on Tuesday 12th March, 2019 – **speaker's subject "Royal Shenanigans in the 18th Century".**
- The 100 Club was won by Toby & Jane Salisbury, Val and Hilary White and the raffle prizes were won by Pat, Julie, Trish and Wendy.

Report by Jenny Alexander



Forthcoming Women's Institute Meetings at Meadway Hall

- second Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.

11th July	Grumpies Travels in America	David Mournian
August	No Meeting	
12th September	Burlesque	Leela Bunce



100 Club Winners June 2018

£15.00 #62 Toby & Jane Salisbury
£10.00 #37 Val Daye
£5.00 #51 Hilary White

Rounders

Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- at the Meadway Hall Playing Field

All welcome



On Tuesday 17th July from
6pm onwards
- Bring Your Own Picnic
Too



For more information contact Rebecca
Wells (rebeccawellsuk@hotmail.com)

Compton Dundon Golf Society

Yet again our 'Scribe' failed to turn out for duty: this time he fled to Canada to avoid having to pen a few notes on the last CDGS outing. Sadly there were few rich pickings as a rather pathetic band of only seven turned up at Clevedon Golf Club (Established in 1891) for what proved to be an exciting game of golf on a picturesque, and challenging, course. Commanding panoramic views of the River Severn and South **Wales took players' minds off some** rather dire golf, interspersed with moments of magic and apparent trickery. Erika Klim appeared not only to wish her wayward golf ball into the hole on at least two occasions, but generously aided Rich Conway to down an unlikely putt of his as well. To demonstrate his own abilities to pull off a stunt, Rich managed to safely skim his ball over one of the few water hazards on the course.



The weather started fine, perhaps a little too hot for some (causing Pat Searle to sit out some of the holes), then turned rather cool, dark, cloudy and windy, before finally allowing all to finish the round in brilliant sunshine. **Peter Robertson's** rather frequent visits to bunkers led one wag to ask if he was enjoying his beach holiday: his response suggested that this was not the case! **The holes selected for the 'Nearest the Pin' competition were like the challenges faced by the stars of 'Raiders of the Lost Ark', with the** tees overlooking precipitous drops to barely observable pins. Hitting a decent shot over acres of scrubland was easier however than



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descending down truly knee jarring tracks to reach the greens. Frustrations with getting round this challenging course led a couple of players to take their angst out against fellow players: Rich Conway hit Pat Searle with a ball and, by way of retribution, Jim Searle just missed Peter Robertson (who admittedly was about to play his second shot just in front of the tee when Jim had yet to tee off).

A very enjoyable day altogether on a very well established course in an excellent condition: too bad that there were so few members to enjoy the experience.

Results: -

Best Individual: Jim Searle

Nearest the pin: 3rd Hole Dave Wisniewski, 14th Hole Jim Searle.

Future Dates: (*We hope to see more members on these dates.*)

Wednesday 11th July: Oake Manor Golf Club, Taunton

Arrive at 9-30 a.m. - Tee Off 10-30.

Thursday 9th August: Mendip Spring Golf Club, Congresbury, Bristol

Arrive at 9-30 a.m. - Tee Off 10-30.

Advance Notice: -

Our village Golf Society are planning a Fun Golf Day on 31st August to be held at Isle of Wedmore Golf Club.

The purpose of the event is to raise money to support Cancer Research UK.

If anyone would like to join us please contact Ian Dillamore on 01458 448873 for full details.

Even if you are unable to come and play then your support will always be appreciated. We are running a raffle so anything you can do to help us with prizes would be wonderful.

If you would like to sponsor a hole with a donation we will be pleased to place your details on the course on the day.

A giving page has been set up as follows:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/ians-giving-page-72>



Just started or have many years playing an instrument? Come and join our friendly and supportive music club. All ages and abilities welcome. Fee's for under 18's: £32 a term for 10 x 1 hour sessions.

For more information:

www.somersetcosmic.org

or infocosmicmusic@gmail.com or 07745 554771



THE ARTS SOCIETY, MID SOMERSET



17th July - Magnificent Mosaics – Window into the colourful Roman world

16th October - **A Photographic Odyssey: Shackleton's Endurance Expedition** captured on camera

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

Save Water in the Garden with Wessex Water's 5 tips

Just 1% of the earth's water is available for human consumption - 2% is locked up in ice and 97% is salty.

In the summer our gardens become thirsty but if you water wisely it is possible to care for your plants and the environment at the same time.

You can make your garden more water efficient by taking some very simple steps such as choosing plants that thrive in dry weather and ensuring you conserve rainwater.

To make every drop matter, try the tips below: -

1. Water plants morning and evening when its cool – less lost through evaporation
2. Use a watering can – sprinklers are wasteful
3. Recycle your water – use cooled bath water – get a water butt to catch rain
4. Try planting trees or shrubs to provide extra shade or use hedges and climber-covered trellises to form cool green walls
5. Check the weather forecast before watering – it might rain tomorrow.

make every drop matter



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:

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
 16th July



Sunrise
 5.15 a.m.
 Dawn
 4.31 a.m.



Sunset
 9.18 p.m.
 Dusk
 10.02

Compton Dundon Cricket Club

Match results: -

Sunday 3rd June at Butleigh
Butleigh 314 for 8 (40 overs) beat
Compton Dundon 220 for 7 (40
overs) by 94 runs.



Sunday 17th June at North Perrott
Compton Dundon 245 for 5 (40 overs) lost to North Perrott 246 for 1 (30
overs) by 9 wickets



Compton Dundon will be competing in the Mid Wessex League on
Sundays throughout the summer.

Home matches are played at the cricket ground on Hayes Road
(The bar will be open at home games).

Next match is home v. Broadwindsor on Sunday 15th July

Future matches: -

Away v. Street on Sunday 22nd July
Away v. Long Sutton on Sunday 29th July
Home match v. Butleigh on Sunday 5th August
Home match v. Street on Sunday 19th August



Junior Coaching continues at 6 p.m. 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

The Anniversary Dinner will be on Saturday 13th October at the Mead-
way Hall.

Please watch out for more details.

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

New Property Makeover Television Series

Outline Productions are making a new makeover series for UK TV with TV property guru Sarah Beeny.

In this new series Sarah will help homeowners transform not just their homes, but the way they use them.

They are searching for homeowners in our area to take part in the series. The attached flyer below gives the information required to contact this company if you are interested in applying.

All applicants must be over the age of 18 and be a UK resident.

The flyer features a photograph of Sarah Beeny, a woman with blonde hair wearing a red and white plaid shirt, standing with her arms crossed against a brick wall. The background of the flyer is a blurred image of a kitchen renovation site. The text on the flyer is as follows:

SARAH BEENY IS LOOKING FOR HOMEOWNERS!

Got some money to renovate but want to be 100% sure you've got it right?

UKTV is on the hunt for homeowners in Somerset for a fabulous new design and makeover series starring Sarah Beeny!

To apply email apply@outlineproductions.co.uk or call 0203 150 2742

Applicants must be over the age of 18 and be a UK resident

At the bottom of the flyer are the logos for 'REALLY' in yellow, 'UK TV' in a blue star shape, and 'outline' in a white circle.



Dundon Beacon Nature Reserve
ST 484 326 24.3ha (60acres)

A mosaic of calcareous grassland, scrub, ancient oak woodland, secondary woodland and conifer plantation on Dundon Hill. The top of Dundon Hill features significant archaeological remains with a hill fort, Bronze Age round barrow and ancient quarry.



The Parish Council



Parish Council Members

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Cllr Geoffrey Walker (Vice Chair)	446487	walkermessages@gmail.com
Clerk: Helen Richardson	Email:	comptondundonclerk@gmail.com

Website: www.comptondundon-pc.gov.uk

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 4th July 2018 in the Meadway Hall, starting at 7-00 p.m.

Dean Ruddle is our County Councillor and District Councillor for the Wessex Ward. Surgeries are held once a month 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



Stephen Page, South Somerset District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon) will be holding his regular monthly surgery is on Saturday 28th July 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 or 07519 739137

There will not be a surgery in August due to the Summer holidays but residents are welcome to contact me by phone or e-mail.

Flood Warden Newsletter - Spring 2018 - "Removal of the 0845

Floodline Number - during the winter 13/14 floods we changed the Floodline Number so that customers had the choice of calling 0345 988 1188 or 0845 988 1188 to get advice and information about flooding. Floodline now operates with the 0345 number only. 0845 number has been deactivated - calls made to it will receive a recorded message asking them to redial the 0345 version."

Parish Council Planning Business

The following planning items were on the agenda of the June Parish Council meeting: -



To agree responses to planning and legal consultations:

1. 18/00657/FUL. Mrs Nicola Pope. Coombe Springs, Behind Town. The erection of an attached garage with ancillary living accommodation above and the erection of a single storey side extension.
2. 18/01294/FUL. Mr & Mrs Haselwood. Land at Behind Town, Castlebrook. Erection of a two storey dwelling.
3. 18/01386/REM. Finecut Developments Ltd. Application for reserved matters of Outline approval of 16/04312/OUT for the erection of 2 dwellings and formation of accesses.
4. 18/01436/OUT. Mr GW & RJ Napper. Land at Trays Farm Street Road. Outline application for the erection of 2No. detached dwellings with some matters reserved.
5. 18/01017/FUL. Mrs Tracy Dombey. Castlebrook House, Castlebrook. Alterations change of use and conversion of existing garage/store into holiday let and the provision of a new vehicular access and associated parking.

South Somerset District Council

Get on your bike with free cycling sessions across South Somerset - SSDC's Healthy Lifestyles Team in Partnership with voluntary sector support charity Spark committed to arrange Cycle Leader training to enable cycle groups to start in towns and villages across the district.

Nine volunteers attended the training session from towns and villages including Langport, Martock, Mudford, Somerton and Yeovil.

Find out more information about the Start To Cycle sessions by contacting SSDC's Community Health and Leisure team by: - emailing active@southsomerset.gov.uk or by calling 01935 462346.

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





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 July to 9th September 2018
All Sunday services start at 10.00am unless otherwise stated

Date	Service	Preacher
1st July	Worship & Word Baptism	Revd Diana Greenfield
8th July	Holy Communion	Revd Sharon Walker
15th July	Holy Communion	Revd Toby Salisbury
22nd July	Holy Communion	Revd Toby Salisbury
29th July	Benefice Holy Communion (at Street)	
5th August (6p.m.)	Songs of Praise	Revd Sharon Walker
12th August	Holy Communion	Revd Sharon Walker
19h August		
26th August	Holy Communion	Revd Brian Gillet
2nd September	Worship & Word	Revd Diana Greenfield
9th September	Holy Communion	The Archdeacon of Wells

VILLAGE FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND

St Andrew's Church Flower Festival, which happens every two years, took place over the late May Bank Holiday Weekend and once again was a great success. Many people worked very hard on the Friday to create stunning floral displays and these were on show for the three days of the holiday, accompanied by a wonderful range of tea, cakes and scones to refresh the body while the lovely flowers refreshed the soul!

On the Sunday evening there was a musical treat, Choral Evensong, sung by the choral group Intermedii. This was a beautiful service and the Church was full, with many staying for refreshments and to enjoy **the spectacular views from the lawn behind St Andrew's in the warm evening sunshine.**



We were truly blessed with the weather over the whole weekend as on the Bank Holiday a Fun Day for villagers was **held on the St Andrew's lawn.** A delicious BBQ was provided by Sarah Morris and Chris Swain - who very generously



donated their profit – and the pulled pork rolls, sausage baps and burgers went down a treat. There were also various stalls as well as games and face-painting for the children – and of course, the village cider! With the sun shining down, it was a day enjoyed by all.



Many thanks go to all those who helped, in what **ever capacity; all those who visited St Andrew's** over the weekend, whether for the Flower Festival, the Choral Evensong or for the Fun Day; and to all those who gave so generously.

The total amount raised was an amazing £1860



This money will go towards the cost of repairs to the Church. The gutters and downpipes

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were installed in 1901 and are now in need of complete dismantling, repair and renewal. Leaking joints and decay holes are causing major damage to the external walls and stonework which have become eroded and dislodged by water. The money raised over the Flower Festival weekend will go some way towards raising the sum of £20,000 which is needed to pay for these repairs, so a big thank you to all.

SONGS OF PRAISE



On 5th August at 6 p.m. there will be an evening service of Songs of Praise followed by refreshments. If you would like to choose a favourite hymn for this service, please contact Helen or Martyn.

Benefice Holy Communion Service - 29th July
The service will take place in the Mission Church in Street at 10.30 a.m.

The service will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Reverend David Hatrey's **ordination**.
Lunch will follow the service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

David and Pauline Hatrey will be leading a group to the Holy Land in April 2020. There will be a presentation about this ten day trip on Monday 23rd July at the Mission Church in Street at 7 p.m. if you would like to find out more.

The annual Harvest Festival will take place **at St Andrew's on Sunday 30th September 2018** and will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Meadway Hall. Full details will appear in the September edition of the Village Newsletter.

Choral Evensong



Sunday 28th October at 6.00 p.m.

Wells Cathedral Voluntary Choir

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

Further information - Helen 01458 274427

Letter from Right Revd Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton –
July 2018

Exploring Faith

As I write this I am home alone whilst my husband, Howard, is sailing around the coast of Britain in the footsteps (or should that be the wake?) of the Celtic Saints. He is immersing himself in how the story of Jesus was brought to Britain all those years ago and taking the opportunity to see how life is lived in those coastal communities today. He is sharing in conversations about what faith in Jesus means for us in 2018.



My travels are rather more local than Howard's but I encounter the same desire to see what it means to be a Christian in Britain today. One of the themes that often emerges is that people want to become more confident in their own faith before they try to share that faith with others.

I am saddened by the suggestion that one legacy of centuries of clericalism is **that lay people do not believe themselves to be 'authorised to communicate their faith'**. Lay people are already living out their faith in their churches and communities – **without that, the church wouldn't exist!** But many of us (and this is true for people who are ordained as well as lay people) are not confident and want to **know more and understand our faith better. It's wonderful to know that so many** of our churches have home groups, Bible studies and other activities to help, but I also want to commend two courses that the diocese offers and which have new sessions beginning in September. They both have exploring in their title – for good reason: even though this exploring is more armchair than coastal adventure.

Exploring Christianity is for those wanting to learn more about the Christian faith and the Bible and past attendees have found it has really enriched their understanding of their faith and given them greater confidence. *Exploring Spirituality* is more experiential and focuses on different ways of prayer, allowing people to connect with God using a range of Christian traditions, many of which even those who have been church goers for decades, may be surprised to discover.

It maybe that one of these courses is just what you are looking for, or maybe you can think of someone in your church who you could encourage to set sail. We cannot promise a smooth voyage but in the Bible we have an amazing guidebook and in prayer a solid compass to help you along the way.

The Right Reverend Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

(More about the courses Bishop Ruth mentions at www.bathandwells.org.uk/lay-training or call Leonie Jones on 01749 685 106)

Castlebrook Inn

Tel:01458
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Our friendly and welcoming country pub, designed with you in mind.



Treat yourself to our Sunday lunch, small, regular or large with vegetarian options and lighter alternatives.



Children's play room inside and play park outside.

Function room to hire for private and charity functions, skittle alley party hire.

Villagers discount rates are offered. Please call 01458 448902 for more details.

Looking for local groups, activities and services that could help you to manage your health and wellbeing?

Wellbeing South Somerset is a new website designed to promote good health and wellbeing in South Somerset.

It features a huge Directory of local support, from meet-ups, to walking groups, to condition-specific support groups, befriending services and even housing and debt advice.

Visit www.wellbeingsouthsomerset.org



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

