

Parish Newsletter

Compton Dundon
and Littleton



September 2018

Incorporating The Herald

Goodbye Summer!

The Village Show was a great
success

(pictures and report on pages 10 & 11)



The Cricket Season is nearly over

(last matches early September)

And soon the Harvest Festival
and Village Harvest lunch will be
with us

(see pages 6 & 18)



We hope you enjoyed what was at times the long, hot
Summer of 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:

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 July 2018

£15.00 #34 Peter Daye

£10.00 #17 Richard Holland

£5.00 # 3 Susie Robertson

Newsletter entries

*****Early deadline for October issue*****

The deadline date for the October newsletter is Thursday 13th September 2018 as I will be leaving for a holiday the following week.

Please send any October items that you would like included.

To submit news items/information for the newsletter, please contact Alan Dean either by telephone (01458 270057), or email to(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. Paper documents need to be in good condition and not folded or crushed which will prevent them from being scanned.

Poppy Appeal 2018

A reminder that to mark the centenary of the ending of the First World War on November 11th, we will **“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. See July newsletter for knitting hints.

Completed poppies are needed by November 1st latest

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

Remembrance/Armistice Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this year, on Sunday 11 November, will be even more significant than usual. This year, Remembrance Sunday will also mark the Centenary of the Armistice, the end of the First World War. Towns and villages across the country will mark this milestone in history in many different ways.

This village, and the church in particular, is planning to mark the Centenary of the Armistice to remember not only the six men from Compton Dundon who gave their lives in the First World War, but also the wider community.

If you have any mementos or memorabilia relating to the 1914/1918 period, we might be able to assemble enough to make up a display in the church. If you have any items such as photographs, letters, newspaper cuttings etc which can be copied and might be of interest, please let me know on 01458 273455 or email at mjsteer@btinternet.com.

Martyn Steer

Compton Dundon Gardening Club

The next meeting of the garden club and the first one of the new programme is on Monday September 3rd at 7.30 in the meeting room the Meadway Village Hall.

The speaker is Stephanie Hafferty and she will talk about **“Growing and using edible flowers.”**



Stephanie is an award winning author, speaker, no dig gardener and plant based cook. She runs a kitchen garden for an international art gallery here in Somerset and writes about growing vegetables, fruit and herbs. She is co-author of **“No dig gardening” with Charles Dowding.** Stephanie was due to visit us last autumn but a family accident sadly prevented her from coming at the last moment.



We are lucky to have booked Stephanie so please come and bring friends as well.

The pictures are from her website at <https://stephaniehafferty.co.uk>

After the presentation and refreshments there will be time for the Annual General Meeting of the garden club. There will be a short review of the year and the opportunity for you to ask questions or make suggestions for the future. If you would like to join the organising committee, this is the time when all volunteers are welcomed with open arms. The more people there are, the more tasks can be shared.

You will also be given the programme of speakers and visits for the year ahead.

Hope to see you all there.

Ally Dore

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.

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



Compton Dundon Women's Institute

There was no meeting in August

Note of future event - Visit to Bucklers Mead on Tuesday 12th March, 2019 – **speaker's subject "Royal Shenanigans in the 18th Century"**.

Further information available from Trish Cox: - 01458 447075



Forthcoming Women's Institute Meetings at Meadway Hall

- second Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m

12th September	Burlesque	Leela Bunce
10th October	Soap Making	Nicola Penn
14th November	Nuts & Crackers	Carol Northover
5th December (includes Christmas dinner)	Christmas Crackers	Adelaide Brown

Compton Dundon & Littleton Baby & Toddler Group

Our friendly, relaxed group meets every Tuesday during term time at Meadway Hall.

All children from birth to pre-school age and their accompanying adults are welcome.

We have a wide range of toys, slides, trampolines, play kitchen area, dressing-up and much more.

Healthy snacks and drinks are provided for the little ones and tea, coffee and cake for the adults!



Restart on Tuesday 11th September 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone warmly welcome from all areas and your first session is free!

If you would like more information then please contact Helen on 07528 123164

St Andrew's Church, Compton Dundon

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 30th September at 11:00 a.m.



Followed by the

Village Harvest Lunch

Compton Dundon Village Hall

12:30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m.

Adults £10.00 School Children £2.50

Due to the popularity of this event, admittance
will be by ticket only, bought in advance from:

Margaret Sutton 01458 272811

Julie Gordon 01458 272135

All are welcome

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



**Tuesday
4th September**

9.30 a.m. until 12 noon

**Tea, Coffee, Cake,
Bring & Buy & Raffle**

**Committee Room
Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon**



**For further information, please
contact Trish: 01458 447075**

Compton Dundon Golf Society

Golf Society Report for July/August

July found an intrepid band venturing near the Capital (Taunton not London) at Oake Manor. After weeks of sunny skies and no rain, we stood on the first tee to experience a shower! At first we thought it was a new phenomenon – dry rain, but it turned out to be barley stubble whipped up by the breeze and deposited on our heads. The prolonged hot weather had done nothing to raise the golfing standards, Simon managed to put his ball into 3 separate ditches on the same hole in a vain search for cooling water. Pat was to be seen playing a shot from a kneeling position – **her prayers weren't answered!** As for Karen – she has gone to greater lengths in her quest to deal a mortal blow to her dearest and nearest. She made a pact with



“Hitman” Maddaford who blasted a ball just past the unsuspecting Phil



Cookson to clatter into his buggy. Has anyone **else noticed Phil's twitch recently? “Hitman”** has just bought a new set of clubs, but he **obviously doesn't think much of them as he walked** off leaving one behind on the green. Lucky for him the following group were so honest and returned it to him! We introduced a gender specific nearest the pin competition – one for the ladies and one for the gents on different holes. Stuart and Nina were the only ones to get their balls on the greens – unfortunately Stuart did it **on the ladies green and Nina on the men's!** At last we returned to the clubhouse to a terrible dilemma – we had to choose from a selection of 10 desserts – a task far harder than negotiating the course. Peter Robertson (did you hear about his amazing shots in May?) won the individual highest points – his handicap was cut - **ha! That'll teach him!**

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August took us to Mendip Spring near Congresbury. For those who had seen enough sun, there were a lot of holes with ponds, water-filled ditches and swans to negotiate. Pat Searle likes water! She used to like skimming stones – she tried it several

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times with golf balls – **it doesn't work as well** unless you are related to Barnes Wallis. She ran out of balls and even resorted to borrowing more. We know what is on her birthday list! Meanwhile husband Jim was doing all he could to avoid losing his balls so he could lend them to Pat. He played what can only be described as an edgy round. He landed his ball against a post on the bridge to avoid it falling in the water, he then hit his next shot onto the edge of the only sliver of land sticking out into the middle of a pond, and then a single strand of bramble prevented his ball from rolling over a 6 foot drop into **water at the back of the green! Maybe Pat's prayers last month were answered!**



Royston also made use of the same bridge. On asking how he could clear **the ditch, one Wag, who we shan't name, shall we, Phil?, suggested he** bounce the ball on the bridge. Peter, his other playing partner, offered **him a pound (last of the big spenders) if he hit the bridge.** "Hitman" did exactly that and the ball crossed the bridge. Shock! Horror! Peter paid him with an old £1 coin. (Does this complete the bet? – **discuss..... answers on a postcard....**) **Having had his handicap cut** – Peter had a disastrous round – no doubt he wants his handicap put back again – well that depends on the outcome of the deliberation over the £1 coin – over to you readers!

August was a notable month for another first Rob and Andy arrived early! They even spent time practising before anyone else arrived. It obviously worked because Rob managed to get the ball in the hole on two occasions from off the green, and Andy managed a trick shot when he hit **his ball into the greenkeeper's cart as he was watering a green** – the ball rattled around inside the cart and bounced out again. We are still reading up the rules as to penalties for playing a moving ball, had the greenkeeper driven off with Andy's ball still inside the cart!

By the time you read this we will have had our Charity Day for Cancer Research. Any donations welcomed. A report will follow.

The next Society days are at Taunton and Pickeridge on 13th September and Tall Pines on 11th October. All welcome – contact Ian Dillamore on 01458 448873 if you are interested in joining us.

**The
C.D. & L.
Village
Show 2018**



Compton Dundon & Littleton Village Show Results 2018

Banksian Medal & Shield (RHS awarded for the most points)	Les Taylor
Leonard Searle Cup – donated by Len Searle for the best vegetable	Dave Rose
Groworganic Cup – donates for the best garden exhibit	Les Taylor
Gord Green Cup – donated for the most points in vegetable section	Dave Rose
Crossman Cup – donated by F Crossman for the most points in the fruit section	Les Taylor
Flower Cup – for most points in the flower section	Angie Castle
Badger Cup – donated by Liz Leyshon for the best flower	Julie Gordon
Rose Bowl – for best in rose class	Angie Castle & Janet Davies
Floral Art Cup – for most points in floral art	Carol Loxton
Wine Cup – for most points in wine section	Les Taylor
Cookery Cup – for most points in the cookery section	Julie Gordon
Irene Green Cup – for best cookery exhibit	Mary Burt
Sheila Taylor Cup – for most points in the preserves	George Cormack
GA Doble Cup – for most points in the art section	Sylvia Wright
Living Homes Cup – donated by Living Homes for the most points in the handicraft section	Trish Cox
Winslade Cup – donated by P Winslade family for the best craft exhibit	Trish Cox
Photography Cup – for most points in photography section	Paul Harwood
Photography Shield – for best photograph	Paul Harwood
Matthew Cox Cup – donated by T & C Cox in memory of their son	Not contested
Under 12 Cup - most points	Not contested
Under 8 Cup – most points	Lauren Miles
Family Cup – for family with most points	Harwood Family
W.I Shield – cookery challenge for W.I. members only	Joan Carbin

The Somerset Day
15th September



Sunrise
6.46 a.m.
Dawn
6.13 a.m.



Sunset
7.25 p.m.
Dusk
7.58 p.m.

Compton Dundon Cricket Club

Match results: -

Sunday 5th August at home
Compton Dundon 173 all out (29.4
overs) lost to Butleigh 177 for 5
(28.2 overs) by 5 wickets.

Sunday 19th August at home

Compton Dundon 159 for 9 (40 overs) lost to Street 163 for 7 (37 overs) by 3 wickets



Compton Dundon played in the Mid Wessex League on
Sundays throughout the summer and have finished their fixtures.

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



60th Anniversary Celebrations

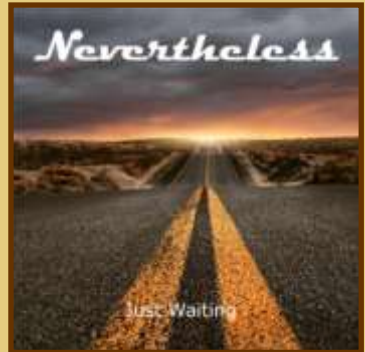
Anniversary Dinner is on Saturday 13th October at the Meadway Hall.

Please watch out for more details.

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

Our Local Band

“Nevertheless”, which was formed by three local Littleton lads, have just released their first EP called **‘Just Waiting’**. Derek Stacey, Jon Sackett & Theo Sackett started the band in 2008 and now has four members (without Theo) playing regularly in the South West. Adam Watson can be heard playing solo regularly at the Castlebrook Inn



They have finally published some original material on line.

It is available on Amazon, Google Play, iTunes, Apple Music and Spotify.

The link to the UK iTunes store is:

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/album/id1422783350?app=itunes> And to

the UK Apple Music service is: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/album/id1422783350>

There is a CD available, which includes a bonus track by Adam.

Meadway Hall at Compton



Dundon
presents



RACE

NIGHT



Saturday 27th

October

7.30 p.m.

Bar



Admission Free

Proceeds to Village Hall Funds



Craft Club

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

September 4th September 18th

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 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 are all on the third Sunday of each . 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:

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

Castlebrook Inn

Tel:01458
448902



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.

Beat The Telephone Scammers

Avon & Somerset Constabulary have issued a warning following a spate of vulnerable victim frauds.

Scammers are using a number of “stories” such as

being from the National Crime Agency investigating a bank or referring to errors on computers. These people are quick-witted with very convincing stories.

You are urged by the police to read the advice at GetSafeOnline website (www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/telephone-banking-fraud/) and to discuss with older relatives, friends and neighbours to ensure confidence in dealing with such criminals.



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



The Parish Council



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The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 5th September 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 on Saturday 29th September 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

Parish Council Planning Business

The following planning item was on the agenda of the August Parish Council meeting:

-To agree responses to planning consultations:

1. 18/02348/FUL. Redlands, Compton Street, Compton

Dundon, TA11 6PS. Erection of a first floor side extension to dwelling.



The Herald

Newsletter of St Andrew's Church Compton Dundon

St Andrew's, 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 - 1st July to 9th September 2018
All Sunday services start at 10.00am unless otherwise stated

Date	Service	Preacher
2nd September	Worship & Word	Revd Diana Greenfield
9th September	Holy Communion	The Archdeacon of Wells
16th September		Revd David Hatrey
23rd September	Holy Communion	Revd Brian Gillet
30th September HARVEST FESTIVAL 11 a.m.	Benefice Communion Compton Dundon	

Visit of the Archdeacon of Wells and Bath
On Sunday 9th September our morning service of Holy Communion will be led by the Archdeacon of Bath and Wells, Anne Gell.

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

The Wells Voluntary Choir will be singing Choral Evensong at 6 p.m. on Sunday 28th October. Do come along to hear some beautiful singing from this choir, two of whose members live in the village.



The Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 30th September at 11 a.m. at St Andrews Church. (*see also page 6 notice*)

Any donations of perishable goods will be auctioned off after the Harvest Lunch. Non-

perishable goods will be donated to the Salvation Army.

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 but 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 28th September.

HARVEST LUNCH Sunday 30th September

The annual Harvest Lunch will take place at the Meadway Hall after the Harvest Festival Service at 12.30 p.m. (*see also page 6*) Tickets will be on sale shortly and should be purchased in advance (adults £10, children 12 or under £2.50) so it is known how many to cater for. 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 another member of the PCC.

Money raised at the auction will go to the charity Mary's Meals.

A Letter from the Reverend Sharon Walker, Rector of Street & Walton, Priest in charge of Compton Dundon



I wonder how many people in our society today know what is involved in becoming a Christian. We are never born a Christian, we have to make the decision ourselves whether to follow Jesus or not. Here are three points explaining what becoming a Christian is all about.

1. In Romans 10:9-10 Paul explains that there are two conditions for receiving Jesus into our lives: to believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and to confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord.
2. We also need to take seriously our baptismal vows that ask us to submit and surrender to Jesus Christ. The Bible leaves no room for faith that **bypasses repentance. When we refuse to submit to God's authority we are in rebellion against him.**
3. **The great barrier that keeps God's blessings from us is unforgiveness. Forgiving another person is not an emotion, it's a decision and Jesus said that unless you forgive your brother and sister from the heart, God will not forgive you.** This is not easy but when we accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour over our lives, we have the Holy Spirit coming to live within us to help us.

Christianity is not a sprint, it's a marathon and a lifelong journey to becoming more and more like Jesus. If you would like to explore more about becoming a Christian do feel free to email me at sharonanne-walker@hotmail.com

Love Sharon

Get your knitting needles out!

Julia Welch is organising the decoration of the Church for the Remembrance Sunday Service on 11th November, which will celebrate the ending of First World War and asks for assistance in making poppies. If you would like to take part, please could you knit, crochet or sew as many red poppies as possible to help her with this task.

Patterns on the British Legion website or at website: <http://counties.britishlegion.org.uk/media/4069303/Poppy-Patterns.pdf> They are very easy and only take a short time to make. Finished poppies to Julia or one of the PCC members or leave in the Church. Deadline 1st November.

MYSTERY POEM

The poem below came from the papers of Henry Napper of Castlebrook Farm.

Does anyone know anything about its origin?

If you have any idea please contact Jill Champion at the Post Office or email Jill at jillchampion96@gmail.com

A FEW LINES

Composed on Compton Dundon Churchyard
by a Late Resident of the village

Dear Churchyard of my native place
To me a sacred spot:
Long as I live I don't intend
That thou shalt be forgot.

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There did I with my brothers play,
But they are dead and gone;
Now when I tread that dear old spot
I tread it all alone.

—

Beneath thy turf the rich and poor,
In mingled silence lie,
Till Christ their sleeping dust shall
wake,
To meet him in the sky.

—

The ancient Yew-tree in the midst
Is to my memory dear,
Around it I in childhood played
All free from care and fear.

—

They ancient branches long have
been
A shade and shelter too
How many generations past
Have sat beneath that Yew.

—

The Summer's heat and Winter's
cold
Seems both alike to thee,
Firm dost thou stand from age to
age,
A wonderful old tree.

—o—