

THE VILLAGE BELL

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Virus hits 'The Bell'

Owing to the 'flu virus January has been cancelled! I hope February will be a better month for everybody!!

Diary Dates – next 2 months

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6th Feb Library Coffee Morning 10.00
12th Feb Computer Forum 1.30
16th Feb Village Hall Meeting
19th Feb WI Black Dog VH Birds of Prey 7.30
20th Feb Library Coffee Morning 10.00
26th Feb Computer Forum 1.30
6th Mar Library Coffee Morning 10.00
12th Mar Computer Forum 1.30
20th Mar Library Coffee Morning 10.00
26th Mar Computer Forum 1.30

Details are believed to be correct, but see posters around the village for further details and to confirm dates!

Puddington and Black Dog WI

Miriam Nichols will be bringing some of her birds to a talk about

'BIRDS OF PREY'

at Black Dog Memorial Hall
Thursday 19th Feb at 7.30pm

Free Admission Good Raffle
EVERYBODY WELCOME!!

Have you seen the footpath map?

Nice and clear so let's not get lost!

PLEASE keep your dogs on a lead when stock is around. There have been some incidents recently and I have been asked to remind you that farmers are fully entitled to shoot any animals that are chasing or worrying sheep.

Christmas Quiz

Congratulations to Hunter Annan for winning the Christmas Quiz. It was a very close finish. The answers are up on the Old Village Hall Notice Board.

Fuel Oil

Prices have come down but you can still save by 5 to 6p per litre by joining the multiple drop. The last delivery we had at 37.2p a litre (ex-vat) Contact John 3 Church Close 860920 to be included in the next delivery late January/early February. Minimum order 500 litres.

Jim's Top Tips

A tip for a funnel you can make in minutes, and is better than a rolled-up taped piece of cardboard. Take an empty food tin-a 1lb/450g one will do. Punch a hole near the joint between the bottom and the side. (Don't punch the hole in centre of the tin as you'll have less control over the flow.) Hold the tin at an angle while you pour through it.

Happy New Year.

Jim.

'WITHArt' – Do you fancy joining a friendly art group that meets at Witheridge village hall every Monday afternoon in term time. Sadly we do not have a tutor now, but it has meant that we can cut the cost considerably to just **£10 a term**, (even less the more people we get). There are none of us will end up showing our work in the Tate gallery, but we all enjoy a couple of hours a week just doing what we enjoy and there is always some friendly advice (if you want it). If you are interested, ring Joan Lakeland on 860510 for more details. You don't have to be good at art, but if you have always had a fancy to give it a try, then come along and join us.

A nice e-mail

It has now been well over 12 months now since my Mother passed away and her ashes laid to rest in the Church. Time passes by so quickly in this fast changing world we live in today, yet it only seems like yesterday when we visited Mother and built and sat in her conservatory at 'Highlands', enjoying a Devon Cream Tea!

I know she had so many friends in and around Puddington, involving the Church, W.I. and the Bowling Club in Tiverton, amongst others. She

received so much help and friendship from so many people and I know she treasured so many friendships until the very end. After my Father died in 1988, it was often suggested she might like to move nearer one of her family, especially when she became ill, but she always wanted to stay in Puddington-and later when she could not care for herself, at Ridge House in Morchard Bishop, as she had so many friends in the area and had established such strong roots. She loved Devon. Now a full year has passed, I thought I would like to write to you, at The Village Bell, and convey, on behalf of my family, our warmest thanks to all, for the friendship, help and support you freely gave to my Mother and to extend the very best of wishes for 2009 and beyond. Puddington may only be a small dot on the map, but it clearly has a big heart and reminds us of all the wonderful values which we grew up with and hold so dear. Best wishes
Ian C Hamshire

Neighbourhood Watch

Remember to be vigilant and make a note of anything you're unhappy about. This is our village and we want it to be safe and crime free! First point of contact John B, 2 Glebelands 860980
Our Neighbourhood Watch is based at Crediton and can be contacted on 01363 772223 or 08452 7774449 (24 hours)

† St Thomas a Becket †

1st Sunday in month. Morning Worship
2nd " " Eucharist
3rd " " Morning service led by
Worship Group.

All at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to all of these.

Lunch anyone?

Next lunch at The Black Dog 4th Feb then 18th Feb 1.00pm, join us, if you wish, for a meal and chatter.

Want to book the Village Hall? Phone me to check availability 860505

The Computer Forum

Are hoping to get a DVD together about Puddington past and present. If you have any old photos, videos, etc that you would be willing to lend could you please let me know

A Village Hall/Old Parsonage Production

E-mail chrissie@puddington-village.net

Bounce with Bob take the bus to Exeter Wednesday or Friday and see above the hedges!! **No petrol - no car parking**
Departs Puddington Cross 9.25am
Leaves Exeter Bus Station 1.35pm
Fare £3.40(ish) return - pass holders 75p.

GET KIDS GOING!

'Get Kids Going' is a unique children's charity. (President Lord Sebastian Coe OBE) They provide sports equipment, such as specialised wheelchairs to enable disabled children to lead active lives both in sport and play.

Suzanne Keane (Kingsley & Christina's daughter) is running in this year's London Marathon on Sunday 26th April to raise money for 'Get Kids Going!' and has a target of £2000. The Charity's tag line for the marathon is 'Running for Kids who can't.'

If you feel able to support Suzanne in this worthwhile cause please phone her on 01363 866738 or Kingsley/Christina on 860382 or call at 9 Church Close.

You may see her out pounding the roads in training - give her a friendly, encouraging toot.

Any donation would be greatly appreciated for the sake of disadvantaged children - and to encourage Suzanne over **26.2 grueling miles!**

"Every little helps". Please support her if you can.