

THE VILLAGE BELL

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Diary Dates – next 2 months

2009

- 6th Mar Library Coffee Morning 10.00
- 12th Mar Computer Forum 1.30
- 19th Mar W.I. Puddington 7.30 A talk on Folk Songs
- 20th Mar Library Coffee Morning 10.00
- 23rd Mar Village Hall Meeting 8.00
- 26th Mar Computer Forum 1.30
- 3rd Apr Library Coffee Morning 10.00
- 9th Apr Computer Forum 1.30
- 11th Apr Social with Easter Raffle!! 8.00
- 17th Apr Library Coffee Morning 10.00
- 23rd Apr Computer Forum 1.30

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

Important news

Andy will be standing down in April due to family commitments, so the position of Village Hall Chairman will fall vacant. Come along to the next meeting (23rd March) to see what goes on if you are interested.

Farm Watch

We had a visit from the Neighbourhood Watch at the last Parish Council Meeting. They are trying to improve the 'Farm Watch' group and are having a meeting at The St Boniface Centre on 8th April. See poster for times.

Free Gift this month

The WI were given a talk by Trading Standards last month, and we were given some stickers to deter 'cold callers'. I hope there is one for everybody, but I may be short. John B also has some Neighbourhood Watch ones if you want a pair!

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 32.5p a litre (ex-vat) Contact John 3 Church Close 860920 to be

included in the next delivery. Minimum order 500 litres.

GARAGE SALE
THE OAKS PUDDINGTON EX16 8PE
SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2009
11am-2pm

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 80p.

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)

Jim's Top Tips

Spring approaches and you can bet the garden pests are already on the march, although I am hoping our lovely, colder winter will have reduced their number. Anyway you need look no further than your pantry, medicine cabinet or seed catalogue for an arsenal of rough-and-ready remedies for many pests. Aphids, mealy bugs and other soft bodied insects succumb instantly to a spray of soapy water. But don't spray young or tender plants as you could damage them. Control onion fly maggots and bean weevils by scattering wood ashes around plants and on the foliage. Queen Anne's lace, fennel and sage attract beneficial insects such as hover flies, lacewings and parasitic wasps and flies. Sit back and let them do some pest control work for you.

Happy gardening. Jim.

† 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.

Easter Sunday 12th April 11.30am

Rose would like to thank everyone for all the enquiries and help during 'the snow'. Everyone was so kind and it was much appreciated.

Do you shop on line?

Give Morchard Bishop Pre School a helping hand!! Set them as your preferred charity and they will get a percentage of whatever you spend at no cost to you.

<http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk>
inc. M&S, Amazon, Dell, Next, B&Q, Homebase, Currys, Dixons, Tesco etc etc

Lunch anyone?

Next lunch at The Black Dog 18th Mar then 1st Apr 1.00pm, join us, if you wish, for a meal and chatter.

Coming up

WI meeting at Black Dog April 16th David Carter from Lloyd Maunder will be cutting a lamb carcass and auctioning it off. This meeting will be open to everybody!!

Now you are starting to tidy up the garden after the snow and stuff, can you pot up any spare bits and get them growing on for the PLANT SALE on 9th May. A good fund raiser for the Hall!

Put the Jan Stewer Evening down in your diaries for the 15th May. Not to be missed.

A Bingo night is being arranged once the evenings start lightening.

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

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