

THE VILLAGE BELL

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Diary Dates – next 2 months Red = NEW!!

15th Nov WI Kennerleigh Village Hall 7.30
Cookery Demonstration

17th Nov Villages in Action puppet show "The
Magician's Daughter" for all ages, 4.30pm tea
coffee and cakes for sale.

Tickets; adult £5.00; child/conc £4.00; Family
(4) £16.00; (5) £20.00 Pre booking Victoria 01884
860200

End Nov Xmas Quiz 50p from Joan 860510

14th Dec Grown up's Social 8.00 bring your
own drink+plate of food to share. Raffle for
VH funds.

15th Dec Children's Christmas Party

20th Dec WI The Oaks Puddington Christmas
Party

22nd Dec Carol Service 6.00

26th Dec Boxing Day Walk meet 11.00 VH just
round Henceford Littleborough triangle

31st Dec New Years Social, Xmas quiz results!

8th Jan Parish Council Meeting

Ongoing

Library Coffee Morning 10.00 onwards
alternate Fridays. Come and join the library,
change your books and have a chat. Debbie
will order books for you, let you take out a
generous number and no fines to pay!!

50p for coffee or tea and biscuits. Profits to
Village Hall.

Computer Forum alternate Thursdays 1.30pm

Join the "Silver Surfers" and let Gerry help you
with your problems.

Interesting and informative. £2.00 inc coffee
and biscuits.

Updates

Village Hall Meeting – handles being fixed in
the toilets for easier access, have got estimates
to build ramp for disabled access.

Una is now fixed up with a couple of needle
women – thanks girls!

Cider with Roadies was great. Good for the
kids and grown-ups as well. Hopefully a return
visit next year. Profit on lunches £29.38 for
Village Hall. Thanks to Quickees for giving me
a deal on the cheese – the butter was from our
milkman!

Bonfire Night went (thankfully) without a
hitch and 4 guys atop! Many thanks to Bill,
Alan and John for putting in so many hours,
David and Rupert for letting the fireworks off,
Steve, Tracy, Mark and Gerry for the bar and
Kingsley and Christina for the barbeque
(£55.80 raised for VH)

The Village Hall has had a lick of paint on the
windows/doors inside and looks a lot better,
thanks to all who gave up their time.

Hele Lane Chapel Black Dog

will be reopening 16th November

There is a concert on the evening of the 17th
7.30pm Culm Valley Choir

11.00am and 6.30pm Services on
Sunday, 18th November
ALL VERY WELCOME

For Sale

Panasonic Vacuum Cleaner 1 year old
£30.00 01884 860717 (Harrison)
ladies bicycle new Christmas 2006. Too high for
5ft female! A real bargain at £50. 01884 860042
Drawing board. £50. 01884 860042 (Wilkins)

Puddington lamb £40.00 half, £70.00 whole.
Ready for the freezer. Alan 860558 (last chance)

Puddington Jubilee Mugs still available £4.50
(bone china) John B 860980
(Christmas present?)

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 £3.20 return - Free to pass holders

Neighbourhood Watch John B has some ultra violet pens to mark valuables. Contact him 860980 if you want to have/borrow one.

There has been a spate of nicking garden machinery in the Crediton area – hopefully their order book is filled now – but just take care with locks and keys etc. 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!

Latest: Lead and copper are being targeted watch for any strange happenings!!

Our Beat Manager is based at Crediton PCSO Lisa Crocker 30341

Phone 01363 772223 or 0845 777444 (24hrs)

This month's recipe just in case you get given a couple (hint!)

Pheasant breasts with mango (or apricots) button mushrooms, shallots and black grapes.

Take however many pheasant breasts; place in shallow dish with a lid; put a fresh slice of mango or half an apricot between each breast; add mushrooms, shallots and a good splash of red or white wine or stock. Cook slowly for 2-3 hours (this is the correct timing as no-one ever knows how old a pheasant is when it's shot!) until the breasts are really tender (stick a fork in). Add grapes for the last 20 minutes.

Serve with loads of vegetables.

Jim's Top Tips

As I have traveled through life, I have absorbed many tips for mending, maintaining, protecting and preventing all sorts of little things that pop into our lives from time to time. So much so that after watching Jimmy Saville's 'Jim'll Fix It' programme, my family coined the phrase 'Jim's top tips' when referring to my solutions for problems from splinters to hand cream.

Some of my tips I will not have tried personally, for example the 'cure' for mumps was to rub the afflicted area with a live snail, not I would imagine pleasant for the patient or the snail with very dubious benefits for either. The MMR jab of years gone by.

Now, with autumn upon us and lots to do in the garden, three top tips for the hands (3 to catch up on the first two issues I missed).

1. To smooth your hands after working in the garden, dampen your hands and rub with the coffee grounds that you have saved from your percolator – you'll be surprised.

2. If your hands have become chapped mix equal parts of granulated sugar and dripping and rub well in.
3. For splinters and pricklies make a paste of flour and castor oil, apply and leave for 12 hours – the splinter will come out easily.

'til next time – Jim

Just a couple of odd bits.

There has been a green parrot flying round the village – does anybody know if it's lost or just part of the global warming thing?

I'm happy to report that 'Food-ease' is reopening in Exeter (down behind the market opposite BHS). The butcher and fishmonger are returning! If you still miss Wattys go and take a look – a long hall from the bus station but coffee and Danish will perk you up!!

Hire of Hall is £10.00 (check availability first)

Got something to promote? ring 860505!

E-mail chrissie@puddington-village.net

If you would like to contribute in any way with articles or delivery please let me know.

† 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.

Can you help?

We got the handles for the toilets but now Jan says he wants some dome headed screws! Anybody got an old baccy tin with some in? 860980

Ken Webber collects old newspapers for church funds - pass them to him rather than recycling.

Tesco Sports vouchers are coming to an end give them to a deserving child to pass on!!

A Village Hall/Old Parsonage Production