

THE VILLAGE BELL

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Diary Dates – next 2 months Red = NEW!!

- 13th Mar Computer Forum 1.30
- 15th Mar Easter Egg Roll – see box
- 17th Mar Village Hall Meeting 8.00
- 20th Mar WI at Black Dog VH 7.30 'History of Devon Farmhouses'
- 21st Mar Library Coffee Morning 10.00
- 27th Mar Computer Forum 1.30
- 4th Apr Library Coffee Morning 10.00
- 6th Apr-Victorian Afternoon 3.00 A talk on Victorian books etc including tea. Please bring any Victoriana you have along. Adults £3.00 Children £1.50 I would like numbers in advance please for catering 860505
- 10th Apr Computer Forum 1.30
- 17th Apr WI at Black Dog VH 7.30 talk by RSPB
- 18th Apr Library Coffee Morning 10.00
- 24th Apr Computer Forum 1.30
- 2nd May Library Coffee Morning 10.00
- 8th May Computer Forum 1.30
- 10th May Plant Sale for Hall Funds

Table Top Sale in June

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

At Kennerleigh Village Hall

Pennymoor Singers Friday April 18 7.30 for 8.00
£6.00 inc pasties and cake. (wrong day in Cross Country)

Easter Egg Rolling **Saturday 15th March 10.00am**

Puddington Village Hall

Prize for best decorated egg

Refreshments cakes tombola games raffle
Proceeds to Morchard Bishop PTA

Updates

The new Notice Board has been put up on the Village Hall wall. This is now locked; I have a key, but feel free to use the old one whilst it is still there!

Bus Passes

Thanks to all who attended the 'photoshoot'. We made the front page of 'The Star'. For the uninitiated the new free bus pass for the over 60's starts at 9.30 and the bus leaves Puddington at 9.25 hence the cage rattling!

Fuel Oil

John Lennox arranged a multiple drop at the end of January and we were charged 39.5p (ex-vat) a litre. The driver reckoned that was 4/5p off the regular price. The next 'drop' is planned for April, minimum order 500 litres, you will be billed as normal. Contact John 3 Church Close 860920 to be included

For Sale

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

Wanted

Single bed in good condition 860200

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 £3.30 return - Free to pass holders

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
Lisa is still our contact and can be contacted on
01363 772223 or 08452 7774449 (24 hours)

Jim's Top Tips

Hi,

This is the time for the dreaded 'cold' and dare I say it 'man flu'. No I haven't come up with a miracle cure but I thought I would share a piece of folk wisdom that says if you leave a cold alone, it lasts seven days; if you treat it, it will go in a week. Nonetheless, people have sworn by such inadvisable 'cures' as this: hang your hat on the bedpost, drink gin until you see two hats, then pull the covers up until the siege is over.

Now for the tip. If you have lost your way and you don't have a compass, just point the hour hand of your watch in the direction of the sun; due south is a line equally dividing the smallest angle between the hour hand and twelve o'clock. During BST, add one hour to the time actually showing on your watch and then divide the angle between that time and twelve o'clock.

Jim.

Recipe this month is pinched from River Cottage – if you want any nettles I can sort you out!

Nettle Soup

Ingredients:

Serves 6

1/2 carrier bag full of nettles, tops or young leaves
50g butter
1 large or 2 medium onions, finely sliced
1 large carrot, chopped (optional)
2 celery sticks, chopped (optional)
1 large garlic clove, crushed (optional)
1 litre good chicken, fish or vegetable stock
a pinch of freshly grated nutmeg (optional)
3 tablespoons cooked rice or 3 rice cakes
2 tablespoons thick cream or crème fraîche
salt and freshly ground black pepper

To garnish:

a little extra cream or crème fraîche
a small bunch of chives, chopped
a few sprigs of wild chervil or parsley, chopped

Pick over the nettles and wash them thoroughly.
Discard only the tougher stalks, as the soup will be liquidised.

Melt the butter in a large pan and sweat the onion, plus the carrot, celery and garlic if using, until soft but not brown. Add the stock and pile in the nettles. Bring to the boil and simmer for 5–10 minutes, until the nettles are tender. Season with salt and pepper, and with nutmeg if you wish.

Purée the soup in a liquidiser with the cooked rice or rice cakes (you will probably have to do this in 2 batches). Return to a clean pan, stir in the cream and reheat but do not let it boil. Check the seasoning, then garnish with a swirl of cream and chopped herbs to serve.

Get ready for Spring! L & G WINDOW CLEANING SERVICE

are now operating in Puddington and will
clean your windows for you.

Phone Lee 07504520340
Or Greg 07790995195 for a quote
They are based in Morchard Bishop

Over to you

The Village Hall is looking for caretakers to take over from Anne and John in April also a Secretary to take over from Joan. Come to the next Village Hall meeting (17th March) if you're interested.

† 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.

A Village Hall/Old Parsonage Production

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