

THE VILLAGE BELL

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Diary Dates – next 2 months

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 CANCELLED
25th Apr Social 8.30 onwards. (Grown-ups) Bring whatever you like to drink and a plate of nibbles to share. No admission, but please support raffle.
28th Apr Village Hall AGM 7.30
2nd May Library Coffee Morning 10.00
6th May Parish Council 7.30 Annual Meeting; 8.00 Normal Business
8th May Computer Forum 1.30
10th May Plant Sale for Hall Funds
16th May Library Coffee Morning 10.00
16th May Jan Stewer Evening (probably 7.30 for 8.00)
22nd May Computer Forum 1.30
22nd May WI at Puddington 7.30 Resolutions + plant sale
7th Jun Table Top Sale

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 - again)

Amnesty Lost some crockery? Still got some that belongs to Village Hall? Sunday 27th April (morning) come and have a coffee and put things to rights!

* Mugs

We have bought some excellent hand warming size mugs for the Village Hall. We have decided to up the price for a mug of coffee and biscuits to 80p for the library coffee mornings. You can still have a cup for 50p though.

Bus Passes

I have established that we are able to break the outward journey at Pennymoor, but will Turners accept this? Bob is on the case!! Parish Council have asked for the timetable to be changed.

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 – pass holders see above.

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)

A business opportunity

Anybody out there willing to wash cars??

Puddington Concert to be held in June

We are looking for all sorts of talent, singing, playing an instrument, recitations, sketches anything in the way of entertainment.

Children especially welcome.

Names and suggestions to Mrs Drew 860532
Or Mrs Lindsay-Good 860296
For Church Funds

Jim's Top Tips

Hello again,

April and the garden is already demanding more and more time. I thought with this in mind my tip would be a garden time and money saver with benefits for the environment as a little bonus. Tea bags can be dried and used when planting patio tubs and hanging baskets. They will retain moisture meaning less watering and there will be less for the dustman to take away to landfill.

Just a quick tip for those of you wearing contact lenses, if you drop one and I'm sure you must have at some time, a quick way to find it is to darken the room and pass a lamp or torch over the area, the lens will glint in the light.

Jim.

Enjoy our Song Birds

Why not use this time of year to take down all your bird feeders and give them a thorough clean and disinfect ready for next winter. There will soon be baby birds in nests to feed and if the parent birds feed them on nuts and seeds from our feeders, it really isn't good for the babies and will probably kill them. You may think you are helping them to feed their babies, but no, tiny fledglings should only be fed on natural things like little caterpillar's and aphid's etc. Another reason for not putting food out for the birds at this time of the year of course, is because if you put the feeders anywhere near to where a bird is nesting, then the disturbance of so many other birds near to their chosen nest sight will make them abandon it and go elsewhere, birds are very territorial, and as nest sights are always at a premium, that would be awful for the birds.

Nest Boxes: Position boxes high enough off of the ground and away from fences so as cats can't easily get to them. Ideally, they should face east or north-east, away from direct summer sun. Also, don't be tempted to cluster lots of them together like little housing estates, no matter how wonderful the nest boxes are that you have provided, the birds hate being close to others because their chosen area can only sustain enough food for their own needs and will not tolerate other birds near by and so you will simply end up with no birds at all using the boxes.

Enjoy your birds in the garden by following just these few simple guide lines and you will have hours of pleasure and do a lot to ensure we have plenty of new birds around for next year.

Thanks Joan!

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.

Lunch anyone?

Many of us are enjoying Sunday carvery at The Black Dog, it has been suggested we start a 'Lunch Club', meeting monthly or fortnightly during the week for a meal and a chat. If enough are interested Dave may do a special deal! Contact me first 860505

† 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.

Finally thanks to all who leant a hand clearing my fallen tree – your assistance was much appreciated!
Chrissie

A Village Hall/Old Parsonage Production

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