

# THE VILLAGE BELL

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## Diary Dates – next 2 months

16<sup>th</sup> May Library Coffee Morning 10.00  
16<sup>th</sup> May Jan Stewer Evening 8.00 (but come early)  
A Devon Evening of Music and Song with  
Pennymoor Singaround and readings by Jim Causley  
Tickets £4.00 on the door. Proceeds to VH.  
22<sup>nd</sup> May Computer Forum 1.30  
22<sup>nd</sup> May WI at Puddington 7.30 Resolutions + plant  
sale  
24<sup>th</sup> May (Sat) Social 8.30 onwards. (Grown-ups)  
Bring whatever you like to drink and a plate of nib-  
bles to share. No charge for admission, but please  
support raffle.  
30<sup>th</sup> May NO LIBRARY  
5<sup>th</sup> Jun Computer Forum 1.30  
7<sup>th</sup> Jun Table Top Sale  
13<sup>th</sup> Jun Library Coffee Morning 10.00  
16<sup>th</sup> Jun Village Hall Meeting 8.00  
19<sup>th</sup> Jun Computer Forum 1.30  
19<sup>th</sup> Jun WI at Puddington 7.30 'The Healing  
Garden'  
27<sup>th</sup> Jun Library Coffee Morning 10.00  
1<sup>st</sup> Jul Parish Council 8.00  
12<sup>th</sup> Jul Village Fete  
(26<sup>th</sup> Jul Mid Devon Show)

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

### Bus Passes

The fare for those of us with passes is now 75p to  
take us to Pennymoor from whence we travel free.  
We are still pushing hard for the free fares to start  
from 9.00 as before, it's being looked at again in June.  
We have had no luck getting the time table changed.

### Plant Sale

Thanks to all who gave their support. About £150  
raised for the Village Hall.

### Fuel Oil

John Lennox arranged a multiple drop mid April and  
we were charged 51.95(ex-vat) a litre. The next 'drop'  
is planned for June, minimum order 500 litres, you  
will be billed as normal. Contact John 3 Church  
Close 860920 to be included.

### For Sale

For the wine makers - Demi johns free to good home!  
860969

**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.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Remember to be vigilant and make a note of any-  
thing 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)

### Puddington Concert to be held in August

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

This is the time of year when the garden becomes very demanding and I have been thinking of all the jobs to do and those that have been missed. This month's tip is about taking cutting from your plants which will save you quite a bit at the garden centre. A hanging bag of soil makes a space-saving medium for rooting stem cuttings begonias, dieffenbachias and other plants. Use one bag for each kind of cutting, as different plants have different rates of rooting.

Mix enough perlite or vermiculite in equal parts to fill a large, strong transparent plastic bag. Moisten the mixture thoroughly and fill the bag with it. Poke small holes in the bottom of the bag for drainage. Close with a stout cord and hang in an airy, well-lit place with a waterproof floor. Poke small holes into the sides of the bag and gently insert your stem cuttings. Spray the cuttings daily, letting water run down the stems to remoisten the rooting mixture. When the cuttings have rooted, slit the bag open with a knife. Now let's hope for a nice summer.

Jim.

### ELDER & LEMON SQUASH

60 Elderflower heads

6 lemons sliced

2 kilos sugar

75gms citric acid

3 litres boiling water

Place all ingredients in a bucket and leave for 5 days.

Bottle and store in fridge or freezer in suitable vessels!

(you can easily make a third of this quantity)

### Rheumatism

I can't promise this will work for you, but a friend swears by it, soak raisins for a couple of days in gin and eat eight a day. He says it's the juniper that does the trick, but who cares!! Ed.

### Over to you

The Village Hall has now got new caretakers (Tony Rowe and Irene) and Mary Rowe is taking over as Secretary. Thanks to Joan, Anne and John B for being there for the last few years.

Any 'Grown-up' Sitters out there? Una would love to be able to go out knowing Ron had company whilst she was away. Give her a ring 860251 if you can help.

Gill would like to thank everybody for their get well messages when she needed cheering after her nasty accident.

### 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 - We are thinking of a Tuesday if that makes a difference

### **† 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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