

Parish Pump Chairman's Report

April 2014

It is always my extremely pleasant duty, at this time of year, to thank all those who have played their part in the production and circulation of our very special village magazine.

Everyone involved in the production of the Pump has performed their role with efficiency and for another year, the magazine has arrived on doormats on time.

This is no mean feat and the 'few' give up hours of their time willingly so that the 'many' can catch up with everything that's happening or about to happen.

As you may know, Editors take on their duty for a three year period. They work alternate months for eleven months (there is no January edition). Both Ursula and Mike have continued to produce issues packed with village news. It has been an interesting year with updates about what is going on and what we hope will be happening in the near future. Last year we moved our printing to a local printer, based in Saffron Walden who, in addition to being extremely competitive, employs adults with learning difficulties. The move was almost seamless and with very few teething problems.

We have also seen the Pump appearing regularly on our website, often ahead of the hard copies. So no excuse to say 'we don't know what's going on'!

And so, thanks go to:

Our Editors who somehow manage to fit in all your articles and letters, adverts and what's on articles – with even more colour this year.

At this point, I must mention Ursula Lyons, who finishes her term of office this month. Editing the Pump is an important role and one that she has carried out with efficiency and fairness. On behalf of the whole village, our thanks go to her for her hard work over the last three years. It is pleasing to hear that Stuart Walsh has agreed to take her place, producing alternate months with Mike Fairchild.

Our circulation manager, and her band of deliverers who, monthly, come rain or shine, deliver all those Pumps to your door.

Our treasurer, who manages to keep up 'in the black' and our auditor who ensures that we spend our money wisely!

Still keeping us all on our toes is Marion who has been the Pump secretary for many years and who continues to produce minutes and rotas quietly and efficiently.

Finally, a special thanks to Ben Griffin who continues to oversee our website.

I think that we are all extremely lucky to have such a dedicated group of people, willing to give up their time to produce the Pump and, on behalf of the villages of Debden and Debden Green, thank them.

This is my final report as I am standing down as Chairman this year. I wish the Pump every success and hope to see it continue.

The Pump remains the voice of the village. Occasionally it can cause controversy but is never meant to cause offence or give favour. It remains an impartial opportunity for the whole village to voice issues and concerns and I hope it will continue so to do for many years to come.

Judith Forster

Chairman

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