

Parish Pump Chairman's Report

April 2018

Even though I am writing this report in mid-April, it is only now that temperatures have risen and, fingers crossed, the ghastly winter is finally behind us. Luckily the freezing conditions that shut airports, delayed trains and caused chaos for many did not affect the printing, collecting and distribution of the Parish Pump! For that we are, as always, so very grateful to our wonderful printers, Copycats, and our amazing team of helpers who make sure your copy of the Parish Pump is delivered to you 11 months of the year.....come rain, snow, wind and even the Beast from the East!

I would also like to thank all our advertisers and the regular contributors who take the time and trouble to send us their interesting and informative articles. The Parish Pump would be a very quick read without them so *many* thanks to: Debden CE Primary Academy, Debden Parish Church, Debden Pentecostal Church, Debden Shop, Debden Pre-School and the Steaming Gourmet.

On that note, please everyone, do keep sending in any articles you feel may be of interest to others and for any budding photographers, send us your pictures of the local area which we could use for the cover or back page of the Pump. The Parish Pump is the voice of the village so we want to hear from you☺

Yet again the time is approaching for us to find new editors for the Pump. Tony and Jan are coming up for retirement (!) so we're on the lookout for their replacements. Would you consider becoming a Parish Pump editor? Yes, it takes a bit of time (but not too much); yes, you do need basic computer skills; yes, you will find the role incredibly satisfying; yes, you will have help and guidance for as long as you need it. Please do let us know if this is something that you may be interested in.

Finally, my sincere gratitude to Jane Langham (Secretary), Helen Tate (Treasurer), Colin Harris (Distribution), Andrew Burchall (Auditor) and of course our excellent editors, Jan Crawley and Tony Vernon.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy rest of the year. Here's to a great summer!

Jane Pearce

Chairman