

CREETING ST MARY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 18TH MAY 2021

NEWSLETTER EDITORS' REPORT

We are pleased to report that the newsletter weathered the pandemic lockdown with minimal disruption. Gipping Press continued to provide an excellent service and the Parish Council found some extra volunteers to deliver the issues in the absence of a few regulars who were shielding . Some of these have continued with this task and have enabled greater flexibility of the delivery rota. The thirteen people who deliver the 375 copies each issue handle a total of 2250 copies a year over the 6 issues. We thank them for this work.

The 2 co-editors managed to work in collaboration in a safe and distant manner.

Contributors all produced copy more or less on time and we tried hard to create informative and helpful issues without too many gloomy cancellation notices. Needham Market surgery supplied information about the changes in accessing medical advice. We had some beautiful photos sent in which provided nicely topical, locally themed covers without having to resort to too many online images. Paul Scully, Chris Keeble and Glynis Clint are all unfailing in producing contributions with no chasing needed as is Chris Bingley.

The death of Audrey Lilley was marked in the February/March 2021 edition by several tributes, a reminder that she was the parish councillor who set up the newsletter in 1985, performing all the administrative and financial tasks as well as collecting and distributing the copies for many years though she did not edit it. Her daughter Janice has passed on all the old copies so I think we have a complete archive which should perhaps be passed on to The Hold in Ipswich.

Jennie will present her financial report, which unfortunately does show a loss. We have lost more advertisers than we have gained, and perhaps been too extravagant with increasing page numbers and coloured covers. We do need to attract more advertisers, or increase the fees, so we are able to continue to be self funding without requiring a bail-out from the Parish Council

Kathryn Martin