

Newsletter Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 2023

The Creeting St. Mary Newsletter continues to be published every 2 months with the February edition being the first of what is now Volume 42. It is delivered to all the approximately 370 houses in Creeting by a reliable band of volunteers co-ordinated by David Haynes. There are 10 distributors altogether, and the numbers of copies they distribute vary between 16 and 71. It is clear that once the two big developments at the Breheny and Charity estates, will require more but hopefully would be recruited from their inhabitants.

The Newsletter continues to be a source of information for every household, with a Who's who. details of village events arranged by the very active Social Club and numerous other organisations and some for which up-to-date information would be appreciated. Also reports on how events went and photos would be welcome to dilute the words! There is also the reports from Parish, District and County Councillors to be digested.

A difficulty for the editors can be people not adhering to the deadline which is 15th of the month prior to publication (January, March, May, July, September and November). The Editors sometimes have too much coming in late – requiring re-organising of the pages which can lead to errors creeping in and making it hard for the co-editors Joan Hardingham (on the computer) and Kathryn Martin (proof-reading among other things) to keep up the standards they would like. Another issue is over-long articles – a page is about 500 words, with no space for photos!

The revenue from advertising covers most of the costs but more advertisers are welcome. Thanks to Jennie Blackburn who keeps track of finances and to Gipping Press who not only publish the Newsletter (sometimes at short notice) but review it to check there are no major mistakes and deliver it up into the village when complete.

Joan Hardingham and Kathryn Martin – co-Editors