

PARISH PAPER REPORT 2012

At last year's Annual Parish Meeting, the news was bad because the Parish Paper had very little funds with printing bills to be paid. A campaign was undertaken to target any groups who might be willing to make a donation, an appeal to the Parish Council for assistance and little envelopes in the Parish Paper asking people to make donations.

This was highly successful with a very generous donation of £150 by the Parish Council, followed by further support of £300. The Parish Hall Committee donated £100 and the Six Bells and Playing Fields Committee gave us £71 from one month's quiz night – money which normally would go to the PFA. Last but not least, the people of the Parish dug deep and very kindly gave a grand total of £530 either by envelope or through other donations.

The Committee would like to send its sincere thanks to all of those who gave so generously. As a result we have a healthy bank balance and can continue to send out the Parish Paper to every household without charge. Providing people continue to let us have donations when they are able throughout the year and with the revenue from advertising and the much appreciated support from the Parish Council, our finances are strong for the foreseeable future.

Very little feedback is received by the Editor or Committee as to what people like or dislike about the paper, maybe no news is good news!, but it would be good to hear peoples' thoughts and maybe some ideas we hadn't thought of. It is Payhembury's Parish Paper and so the people need to let us know what they like to see most in it.

We all owe Sue Derbyshire in particular our thanks for taking the time and trouble to edit the paper in such a professional manner, and thanks to Emma too for deputising for Sue and to Alan for managing the finances. Big thanks too to Mary for organising the distribution and all the distributors who deliver the magazines every month on their patch whatever the weather.

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