

The sun has come out this week and so have a lot of the daffodils in the village. There are two mysteries this week. The first is I wonder who it is that annually enjoys ripping the daffodils from the bank in Ham Lane and then throwing them onto the road? These particular daffodils are usually amongst the first to flower in the village and I know from comments made to me that they bring much pleasure to villagers as they walk up and down the Lane. It's such a shame that each year the enjoyment for many is spoilt by one such silly act. Being half term this week its lovely to hear children playing on the Ham and to see that a few visitors are starting to reappear. It really does feel as though we are getting through winter and spring is on its way. The Ham had a hair cut recently. Work was carried out on some trees, and a couple of trees were cut down, as they were diseased. This has left some wonderful logs for villagers to collect. A lot have already been removed, but there are still a few large ones left. Pig Racing came to Dittisham on 9<sup>th</sup> February and, even though the pigs were not real, as I hear some Villagers thought they would be, a hugely fun night with lots of laughter was had by all in the Village Hall. Over £1,000 was raised for the Dittisham Regatta fund. Well done. Now for the second mystery: Did you go to the village school, or do you know anyone who went to the school? Robin Sjoberg is trying to solve the mystery of the missing school bell. Does anyone know what happened to the bell on the school roof? One day in the future, when funds allow, the Village Hall roof will be repaired and Robin would like to reinstate the bell if at all possible. So if you have any clues to solve this mystery, please contact Robin on 722358. I'll let you know in the future how we get on with the search. Don't forget to buy your ticket for the next exciting evening in the Village Hall. The Auction of Promises will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. A number of wonderful promises have been made including a ride in a classic car, an afternoon in a lambing shed, a days clay pigeon shooting, and various exciting boating trips right up to two days on a yacht in Venice. How special is that? Please call Gail on 722633 to book your table. Tickets are £10 per head, which includes a 3-course meal and all the fun of the auction. If you can't make it on the night don't worry. A list of all the promises will be available to view on the Notice Board in the Village Hall and in the Red Lion. Sealed bids can be made in an envelope to Robin Sjoberg. Go on! Take a look at the promises and make a bid. It's all in a good cause, as proceeds will go to the Village Hall and St. George's Church.