

Only 30% Chocolate

I read recently that the average Easter Egg we might buy in a shop is actually 70% packaging. Although I cannot attest to the accuracy of this claim I am sure there is a good deal of truth to it. In other words, when we buy an Easter Egg most of it consists not of the actual egg but of the packaging that comes with it and there is an interesting lesson for us all to learn here.

In the time leading up to Easter we get very used to seeing all manner of things which we associate with the great Christian festival - rabbits and lambs, hot cross buns and simnel cake, daffodils and lilies and so on. It is important for us to see these for what they are - the packaging. At the heart of it all the wonderful truth of Easter is that though he was dead, through the might power of God, Jesus Christ was resurrected and he invites us all to share in his new life through faith in him. Like the Easter Egg in the shop, the packaging is attractive but the chocolate egg is better, so too with Easter's message of new life and the packaging which comes with it

May I take the opportunity of wishing you all God's Blessings for a Happy and Holy Easter.

Your Parish Priest

Fr Stephen

A Happy Easter to all readers - enjoy the holiday week-end!

World Pony Driving Championships - all being well, Sarah-Jane Cook will be part of the British Team which will compete in the Championships to be held in Denmark in July. Irrespective of whether Sarah-Jane does qualify, the Team still needs funds to help cover the very considerable costs of entering the event. You could help when you are in the shop if you purchase a £1 'Square' on the special grid. The lucky winner will enjoy a carriage ride for 2 around the village driven, of course, by Sarah-Jane.

SHORT MAT BOWLS - as a result of the popularity of this activity it has been decided to hold a second afternoon's play which will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th April starting at 2.00pm. The game is played by both ladies and gentlemen and it is important that you bring a pair of flat-soled shoes. For further information please contact one of the following:- Bob Harris (871415), Colin Clark (871441) or Don Ebdy (870613)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - Annual General Meeting By kind permission of Reg and Pauline Glew, the meeting will be held at 36 Park Shaw on Tuesday 17th April at 10.00am. You are very welcome to attend but to help with numbers attending, if it is your intention to be there please 'phone Jean on 870223 in advance or let Reg or Pauline know.

