REPORT FROM THE LAUNCELLS PARISH NEWS 2025

I hope everyone agrees that the past year has been another successful one for the Launcells Parish News.

Printing costs have increased a number of times over the past few years and I have been warned that they will rise again shortly, so the Launcells Parish News Committee agreed to increase the annual subscription by £1, or by £2 for a postal subscription. Unfortunately, we did lose some postal subscribers because of the increase but it was necessary due to not only the increase in printing costs but also the cost of stamps and envelopes. I continue to do my best to keep the printing costs down by having as many pages of the magazine in black and white as possible and hopefully this is not too noticeable.

We have recently gained three new advertisers, one of which is a whole page advert, which helps considerably towards the printing costs and keeps the subscription charge as low as possible. Could I please ask that anyone who contacts an advertiser tells them that they saw their advert in the Launcells Parish News so advertisers know it is worthwhile advertising with us.

Many thanks to the Parish Councillors who take it in turns to write articles for the magazine. I realise it can be a chore for some but I really do appreciate it, especially as each article is on a different subject so makes the magazine more interesting for readers.

I sometimes worry I will not have enough content to fill the magazine but each month the regular contributors never let me down. In fact, some months the magazine is already full well before the deadline.

While I have the opportunity, I would like to thank the members of the Parish Magazine Committee for their continued support and to Brian for proof reading the magazine for me each month. Thanks also to the volunteers who kindly deliver the magazines throughout the year and to all the regular contributors (too many to list individually), our advertisers and also Parish Magazine Printing in Whitstone who print our magazines for us but most of all, to the subscribers who continue to buy the magazine and hopefully enjoy it.

> Mandy Pollard Editor