

TEMPLE SOWERBY COURIER

December 2020 15th Edition

It is a long time since the last edition of this Journal appeared but we will not dwell on how Covid caused this. This has always been mainly forward looking and I will avoid retelling all the historical material.

It would be very remiss not to mention all the people and businesses who have helped to make this very strange year and the lockdowns more tolerable. The list is too long to put in here but we all know who they are and we say a very sincere “Thank You” to all of them.

Victory Hall

One of the many sadnesses created by the evil Covid virus has been the inability to have activities in the hall – especially communal meals – despite the Trustees conforming to all requirements with hand sanitisers etc.. They are pleased that the School **has** been able to continue using the Hall. During this period of the hall not being used otherwise the Trustees have been able to organise some improvements including the installation of a **stairlift** with funding from the Frieda Scott Charitable Trust. This will enable people in wheelchairs or those worried about ascending the rather fearsome stairs to participate in functions in the main room. Darren Barker has turned what was a rather depressing sight at the top of those stairs with peeling paint etc. into a very presentable area and has also improved the gentlemen’s toilet area.

With the welcome help of a “Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant” from the nice Chancellor the Hall Trustees have managed to keep the hall running without any of the usual income since the “All day Breakfast” in March. They have still had to pay for cleaning, power and insurance. Structural work planned for this summer (with a grant from EDC) has been rescheduled for next spring.

By then we may be able to open up and have grand village lunch (or supper) for all of us to celebrate surviving the long dark period. Any ideas or suggestions about should be given to Gavin (see below) – well done the trustees!

The Trustees would welcome anybody with enthusiasm putting themselves forward as a possible new Trustee. The role is not onerous but they would love to have somebody fired with enthusiasm and ideas. Again please let Gavin know at gavinlyoung@btinternet.com

Parish Council

The Council is holding Zoom meetings during the pandemic controls with the next one on January 12th. Minutes of these meetings are available, as usual, on the village website (see address below).

Temple Sowerby vs Covid Whatsapp Group

This is run with the Parish Council. It was set up to provide help during the pandemic. Cumbria County Council’s Covid Resilience Team can provide help if you are struggling in any way with things such as finances, food, housing, heating, physical or mental health, domestic abuse, anxiety, loneliness or if you do not know where to go for information. Please contact the group initially and they can put you in touch with the people who will be able to help you in complete confidentiality.

Contacts are:-

Caryl Tel 07740 422310

Angela Tel 07766 935854

Kevin Tel 07768 858515

P.T.O.

Remember to visit and use the Village website www.templehowerby.org.uk

Village Carol Singing

As we approach Christmas we would like to go ahead – it has been permitted and can be done safely as long as people are sensible. It cannot be the same as in previous years; probably not at people's homes or moving around the village as much. If you are on the village WhatsApp Group you will get information nearer the time. If you are not in this group (you can join by contacting the people named in the WhatsApp section on the previous page) or contact Peter on 017683 62052 or Angela on 017683 622969 to register your interest.

Wine Tasting

For only £8.00 you will be able to taste 6 wines, learn a little about them and enjoy some good company with this informal and sociable group. There is no membership cost or regular commitment. Do come along once the group can start meeting again. The meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month through the winter.

Village Website

In the next few weeks this will be having an upgrade. Many thanks to the Parish Council. It should be quicker to load and will have an SSL Certificate so it will appear as a secure site in your browser. Anyone interested in helping with the website, mainly in adding events which we hope can restart around Spring 2021 and updating content when necessary, contact info@templesowerby.org.uk

Church Services

Over the Christmas period there will be Holy Communion on Sunday 20th at 10.30 and a Christmas Communion at 21.30 on Christmas Eve.

Village Lottery

This is still running and due to the Covid restrictions it is now being drawn near the Post Office Van instead of at a public function. A big thank you to all who have contributed. For last year it was able to give £766 to both the Village School and the Victory Hall. Remember that in December as well as the 3 usual prizes there will be a separate bonus prize of £60.00. Winners are announced on the WhatsApp and village noticeboards.

Village Groups

There is a section for these on the Website. As a quick reminder the groups and other contacts are as follows:-

Lottery June & Graham 07739-501839
Coffee mornings 1st & 3rd Tuesday 10.00
Gardening Jenny & Angela
templesowerbygardeners@gmail.com
Knit & Stitch Stephanie 017683-61779
Reading Group Angela
neilandangela@live.co.uk
Ladies Lunch Club 017683-61578 or
info@templesowerby.com
Wine Neil neilandangela@live.co.uk
Bowls Liz Burns 07919-954798 or
liz.burns@btinternet.com
Cricket templesowerbycc@hotmail.com
Flower Show
Victory Hall Jackie Woodall 017683-62355
Parish Council Caroline Fawcett-Beynon
clerk@templesowerby.com or 07842-585612

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OF YOU**

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