

TEMPLE SOWERBY COURIER

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Would you like to help our Village School?

Temple Sowerby Primary School is looking for a new Chair of Governors to replace Chris Starr whose term of office ends this summer.

The school is very successful with a loyal following, excellent results, a highly committed staff and is well supported by parents and the village community. The school makes use of and supports the work of the Village Hall and the Church as well as working on various projects.

Pupil numbers are very good and rising and the school finances are in excellent shape. The school also provides breakfast and after school clubs as well as pre-school provision and "Temple Sowerby Tots" for the youngest members of our community.

Whilst you do not necessarily need previous experience of being a school governor, an interest in the welfare of children and their place in a thriving local community are essential. Expressions of interest are welcome from anyone with the enthusiasm and time to devote to help the Headteacher and Governors. The 3 person appointed will be subject to a DBS check.

The Chair whose term of office is usually 4 years, is required to prepare for and attend one Full Governing Board meeting per term (i.e. 3 per academic year). In addition there are termly meetings of the two smaller sub-committees. You will be supported by the Clerk to the Governors and should be willing and able to deal with email correspondence regarding school matters within a reasonable timescale.

More information about the school, the range of activities on offer and the current membership of the Governing Board will be found on the website at <http://temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk>

If you think that you might be interested in helping to guide the direction of your local school and would like an informal chat about this exciting opportunity please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Angela Harrison on 01768361512 or email her at clerk@temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk Angela will put you in contact with the current Chair or the Headteacher, Karl Laithwaite.

From Acorn Bank

It is our great pleasure to announce that Acorn bank will re-open to visitors from Monday 15th March 2021. We will be open each week for 5 days (being closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays) increasing to open 7 days a week in the summer.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic all visits must be booked in advance so that we can manage capacity and ensure social distancing is maintained. This will be a similar arrangement to other National Trust properties and visitor attractions. Tickets will be available from Friday 12th March. Please visit

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/acornbank to book. Come with your tickets, and your NT membership cards (if you are members) ready on the day of your visit. We are re-opening in phases, with the car park, woodlands, gardens and toilets available from 15th March. The café, watermill and second hand bookshop will re-open, but at a later date.

For enquiries or to book our tramper please email

acornbank@nationaltrust.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you back.

Reading Group

Temple Sowerby reading group has restarted, albeit discussing the latest book we have read by Zoom. It is The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox by Maggie O'Farrell. A recent review of this book stated:- PTO

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“I listened to a brilliant radio dramatisation years ago and I enjoyed this second time reading, even more. The pared back writing paints a vivid picture of an unbelievable family secret and a shocking revelation of the fate of some women, not so very long ago. It illustrates the monumental changes and differences that have happened to women over the space of

three generations. To say Esme gets her revenge is an understatement. I loved it.

Upper Eden Food Bank

Times are tough and support is needed more than ever by many households. The village has responded very generously, donating over 30 bags of food since the middle of January to the food bank based in Appleby. We have a collection wheelie bin situated behind the fencing to the right of the church door and this can be accessed at all times. It is emptied regularly and the food delivered to Appleby every 7 – 10 days. The web site has a “shopping list” of ongoing requirements, together with details of the goods most urgently needed. For more information about our efforts please contact Jenny Higgins Tel. no. 01768 362985 or email address sandjhiggins@hotmail.com. Thank you for any contributions that you can make.

Speedwatch

Many of you will be aware of the problem of traffic speeding through the village. We are working with the Police to try to find a solution to this issue. However, the Police are keen for us to maintain a regular Speedwatch presence to maintain awareness of this problem. We are currently seeking new volunteers. Speedwatch sessions take place every 2 months or so and last a week. It involves several hourly sessions during that time when we monitor traffic and send the details to the Police. Volunteers are trained

to use a laser speed gun. If you are interested please contact caryl.varty@btinternet.com

Dogs etc.

A huge thankyou to the many caring and responsible dog owners in the village. However we can be better still. Please remember to pick up poo and take it home with you or drop it into the bins provided. It is extremely harmful to livestock and unpleasant for all.

Please also remember to shut farm gates and keep your dogs on leads at all times. – particularly now that it is lambing time – and also as a consideration to other dogs and their owners and members of the public. The Cumbria Police have just reminded us that it is a crime to worry livestock for which the dog owner can be prosecuted and the dog destroyed. You may not think that your dog is a nuisance but it may react badly when another dog appears. Finally, many people are unaware of the bylaw that states that dogs have to be on leads within 200 meters of a road which includes most of the land around Temple Sowerby.

To report any of these dog nuisances email pollution@eden.gov.uk, or contact the dog warden on 01768 817817

Victory (Village) Hall

It has been many months since we have been able to utilise this asset. However the hall management committee have not been hibernating during this time so further improvements have been, and are going on.

The Committee intends (when it is permitted) to have a major celebration of the re-opening and also of how well Temple Sowerby and it's residents have weathered this interruption to normal life in the village. Any ideas for suitable ways for this should be given to Gavin Young at gavinlyoung@btinternet.com

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