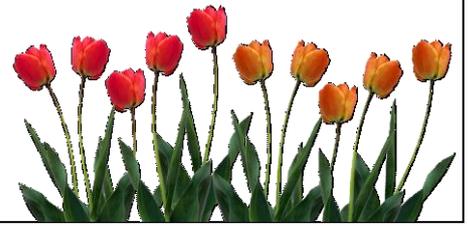


HALLEN NEWSLETTER

MAY - JULY 2019



HALLEN TABLE TOP PLANT SALE

DATE: 12TH MAY 2019

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Notices:

Congratulations to Jo and Ben, The Barton, Hallen Road on the birth of their son, Leo. Born 9th January weighing 6lbs 9oz.

Deepest sympathy to Clive and Lynda Simmons and their families on the sad loss of their mother Betty earlier this year. Betty and her husband Ashley lived in Stowick Farm for many many years. Ashley was a very popular and well liked character in the village. He came to the shop every day I can remember, even when he had a cataract operation. He wasn't supposed to drive for a short while but that didn't stop him driving the tractor! They were very hard working, I don't remember them having a holiday and were very much a part of the history of the village, they will be sadly missed.

Sincere condolences to the family of John Morris, Hi-Ways Park. John worked in recent years at B&Q, he was their cheerful greeter. John also liked to walk a lot and you would often see him walk up to Henbury.

Hallen Village Community Group – Janet Parsons

AGM report 24th April 2019

As always our year began with our plant sale to provide funds for publishing the newsletter 4 times a year. As the village hall was closed for renovation, it was held as a table top sale on the green. It was at the beginning of the long, dry, late spring and summer so the weather was kind to us and customers came from the village and a number of passersby who had seen the plants as they drove through. Surprisingly we made a profit of £290, which makes the hard work worth the trouble. Thanks must go to Liz Kendall who grew many of the plants on sale, and to Lorraine Dalton who donated plants from her allotment and also visited the Bristol Fruit and Vegetable Market where she was able to find more and to Anne Puchowski who supplied her lovely fuschias. This year the plant sale will return to the village hall on the 12th May.

The troughs on the green and at the bottom of Ison Hill suffered from the hot dry summer last year and needed complete replanting. Tommy O'Rourke and Lorraine Dalton took on the Ison Hill Planter and Mary Moloney and Janet Parsons replanted the village green trough. Hopefully both will survive this summer.

We have received a donation from Bristol & Avon to sponsor the rebuilding of the planter at the river end of the village and this is almost complete. Thank you Bob Pritchard for doing this work and Steve Moorlen for negotiating with him. A plaque naming Bristol and Avon as sponsors will be attached to the planter.

Two trees have been felled on the village green so that the cross is clearly visible as you approach from the west. Several committee members' fires have benefited from the logs produced.

In memory of the centenary for the Great War, Almondsbury Parish Council have been given funds to be used by villages to enhance their war memorials. The council have agreed to lay shallow steps leading from the pavement to the base of the Hallen cross. Mary Moloney has planted a flower bed as a backdrop to the cross using a mixture of donated and purchased plants; the garden will bring a splash of colour to this corner.

The memorial service in November was attended by more than 50 people and the service was led by Mike Campbell as in the last previous years. We may request for a short road closure for the service next November.

During Advent and over the Christmas holiday a tree was decorated with strings of lights, lending a festive air to the centre of the village. Several people already decorate their houses and to encourage more Steve Moorlen suggested a competition for the best decorated house. A resident of Hi-Ways Park won a hamper for his decorations and several other houses received a special mention. Perhaps this will become an annual event.

We must thank the committee members who not only attend meetings but give their time taking part in projects that make Hallen the pretty place it is.

Hallen Horticultural Show – Enid Cannard

Things are progressing well with planning for the Horticultural Show on the first Sunday in September. Tickets for the Draw will be on sale at the Plant Sale, don't miss buying some. A super prize will be a Balloon Flight for two, or, a luxury hamper among other great prizes.

This year the Village Competition will not be the Best Garden. We decided that the best hanging basket was more inclusive. You could have any size garden, or even a courtyard to enter.

There is a new cup, which will be for the best entry in the photography classes.

There are still many classes in handicrafts, cooking and flower arranging.

Look out for a brochure coming through your letterbox in July and plan your entries.

In Your Garden – Liz Kendall

The British weather has been living up to its reputation. Following a beautiful Easter, last weekend brought 70 mph winds and rain. This is a timely reminder that we can still get frosts until mid May so care should be taken with planting out summer bedding until at least this time.

The next few weeks are among the busiest in the garden as everything is growing like mad, particularly weeds, so now is the time to get rid of them before they set seed when you will be battling with them for ages. I speak from experience having to deal with couch grass and I have had to dig up all plants in the area, clean the roots of them, get rid of the couch grass and replant.

Annual weeds can be hoed off but perennials like dandelions need to be dug out as any remnant of root can regrow.

Finally I really want to talk about plastic use in the garden. I am sure you are all aware of the need to reduce our reliance on plastic as it has been a major topic in the media. In gardens we have a particular problem, in that most pots and trays cannot be recycled with the kerbside collection. I have been informed by South Gloucester that terracotta coloured ones can be accepted at sort it centres but black cannot. The best solution is to re-use as many as you can but this is a problem which I'm afraid looks like it will be around for a while.

Those of you who buy plants at the Village Plant Sale can return their pots (either to Liz at 4 Moorhouse Lane or Mary at Moldomnaigh Hallen Rd) so that we can re-use them next year.



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HALLEN VILLAGE HALL SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Welcome to the Hallen Village Hall website, where you will find information regarding the events and news in Hallen Village.

Many thanks to Sarah Bramley-Dymond for creating this new website for the villagers to be able to access information about events both in the village and at the Hallen Centre. The newsletter and information from both South Gloucestershire Council and Almondsbury Parish Council will also be available on this website so it is well worth a look. You can also find a link to Hallen Football Club details and fixtures.

If you have any news or events you would like included in the next newsletter, please phone Mary on 9507070 or email Deb on dburns5025@hotmail.com with your contribution. The deadline will be the 25th July.

Almondsbury Parish Council – Phil Hall

Elections for District and Parish Councils are taking place as I write this article. Boundary Changes mean that Hallen is combined with Easter Compton with two Councillors. Andy Segal and I have been elected unopposed and will represent you at the Council. The first meeting of new Council will be at 7pm on Tuesday 14th May in the Old School Hall, Almondsbury. All are welcome to come over and meet us.

Congratulations to Lorraine Dalton from Windsor Crescent who was also elected as Councillor for Cribbs Causeway Ward.

Hallen Village Hall and Centre

The Parish Council has signed a lease with sports and fitness company called Back2Action to set up a gym in the empty hall at the Hallen Centre. They are busy installing their equipment. They have great plans and ideas to work with us to improve fitness and wellbeing for everyone in the local community and to increase use of the building.

QUIZ!

Come and join us in your refurbished Village Hall
FUN QUIZ NIGHT - Quiz Master is Steve Moorlen
on Friday 21st June 2019 at 7.30pm for 8pm

Teams of up to 6 welcome - £2 per person (£1 goes directly to charity) Nibbles provided

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	Bristol City Council	0117 922 2100
Dog Warden		01454 865886
Community Police Officer	PCSO Paula Perry	0788 965 8237
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