

PUNNETTS TOWN VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER
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A lot of hard work has been achieved since the last newsletter. The tender documents went out to six local builders, two of which declined to go any further. The remaining four came back with some horrifying figures. The highest was over £1 million and the lowest was £200,000 above our price estimate for the whole project. You can imagine the committee's dismay. However, we set ourselves going again and with the advice of Robert Shepherd, our architect, talks with the builder, Passion Star who have designed the heating and plumbing system plus Charity Bank for a loan, we have made some progress. Some non-essential items have had to be left out which we can put in as and when we have some spare money. It has been two hard months of almost constant phone calls, meetings, form filling and a lot of sleepless nights. We now await J.H. Builders final proposal in writing and then a contract can be sent out and on return, all the details sent to the Big Lottery for approval. We anticipate work will commence in June/July.

The Stained Glass Window Competition was won by Melissa Titmus. Congratulations to her and we look forward to seeing her design in one of the windows of the finished hall. Thank you to everyone who took part. It was difficult to make a choice as they were all very good.

Lorna and Amy have done their **Sponsored Bike Ride** to Brighton and back and have raised over £400, the final figure not yet complete. If you haven't already paid your sponsor money, please do so and any late sponsor money will be gratefully received. Thank you to both of them for their grand effort.

Our next fund raising event is a **Punnetts Town Village Hall Charity Walk** visiting various pubs on the way, starting at the **Barley Mow at 10.30 on Saturday, 30th May**. Tickets and route maps £5 per head, £10 per family, children and dogs welcome. It is a maximum of 6 miles but shorter routes can be taken. Come and join in the fun. For booking ring Maggie 830645 or turn up on the day.

The Open Gardens is on **Sunday, 14th June 2 – 5.30 pm**. Several more people have kindly volunteered to open their gardens this time. This was a very enjoyable event two years ago and there have been several requests for it to be held again. Tickets are £6, £15 family ticket, to see all the gardens with teas served at two of them. Limited access for wheelchairs and no dogs.

Our traditional **Summer Fete/Bar-BQ** is on **Saturday, 20th June 1-5 pm**. Lots to do for everyone. Usual cakes, bric a brac, books, plants, raffle, tombola, plus many others including a china smashing stall. If anyone has any chipped or broken china they want to get rid of, drop it off at the coffee mornings, Maggie's or bring it on the day. All offers of goods and help gratefully received. £10 to book a stall – ring Maggie 830646.

The Barn Dance at Phil's Barn is on **Saturday, 18th July 7.30 – 11.30 pm**. Another popular event. Dancing to 'Rattlebone' so get your dancing shoes ready for a fun evening. Tickets £10 adult £5 children to include Hog roast and Bar BQ supper. For tickets ring Nick 830352.

A new event this year is a **Car Boot Sale** on **Saturday, 22nd August 9am – 12 noon**. To book a pitch at £10 ring Barbara on 830450. Make some money out of your unwanted items. Food and drinks available.

Saturday Talks/Demos in the Village Hall 7.30pm – 10pm. A donation of £2.50 including coffee and cakes. Everyone welcome.

- June 6th** Pamela Vieler – Memories in a suitcase.
- July 4th** Acupuncture with Harry Sweetman. If you have always wondered what it is – Come and find out.
- Sept 12th** David Walters on Prison Chaplaincy work – a non religious talk
- Oct 3rd** Robertsbridge Abbey by Brian Enright – A nearby landmark.
- Nov 7th** The Millenium Green with Jill Sones. How the site was developed.
- Dec 3rd** With Christmas in Mind by Pam Fuller, our popular local flower arranging Expert.

Our May 2nd demonstration by Master Puppeteer, Christopher Leith was exceptionally good, with puppets ranging from antique shadow puppets from Java to mopheads and Marionettes. He hopes to come again next year, so if you missed it the first time, make sure you see him the next time.

Do pop in to the **Coffee Mornings** held every **Friday** 10.30 – 12.30 for coffee, cakes, plants books and lots of friendly faces.

Don't forget the **Quiz** held at the **Three Cups** every **3rd Sunday in the month at 8pm**. Teams of 4 at £1 a head.

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS
P.T.V.H. COMMITTEE**