

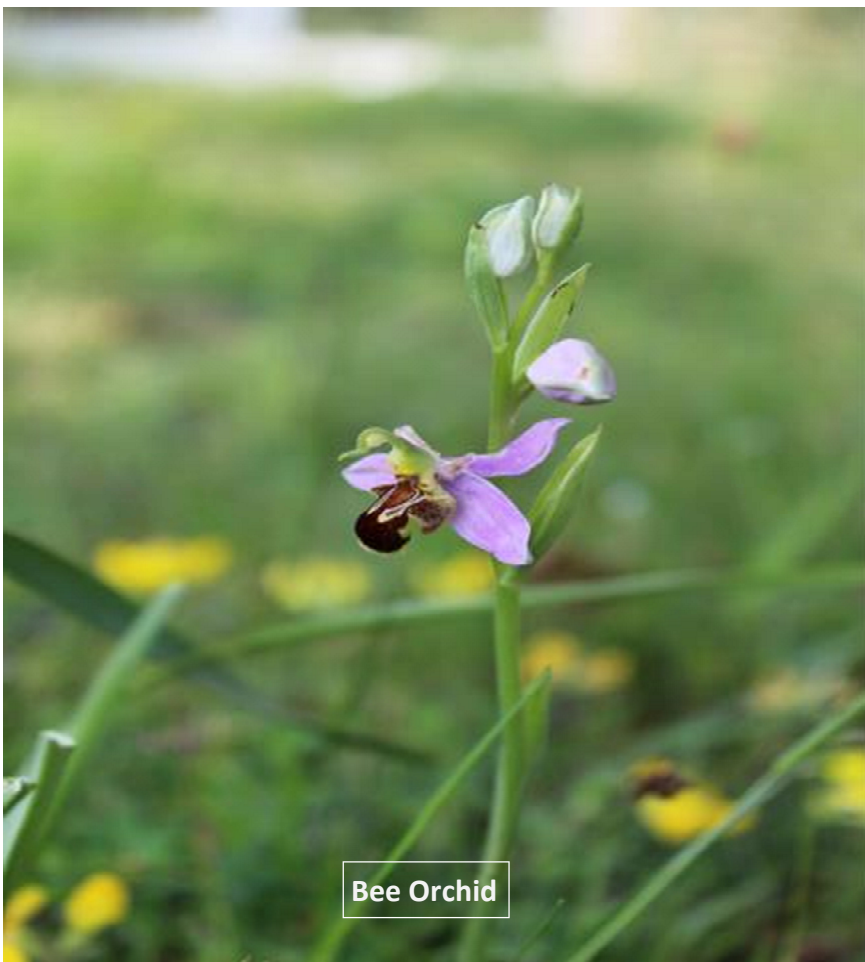
July 2024

FOCUS

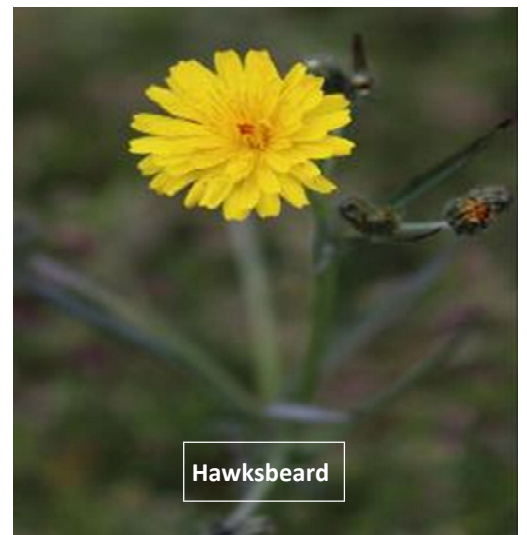
Issue 286



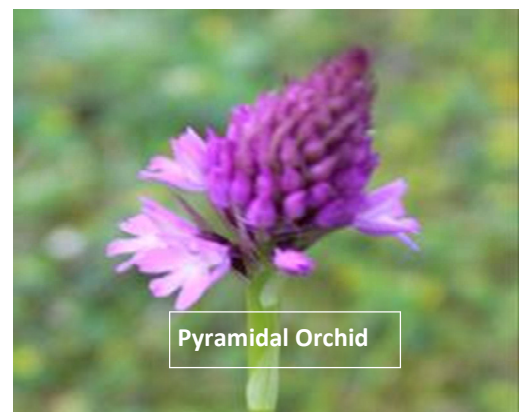
Parish Magazine of St Stephen's, Hightown



Bee Orchid



Hawkweed



Pyramidal Orchid

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation, seed bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1, v11



Editor's Note

On 17th July we will remember that one hundred and ten years that have passed since the people of Hightown first laid the foundation stone of the present Church of St Stephen's and on both Sunday 14th July and Wednesday 17th July we will joyfully celebrate this event.

In the period prior to 1914, in the absence of a church and the distance involved in travelling to the nearest church, it had been the practice of Hightown residents to meet for services in different houses, each Sunday, 'Cross House', 'The Croft' and several others. As the number of worshippers increased, Mr R Radcliffe's house, 'Westwood', which had the largest sitting room, became the preferred venue. Over time, even that became a squash and the Bowling Green 'Hall', a hut at the Hightown Hotel, was tried and even a classroom in the Truant School was utilised.

Eventually, plans were drawn up and funds sought for the construction of a church, church hall and vicarage. The foundation stone was laid by Mrs R Rainshaw- Rothwell on July 17th 1924, in the presence of the Bishop of Liverpool, Dr Chavasse. The mallet and trowel presented to Mrs Rainshaw are kept in the church safe.

"The Lamps were going out all over Europe" - the words spoken by the then Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, barely three weeks after the laying of our foundation stone. By the time the Sanctuary was dedicated, the First World War was already underway. Since then, people have been, and still are, subjected to the multiple horrors of war.

Let us pray for God's love in our hearts. Let us pray for everlasting peace on our shared planet, Earth.

Entries for future issues of Focus to be sent to

Focus.Mag.2023@StStephensHightown.org.uk

Please submit before last day of month

Dear Friends,

I write the day after our PCC meeting. The sun is shining, in a mainly clear blue sky, and it's beginning to feel a little bit warmer than it has for most of this last week, summer is on its way perhaps? How long will it last?

The verse of Scripture chosen for the start of our meeting yesterday was *Proverbs 3:5-6*

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.'

The purpose of The Book of Proverbs, written by Solomon, was to teach people how to attain wisdom, discipline, a prudent life and to do what is right, just, and fair.

These verses are wonderful words of encouragement for each one of us. God wants his people to be wise. He wants us to have positive, caring, and loving relationships with each other.

We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to.

This month, the 17th sees the 110th anniversary of the laying of the Church Foundation Stone. We will celebrate together on the Sunday 14th and Wednesday 17th!

We give thanks to God for the vision, trust, and faith of the good people of Hightown at that time.

This month we also have the Hightown Show to look forward to, celebrating and sharing together the good things that God gives to us.

For our young people, it is the end of the school year. For some, moving classes and, for others, moving schools, or moving on to higher education or new opportunities. Please keep our children and young people in your prayers as they journey on.

For some of the 'more mature' members of our congregation it will also be a time of moving on to pastures new, to be nearer to family. We pray for them and wish them well.

We, all of us, can always, *'Trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding; in all our ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct our paths.'*

God Bless,

Keith



St Stephen's Church Services—July

Wednesday 3rd	10:30	Eucharist
Friday 5th	09:30	Morning Prayer
Sunday 7th	10:30	All-Age Eucharist
Sunday 7th	18:00	BCP Evensong
Wednesday 10th	10:30	Eucharist
Friday 12th	09:30	Morning Prayer
Sunday 14th	10:30	Eucharist & Celebration for 110 years since the laying of the
Sunday 14th	16:00	Toddler Church
Sunday 14th	18:00	BCP Evensong
Wednesday 17th	10:30	Eucharist & Celebration for 110 years since the laying of the
Friday 19th	09:30	Morning Prayer
Sunday 21st	10:30	Eucharist & Renewal of Marriage Vows
Sunday 21st	18:00	BCP Evensong
Wednesday 24 th	10:30	Eucharist
Friday 26th	09:30	Morning Prayer
Sunday 28th	10:30	Eucharist
Sunday 28th	18:00	BCP Holy Communion
Wednesday 31st	10:30	Eucharist



Toddler Church

At

St. Stephen's-Hightown

Sunday 14th July

4pm

***A service for pre-schoolers and their families with lots of fun,
songs, a bible story, a simple craft and refreshments***

All Welcome!

Youth Club

Ages 8 to 11 years

Friday Evening Term Time

6pm until 7.15pm

£2.50 includes snacks and drinks

Contact: Jane Bessant 07776 305 660

Sunday Coffee Rota

7th Beth Cresswell

14th Sue Taylor

21st Pam Bessant

28th Beryl Howard



Brass Rota

July

Beth Cresswell

For Baptisms, Weddings
and Funerals or any
pastoral need, please
contact the Vicar,
Revd Keith Thornborough
at

St Stephen's

on 0151 929 3097

Prices for advertising per annum:

Full page: £550

Half page: £275

Quarter page: £135

One eighth page: £70

Contact:

Adverts@StStephensHightown.org.uk

All Age Eucharist

1st Sunday of Every Month
10.30 at St Stephen's

Appropriate for all age groups
from the old to the very
young

Readings, prayers, hymns,
folk group and a
celebration of the
Eucharist

A less formal service with
the Eucharist at the heart

St Stephen's Church Hall

Toddler Group

Term time

Every Friday 09.15 to 11.15

Prayer Prompts For July



- 1st. For the resolve to speak about our faith with friends & family.
For the people of Mark Road.
- 2nd. That we can help fulfil the mission of St Stephen's Church to be integral to community.
For the people of North End Lane.
- 3rd. For support for the institution of marriage and strengthening of family life.
For the people of Tudor Gardens and Rathbone Road.
- 4th. For those in missionary work overseas.
For the people of Langley Close and Richmond Close.
- 5th. For those who serve in the armed forces.
For the people of Whitefield Close and Oakfield Road.
- 6th. For those who give love and care for their loved ones diagnosed with dementia.
For the people of Thornbeck Avenue and Mayfair Close.
- 7th. **6th Sunday after Trinity** O, hear us when we pray to thee, for those in peril on the sea.
For the people of School Road and Gorsey Lane.
- 8th. For those working to bring together Christians and peoples of other faiths.
For the people of Elvington Road.
- 9th. For the continuance and success of the Youth Club in Hightown.
For the people of Moorhouses and Bankside.
- 10th. For those who strive for peace between nations.
For the people of Blundell Road.
- 11th. We pray that in our church family we are welcoming and joyful in worship.
For the people of Marston Crescent and Larkhill Grove.
- 12th. For those responsible for the preservation of places of Christian worship.
For the people of Blundell Avenue and Alton Close.
- 13th. For those who are agonising in pain.
For the people of St George's Road and Sandy Lane.
- 14th. **7th Sunday after Trinity.** For those working to alleviate cruelty to animals.
For the people of North Dunes.
- 15th. For those peoples of the world who suffer in times of drought.
For the people of Westway and Thistledown Drive.
- 16th. For our sand dunes and pinewoods, that we may treasure and maintain them for the enjoyment of generations to come.
For the people of Withins Field.

Prayer prompts (contd)



17th. For the bereaved and those who carry great sadness.
For the people of Riverside.

18th. For those who look after children with disabilities.
For the people of Village Way and The Roundway.

19th. For teachers, that they may gain the support of parents and society.
For the people of Sandhills and Sandilands Grove.

20th. For the success of Hightown Flower Show, and for the flowers of the season.
For the people of Elmcroft Lane and Emerson Close.

21st. **8th Sunday after Trinity.** We pray that in St. Stephen's we can be inspiring and loving in our ministry to children and young people.
For the people of Briary Croft and Brentwood Close.

22nd. For the sick and their loved ones and carers.
For the people of Alt Road.

23rd. For the Hightown Tuesday Group and for the friendships forged in this group.
For the people of The Ranges and Altcar Camp.

24th. For those who give service to their communities.
For the people of Moss Lane and farms in the area.

25th. For those whose homes have been damaged or destroyed by natural disasters.
For the people of St Stephen's Road and Hester Close.

26th. For parents, that they may gently guide their children in Christian beliefs and values.
For the people of Thirlmere Road.

27th. For a simple but powerful Christian faith which does not seek or need absolute proof.
For the people of Windermere Road.

28th. **9th Sunday after Trinity.** For the continued growth of St. Stephen's Church.
For the people of Blundell Grove.

29th. For musicians, artists and poets who enrich mind and spirit.
For the people of Wignalls Meadow.

30th. For orphaned or neglected children who are forced to survive on the street.
For the people of Old Acre.

31st. For those who are lonely in our community, that they find companionship.
For the people of Lower Alt Road.

Who's Who at St Stephen's

Vicar	Revd Keith Thornborough
Warden	Judith Welch
PCC Secretary	Beryl Howard
PCC Treasurer	Keith Aldis
Gift Aid Secretary	Brian Taylor
Safeguarding	Cath Marshall cathmarshall47@yahoo.co.uk
Electoral Roll	Beth Cresswell
Sacristan Team	Hazel Roberts
Health and Safety	TBA
Flower Rota	Sue Taylor
CMS Secretary	Beryl Howard
St Stephen's Youth Club	Jane Croxton
Church Hall	Sally Fraser
Focus Editor	Colette Hudson Focus.Mag.2023@StStephensHightown.org.uk
Focus Adverts	Colette Hudson Adverts@StStephensHightown.org.uk
Focus Distribution	Mr and Mrs K Bradshaw
St Stephen's Church Website	StStephensHightown.org.uk



Eco Tips from A Rocha

JULY

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Plan to incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness, ensuring superior flavour compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles.

If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, this month, include giving thanks for your local food producers.

Southport Wills Caroline Speakman

- Specialist in Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Property Trust Wills
- Legacies & Bequests
- Home Probate Service
- Free Home Visits



If you would like some information or some guidance, please email me or send a message through the Website.

You can also contact me on 07926 587776 to make an appointment.

Caroline Speakman

Member of the Society of Willwriters

Email: southportwills@gmail.com

Phone: **07926 587776**

Website: www.southportwills.com





LOVETOBUYYOURCAR.COM

We buy all kind of cars and we'd love to buy yours!

Get your car valued by an expert, not a computer.
Any make, any model, regardless of age
or condition. We always offer a fair price.

We're a local, trustworthy company
who will come to you.

Call: Mike Braid 07887 637774
or email: info@lovetobuyyourcar.com

ENTER YOUR REGISTRATION NUMBER

Use the form above to send us your
car registration number

WHATSAPP OR TEXT YOUR DETAILS

Send your car registration number
and details to +44 (0)7887 637774

RECEIVE A VALUATION NEXT DAY

Our experts will research your car's
REAL value

Or visit: www.lovetobuyyourcar.com and follow the steps above.

The Will Writing Guild (UK) Ltd or The WWG has been established for over 25 years, providing Will services across the North West. During this period, we have prepared thousands of Wills, many of which have been referrals and recommendations by our existing clients.

We offer the following services:

- Will and Updates
- Lasting Power of Attorney
- Probate Administration
- Protective Property Trust Wills
- Advice on Long Term Care
- Secure Document Storage
- Equity Release
- Free Home Visits



We're here to help



Call NOW on

01704 546688



Visit us online at

thewwg.co.uk



To request a home visit call us or visit our website

Eldon Court, 39-41 Houghton Street, Southport PR9 0NS Mobile: 07885 757361 Email: info@thewwg.co.uk



Dean Brothers

Independent Family Funeral Services since 1827

Tel: 01704 872023

At Dean Brothers we are very proud to be nearly 200 years old, providing caring, supportive services to the local communities of Formby, Southport and surrounding areas.

National Award Winning Services

Low Carbon Footprint, green energy supplied

Luxury Chapels of Rest

Prepaid funeral plans

Members of National Associations NAFD AND SAIF

SAIF Bereavement Care support



Verified Customer Reviews



www.deanbros.co.uk



Local Electrician

Info@unime-group.co.uk

Over 20 years experience

No job too small. Free quotes

Tel: Stephen-07563825421



For regular giving—Everyone benefits

For details, Please contact:

Brian Taylor: 0151 929 2720

Keith Aldis: 0151 929 3612



ABRAM FENCING

Est 1976 - "A Family Business"

Tel: 01704 889185

Mob: 07711 549489



Quality Fencing at affordable prices

Supplied or erected **FREE ESTIMATES**

Website: AbramFencing.co.uk

James Kershaw -Joiner-

Local Master Craftsman

All aspects of house maintenance

From hanging doors to home extensions

Free Written Estimates

01704 562564 & 07523 253391

NICK STARK FCCA

CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT

- * accounts preparations for individuals, sole traders partnerships, limited companies
- * tax returns, corporate & individual
- * payroll
- * bookkeeping (SAGE a speciality)
- * VAT
- * business reviews

27 Holmwood Gardens, Formby, Liverpool, L37 1NH

01704 778303



Specialists in all types of

- Flat Roofing
- Slating and Tiling
- Leadwork Repairs
- Storm Damage
- Guttering

All Type of Roofing Repairs

*Competitive Prices on UPVC
Replacement Fascia*

HIGHTOWN ROOFING COMPANY

6 Elmcroft Lane, Hightown, Merseyside. L38 3RN

PROPRIETOR: DAVID FEALEY

*for a FREE
no obligation quote call*

**Tel : 0151 929 3615
Mobile: 07970 688880**



Yoga Somatics
At The Hightown
Club

Monday 10.30-12.00 & 18.15-19.45

Tuesday 10.30-12.00

Please get in touch

Rose Billinge - mob: 07900 017 608

Email: rosebillinge@yahoo.co.uk

Prices for advertising per annum:

Full page: £550

Half page: £275

Quarter page: £135

One eighth page: £70

Contact:

Adverts@StStephensHightown.org.uk



Barringtons

INDEPENDENT FUNERAL SERVICES

Family owned and run business by David and Claire Barrington. Offering care and support for a personal and relevant service for all your arrangements.

- Arrangements made in your own home.
- Pre-paid funeral plans available from Ecclesiastical Planning Services.
- Private chapels of rest available.
- Environmentally conscious funerals available.
- Free estimates given without obligation.
- Please visit our website for details of all our fees and charges.

www.barringtonsfunerals.co.uk



Offices :

28 Crosby Road North, Waterloo, L22 4QF - 0151 928 1625
38 The Marian Square, Netherton, L30 5QA - 0151 329 3525
49 Liverpool Road, Formby, L37 6BT - 01704 547851

CALL PAUL LOCKSMITHS

ESTABLISHED 2000



A Registered Insured NCFE Certified Company

Call Paul for a Fast, Reliable, Professional Service

- UPVC & WOODEN DOOR SPECIALIST
- Emergency Door Opening
- UPVC Door Lock Repairs
- UPVC Door Lock Changes
- UPVC Door Lock Upgrades
- Wood Door Lock Changes
- All Work Guaranteed

TELEPHONE

01704 369930

MOBILE

07932 718362

WWW.CALLPAULLOCKSMITH.CO.UK



Blundellsands Sailing Club

Established 1907 Hightown



New sailing members welcome!

Whether you are a complete novice to sailing and want to give sailing a try or are an experienced ocean dweller you are more than welcome at BSC.

No boat required!

We sail all manner of yachts up to 30ft in length from moorings in the Alt between April and October. During the winter we fit out our boats in the boat yard with lots of socialising and events throughout the year at our club house overlooking the shore.

If you are interested in joining the club or trying some sailing with existing members, please contact:

Rohan Pickard - Commodore
Rohan.Pickard@Gmail.com

Deryk Johnson - Vice Commodore
DerykJ@Gmail.com



FEELING FLABBY, UNFIT
AND SICK OF DIETS?

WANT TO BE B-FIT + FABULOUS?

AS my FREE GIFT to you I will teach you how to:

Feel fabulous, toned, slimmer and healthier

Drop a dress size without calorie counting

Boost your energy and feel 10 years younger

Have the WOW factor

**TO CLAIM YOUR FREE GIFT AND BOOK YOUR
FREE B-FIT B-FABULOUS SESSION WORTH £60**

Call Gaynor on 07748 298 728 or email: Gaynor@B-Fit.uk.com
Only 6 places available — For success stories visit www.B-Fit.uk.com



HIGHTOWN CLUB
Founded 1907

The Hightown Club

Thirlmere Road, Hightown, L38 3RQ

CRICKET (MENS, LADIES, GIRLS) * SQUASH * BOWLS * TENNIS
VETERANS FOOTBALL * CROSBY ST. MARY'S R.U.F.C. * SOCIAL CLUB

The Hightown Club is a village Sports and Members Club, which encompasses the heart of the Hightown Community. We host a range of sporting activities for all age groups at casual and competitive levels and we actively encourage the local community to enjoy the facilities at the Club by attending our wide range and top quality events or just dropping in for a friendly drink in our Sports Bar.

Sports Bar Opening Hours

Monday & Wednesday Closed. Tuesday & Thurs 6-10pm. Friday 6-11pm. Saturday 6-12pm. Sunday 1-9pm

Function Room for Hire for Special Events

Ideal for Celebrations, Christenings, Holy Communions, Weddings, Funerals, Conferences and Community Events.

For Catering Enquiries, Contact: Janet Holmes: 0151 929 2330 or 07504 399 103

For Membership Enquiries, Contact: Chris Scrine: 07884 491 806



TOWER HEATING

Your Local Worcester Bosch Accredited Partner

01704 834363

Here for you:

8am - 8pm

365 days a year



- ✓ Boiler Installations
- ✓ Boiler/Fire Servicing and Repairs
- ✓ Radiators
- ✓ Power Flushing
- ✓ Smart Thermostats
- ✓ Emergency Line



Proud sponsors of - *The Hightown & St. Mary's Cricket Club*

www.towerheating.com



formbyflooringcentre

Specialists in Carpets, Laminates,
Vinyls, Karndean

37 - 39 Three Tuns Lane, Formby, L37 4AQ
Tel: 01704 834 371 - FAX: 01704 875 233

Ready when you need it...



FAST Same Day Print!

from supplied print ready files*

*only available on selected services

www.ThePrintQuarter.com Email: sales@pqsouthport.com Tel. 01704 543010

Eldon Court, 39-41 Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0NS



Hightown Physiotherapy Clinic

physiotherapy and acupuncture

registered with the Health
and Care Professions Council



Tricia Blyth M.C.S.P.

07967 140809

25 Blundell Road,

Hightown

Back & Neck Pain

Sports Injuries

Arthritis

Post-Op Rehabilitation

Accupuncture

YOUR FLOOR IS OUR PASSION
SOLID AND ENGINEERING WOOD FLOORING

Sanding - Installation
Repairs - Stairs & Worktops

Phone: 0789541406
Phone: 07752050084
Email: PassionFloors@gmail.com
Website: PassionFlooring.co.uk

Prices for advertising per annum:

Full page: £550

Half page: £275

Quarter page: £135

One eighth page: £70

Contact:

Adverts@StStephensHightown.org.uk

MIKE'S POWERWASH

Industrial Power Cleaning
of Patios & Drives

Phone Mike for your value price:

Tel: 0151 474 0760

Mob: 07738 304364



Wills and Powers of Attorney are powerful legal documents. The skill in preparing the right document for your circumstances comes from knowing to ask the right questions coupled with the experience and expertise to draft it correctly; and thereafter ensuring that the formalities of finalising the document are properly adhered to. If you cut corners there is a risk that your loved ones will only discover the problems when it is too late - causing them stress, heartache and unnecessary financial loss.

Don't leave it to chance.

Make sure you only use an individual who personally is:

- a qualified professional
- a dedicated specialist
- highly experienced
- formally regulated by a recognised legal body
- insured as per regulatory requirements
- accredited member of Solicitors for the Elderly and STEP

Elizabeth Foggin TEP, Solicitor at Autumn Years Law is your local expert in:

- Wills & Trusts
- Court of Protection/ Deputyship
- Lifetime & Inheritance Tax Planning
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Probate & Estate Administration
- Elderly client services

Our friendly approach is both compassionate yet professional and as a company we are committed to providing you with high quality legal advice. Free home/hospital visits are available if you have physical difficulties in being able to come to us.

Autumn Years Law, 22-24 Chapel Lane, Formby L37 4DU (inside Derbyshires)
www.autumnyearslaw.co.uk Tel: 01704 870404 info@autumnyearslaw.co.uk

Private, ethical general practice

GP appointments to suit you

- Experienced GPs
- Longer appointments
- Face-to-face consultations
- Medical weight management
- Phone & video calls
- Coils for HRT
- Home visits

Formby GP
4 Victoria Buildings
Victoria Road, Formby L37 7DB
01704 617050



www.formbygp.com

Easy Fundraising

St Stephens has have been using #easyfundraising to raise FREE donations for the Church when we shop online. We have just been paid! These donations will make a BIG difference and you can help during this difficult time too - it only takes 2 minutes to sign up and 4,500+ shops (including Amazon and Ebay) will donate for free, every time you shop online with them!

Why not visit:

[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ststephenschhightown/
payments/60537b0af62fd200266cbd30/](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ststephenschhightown/payments/60537b0af62fd200266cbd30/)

to find out more ?

As that famous advertising slogan tells us: 'every little helps'.

All Things Bright and Beautiful



As you get off the train and walk towards the sea side of the railway line, you can't fail to notice the house that is so remarkably decorated, on the outside, with flowers, vegetation, plants and pretty objects. This is the home of Sally Anne Tapia Bowes, her husband Alex, her daughter, Hermione and their three cats: Blackberry, Autumn and Luna.



Sally Anne has many creative talents and, to add to her very long list of accomplishments, has recently added a qualification in floristry. Much of the foliage used in her floral arrangements is sourced from Hightown and she creates bouquets, posies, rosaries, wreaths and garlands. She has recently created a floral display to adorn the *Welcome to Hightown* sign at the bottom of Kerslake Way. This, she has kindly

donated to our village, free of charge. You may, sometimes, spot, outside her house, items that can be taken away *gratis*. These may often be books, but in season there are also potted plants, flowers and herbs for the cutting.

Our village is a better place for you living here, Sally Anne.



Coffee Morning

Saturday 6th July 10am - 12noon

St Stephen's Hall

Everyone Welcome!

In Aid of PODS



From Beth's Kitchen

HOW TO WIN A PRIZE FOR YOUR SCONES



It is coming up to the 2024 Hightown Flower Show. This will be on Saturday, 20th July and you will have plenty of time before then to practise making these scones so that your entry may triumph. They freeze well so earlier attempts can be saved for a special afternoon tea. I am giving you a basic recipe for plain scones which can be modified by the addition of fruit or cheese for variety. They should be served warmed with butter, cream, jam or berry fruit and cream as you wish.

Basic Recipe for "All Purpose" Scones

450g plain flour

2 rounded tsps baking powder

125g butter, cubed

2 large eggs

Milk

Preheat oven to 220C/Gas 7.

Sift the flour and baking powder into a bowl with a pinch of salt. Rub in the butter.

Lightly whisk the eggs in a measuring jug and add enough milk (about 150ml) to make just under 300ml. Slowly add this to the bowl, then very gently combine, first with a spoon and next finally with floured hands to shape into a round. Pat out gently until about 3cm thick and cut, using a large floured cutter, into 8 scones.

Place on a lightly buttered baking tray and brush with any leftover egg/milk. Bake near the top of the oven for about 12 minutes or until well-risen and golden.

Leave to cool on a wire tray.

Serve warm

For Fruit Scones

Add 75g sultanas or currants and 40g golden caster sugar to the rubbed in flour and butter, before adding the egg/milk mixture. Then proceed as above.

For Cheese Scones

Add 250g grated mature Cheddar cheese to the rubbed in flour and butter, before adding the egg/milk mixture. Again, proceed as above, sprinkling a little extra grated cheese on the top of each scone. These can be split and served with cream cheese and topped with smoked salmon, as a canape

Village Organisations and Activities

Tuesday Group, St Stephen's Hall	Beryl Howard Jan Branigan
Hightown Friendship Group 1st Wednesday at 8pm St Stephen's Hall	Margaret Wear
Gardening Club 2nd Monday 8pm St Stephen's Hall	Hilary Munro
Bowling Club, Sandy Lane	Diana Killen
Hightown Club	Chris Scrine
Blundellsands Sailing Club	Rohan Pickard—RohanPickard@gmail.com Deryk Johnson—DerykJ@gmail.com
Yoga Classes, Hightown Club	Rose Billinge
Flower Show	Debbie Underhill— Debbie.underhill@cloud.com
Open Mic Poetry Group 3rd Thursday 7.30pm St Stephen's Church hall	Sally Anne—tapiabowes@gmail.com Alex
Craft Group, Every Thurs- days 1.30-3.30pm, St Stephen's Hall	Sue Taylor
Hightown Parish Council	Jenny Farrar—clerk@hightownparishcouncil.uk Www.hightownparishcouncil.uk
Community Library, Alt Centre, Lower Alt Rd. Mon 12-2, Tues 1-3, Weds 1-4, Fri 10-12	Linda Munro—lindamunro@hotmail.com
Zumba Gold, Dance for all aged 55 plus, Mondays 9.45-10.30, St Stephen's Hall	Nicky Garsforth
Creo Dance Co Mon Tues Wed Thurs Sat Children 3 to 18 years	Georgia Gaudi

SOME RESULTS OF 'NO MOW MAY'

Beth Cresswell

I am not sure of the coincidence of the above idea and the fact that the verges along Thornbeck Avenue have not been mowed for a while. But, what to some may seem unkempt, has resulted in a burgeoning of wild flowers from common to rare, from evening primroses to orchids. These plants that thrive on poor sandy soil, have benefited from the wet winter and spring, and are to be allowed to set seed for the coming years. Three clip-boarded experts have been spotted taking notes.

On the Army Camp, the ranges are managed for orchids and are mowed in mid -July to allow for the seeds to mature. Watch out for notices advertising guided walks to see these orchids and other rare plants.

On our own lawn, there is reputedly no 'lawn' grass. It is a rough meadow which was laid by the original builders over fifty years ago directly on top of sand. All the wild flowers, with two exceptions, have moved in of their own volition. Now, as I write amongst the waving grasses, I see daisies, dandelions, plantains, vetches, ragwort, clover, buttercups, spurge and two types of orchid. The bee orchid is pictured on the front cover and two pyramidal orchids. These latter two are the above-mentioned exceptions. They were transferred from a neighbour's garden which was about to be cleared and to be replaced by paving and artificial grass. This is their third year of flowering.

If you are not sure of your own knowledge, when trying to identify wild flowers, there is an app called 'Seek', which is free and can be downloaded to your phone. It is a very useful tool when out in the garden or on a country walk.

Happy plant spotting!



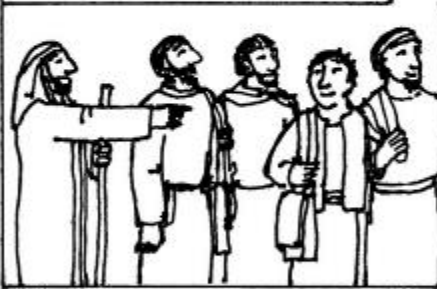
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Numbers chapters 13 and 14

God had rescued the Hebrew people from Egypt and led them to the border of the land He had promised them - Canaan. But it was not empty..

12 young leaders were chosen to check Canaan out.



They went north to where Abraham had been buried..



and they returned 40 days later with fruit, and their report...



10 said
The people there are like giants! We can't beat them.



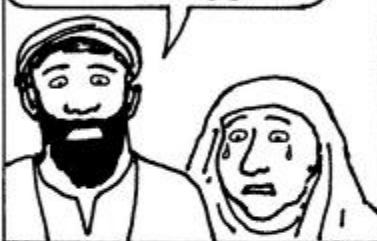
Caleb and Joshua said..



But the people said



We'll choose a new leader to take us back to Egypt.



But God said..

I have had enough of you not trusting Me. You will wander in the desert for 40 years before your children return here.



Don't attack! God will not help you win.



And the Canaanites chased them out of the country.

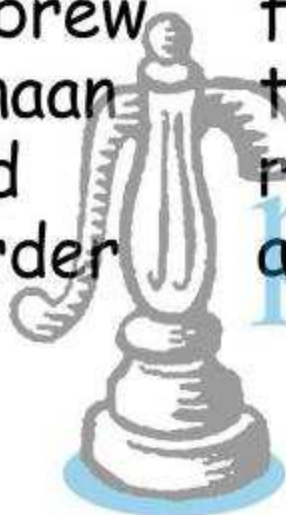


p	p	g	i	a	n	t	s	f	c	t	c
c	e	g	y	p	t	z	b	k	a	r	a
g	o	d	c	m	i	d	c	c	l	u	r
v	p	u	a	w	b	a	e	q	e	s	e
b	l	r	n	c	t	b	n	s	b	t	p
o	e	e	a	t	h	e	b	r	e	w	o
r	g	f	a	b	r	a	h	a	m	r	r
d	t	r	n	d	d	y	s	l	l	w	t
e	z	u	l	o	e	t	y	e	a	i	y
r	b	i	g	g	e	r	z	o	d	n	d
t	h	t	n	h	j	o	s	h	u	a	d
c	o	m	p	l	a	i	n	o	r	t	h

country
 complain
 people
 Egypt
 children
 bigger
 Abraham
 desert

Caleb
 Joshua
 chased
 leaders
 Hebrew
 Canaan
 God
 border

giants
 north
 land
 win
 fruit
 trust
 report
 attack



parish
 pump

A KING, A CASTLE AND A MUDDY POOL

Graham Goodchild, Old Acre

The description of Liverpool Castle in March Focus was followed in June by the story of King John's search for a port on the coast of Northwest England. How did he react to the discovery of Liverpool?



CHAPTER III: A new town

King John was well pleased with the report presented to him by his advisers. He gave orders for the acquisition of the Liverpool land from Warin de Lancaster, whose father had been granted the land by King Henry II. He ordered the pool to be cleared of seaweed and other vegetation and for jetties to be built alongside the pool. He gave further orders for the construction of a protective castle on the highest point of the broad ridge overlooking the pool, entrusting the work to his friend and ally William de Ferrers, Sheriff of Lancaster. Work began on the castle in 1207 or shortly afterwards. The Ferrers family remained custodians of the castle until ousted by the town burgesses in 1266 for attempting to interfere with the rights of the townspeople.

So pleased was John with his new discovery that he decided to go a step further and found a new town on the broad ridge below the castle on the line of present-day Castle Street, High Street, Exchange Flags and Old Hall Street.

New towns were not uncommon in the early Middle Ages. In the first half of the thirteenth century 59 new towns were founded from existing villages and hamlets. The founder, usually the king, but sometimes the local lord, bishop, or abbot, would provide the necessary infrastructure, recouping their capital outlay from tenant rents, markets and fair tolls. What made John's decision in this instance unique was that there was no village or hamlet in Liverpool from which to create a new town, only a barren wilderness.

On 28 August 1207 John issued letters patent addressed to his loyal subjects inviting them to "take burgages in Liverpul that they shall have all the liberties and free customs in the township of Liverpul, which any free borough on the sea has in our land". Burgages were long narrow strips of land, large enough to accommodate a dwelling face-on to the street, with space behind for the pursuit of a trade. Trades

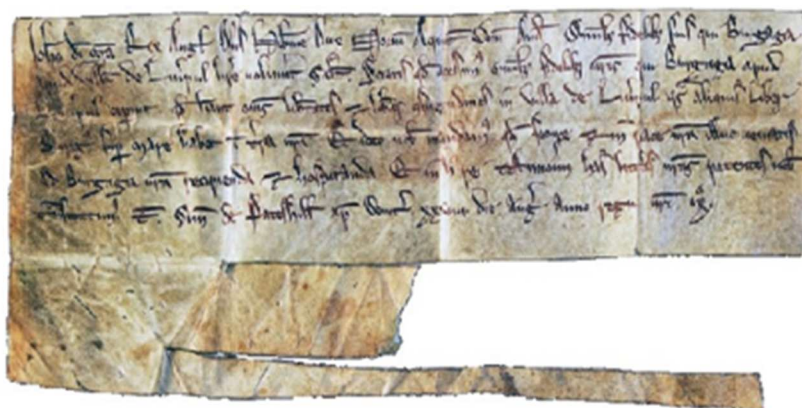
could be as diverse as selling fish, mending shoes, drapery or providing building materials for the castle.

Long narrow alleyways separated groups of burgages. Although the burgages have long since gone, echoes of the alleyways remain in the historic lanes that run between Dale Street and Tithebarn Street in present-day Liverpool City Centre. If you walk down Dale Street from the Town Hall, take the opportunity to explore these alleys that include Hackins Hey, Leather Lane, Eberle Street and Hockenhall Alley – which, incidentally, boasts an eighteenth century building, reputedly the oldest standing in the city centre.

There was no shortage of applicants for burgages in Liverpool. People from Lancashire and Cheshire, as well as from Wales and Ireland applied. Some came to start up businesses, others to build John's castle with its chapel. The construction was an incentive to those seeking work as it enabled them to acquire a burgage and build a house.

Burgage tenure was a progressive form of feudal socage. Unlike most traditional forms of socage tenure, which required the tenant to provide agricultural services for the landowner, burgage tenants paid an annual monetary rent, fixed in Liverpool at one shilling, in lieu of feudal duties. An additional attraction of burgage tenure was the freedom given to tenants to dispose of their holding by sale or will without impediment. This made it an attractive offer to people in other parts of the country, providing opportunities not available elsewhere to become founders of a new community from scratch. Burgage tenants, later known as burgesses, were to become prominent citizens of the eventual royal borough.

The 1207 letters patent were an invitation with incentives to people to commit themselves to come to Liverpool. The royal borough with its rights and privileges would have to wait until the charter granted by John's son, King Henry III in 1229. But the 1207 document has long been



regarded as Liverpool's birth certificate. Measuring seven inches long by three inches wide, the Latin original is preserved in Liverpool's Public Record Office.

Look out for the next chapter in the castle story.

Hightown Flower Show

Saturday 20th July 2024

Flower, Craft and Produce Show



Categories:

Floral displays
Garden fruit &
vegetables
Baking
Art
Photography

Enter to Win!

Prizes for every category
Chance to win a trophy

ALL ages welcome
Entry forms being
delivered and online
shortly

A delicious afternoon tea
with home made cakes
included in entry fee:
£3 adult, £1 child

Save the date and
start a new family
tradition.



Magazine part-sponsored by John Gibson-notary services