

# VILLAGE VOICES

## INFORMATION UPDATE 27th August 2020

This week's update includes information about some new events at Selly Manor Museum, new courses from Birmingham Adult Educations Services, how to donate to Northfield Foodbank plus more Bournville Stars shine.

Thank you for participating with the design guide consultation online or popping into the drop-in sessions last week. There is still time to take part in the design guide consultation. Please complete our questionnaire by 31st August 2020. Visit <https://www.bvt.org.uk/our-communities/bournville-design-guide-review/take-part-in-questionnaire-consultation/>

Keep visiting BVT's website for updates about support available

<https://www.bvt.org.uk/our-communities/community-services-coronavirus/>

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please contact [carolelowe@bvt.org.uk](mailto:carolelowe@bvt.org.uk)

### Selly Manor Museum

(Social distancing measures in place at all events)

#### THE SWEET LIFE OF BOURNVILLE

8th - 17th September weekdays 10am - 4pm ONLY.

An exhibition of over 400 archival photographs.

This event is part of Birmingham Heritage Week.

Booking online recommended to guarantee a place, normal museum admission applies. Bournville Village Trust residents FREE (proof of address required)

<https://www.sellymanormuseum.org.uk/events/2020-09-08/the-sweet-life-of-bournville-exhibition>



#### BOURNVILLE WALKING TOURS

10th and 11th September 2pm prompt, £10 per person.

Explore the heritage of George Cadbury's garden village led by Gillian Ellis, Heritage Manager of Bournville Village Trust

**Booking essential.** To book a place please call the Selly Manor Team on 0121 472 0199

<https://www.sellymanormuseum.org.uk/events/2020-09-10/bournville-heritage-walking-tours>

#### CURATOR'S TOURS

15th September

Discover the stories and collection of Selly Manor

This tour takes place at 4pm and 6pm on Tuesday 15th September 2020 and lasts for about an hour and a half. **Booking essential.** To book a place please call the Selly Manor Team on 0121 472 0199. The cost is £7 per person.

<https://www.sellymanormuseum.org.uk/events/2020-09-15/curators-tour>

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## **BOURNVILLE HERITAGE ONLINE**

10th - 20th September FREE no need to book.

Sharing stories of people and places.

Bournville Heritage Online is a celebration of what makes George Cadbury's garden village such a special place.

Selly Manor Museum will be recognising the people and places of Bournville through a carefully selected series of blogs and social media posts between the 10th and 20th September 2020.

<https://www.sellymanormuseum.org.uk/events/2020-09-10/bournville-heritage-online>



## **Birmingham Adult Education Service (BAES)**

### **New Courses**

The learning and employment landscape has been transformed by the impact of the Covid-19 crisis. Understandably, many people are anxious about what the future may hold, with challenging social circumstances for many and economic uncertainty on the horizon. This is also a time of fantastic opportunity with new training and job opportunities likely to appear, for example the growth in importance of the Health and Social Care Sector.



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Working from home is now a reality for many of us, so having the right IT skills and understanding the technology to be able to participate has never been more vital.

BAES has responded to the challenge of a changed world with an innovative new programme and new ways of learning that are flexible and responsive, with the same first-class access to tutor support. However, they understand that not everything can be easily taught online. They are therefore offering courses in key subjects such as English, ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages), Maths and IT in classrooms at centres across the city.

Please be reassured that the health and safety of you and their team are paramount so they will be following the latest Government guidance on social distancing and keeping you safe while you learn. For more information and to find details about your local centre visit <http://www.learnbaes.ac.uk/> Phone 0121 303 4318 or Email [information@baes.ac.uk](mailto:information@baes.ac.uk)

## **Northfield Community Partnership Foodbank**

Northfield Community Partnership Foodbank are particularly short of tinned meals. If anyone would like to donate food please drop donations into Northfield Community Partnership, 693 Bristol Road South, Northfield B31 2JT (see attached Poster)

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, please call 0121 411 2157 for details.

For more information visit <https://www.northfieldcommunity.org/>



## Bournville Stars

There are three more wonderful stars to congratulate this week.

You can still nominate a star in your community until the end of August. Visit <https://www.bvt.org.uk/news-and-events/have-you-seen-stars-shining-in-bournville/> for more information and to complete the nomination form.



### Lisa Gee

Lisa Gee set up the Bournville Covid-19 Support Group on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BournvilleCovid19Group> "Together we will support each other") to share information, help initiatives and projects across Bournville.

This has been an absolute lifeline to many residents needing food, support or reassurance, information or advice. This could be about health, making things to raise donations for the Hub or the NHS. It was also vital in the early stages for people seeking the elusive legendary loo rolls and flour! People have also been able to promote their business through the Facebook page to earn some income to help them through these uncertain times.

Lisa also organised the Street Champions scheme linking residents, through WhatsApp groups, in almost every street in Bournville – a monumental achievement – to further connect and help each other.

Lisa did all this while working and home schooling two children. Definitely a star!

The panel was delighted to read about Lisa's tremendous efforts during lockdown. She has demonstrated dedication and commitment and has shown herself to be a natural leader. There is much to be learned from Lisa's successes going forward, which would be great to build on in the coming months.



## Karl Rogers

Karl was nominated by his son Jacob. For the last 5 months he has been volunteering at the Bournville Bread Basket delivering bread and cakes to vulnerable people in the community. Even though he is back at work he still delivers for free because he has made friends with the people he has delivered to. He has even been doing shopping for people.

The panel was delighted to receive this nomination Jacob who is obviously very proud of his Dad. It is clear that Karl was a real star over lockdown, helping to get food out to people who couldn't leave their homes. It was a frightening time for many of them. It sounds like he has made many local friends and continues to help when he can, even while back at work. Well done Karl!!!!



## Ann Belsey

BVT resident Ann volunteered to help local residents in the Shenley area with shopping and other requests from Shenley residents who were isolating or shielding, many of them alone and isolated. She even baked a cake for a man who was terminally ill. It was his birthday and his family could not get out to the shops during lockdown to get him a cake or present. Ann also helped with the food parcel delivery from Weoley Hill Village Hall along with council members and BVT landscape team.



Ann is a Shenley Street Champion and goes that extra mile to ensure that local people in her area are looked after. She is very caring and goes out of her way to help, not just users of Weoley Hill Village Hall but the other residents in her community. Ann is one in a million and deserves a Bournville Star.

The panel was impressed with Ann's community heart. It is very clear that Ann goes above and beyond for the most vulnerable, not only in offering her support with very practical needs but also in befriending others. *(Ann did not want her photo taken)*

