

From the Select Board's Desk

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Select Board. We wish to invite everyone to Mallet Hall on January 6, 2020 to a potluck for Everyman/Everywoman in keeping with Twelfth Night. Twelfth Night is a traditional holiday celebrating the last night of the season where revelers have a last hoorah, have a party, and take down all the holiday decorations. Some cultures celebrate Twelfth Night as the Epiphany, which was the visit to the Christ Child by the 3 Wise Men. This potluck is not an attempt to draw a connection to that visit, but as an opportunity for the town's folks to come to Mallet Hall and meet the Select Board and many other members of the different committees and boards that make up the volunteer's who do the work of running the Town of Pownal. As an added attraction, the Chairman of the Select Board is baking a Twelfth Night Cake, which has a bean cooked inside. If you select the piece with the bean, you become the Lord/Lady of Misrule for the night, an honor that beckons you to consider serving on a town committee.

There will also be a signup sheet for next year's presentation of Shakespeare's play Twelfth Night to be performed on Mallet Hall's Stage. This is a revival of the Mallet Hall Revelers and Minstrels, a legendary theatrical troupe. The dream is to perform Shakespeare's Twelfth Night every Twelfth Night starting in 2021 after a community potluck.

More importantly, this potluck is an opportunity to start visualizing Mallet Hall's possibility as a community center for Pownal. The Select Board is currently considering proposals to renovate the Hall, creating opportunities for building a community center, a recurring theme in Comprehensive Plans. So come join us on this Twelfth Night potluck. Come meet the people who volunteer to serve on the committees that run this town. Maybe you will find an opportunity to serve in this New Year or discover the magic of Mallet Hall.

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"If music be the food of love, play on!" First line of Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare