

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

Sorry it's a bit late this month – been waiting for contributions.

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25th of each month. I need to print 64 copies of the newsletter. If you are willing to receive it by e-mail, send me an e-mail saying so. So far, I've had 74 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

It's that time of year that I have to thank the following – contributors, deliverers and in particular Dan Petford who does the printing.

Pilates (Deb Whittaker)

Every Wednesday in the village hall. Beginners 6.30 intermediate 7.40. For more information contact Emma at ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

The dates are usually the 2nd and 4th Friday. Don't have more details at present! Meet at the Village Hall. Walk starts 10.00. All ages welcome. For more information please contact Debwhittaker@gmail.com

Village Hall Friday night (Graham Whittaker / Steve Bourne)

The bar is open every Friday night. It's only £1 a year to become a member. It would be great to see some new faces and the return of some old ones. If you are new to the village this is a great chance to meet your neighbours.

New Year's Eve (Peter Edwards)

As usual, a great time was had by all. Thanks to all who helped organise, clear away and generally helped in any way. Thanks also to the new Strawberry Cabin for the food.

Line dancing (Deb Whittaker)

The line dancing class seems to be a great success. Please come along and join the fun on Tuesdays at 10.30.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

New players welcome - it's £1 a week and all proceeds go to the Church. Contact Graham Whittaker for details.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

As we move into the new year we are advised that the parish council will be required to be more proactive. We have already been told that the neighbourhood highway team will not be available this year for minor road and pavement maintenance. There is also talk that we will have to employ an outside agency to oversee our data protection methods, this cannot be done

in house, and Lichfield will no longer be passing on the central government grant to parish councils. Our next meeting, where we set our precept for the coming financial year, is going to be a difficult one. This will be held in Quinney Hall on Tuesday 9th Jan at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there is a 15-minute period at the start of the meeting for the public to raise any matters that concern them. A happy new year to all parishioners. I have also had notice of the recent death of Charles McEwan – many will remember him for his services as District Councillor for many years.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

This will recommence on Monday 15 January at 7.30 in the Village Hall, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee. The first couple of sessions will deal with a few more seminal 20C British artists to finish off our survey of British Art. On Monday 15 January the artists looked at will be Frank Auerbach and Lucian Freud, and on Monday 22 late 20C women artists such as Riley, Ayres, Whiteread and Emin. The new topic, from the end of January onwards, will be Byzantine, Orthodox and Early Medieval art. We meet every Monday from 7.30 to 9.30. £4 per session (£3 for St Bartholomew's church, £1 for the Pathway Project) to include refreshments. New art lovers always welcome! For further details contact Val on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Hints Golf Society (Peter Edwards)

No report for this newsletter – I don't think they've been playing!

Film Night (Steve Bourne)

We will be showing "Dunkirk" on January 20 2018 – contact Steve Bourne for more details (steve.bourne@me.com) Bar open at 7pm, £5, hot pork rolls and apple sauce.

Donations for Pathway Project (Val Edwards)

Thank you to everyone who contributed chocolates and toiletries as Christmas presents for proteges of the Pathway Project – St Bart's was able to send a large contribution in the week before Christmas.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Members enjoyed a delightful evening on Thursday 14th December with Ann Brown demonstrating Christmas arrangements as she talked her way through the placing of the greenery and lovely roses. The finished arrangements were offered as raffle prizes and the winner chose which arrangement they liked. After the demonstrations we enjoyed a social time with drinks and an excellent variety of food.

January 11th at 7.30pm will be our first meeting of 2018 and the title of the talk is – The past beneath our feet – our speaker is Jim Wall who is a keen detectorist who will be sharing with us information on his hobby and telling us about his discoveries of artefacts and treasures he has uncovered. We look forward to hearing his story.

We wish everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year 2018 and will welcome any new members to come and enjoy our monthly meetings.

Beetle Drive (Val Edwards)

There will be a Beetle Drive in aid of St Bartholomew's on Saturday 27th January, 7:00 for 7:30 prompt start. £8 adults, £5 children, fish and chip supper. Contact Val (480088), Jeannette (480066) or Sally (07974 955719).

Carol Service (Lloyd Ansermoz)

After the postponement of our Carol service due to the snow and bad weather we were able to re-arrange the service for the following week. With no vicar now available we were left to carry out the service ourselves as members of the PCC. Simon Clarke eagerly took the helm as captain and leader and steered the St Bart's ship perfectly throughout the evening with great success, well done and thank you Simon. With 41 people in the congregation it was really nice to see the Church in full flow and hear Carols being sung beautifully by everybody present. A hot supper of Jacket potatoes and beef stew followed by mince pies at the Village hall went down very well thanks to the Master chef expertise of Jez, and his able assistants, Gilly, Sally and Jeanette.

We extend a huge thank you to all who contributed to the evening which although was not intended to be a fundraiser did raise £250 of contributions to the Church funds, including £70.00 raised very generously through "Sponsor a Carol". Thank you to you all for making it to the Church for the service and for your support. We warmly invite you join us for our Sunday services whenever you can to keep our village Church open as an active Church. Please see the service notices outside the Church gates and at the back page of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you and thank you again for your support.

A thought (Janet Clarke)

A young boy discovered a Bible in the attic, opened it and found a large leaf pressed between the pages of Genesis. "Oh look" he said, "Adam's left his clothes here."

This was taken from my Christmas copy of "Grace" magazine, which comes out quarterly.

Finally, best wishes to friends in Hints and beyond for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Church Flower Rota (Val Edwards)

I will provide altar flowers for the services in January but would welcome volunteers for subsequent months – services in 2018 will be held on the first and third Sundays. Apart from special events such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas, flowers comprise two small vases for the altar. If anyone would like to provide flowers please contact Val on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services January 2018

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| Sun 7 Jan | 18:30 | Parish Eucharist |
| Readings: | Fr. Jason Isiah 60: 1-16 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12 | |
| Sun 21 January | 10:00 | Parish Eucharist |
| Readings: | Fr Jason Currently unknown Dedication of William Jameson-Warren | |

PLEASE NOTE from 1st January 2018 the services at St Bartholomew's will be on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays. So, in January it will be 7th and 21st January as detailed above.