HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER June 2018

Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25th of each month. I need to print 63 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 77 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

Every Wednesday in the village hall. Beginners 6.30 intermediate 7.40. Also Mondays at 10:30. For more information contact Emma at ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk or 07974 145055.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints walking group will meet on Friday the 8th and 22nd. Meet at the village hall at 10.00. All ages welcome. The average walk is around 4/5 miles, with a maximum of 7 stiles. For more information contact debjmwhittaker@qmail.com

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

We have been running the line dancing club for over six months now, and it is proving to be a big success with the ladies and gentlemen who attend. We are a very friendly group who welcome all newcomers, even offering a free cup of tea or coffee afterwards, If anyone would like to join us please come to one of our classes on Tuesday mornings 10.30 to 11.30, the more the merrier.

Wagon Wheels Line Dancing Club. neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The breakfast club is on 24th June. Please contact <u>grahamawhittaker@gmail.com</u> to book.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Three more sessions are left for the current programme - June 4, June 11 and June 18 - by which time we should have finished looking at Byzantine and Medieval art and will be taking a break for the summer. Just to reiterate, we meet in the Village Hall on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, £4 per session (£3 for the church, £1 for the Pathway Project) including refreshments. For further details contact Val on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Football pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

Thank you to every one of the players this season. We have now raised £3000 for the church. The game will be back for the new football season. It is only £1 a week so contact $\underline{\text{grahamawhittaker@gmail.com}}$ if you wish to play.

World cup football (Graham Whittaker)

Look out for the schedule of games being shown in the hall on the big screen. Hopefully England can progress from the group stages!

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

There is nothing to report this month.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

We spent an excellent evening at Garden Guild on Thursday 10th May learning about – Colour through the year - our speaker David Howell brought along a variety of plants, some he had 'borrowed' from his local plant nursery and he encouraged us to regularly prune our plants back to encourage new growth and better flowering and he also demonstrated division of plants and potting on, sometimes getting around five new plants from a single pot. The usual coffee and biscuits were enjoyed but we also had a chocolate birthday cake to celebrate with Stephen his birthday, many thanks to Jan. Future programme – June 14th Seasonal Changes at Dorothy Clive Garden – Everyone welcome, why not come along and enjoy a relaxing evening.

St Bartholomew's Church (Lloyd Ansermoz)

How important is our Village Church to you and us as a community?

Dear Friends and Villagers I appeal to you all on behalf of our wonderful and Historic Church of St Bartholomew's in our wonderful and Historic Village of Hints. Although we would be delighted and would very much welcome you, your friends and Family to attend and join us for our Church Services we are also realistic about the ways in which attendance may not be convenient or suitable to you at this current time. Your faith in whichever form it is remains as strong as you need it to be without attending Church and God is there for all of us and loves and welcomes us all irrespective of our attendance to Church. As joint Church Warden it gives me no pleasure in reporting that our wonderful Church is at risk of being closed which would be devastating to the beauty and character of our Village. The costs of running the Church against the income that comes in are so far apart that we may have no choice but to close it. The Church in the form it is in now was created, built and opened in 1883. To see it closed 135 years later would be a tragedy and a very sad day and a huge loss to our community. Do you really want to see it closed? We already raise funds locally as much as we can and a number of you already donate or raise funds in your own way and we are very grateful to those who already help and thank you.

BUT- we desperately need more people to help and every little helps, in its own way, Would you please just take a few minutes to think of a way in which you may be able to help? Would you be able and willing to donate a small amount per month or whatever you would be comfortable with in order to help maintain and keep our Church and Churchyard open? Would you be willing to help with ideas and ways to find a way of raising funds via charitable events or sponsorship? What is it that you will be able to do to help us all as a community? We plan to come and knock some doors and ring some bells over the coming weeks to talk to as many people as we can to see if you are able and willing to help - please do welcome us kindly as your neighbours when we come knocking!

If you would rather contact me directly, which will be treated in full confidence if required, I would welcome your call or note.

My Mobile Tel number is: 07900 606070 and my email address is lloyd@fidelisgroup.co.uk

I would be so happy and grateful to hear from you. Thank you for taking the time to read this appeal,

Art Group (Lynne Mott)

Please note that we have extensions to our usual hours for workshops on the following dates:

June 7th, September 13th and November 18th

Such a shame more Hints folk don't join. We only charge £15 a month and we are managing at least 8 workshops a year which recently have been free to members, non-members have been able to participate at cost price. There could be more workshops with more members. We meet on Thursdays weekly from 10-12.

Social Club AGM (Kevin Caine)

The AGM on 22nd May re-elected Graham Whittaker as Chair, John Toogood as Vice-Chair, Ian Reeley as Treasurer and Kevin Caine as Secretary. Graham thanked the committee of volunteers for making sure the bar is stocked and open for village and private functions. Membership of the club is a nominal amount of only £1 and we currently have 150 members. If you haven't yet paid for this year please do so the next time you're buying a drink.

Mercia Singers (Peter Cooper)

Just a reminder if you haven't already booked your tickets, The Mercia Singers are giving a concert on Saturday 16 June in St Bartholomew's church. Welcome drink from 7.00pm, concert to start at 7.30pm. Tickets (£10 for adults, children under 11 free) available from Jeannette 480066, Sally 481073 or Val 480088.

Hints Golf Society

There is nothing to report this month

Altar Flowers in Church (Val Edwards)

Church services for June are on June 3rd and 17th. As usual, contribution of altar flowers would be much appreciated but in addition, it would add to the ambience of the concert on 16 June if we could have extra arrangements in the windows, etc. If you can help in any way, please contact Val on 480088.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services June 2018

Sun 3 June 18:30 Parish Eucharist

Fr. Jason

Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2: 23-3:6

Sun 17 June 10:00 Parish Eucharist

Fr. Jason

Readings: 1 Samuel 15: 34-16:13

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17

Mark 4: 26-34