

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER April 2021

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 46 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 92 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

To all the people who receive this newsletter by hand – Because of lockdown, I'm the only one delivering. I have to do all of School Lane, up to Canwell and all of Watling Street right up to Mile Oak. PLEASE consider having it by email in future. My contact details are on the back page. Please send me your name, email address and house number so I can keep track.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

The days are brightening, the clocks are changing and our gardens are growing, The time when we have been promised and will be able to mix together more freely is rather overshadowed with Europe seeming to start yet another wave of lockdown, so for the present there are no immediate plans for the way ahead with regular meetings of members so I will share these words with you.

TOMORROW WAITS by Kathleen Partridge.

We never can say at the end of the day.
My work is accomplished, my duty is done.
We never can say every hope has been realised
Each plan perfected; each aim has been won.
The is always a task or an incident pending.
A few threads of life that are lying around.
An unfinished duty, some unwritten letters,
A muddle to clear, or a course to decide.
No matter how much has been done and forgotten,
How many decisions and plans have gone through?
There is just as much waiting for us on the morrow
Of problems unsolved and tasks that are new.
For that is the way that life has to revolve,
There is never a full stop as long as we live,
There is the interest, this is the pleasure...
Something to take from life, something to give.

Our gardens continue to grow and we can presently admire the blossom on the trees giving us beauty but underneath the weeds are growing so yes there is always something needing doing both in life and in our gardens. Keep strong and safe everyone.

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

Suspended, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Suspended, debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

Suspended, steve.bourne@me.com

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

Suspended, ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk or 07974 145055.

Art Classes (Graham Whittaker)

Suspended, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Church flowers (Val Edwards)

The present expectation is that there will be a Eucharist service at 6.30 pm on Easter Sunday, 4 April; and an Evening Prayer service on Sunday, 18 April. It would be lovely if St Bart's could be decorated with flowers again for these two services (the last time was the carol service back in December). Ideally the altar at least should be decorated for Easter Sunday with lilies. If anyone would like to dress a window for Easter Sunday, or do the altar flowers for either 4 April or 18 April, please contact me on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At our last parish meeting there was the usual HS2 concerns that were taken up with the contractors but Hints are still getting deviations from how they agreed to carry out their duties. Footpaths and potholes were mentioned and highways are reminded of these outstanding items. A Lichfield Council litter pick was recently done in London Road Canwell. Unsanctioned works have been noticed on Council ground in Canwell and residents have been notified to rectify the matter. Lichfield District Council are offering start up grants to any resident hoping to start up a new business. Details can be found on <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/business-advice/lichfield-district-start-grant-scheme/1>. Our next meetings will be by zoom on Tuesday 4th May. Annual meeting at 7pm followed by regular parish meeting at 7.30. All are invited to attend, log on details can be obtained from the parish clerk.

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

OUR CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR OUR EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE ON 4th April AT 6.30 PM

OUR FOLLOWING SERVICE IN APRIL WILL BE ON THE 18TH AT 6.30 PM

The reopening of our Church is great news for us all and we would like to welcome everybody to this very special celebration on Sunday 4th April at 6.30 pm. Social distancing and usual measures of face coverings and sanitisation measures will be in place and well managed throughout our services. As Lent comes to an end on 1st April Easter begins with Maundy Thursday. Maundy is derived from the Latin word for "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you" On Maundy Thursday we commemorate the day on which Jesus shared the last supper with his 12 apostles, prior to his crucifixion. On this day Jesus is said to

have washed the disciples' feet before the meal to demonstrate the importance of serving others. Familiar words throughout these times of lockdown - we have been there for each other, all Beit I haven't heard much of people washing each other's feet! We very much look forward to Easter which is without a doubt one of the most important celebrations in our Christian calendar, Easter is a holiday where we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus after his crucifixion, death, and burial. Three days later he arose from the grave and in doing so conquered death and freed all those who believe in him from sin. A prayer for Easter.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Our foodbank donations continue to be very well supported and again, thank you to all who have taken the time and energy even during the lockdown to come into our Church to donate. Please remember and pass on the message that our Church doors will continue be Open every Sunday and we are asking that all donations are left just inside the Church on a Sunday for us to then make the regular trip to a friend who will then deliver direct to the Foodbank Warehouse in Lichfield.

Village update (John Toogood)

It's been a long time!! and whilst there isn't much to report, we are currently enjoying "the roadmap to freedom", and I thought it was time to get the old Village update system oiled and ready for regular action.

1. HS2 contractors have succeeded in totally ignoring promises and assurances made with regard to vehicle access to their compound via School Lane and Rookery Lane and HS2 themselves have failed to bring them into line. This has resulted in horrendous noise pollution and damage to roads, verges, trees and hedges together with the associated inconvenience. Hopefully we will soon see some changes to this.

2. It seems we have managed to generally steer clear of major Covid issues as a community and long may that continue. The Villagers have banded together to make sure that those who have been unable to get out and about have been provided with assistance and supplies where necessary. Reminder of volunteer helpers: -

Lynn Turton 07964 170772

Lou Jones 07968 819406

Tracey Reeley 07472 277811

Cherilyn Jackson 07525 014364

Peter Jackson 07767 266662

Peter and Wendi Skerritt 01543 481850.

3. We aim to open the Village Hall for the 1st post lockdown "Club Night" on **21st May**. COVID - Secure guidance will remain in place. We'll keep you advised of progress.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services April 2021

Sun 4 Apr (Easter Day) Said Eucharist Rev Val Hicks
Acts 10: 34-43
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
John 20: 1-18

Sun 16 Apr Evening Worship Dr Trevor James
Acts 3: 12-19
1 John 3: 1-17
Luke 20: 36b-48

The Church is open every Sunday for private prayer.
Also, to leave donations for the Lichfield food bank.