

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER April 2022

### **Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)**

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. I need to print 40 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 93 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs (and my time in delivering them, takes about 2 -3 hours or so).

### **Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)**

Another enjoyable and informative evening when members met together first to listen to Harry Delaney on the propagation of plants and even some hands-on experience. Harry kindly supplied many prizes for the raffle and some members were delighted to receive rooted cuttings of cornus plants in a variety of colours. At this time as our gardens are showing many signs of waking up with the sunshine, we have experienced during the last few days we must remember to keep newly planted things watered. We also started off our 'Spud in a Tub' competition and left the village hall armed with a large pot, one chitted potato spud and instructions on how to grow and harvest the crop. The weigh in is planned for our August meeting and there will be a prize for the heaviest crop and the largest spud so we look forward to a messy evening when the pots are emptied and prizes awarded. And so we now look forward to our next meeting, the AGM which will be held in the village hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm and light refreshments will be available after the reports and elections. Everyone is welcome to all Garden Guild meetings, no need to book although that may be advisable for the May meeting as members will be out and about on a visit.

### **Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)**

Hints FRIDAY walking group

April 1st, April 15th, April 29th

Walks around Hints, average 3/4 miles

Walks start at 10.00

Meet at village hall.

For more information contact Deb at [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com)

Hints SUNDAY walk

April 25th

Walk start 10.30

Meet at village hall

The bar will be open on our return.

For more information contact Deb at [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com)

### **Wagon Wheels Line Dancing (Daphne Neill)**

Tuesday mornings, contact [neilldaphne@yahoo.com](mailto:neilldaphne@yahoo.com).

### **Celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee (Deb Whittaker)**

A village picnic is being planned to celebrate this momentous occasion at the Village hall. The date is Friday the 3rd of June. Please let me know if you are planning to join us. Please see last month's flyer or contact Deb Whittaker at [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Pilates with Jules (Deb Whittaker)**

A new class of Pilates will start on Monday the 25th of April. Class at 6.30pm at the village hall. For more information contact Jules at [julesferrers@outlook.com](mailto:julesferrers@outlook.com).

### **Art Classes (Gill Smith)**

Thursday mornings, contact Gill Smith (see back page – note new phone number)

### **St Bartholomew's Church (Lloyd Ansermoz)**

It was great to be able to get together again as a community at our Bingo night on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March in our Village Hall. Thank you so much to everybody for helping us raise just over £300.00 which we immediately donated to the British Red Cross Ukraine appeal knowing that every penny we have donated goes straight to those that need it. A big thank you also to Jane for organising the event and being a great Bingo caller!

Our services in April are set out at the back page which include our **Morning Easter Day Service on the 17<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 am** which is a very special time for us and our Church so please feel free to join us, you will as always be made very welcome.

We continue through the Lent season in our church with thoughts and prayers for those affected by the War in Ukraine which has triggered the largest war-related migration of people since the Balkan War of the 1990s and the UN estimates that 12 million people inside Ukraine will need relief and protection, while more than 4 million Ukrainian refugees may need protection and assistance in neighbouring countries in coming months. Most of those fleeing are women and children, the elderly and the sick and most are leaving with the few possessions that they can carry. Those left behind face an uncertain future. People are living with no food, no water, no heat, no electricity. They need urgent respite from violence and humanitarian assistance. Despite the heart wrenching stories and distressing pictures coming out of Ukraine, there are practical ways in which we can all help to show solidarity and support with those most affected. There are a lot of appeals out there and some of us are confused with how to make a donation which will reach those in need directly so please contact me if you feel you would like to help further knowing that all that you give will go directly to where it is needed through the British Red Cross.

At our **Evening Prayer service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.20 pm** we will continue in prayer for the Ukraine. For those who may not be able to make our service we set out one our prayers for you to consider:

*God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.*

*We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.*

*We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.*

*We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion*

*to guide their decisions.*

*Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.*

*Amen.*

### **Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)**

Lichfield District Council are looking at revising parish council boundaries. There is a public consultation that can be accessed on line, <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/custom/consultations/view/51>. The main implication is that they are looking to merge smaller parish councils. Consultation ends on 25th April. Your views are important. Please have your say, do it now, don't put it off! Slow painted signs on the road surface in School Lane have been approved by highways and have been scheduled for the 2022/2023 financial period. Shenstone Surgery is reopening on 4th April between the hours of 9am and 1pm for pre booked appointments only. We have received an ecological report from HS2 concerning Canwell parish field. Unfortunately the trees offered were not considered suitable. They were mainly forest type conifers. HS2 have advised overnight lane closers on the A5 bypass. Their previous works were postponed. New times in April, Westbound Fri 1st/Sat 2nd and Eastbound Sun 3rd/Mon4th all between the hours of 9pm to 5.30am. I currently have 5 highways reports concerning potholes and blocked gullies in London Road Canwell all dated 30th Jan 22. ! in Sep 21 concerning a pavement and the latest concerning a water leak in London Road. This leak was first reported to South Staffs Water, they passed it on to Seven Trent on 28th Feb. As nothing appeared to have been done I contacted Seven Trent, long wait on phone, they say it is a highways problem who say it is not a priority and will get around to it eventually, report 4273990. I have included this Canwell item as it was suggested at the last Parish Council meeting that I don't do anything for Canwell! Next parish council meeting on May 10th in Hints Hall. This will be the annual meeting followed by a normal Parish Council meeting.

### **Church Flowers & Cleaning (Val Edwards)**

During April there will be an evening service at 18.30 on Sunday 3 (Evening Prayer) and an Easter Eucharist service on Sunday 17 at a new time of 10.00. No altar flowers for Sunday 3 (still in Lent), but flowers for the altar **and** windows would be lovely for Easter. Help with vacuuming and dusting in the church for each service would also be very welcome. If you can help please let me know by contacting me on [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com) or on 480088.

### **Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)**

We are due to meet in April on Mondays 4 and 25 (because 18 April is Easter Monday) from 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall. Continuing on the theme of *Animal, Vegetable, Mineral* the next topic will be cattle - from the ox at the nativity to Picasso's *Guernica!* Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available - bring your own mug, if you want - £5 per session (£3 for St Bartholomew's church and £2 for the Pathway Project in Lichfield). New people are always welcome. For further information please contact me on [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com) or on 480088.

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## St Bartholomew's Church Services April 2022

Sun 3 April	18:30 Evening Prayer Isiah 43: 16-21 Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Sun 17 April	10:00 Parish Eucharist Easter Day Acts 10: 34-43 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 John 20: 1-18	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes

The Church is open every day for private prayer