

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

### April 2019

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

PLEASE NOTE!! Copy is due on 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. I keep having to remind contributors and have to delay the newsletter while I'm waiting for contributions.

#### **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](mailto:ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk) or 07974 145055.

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

Hints Friday walks are the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April. Walks start at 10.00. Good pair of stout shoes and the ability to cross stiles.

#### **Sunday walk (and a pint)**

Walk from the village hall this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April starting at 11.00. The bar will be open at 12.30. Non-walkers more than welcome to come in for a drink.

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

We have been running the line dancing club for quite a long time 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. [neilldaphne@yahoo.com](mailto:neilldaphne@yahoo.com).

#### **Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)**

The next Breakfast club will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Graham to book (see back page).

#### **Social Club Membership (Graham Whittaker)**

Membership fee is still only £1 a year. Please renew your membership for the year ending 31 March 2020. New members are always welcome. Contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com) or come along on a Friday evening.

#### **Thanks – (John Burton)**

A big thank you to all who sent us a beautiful flower arrangement and card. Hopefully on the mend – last Chemo is 4<sup>th</sup> April!

#### **Beetle Drive (Peter Edwards)**

Do not forget the Beetle Drive in aid of St Bart's – Saturday 13 April – see the posters in the lane for booking details!

### **Walking Football (Jonathan, Woodview)**

I have recently discovered walking football! It's like football but... walking! It's low-impact with no contact but it's a great way to get exercise and is accessible for young and old. Now that the weather is improving I was wondering if there is any interest in starting a regular, relaxed game in Hints? For example, a small group of 6 players could play in an area a little larger than a tennis court. I'm sure there is somewhere suitable within walking distance. If you'd like to play or ref (blow a whistle if someone breaks into a jog!) you can contact me at [hintswalkingfootball@openmailbox.org](mailto:hintswalkingfootball@openmailbox.org)

### **Mary Spencer (Simon Clarke)**

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Mary Spencer who died on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the age of 92. Mary, and husband Gordon, have lived in the village for over 52 years. She was always a keen supporter of village events, especially Hints Garden Guild. I have some fond memories of Mary as she helped out in the PYO season for many years and was very popular with all the customers. Her funeral is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 12.15 at Sutton Crematorium. Details of the wake are still to be confirmed.

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

We are continuing our study of western sculpture; at present we are looking at examples from ancient Greek and Roman art before moving on to medieval works. We meet in the Village Hall on Monday evenings, 7.30 to 9.30. £4 per session (£3 for St Bartholomew's Church and £1 for the Pathway Project) which includes refreshments. For further details contact Val on 480088 or [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com)

### **Barn Dance (Sally Shepherd)**

The Barn dance was a great success – we raised about £370 for St Bart's. Thanks to Gilly & David for manning the bar, Val, Louise, Jeannette for their work in the kitchen and the Strawberry Cabin for cooking the sausages & burgers.

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

Apart from greenery for the Palm Sunday service (14 April) there are no flowers in church during Lent until Easter Sunday (21 April). Two services are planned for Easter Sunday, a dawn Eucharist (6.00 am) with Father Jason and an Easter Songs of Praise\*, led by the PCC, at 10.30: it would be lovely to see extra flowers in windows and on the font for the Easter services. If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact Val on 480088 or [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com)

### **Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Val Edwards)**

These meetings will be held in church on **Tuesday 9 April** at 19.00. Everyone is welcome to attend (please!) even if they are not on the Electoral Roll (which entitles people to vote). The new Electoral Roll list is now displayed in the church porch.

### **Songs of Praise service on Easter Day (Val Edwards)**

Look out for posters in the lane please – the Easter Day service is at 6 a.m. so we are trying so set up something at a more convenient time. Details uncertain at present!

### **Toby-Alexander Smith (Gill Needle)**

Those who were present at the Hints Show Event (Think it was about 2011) may remember him as he sang for us. He's the son of Caroline & Chris Smith. He has now got a part in EastEnders starting in April.

### **Conservation area (Di Robinson)**

People are removing flowering plants from the area round the ford. This is an offence – I don't know who is doing it but would they please stop!

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

Another excellent meeting of members on Thursday 14th March in the Village Hall. We welcomed Ruth Williams from the Staffordshire Association of Garden Guilds to speak to us about Hidden Places of Staffordshire and she took us on a journey to many places in our County starting in the North and as we saw the many slides we were imagining visiting these places. We began the exploration in – The Loaches – and then 'travelled' widely visiting Ilam, Mow Cop, Alton Towers (we understand they *sometimes* offer a cheap pass just to see the gardens so watch for adverts) Tutbury, and then we were almost home as we visited Lichfield and Tamworth area. An interesting tour and we felt encouraged to personally go and see the places for ourselves. This was our last talk for the programme 2018 / 2019 and we have enjoyed the many monthly talks and visits, a really varied programme thank to Pam so now we come to our A G M which will be held on Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall followed by refreshments and a time to chat and enjoy each other's company and see the new start for May 2019/20 unfolds, so why not come along and join us ? EVERYONE is welcome.

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

There are new parish council elections on 2nd May. Any one interested in joining the parish council can download an application form from Lichfield District Council web site. Applications must be completed and presented to the District Council by 4pm on 3rd April. The police commissioner Mathew Ellis has agreed to attend the next parish council meeting on May 14th in Hints village Hall. Any one with policing concerns will be able to present them personally to the commissioner. Next parish council meeting will be the annual meeting in Hints Village Hall on 14th May at 7.00pm followed at 7.30 by a full Council meeting when the chairman will be selected from the new intake of councillors.

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### St Bartholomew's Church Services April 2019

Sun 14 April (Palm Sunday)	18:30 Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:	Isiah 50: 4-9a Phillipians 2: 5-11 Luke 22: 14-end of 23
Sun 21 April (Easter day)	06:00 Dawn Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:	Acts 10: 34-43 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 John 20: 1-18