

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER April 2020

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 60 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 81 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

To the people living on Watling St – a special request. Kevin and Helen have decided they're not going to deliver newsletters by hand. Val and I will do it this month but 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 helpers (John Toogood)

These people have volunteered to assist if needed

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Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Suspended, debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

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

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

Suspended, steve.bourne@me.com

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Suspended, 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Village Quiz (John Toogood)

Suspended

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

Suspended (no football) Graham Whittaker (see back page) for details.

St Bartholomew's Church (Jeannette White)

Bingo night cancelled, watch this space for others. Jeannette 480066.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Another excellent evening for members and on this occasion we welcomed Gwen Taylor from SAGG who opened our eyes to the beauty of the Austrian Alps and the wild flowers growing on the hill sides and in the meadows where they are cut down to be included for winter feed for the animals but also on the rocky heights of a mountainside where Gwen scrambled down from the safe paths to take photos to bring their beauty and delight for us to see and enjoy, but with our gardens now waking up we ourselves are sharing the beauty of daff's and many other plants blooming in the early spring days. Our next Garden Guild meeting was due to be the AGM in April but sadly with the Covid 19 spreading far and wide it was decided that our Garden Guild meetings would cease until further notice, in the meantime may all readers remain healthy through these difficult times.

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

Suspended - neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Church Flowers and cleaning rota (Val Edwards)

As it's Lent there would normally be no flowers, but as we are unable to open the church now, that means nobody can get in anyway! See next newsletter for more information.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At the last Parish Council meeting there were six members of the public in attendance. Lichfield have been incorrectly referring to us as Hints "AND" Canwell. When Canwell was added to the parish name there were lengthy discussions about how we should be addressed and "WITH" was the term we chose. At the last election we had trouble registering our nominations as Lichfield would not accept the term "and". We have now requested that they rectify their error. Litter picking equipment is available on request and a litter bin is to be requested for the other layby on Watling Street. Land registry require an official address to register our title for Quinney Hall. As we have a frequent change of clerk, it was decided that a local address should be used. As it is currently registered under Manor Farm, the Clarke's have agreed for their address to continue to be used. Our next meeting, the annual meeting, is now on hold as both village halls are on shutdown. We are awaiting government guidance on future council meetings as public gatherings are not advised. Any further updates will be advised on the Parish Council web site and/or village newsletter. We are currently on shutdown. We are awaiting government guidance on future council meetings.

“Isolation” (David Smith, County Councillor)

I am proposing to launch a face to face contact system in an attempt to overcome isolation. It will be possible to also have small group meetings and also for clubs to have virtual meetings even Church services. Hope I can look to your support. See back page for contact details.

Glasses (Matt)

I found a posh pair of women’s glasses in the lane a few days ago – If anyone has lost them I have them! Matt (No. 1 School Lane)

The Relief Road re HS2 (Janet Clarke)

They destroyed my bit of peace today
They dug it up and threw it all away
They cut down my favourite tree today
They chopped it up to bring relief they say

They destroyed some rabbit’s homes today
They dug them up and threw them all away
They cut down an ancient hedge today
They chopped it up to bring relief they say

They destroyed some meadow flowers today
They dug them up and threw them all away
They cut down part of my world today
They chopped it up to bring relief THEY SAY

(Polly Bray)

Spring IS coming (Janet Clarke)

The daffodils have appeared, without fail, on our grassy bank, although they are being dashed about by the never-ending rain and gusts of wind. The birds are ignoring the weather and appear at bird seed containers like clockwork. They seem to have a rota for feeding – first to come are the blue tits, followed by the gold finches and finally the sparrows. They arrive for breakfast, lunch and tea, always on time. The robins are rather cautious and pick up any sunflower hearts that have fallen on the ground. They have a choice of feeding stations and a choice of seeds. The squirrel makes a regular appearance; his comical antics are very amusing. The rabbits are now appearing from under the bottom hedge, chasing each other around, so in the near future there will be a lot more rabbits with lots of babies! All the plants are growing well and the clematis have buds on them and the star of the show has been the camellia which has large, double bright pink flowers which are almost too heavy for the branches. All these indicate that life will improve soon and that better weather must surely be on the way.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services April 2020

No services this month due to coronavirus.

Sorry we cannot even open the Church for private solitude.