

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER August 2020

### **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 56 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.

Most of the entries are "suspended due to COVID-19" so this newsletter will be a bit truncated!

### **Hints helpers (John Toogood)**

These people have volunteered to assist if needed

Lynn Turton	07964 170772
Lou Jones	07968 819406
Tracey Reeley	07472 277811
Cherilyn Jackson	07525 014364
Peter Jackson	07767 266662
Peter and Wendie Skerritt	01543 481850.

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

Suspended, [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com)

### **Pilates (Emma Wollaston)**

Suspended, [ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk) or 07974 145055.

### **Hints film club (Steve Bourne)**

Suspended, [steve.bourne@me.com](mailto:steve.bourne@me.com)

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

At present there is no prospect of reconvening our Monday evening sessions: opening both the church and the village hall after lockdown is going to be a gradual process as the practicalities are ironed out. I would like to continue (and St Bart's will need the money), so watch this space for further developments!

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

Suspended - [neilldaphne@yahoo.com](mailto:neilldaphne@yahoo.com).

### **Church Flowers and cleaning rota (Val Edwards)**

Although the church will only be open one day a week (Sundays) in August, altar flowers would be a way of celebrating its renewed place in village life. Various people came forward with offers to do flowers, which fell into abeyance when lockdown was introduced. I will provide altar flowers for August, but would welcome offers to do them in future months as matters hopefully get slowly back to normal, and I will start compiling a new rota. You can contact me on 480088 or [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com).

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

I've now received my copy of the Newsletter from the Staffordshire Association of Garden Guilds, more commonly called SAGG and there on the front cover was the words – CORONA CANCELLED IT – well we have now seen many changes and lockdown has altered so many things in all our lives but our members have been circulated with news and views and one day – soon – GG meetings will re-commence and we will be meeting once again face to face.

The picture on the cover of the magazine shows Percy Thrower and his daughter Margaret and it was from them that my now large pampas grass was purchased. It was priced at half a crown they talked together and as the plant looked a bit neglected, I then purchased it for two bob. A bargain. It is from small beginnings that things can grow if they are nurtured and our gardens will have benefited, I feel sure for much TLC, but now as we look towards the future it is time to start planning once again. Previous ideas were that we had a quiz, and visited a nursery or a grower, invited Glenis Gayton to talk about bread (they sell this at the local Farm Shop in Plantation Lane) so a local idea, and then a visit to a courtyard garden so lots of ideas in the melting pot and it's time for me to sit down and read my magazine for even more ideas to share next time.

### **Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)**

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

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

There are many of us who have been challenged personally and spiritually in different ways during the restrictions imposed to keep us all as safe and as well as possible. It is a good time now to count our blessings for what we continue to come through and for us to recognise those who have helped us get through and continue to give that help. At the same time, it may be good to recognise and to give prayer to those both here in our country and across the world who have been less fortunate than us and suffered loss and heartache because of the pandemic. The good news is that our services start again in August and our first will be on **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST at 6.30 p.m.** it will be a slightly shorter and different service than usual but please feel free to join us, you will be made very welcome. Our Church also continues to be opened every Sunday for private prayers and everybody is welcome to enter with social distancing guidelines in mind and as set out. Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with all of you. We pray that we and all that are closest to us are safe and well and that the end of these challenging times will continue to come as safely and as timely as it can. Please feel free to visit and keep an eye out for the new details of services and events in the coming weeks on the Church notice boards. Be as safe and as well as you can, and we look forward to seeing you in the light and serenity of our Church soon. Blessings

### **Village Hall (John Toogood)**

The Village Hall will re-open on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 6pm – 10pm. Turn up for a drink (or 2 or 3 or even more!)

### **Face masks (Cherilyn Jackson)**

I am making fabric face masks – if anyone wants some please contact me on 07525 014364. For every mask I sell I will be making a donation to St Bart's Church.

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

At our latest zoom meeting on the 14th anti-social behaviour and parking at the ford was discussed. Fly tipping in Hints Lane has been reported. Annual accounts were passed along with the internal auditor's report. Representatives to represent the parish council were appointed to serve on Quinney Hall management and Lichfield Parish Forum. Quotes for removal of a dead tree at Quinney Hall were discussed and an appropriate tree surgeon has been appointed. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Please check the web site, nearer the date, for how the meeting will be held. Accounts can be inspected on web site or in person by arrangement.

### **Miscellaneous (Kevin Caine)**

You may be aware that a firm named Air Liquide is moving four massive tanks of liquid oxygen. These first of these left Ellesmere Port and passed through Hints on 19th June on its way to Hams Hall. If you haven't seen the media coverage there is a photo on the village website's home page. See [www.hints-village.com](http://www.hints-village.com).

Folding bicycles. - When we moved to Hints 19 years ago, we brought two folding bicycles but despite good intentions have never ridden them. They may need a little attention to make them perfect, but if you're interested please get in touch. Helen and I don't want anything for them other than perhaps a small donation to charity.

### **Information (Margaret Griffiths, PCSO)**

"Staffordshire Police have received numerous complaints in relation to inconsiderate parking at the Ford in Rookery Lane, Hints. Parking advice notices have been put up at the location as a reminder not to park your vehicle on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users, such as Agricultural vehicles/tractors using this road. Myself and PCSO Karpi will continue to conduct regular patrols at the location. We have also received complaints of 'Boy racers' using Brockhurst Lane/Rookery Lane as a cut through from Bassets Pole, local officers are aware and will continue to monitor. The Staffordshire Police Road Policing Unit have also been out and about at Bassets Pole recently and on 12<sup>th</sup> July intercepted 3 cars racing each other at over 100mph. We will continue to tackle dangerous/anti-social behaviour driving. We are your local Police Community Support Officers and are here to help the community, to make it a safer place to live. Do not hesitate to contact us if you need assistance with any policing issues or you know someone who does."

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### St Bartholomew's Church Services August 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> August – Said Eucharist 18:30 Fr Jason

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