

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER August 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 43 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)

Now that our restrictions have been considerably eased it is time to give more thought to our Garden Guild and to this end the committee have met outside the Village Hall for discussions on the way ahead. Sadly even before lockdown our membership was low and efforts have been made to recruit new members. In spite of publicity our villagers have not responded but a couple of names outside the village have shown an interest and plans were put in hand to hold a social evening and AGM which unfortunately we didn't hold in 2019 due to the restrictions of the pandemic. On the evening of Thursday 30th July sixteen Garden Guild members and guests gathered in our Chairman's garden and the accounts and minutes of the meeting of 11th April, 2019 were presented and approved. The chairman's report highlighted the low numbers who attended meetings and that speakers were becoming more expensive and then an open discussion took place regarding the future of our Garden Guild. All those present were of the opinion that every effort should be made to continue and suggestions were made to check if we could consider amalgamating with another local guild, or that we do not have a speaker every month but have a quiz or discussion on favourite plants etc. and we were reminded that two members had already been in discussion with speakers before the start of the pandemic and could then re-investigate so there was a positive feeling for our meetings to continue and one member offered her garden for the first meeting of 2021 which will be held on 12th August. Everyone enjoyed a stroll around the chairman's delightful garden and enjoyed the refreshments provided. More news next time.

Wagon Wheels Line Dancing (Daphne Neill)

Tuesday mornings, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

Suspended, steve.bourne@me.com

Art Classes (Graham Whittaker)

Thursday mornings, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

August 6th and 20th.

Meet village hall, walk starts at 10.00

For more details contact debjmwhtaker@gmail.com.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At our first face to face meeting was at Hints village hall on Tuesday 6th. There were ten members of the public in attendance plus the district and county councillors. Quite a turn out for the first non virtual meeting since lockdown. County councillor David Smith announced that there was to be a traffic survey in the area in September. The state of road side verges was discussed. The parish council may have to undertake their maintenance in future and the cost charged to the local community tax payers. Your thoughts would be appreciated at the next council meeting, which will be in Hints village hall at 7.30pm on Sept 14th.

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

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

Art for St Barts (Val Edwards)

Still in abeyance! Watch this space for further developments. Contact Val Edwards on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Yoga and meditation (Alison Burt)

A yoga class suitable for all levels, beginners or those with some experience. Aimed at increasing flexibility and relaxation. During these sessions we will explore patanjali's eight limbs of yoga, using different themes specific to areas of the body. The classes will commence in June, I will post the events on the meetup page, so please join the meetup page to book and for information. The class will be around one hour, please wear loose comfortable clothing, bring a mat/something to sit on and something warm or a blanket. It is best to eat lightly and avoid caffeine/sugar for at least two hours before the class if possible. Meetup group page:

<https://www.meetup.com/hints-mindfulness-meditation-meetup-group/>

Church flowers (Val Edwards)

We have three services scheduled for August: Sunday 1 and 15 and also Tuesday 24 which is the patronal service for St Bartholomew. If you would like to volunteer to provide altar flowers for any of these dates, please contact Val Edwards on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

Most of the restrictions of the Covid lockdown were lifted on July 19th and many of us are now in a place of doubt and worry about what we should do to stay safe and well and to do the best thing for our loved ones. It's understandable after so many months of restrictions and confusion of what's coming next but worrying about what's coming next can sometimes do more harm than good, especially when we can't control what's coming next. The current statistics from the Government say that over 70 million people have been vaccinated in England which means that 70% of our population are vaccinated with at least one dose and that nearly 57% of people are fully vaccinated. So, the program of protecting us all and hopefully reducing the worry in our lives has been a good thing and long may this continue to bring us, eventually to a way where we can live with the Virus without huge worry that most of us have had.

As humans we are inclined to worry. We worry about big stuff, small stuff, and everything in between. And when we have nothing to worry about, we worry that we might be missing or have forgotten something we ought to be worrying about. Why is that?

Life certainly offers many challenges and difficulties. Our health, finances, relationships, family, extended family, jobs, children, our cars, computers, and all kinds of other

"stuff," it goes on and worry throws at us all kinds of thoughts which the following day are often proven futile when the new day comes.

But...It is important for us to remember that Jesus quite explicitly taught that we ought to *not* worry--about anything. **Mathew 6:26-27** says "*Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?*" This clearly demonstrates Jesus' teachings. "*Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life.*" Jesus continued, teaching that we should not worry about "stuff" and even what we will eat, drink, or our bodies. He then makes comparisons in this chapter to how God takes care of the birds and lilies of the field.

Further on in **Matthew 6:34** Jesus tells us "*Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*" Each day has enough trouble of its own - isn't that the truth!

Our Church services for August are set out at the end of this newsletter so please feel free to join us now that our Church is fully active again and is still open every Sunday for private Prayer and reflection. As Nicky wrote last month, here is a taster of some of our ideas for services which we can hold and please let us know what you think. A 'Songs of Praise' service where you are invited to choose your favourite hymns exploring their background and inspiration; along with why we like them so much. You may even like to play the accompaniment to your choice if you are musically inclined? For those whose taste is more traditional a service of Evening Prayer either in the 1662 format or a more modern version. Holy Communion (the Eucharist) will still be one of the two services that St. Bart's has each month. We hope to involve as many of our village and outlying community as possible and if anyone has any suggestions for future services, we would love to hear from you. At our next PCC meeting we will be discussing how we can get back to holding more social events during the day and evenings, however we don't have all the answers so our appeal to you is "***what do you think we should do and what is it that you would like to see and take part in?***" Please contact me (lloyd@lloydansermoz.com) or Nicky (englishhints@aol.com) and we will be really pleased to get back to you,

"Individually, we are one drop. Together we are an Ocean" Ryunosuke Satoro

Churchyard mowing (Peter Edwards)

We all owe a special thanks to Lloyd Ansermoz for looking after the grass in the Churchyard.

Fingers Crossed for the return of Macmillan Coffee Morning (Val Edwards)

After not being able to host the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in 2020, we are hoping to run one this year, on Friday 24 September. Donations of cakes and biscuits would be very welcome. Further details in the September newsletter but in the meantime contact Val Edwards on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services August 2021

Sun 1 Aug	18:30 Said Eucharist 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1013	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Sun 15 Aug	18:30 Said Eucharist Isiah 61: 10-end Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 1: 46-55	Dr Trevor James
Tues 24 Aug	18:30 Evening Compline for Patronal Festival Dr Trevor James Readings to be confirmed	

The Church is open every Sunday for private prayer.