

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER August 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 94 "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).

### **September newsletter (Peter Edwards)**

I shall be away late August till early September and would like to get the newsletter out early. Could all who contribute please let me have it by 20<sup>th</sup> September please.

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

Walks around Hints

5th and 19th August

Walk starts 10.00

Meet at Village Hall.

Usually 3/4 miles, Allow 2 hours.

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

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

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

### **Rock Choir and Beetle Drive (Jane Boyle)**

Thanks to everyone who supported the Rock Choir night at St Barts on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. We had a great turnout and the choir were fantastic. A fun night was had by all and we managed to raise £217 for the church so thanks again to everyone involved. Looking forward to the Beetle Drive next on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of September in the village hall at 7pm. Come and join us for some laughs, prizes and a tasty fish supper. Details will follow soon or contact myself to book tickets. £10 for adults, £6 for children and under 5's go free. Again, all the money raised will go to support St Barts so hope to see you there. Contact me at [jboyle@sherbornegibbs.co.uk](mailto:jboyle@sherbornegibbs.co.uk)

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

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

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

JULY 14<sup>th</sup> and COVID strikes again. We were saddened to hear that our Speaker, Glenis Gayton had proved positive and so had cancelled being with us on this evening and so was unable to be with us and let us into the secrets of – The Diary of a Baker – but thanks to the Vice Chair of Burntwood Garden Club Peter Johnson, our members were entertained and hopefully enjoyed a journey through to Borneo with colourful and delightful slides. The first picture we saw on the screen was of a large flower, we were told it was around 3ft across The local people make a charge for visitors to see the plant and sorry but I cannot remember the name, but this was a parasite plant and the flowers are the largest recorded in the world. We were shown maps of the country and enlightened about the Japanese occupation during World War Two and the forced marches killing off the prisoners and were aware of the war crimes committed as we noted the many names on the war memorial. From the devastation left in this country after the second World War. the modern cities have grown from the ruins of the bombing and the countryside scenery was enchanting and atmospheric due to the climate with rain forests and the orchids are gathered and sent to Kew gardens for identification and many new species are sent to them to enlarge the orchid collection there, the beauty and colours of these plants was clearly shown in the pictures. We also enjoyed seeing the animals in their own habitat and Proboscis monkeys with their families was entertaining. I am pleased to announce that Glenis Gayton – The diary of a Baker – will be speaking to us at our January meeting. Our August 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting no speaker this evening the time has come to harvest and it will be a weigh in of the SPUD in a tub and a chance to enjoy time chatting and sharing our experiences (I think my crop will not be up to much it seems to have already 'died') and swapping ideas, hints and tips will give us time to relax. In case anyone may be interested I've Googled the plant name of the flower and it is Rafflesia Arnoldii if you want to see what it looks like. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Village Hall 7.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> August for our happy harvesting and prize giving.

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

Not much happening this month.

Big hole and traffic lights still in London Road Canwell. We have managed to get the permanently parked car, that was causing congestion, moved with the aid of the police. The reported many pot holes on the approach to the Sothern end of Bangley Lane still awaiting engineer to visit and report back. Did include photographs of the many holes!

Next parish council meeting in Hints at 7.30pm on Tuesday Sept 13th.

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

In August there will be three services. There will be a service of Evening Prayer on Sunday 7 at 18.30 with Revd Graham Wigley and on Sunday 21 at 10.00 a Morning Worship with Dr Trevor James. In addition, on Wednesday 24 at 18.30 there will be a patronal service for St Bartholomew's day with Dr Trevor

James. Help with altar flowers for these services and ideally with vacuuming and dusting the church beforehand would be most appreciated. If you would like to help please let me know by contacting me on [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com) or on 480088. Many thanks to those who cleaned and set up the church for the Rock Choir concert on 15 July.

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

In recess until September

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Advance notice!** We'll be holding another Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew's on Friday 30 September 2022. Please make a note in your diary for this event to raise money for a very worthwhile cause. Further details in the September newsletter.

### **SLOW signs in School Lane (Peter Edwards)**

On 27<sup>th</sup> July we got 3 "slow" signs in School Lane. Thanks, from all walkers, dog walkers and horse riders to the Parish Council who organised this!

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## St Bartholomew's Church Services August 2022

Sun 7 Aug 18:30 Evening Prayer Revd Graham Wigley  
Readings not available

Sun 21 Aug 10:00 Morning Worship  
Dr Trevor James  
Jeremiah 1: 4-10  
Hebrews 12: 18-end  
Luke 13: 10-17

Wed 24 Aug 18:30 Patronal Festival  
Dr Trevor Janes  
Readings not available

The Church is open every day for private prayer