

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER December 2018

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 63 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 25th of the month. I keep having to remind contributors and have to delay the newsletter while I'm waiting for contributions, which is why this newsletter is a bit late!

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 or 07974 145055.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Don't know the dates for December but contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast club will be on Sunday 9th December. Contact Graham to book.

Sunday walk and a pint or two or three... (Deb Whittaker)

Following the success of last months Walk and Pint there will be a walk on Sunday 2nd December. Walk starts at 11.00 at the Village Hall. A good pair of stout shoes and the ability to cross stiles is all you need. There will be a draught beer on in the bar afterwards. for more information contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Turkey And Tinsel and a walk

We will be hosting our Turkey Tinsel and a walk on Friday the 21st December There will be a walk at 10.00 and then a celebration Christmas buffet lunch.

Volunteers for washing up would be appreciated. For non walkers the buffet will start at 1.00 ish The cost is £8.00 per person. Hope you can join us.
RSVP by the 8th December to debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

We have been running the line dancing club for over six months 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.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

The last session of 2018 will be on Monday 10 December; we hope to reconvene on 14 January 2019, meeting in the Village Hall on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee. £4 per session (£3 for St Bartholomew's church and £1 for the Pathway Project), including refreshments. Newcomers always welcome. For further information contact Val on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Christmas Concert (Nicky Smith)

Ho, ho, ho!..... Come and celebrate an evening of Christmas music with 'Voices Entwined Choir' in our beautiful village church of St. Bartholomew on Saturday 15th December, 2018 from 7pm onwards. Recapture the spirit of Christmas in the candlelit church followed by a lantern lit procession to the Village Hall where Christmas refreshments will be on sale followed by a finale to the evening in the hall by the Choir. Tickets priced £3 will be available from Andrew and Nicky Smith, 01543 480030

Christmas Craft Day (Deb Whittaker)

Friday, December 14th, Hints Village Hall, £12.50 entrance includes a buffet lunch with coffee and your basic greenery. RSVP & payment asap to debjmwhittaker@gmail.com 01543 480090

Altar Flowers in Church (Val Edwards)

There will be activities in the church on Sunday 2 December (communion), Saturday 15 December (the Voices Entwined concert), Sunday 23 December (Carol Service) and Monday 24 December (Christmas Eve communion) and it will make these extra special if the church is decorated with flowers, Christmas tree, etcetera. Offers to provide flowers for the altar or for windows would be much appreciated and will really make a difference to the impact that the church, already a beautiful building, has. If you think you could help, please contact Val on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

HS2 have started to do some work locally as you probably have noticed. At our last Parish Council meeting we were advised that the parish council are going to have to do some local maintenance work on grass verges and highways. This will inevitably require an increase in our precept! The gully clearing, that was promised two months ago, has still not been done. It would seem that County and District are passing responsibility for minor works on to the Parish Council. An updated Quinney Hall management contract has been submitted to the management committee for approval. Next Parish Council meeting, when we set our precept for next year, is in Quinney Hall at 7.30pm on 8th January 2019. Members of the electorate are invited to attend and make a contribution during the fifteen-minute period set aside for public consultation.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

At the last meeting on Thursday 8th November we welcomed Gwen Johnson and we were looking forward to her talk with slides about the Garden House in Devon but sadly things went a little astray and the presentation wasn't available so instead we had a good and enjoyable alternative. Gwen spoke to us about Knight's Hayes Court in Devon, a delightful National Trust property, we enjoyed the many changing seasons giving us thoughts about perhaps visiting if we were ever down in Devon. Perhaps at some future date we may look forward to welcoming Gwen back to talk to us about The Garden House. As we now look forward to Christmas, we will be holding the annual Garden Guild Social evening on Thursday 13th December. Always a good and relaxing night with drinks and nibbles and lots of chat and this year we have a return visit from the ladies of CHERRYWOOD. Please have a look at the posters around the village and place your bookings for coming along to the Village Hall on 13th, contact Pam & Geoff, Kevin or myself. The cost for this promised excellent evening is £5.00 per person. Look forward to seeing you there.

Quiz Night (John Toogood)

Quiz night on Saturday 19th January 2019. Bar 6:45, quiz 7:15, fish & chips £10. Watch this space or contact Graham (see back page)

Pathway Project (Val Edwards)

For several years St Bartholomew's in addition to sending Harvest Festival produce has also been sending donations towards Christmas presents for the victims of domestic abuse being helped by the Pathway Project in Lichfield. The families involved often leave the abusive relationship taking almost nothing of their possessions with them. Their basic needs are supplied by the Project but extra special donations are wanted in order to be able to give each person a Christmas present, such as chocolate selection boxes for children and toiletries (for men as well as women). As in previous years there will be a box at the west end of the church in which donated presents can be placed. There is no need to wrap them as the organisers need to be able to see what they are so that the gifts can be shared out equally, but donations of Christmas wrapping paper would also be much appreciated. We hope to be able to take the donations to the Pathway Project in the week before Christmas, after the concert on 15th December.

Carol Service (Simon Clarke)

This year's Carol Service will take place at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday 23rd December at 6.30. The format will follow a similar line to last year's service, with carols and readings, some humorous, and the popular "request a carol". After the Service, hot food will be served for a small charge at the Village Hall where people will also be able to lubricate their vocal chords after all the carol singing. As members of the Church committee will be leading the service, it would be great to see the Church full. What better way to start the Christmas festivities! If you would like to request a carol please get in touch with me at simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk or 07798 740209. Carols cost £10 each with all proceeds going to the upkeep of St. Bart's. Hope to see you on the 23rd.

Village Newsletters - a delve into the past (Janet Clarke)

I'm hoping to find my old newsletters printed prior to 2006 when Jo Barwell was editor but I shall have to delve even further. Some fund raisers spring to mind, (early 1970's) when we held a Punch and Pate evening at Manor Farm to raise money to provide new choir robes for the young choir boys. The material for these was donated by Vic Cunnington (he and his wife Vera were regular church attenders) and Roy's dressmaker aunt made them and very smart they looked. The evening was a great success with toasters working overtime to keep up with demand and the pate and punch were both thoroughly enjoyed. Another fund raiser, also held at Manor Farm, was Munch and Mutter evening, also for the church. Several Flower Festivals also took place but more about them next month. Now back to the present. The birds are still devouring plenty of seeds and the sparrows have regular meal times - lunch and tea and always on time. The green woodpecker visits early mornings but it is difficult to see him as he blends in with the grass. It's surprising what grows from the seeds thrown out by the fussy eaters. Our wisteria has only just finished flowering, but the frosts will now have finished off any plants still bravely flowering.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services December 2018

Note there will not be a service on 16th December.

Sun 2 December	18:30	Parish Eucharist
Readings:	Fr Jason	
	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	
	Luke 21: 25-38	
Saturday 15 th December	19:00	Christmas Concert
Sun 16 December	No service	
Sun 23 December	18:00	Carol Service & food!
Sun 24 December	18:00	Christmas Eucharist
Readings:	Fr Jason	
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	Followed by seasonal refreshments	