

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER December 2019

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

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

Following a very well attended meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October we would like to say a huge thank you for everybody's attendance and for your feedback, suggestions and comments. We have had some very kind and generous donations given as a result of our plea but we still have some way to go to get our costs covered. A number of you have very kindly asked how you can donate in a monetary way and we thank you wholeheartedly and really appreciate your generosity. For those who would like to know more about how to give please let myself or Jeanette, our Treasurer know and we will be more than happy to help. At the Church PCC meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> November we had 3 new people attend who had attended the meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup>. They have all come in and put forward some great ideas for events and ways of raising the profile of our Church and how we can get better use of the fantastic building we have. We will be contacting as many people as we can and now, we have a Facebook page where we can communicate to a much further audience. So, watch this space and see the screen shot of the facebook link for our Entwined Voices evening. Our Church services for December are set out below and we would really like to see more of you if you can join us. You will always be made very welcome. Our Carol service is always a really special evening which will be led by me with all of the members of the PCC delivering a special evening service within our wonderful candlelit Church with Hot drinks, Mulled wine, cakes and snacks. If there is a favourite Carol that you would like to suggest then please let us know and will try to fit it in.

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

Meet Hints Village Hall, all ages welcome. Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December, walks start 10.00. For more details contact [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk) or 07974 145055.

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

The pontoon is only £1 per week and all proceeds go to the church. Contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com) for details.

### **Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)**

No breakfast club this month, next will be in January.

### **Christmas decorations Workshop (Debbie Whittaker)**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Contact [Debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:Debjmwhittaker@gmail.com) for more details.

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

We will be finishing for Christmas on Monday 9 December, reconvening, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee, on Monday 13 January 2020. We meet on Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30 at the Village Hall. We will be continuing to look at sculpture, and will be studying the work of Gothic and Renaissance sculptors in the new year. £4 per session, including refreshments. All proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church (£3) and the Pathway Project (£1). For further details contact Val on 480088, or [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com)

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

Thursday 14th November and just a few hardy folks turned out for our meeting. It felt as if the rain hadn't stopped all day and from news reports from all over the county there was flooding everywhere, our speaker for the evening had cancelled but we were grateful to Paul and Gillian Davis for their interesting talk and slides of their visit to Turkey in the summer, so just looking at the hot and sunny places they visited was a delight and in our minds we too visited many archaeological sites of interest and finished our 'tour' in and around Istanbul. The Christmas Social evening WILL take place on 12th December in the Village Hall with just a slight change due to the main hall being used for the election so Garden Guild members will be using the smaller side hall for our celebration evening. Everyone welcome. On January 9th we will be welcoming our speaker Mr. Johnson to tell us about the Beauty of Hawaii.

### **Sunday walk (and a pint)**

Walk from the Village Hall on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, starting at 11.00. The bar will be open at 12.30. Non-walkers more than welcome to come in for a drink.

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

A reminder that the A38 is to be closed at night, 8pm to 5am, between 2nd and 5th Dec. Diversions will be signed. There are two current planning applications in Hints. 19/01498/FUL Hints Croft and 19/01487/FUL The Old Billiard Room. Our next meeting is to be in the main hall at Quinney on the 14th January 2020 at the later time of 8.15. At this meeting we will be confirming our precept for the next financial year.

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

We have been running the line dancing club for a long time 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](mailto:neilldaphne@yahoo.com).

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

The services this month are on Sunday 1 and 22 December (which will be our Carol Service) and on Christmas Eve. On Saturday 14 December the church will be the venue for the "Voices Entwined" concert. Offers to help with floral decorations for the 14, 22 and 24 December would be much appreciated; please contact Val on 480088, or [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com). I would like in the new year to set up a rota for carrying out routine cleaning of the church before each fortnightly service and for providing flowers – we used to have such a rota in the past (ably organised by Gill Needle) and perhaps now is the time to resurrect the system in the aftermath of Lloyd's meeting on 31 October. If we had twelve volunteers, special occasions apart, this would mean only two cleaning/flower slots per person per year. If you would be willing to be involved in such a rota please contact me on 480088, or [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com).

### **Halloween Party (David Fifield)**

A huge thankyou to Deb for such a great night at the Hallowe'en party, and to Graham & all their team, too numerous to mention individually but very much appreciated. The amount of preparation that had been done in so many ways to make this such a fun and enjoyable event was evident all the way through the evening. In addition to all the imaginative decoration, food, costumes etc, the games in teams meant we all talked to people we shouldn't otherwise have met, and this put a happily different spin on a very successful evening in every way.

### **Quiz (David Fifield)**

And the weekend after the party Graham was in the hot seat, and Deb & the team were in the very efficient supporting role. Graham's quizzes have a well deserved reputation for being fun (interspersed as they are with his humorous anecdotes!) as well as being challenging, and everyone had a great time, refreshed half way through by excellent fish and chips. The smooth running of both these events only happens due to a great deal of hard work and planning, and it is greatly appreciated. Without the hard work of a few people (3 evenings and an early morning in session for Graham & John at the Village Hall over the first weekend in November) Hints would be very much the poorer in every way. You are all our unsung heroes - Thank you!

### **A merry little Christmas (Nicky and Andrew Smith)**

Come and celebrate an evening of Christmas music with the "Voices Entwined Choir" in our beautiful candlelit Church. You can enjoy a glass of mulled wine on arrival followed by a concert of pure elegance and sound from the fantastic Choir and acoustics that the Church is famous for. Following the concert there will be a lantern lit procession to the Village Hall where Christmas refreshments and food will be on sale followed by a Christmas choral finale. Last year we had a wonderful evening which was very well attended so please book your tickets as soon as possible for just £3.00 per person. Tickets are available now from Jeanette White on 01543 480066 or by collection from the Bar at the Village Hall. Blessings to you all and sincere thanks again for all of the wonderful support, it really is appreciated.

### **New Year's Eve (John Toogood)**

New Years Eve will be celebrated in YOUR Village Hall again this year. Dinner will be Beef Bourguignonne or Chicken Chasseur, followed by a choice of sweets, followed by Cheese and Biscuits. There is traditionally a prize for the best dressed table and there will be music and entertainment from the guests together with the usual choice of refreshments from the well-stocked bar. The dress code is smart but historically that includes smart casual, formal, fancy dress and ridiculous. Tickets can be obtained from John Toogood at [john@johntoogood.co.uk](mailto:john@johntoogood.co.uk) at a cost of £15 but MUST be applied and paid for before 15th December.

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### St Bartholomew's Church Services December 2019

**NOTE!! No 10 am services in December!**

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| Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> December  | 8:30 Parish Eucharist<br>Fr Jason                            |
| Readings:                     | Isiah 2: 1-5<br>Romans 13: 11-end<br>Matthew 24: 36-44       |
| Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> December | 19:00 Carol service<br>Warden Led                            |
| Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> December | 18:00 Christmas Eucharist<br>Fr Jason                        |
| Readings:                     | 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-11, 16<br>Acts 13: 16-26<br>Luke 1: 67-79 |