

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

February 2019

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 64 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.

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. This has been in action for over a year!

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints Friday walks are the 1st and 15th February and 1st March. Walks start at 10.00. Good pair of stout shoes and the ability to cross stiles.

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.

Quiz (Graham Whittaker)

Thank you to everyone that came along to the quiz. There were 90 players and we raised £750 for the upkeep of the hall. Peter and Jane Sheppard's team were the winners and took the trophy. Please look out for our Autumn quiz.

Film night (Steve Bourne)

Mission Impossible at the Village Hall on 2nd February from 7pm with pork rolls and "trimmings" £5 contact at steve.bourne@me.com

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast club will be on Sunday 24th February. Contact Graham to book (see back page).

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

There will be a few more sessions on Chinese art, continuing last autumn's theme. These will cover a variety of media including porcelain, watercolour and wood-block prints. We meet in the village hall on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee. £4 per session, which includes refreshments. £3 goes to the funds of St Bartholomew's church, £1 to the Pathway Project. For further details contact Val on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Christmas Concert (Gilly Fifield)

Ed – sorry forgot to put this in the last newsletter!

What a lovely evening of music we had in St Barts on 15th December. The church was packed to hear this large 'a Capella' choir sing Christmas music for us, and all who were there were not disappointed. They made a wonderful sound, conducted by Louise who positively danced around the choir as she brought each group in and conducted the carols and songs. Her enthusiasm was infectious, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, not least the musical lantern procession to the village hall afterwards where we were also treated to some more music, as well as refreshments. Huge thanks must go to Nicky, Andrew and Elisma Smith and friends for all their hard work in setting it all up, preparing & serving the refreshments at the village hall, organising the raffle, and clearing up afterwards. This in itself was no mean feat, but they also managed to raise £450 for St Barts which is a wonderful achievement. Thank you all.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At the last Parish Council meeting on 8th January there were five members of the public present and county councillor David Smith. Cllr Smith gave an update on a traffic survey done in London Road Canwell and agreed to chase up gully clearing in both Watling Street and London Road, a long outstanding item. After Cllr Smith left there was a heated discussion about a planning matter on the agenda. The precept for 2019/2020 was set with a small increase to cover for inflation. Staffs highways have announced that they will continue to be responsible for highway verge maintenance for this year. It had been indicated that the Parish Council would have to take on responsibility and the cost of this operation. We have appointed a solicitor to redraft the Quinney Hall management contract in a more legal format. We had discovered that the original contract had many deficiencies and omissions. BT have advised that the new telegraph poles in the village are to facilitate fibre optic installations. Next parish Council meeting in Hints 19th March at 7,30pm. Note that this will be a week later than normal.

St Bartholomew Electoral Roll (Val Edwards)

The church electoral roll needs to be revised every 6 years, and 2019 is the year in which the existing electoral roll needs to be replaced. Please contact me if you would like to be included in the new church electoral roll, or you can find the application form online: <https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/Application-for-Enrolment-Electoral-Roll-2013.pdf>.

I need to have the completed forms by the end of February.

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Rugby 6 nations (John Toogood)

Village Hall as follows:

Sun Feb 10 15:00

Sat Feb 23 16:45

Sat Mar 9 16:45

Sat Mar 16 17:00

Drinks available, order half time pies before the match!

Barn dance (John Toogood)

Barn dance in Village Hall proceeds to St Bart's. Saturday 2nd March, 7:00, hot dogs, burgers and trimmings. Tickets £10 (£5 children). Contact Jeannette or Sally – see posters in the lane!

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Our first meeting of 2019 was on Thursday 10th January and members enjoyed a talk by Peter Coxhead on summer flowers of the Swiss Alps, beautiful slides of tiny but delightful flowers displaying themselves against the rocky slopes of the mountains, below the snow line and we also heard of the excellent travel arrangements in Switzerland, with everything running the schedule and on time. This was also a time to look back and remember some of the excellent meetings we enjoyed during 2018. After the April annual meeting we began in May with talk on colour through the garden seasons and then heard all about the Dorothy Clive Garden and delightful slide which encouraged some of our members who then joined with Hopwas garden group members on a trip to visit these gardens. We also visited gardens in Bodymoor Heath and Little Hay where we were made very welcome and giving us fresh ideas for our own gardens. We then enjoyed Apple Juicing in September and a talk on Carnivorous plants in October, a wide and interesting variety of garden associated talks and visits, something for everyone to enjoy so why not come along to our next meeting in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and tea, coffee and refreshments are served after all meetings. We will next be meeting on Thursday 14th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when we will be welcoming our speaker Jason Smith to talk to us about Exhibition Dahlias. Jason has been a judge at many shows of these delightful flowers and will welcome questions after his talk.

Village notes (Janet Clarks)

It's approaching noon on the 22nd January and the sparrows are queuing up for their lunch at the seed container. You can almost set your clock by their arrival and this is repeated again at teatime. We at long last welcome George, the cock pheasant, back again to clear up dropped seeds. (Nothing is wasted)! He has been missing for over a year so it's so good to see him again, but no sign of Mrs. George. A nuthatch appeared on the seed container outside the kitchen window – another welcome sight. Bird numbers have decreased recently perhaps because there is a most unwelcome cat prowling around and upsetting the birds when they are trying to feed. We have so many ladybirds in the house, congregating in the corner of bedroom windows and then taking off like mini helicopters.

SNIPPETS FROM THE NEWSLETTER DATED JUNE 2006

"The brass sundial has been restored thanks to Brian Jones of Walsall. The inscription reads "The Gift of Edward Lycett & Harriet his wife in memory of many happy hours spent in Hints from the Hall Gardens to the Churchyard."

The Open Gardens and Flower Festival held on Saturday 26th May and Sunday 27th May was extremely successful. Over the two days we had nearly 1000 paying visitors and what is most surprising is that there were almost as many on the Monday in spite of the 'April Showers.' A truly magnificent effort by everyone and consequently the amount raised could be in the region of £6000. Fortunately, Interserve didn't close the A38 over the holiday although we still had visitors who found it difficult to 'find' us in spite of some last minute 'unofficial' signposting." Sheena Blackmore.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services February 2019

Sun 3 February	18:30 Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:	Malachi 3: 1-5 Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40
Sun 20 February	10:00 Morning Worship Dr Trevor James
Readings:	Jeremiah 17: 5-10 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26