

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER February 2020

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

St Bartholomew's Church (Lloyd Ansermoz)

A belated Happy New Year to all! 2020 is here and already 2019 feels like a distant memory. Hopefully we will all have more good than challenging memories of another year gone by. Our Church certainly had its challenges as it always seems to but the coming together as a community in late 2019 was a really positive move from us all. So, 2020 is here and now the financial outlook for the Church is looking much healthier, at least for the next 12 months which is fantastic news for us all. We still have to continue to raise the Church profile around our events and of course our services but the good news is that we are "open for business" and we welcome all of our friends and their families and their friends to our lovely Church. Again, we thank all of those who have made this happen through visiting and attending our events and by making very generous donations towards our funds, we really do appreciate your input. Please remember that the Church is here for all and is open every day for visitors and also available for Weddings, Christenings and Funerals. If you feel that there is an event which you would like to arrange or suggest please let us know. We have a Beetle Drive evening on **Saturday 1st February** being held at the Village Hall which is always a really good evening with fun and games for everybody and a really good opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones. The Bar will be open at 6.45 and the games begin at 7.00p.m. David and Peter will be your comperes and tickets are available from Jeanette (01543 480066) or Sally (07974 955719) and are priced at £9.00 for Adults and Children at £5.00 with under 10's free and include a very generous Fish and Chip dinner. If you are attending and want tickets on the night please call and let us know in order to arrange the catering.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Meet Hints Village Hall, all ages welcome. Friday 14th and 28th February, walks start 10.00. For more details contact 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 or 07974 145055.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are continuing to meet, looking at present at late Gothic and Renaissance Sculptors including of course Michelangelo. We meet on Monday evenings, 7.30 to 9.30 in the Village Hall. £4 per session (including refreshments), £3 for St Bartholomew's church and £1 for the Pathway project in Lichfield. New people always welcome! For further details contact Val on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Village quiz (John Toogood)

Advance notice of the Village Quiz Saturday 28th March, details will follow.

"Dumping" (Val & Peter Edwards)

On Thursday 23rd January Peter and I received letters from our GP practice in Shenstone with whom we have been registered for 40 years, saying that we were out of catchment area (even though the NHS website the letter refers us to shows that we are IN the catchment area) and that we will be de-registered and compulsorily reallocated in April if we don't find an alternative practice. I know of at least 4 other families in Hints who are similarly affected. Are there any more residents registered with Shenstone GP practice who have also been dumped overboard like over-quota fish? I have written to the Practice expressing my unhappiness with this and have also contacted Christopher Pincher about it, sending him copies of the relevant documents: if other people are also affected, perhaps we can try collectively to address this.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

7.30pm on Thursday 9th January and our first meeting of members for 2020. Our speaker was Peter Johnson taking us into a warmer climate with his talk and slides of the Beauty of Hawaii which he visited with his wife in 2016 as a birthday celebration. An interesting talk showing the wildlife of the islands both imported and natural inhabitants, then with beautiful butterflies and the wonderful colours and large size of hibiscus flowers but then taking us into more sombre thoughts and taking us to the memorials of the bombing of Pearl Harbour in 1941 which then brought the US forces to support us in the UK with our fight through World War 2 with Germany. The bombing of Pearl Harbour by the Japanese, such a sad event, but right to the present day all the survivors, on their demise, are still having their ashes interred on the island. These thoughts then led us to think of the next meeting of members which will be on Thursday 13th February with the title Living Churchyards. Our speaker will be Ruth Williams who has judged for Lichfield Diocese Churchyard Award scheme giving thought to how mature flourishes in such a sheltered environment. Everyone welcome to join us in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th February, refreshments are served after the speaker.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

The pontoon is only £1 per week and all proceeds go to the church. Contact grahamwhittaker@gmail.com for details.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The Hints breakfast club will be on Sunday 23rd February, contact Graham Whittaker to book (see back page).

Sunday walk (and a pint)

Walk from the Village Hall on Sunday 2nd February and 1st March, 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)

Last parish council meeting was held at Quinney Hall on 14th January. The start was later than usual as the hall was occupied by an earlier event that had run over. Councillor David Smith was in attendance and reported that Staffordshire county council were issuing flood warnings to susceptible areas. He took note of the flooding issues in Slade Road and School Lane. Various planning issues were discussed, application numbers can be found in the minutes now on the Parish web site. Next council meeting will be at Quinney hall on Tuesday March 10th at the usual time of 7.30 pm.

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.

Church Flowers and cleaning rota (Val Edwards)

The services in February are on Sunday 2nd and 16th. I already have kind volunteers to provide altar flowers on these occasions and after that, when we are in Lent, no more flowers are needed until Easter. What we do need is volunteers to do routine cleaning (mainly vacuuming carpet and window ledges and dusting the pews) a day or so before the services. A thorough professional cleaning of the church once a month is already in place, courtesy of Lloyd Ansermoz, the Churchwarden. There are (special occasions apart) only 24 services across the year, so if we had enough volunteers, one or two occasions each would be all that is needed. If you can help in making the church look inviting and cared for, please contact Val on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services February 2020

Sun 2 nd February	18:30 Eucharist with healing oils Fr Jason
Readings:	Malachi 3: 1-5 Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40
Sun 16 th February	10:00 Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:	Genesis 1: 1-2:3 Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-end