

## **HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER** **February 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 41 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 93 "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).

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

Even though we are still in the midst of the cold, frost and mists of winter our hardy members once again turned out for the meeting on Thursday evening 13<sup>th</sup> January and our chairman Geoff made our speaker welcome but we did have a bit of difficulty with getting equipment sorted and working and thanks to Val we were all able to sit back and listen to Steve Croft's talk on wildlife. Steve was quite well known to some of our members including myself who had known him and family for around 26 years and know how his interest and knowledge of the natural world had grown and deepened, so we were able to make ourselves comfortable and take a journey through the wilds of Scotland and around Middleton Lakes. Beautiful slides of many birds and animals came to life of the screen as we listened to the many places where the pictures had been taken. Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and we will be welcoming David Wood a master thatcher and although we don't have any thatched roofs locally, they are always a joy to see, admire and even photograph. Once again Geoff appealed for members to come forward to tea making and to take up the challenge of becoming speaker's secretary but the good news is we still have some speakers booked from March to May and provisionally, by special request of one of our members, a booking has been made for Apple Juicing in September. Everyone is welcome to come to any Garden Guild meeting that is advertised, it is always on the second Thursday each month. There is no need to book for the whole year but look forward to seeing YOU there.

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

Dates are Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Walks start at 10.00. Refreshments served in Village Hall on return.

NEW SUNDAY WALK ON 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Starts at 10.30. Allow 1.1/2 hours for the walk.

Meet at village hall. The bar will be open on return.

If you think you might be joining us, please drop me an email.

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

Look forward to seeing you.

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

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

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

Thursday mornings, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

## **Village Hall (John Toogood)**

The Village Hall is currently opening every other Friday but this will be under constant review subject to Government restrictions. We hope to get back to opening every Friday as soon as possible. Opening nights for the remainder of January, February and March will be: - 28th Jan, 11th and 25th Feb and 11th and 25th Mar and we will be open from 7.30 to 10.30.

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

January has been and gone already. How quickly the days go, it only seems like 5 minutes since we were celebrating Christmas.

We held a very special service on the morning of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> where Bishop Clive Gregory graced us with his presence and presided over our epiphany eucharist service. His kind words and admiration for our Church and all we do was greatly received and tea and coffee following the service gave us an opportunity to say hello and for some discussion around our vacancy for a new Vicar. We continue to pray and take part in the process of recruitment alongside our sister Churches of St Mary Weeford and St Giles Whittington, we will keep everybody informed on progress, however if anybody wants to know more then please get in touch. Unfortunately, we felt it best to postpone the Bingo night planned for January, again because of the uncertain restrictions and timescales. But don't worry you can still get your dabbers ready and look out for updates and your invitation during the next couple of weeks for what will be a great night in our Village Hall and now all restrictions are lifted, and we have all had our jabs, boosters and are face covering free, it will be great to all get together with fellow Villagers, friends, visitors and family.

Our next service in Church will be an Evening Prayer service at 6.30 pm on 6th February and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before lent followed by our Eucharist service on the 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 pm which will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before lent, please feel free to come along we won't bite and you will be made very welcome. As we pass from Epiphany and lead up to Lent we are praying for those who are suffering in their lives today. Many feel the world to be a cruel and hopeless place, but we know that our Lords grace and forgiveness reigns supreme. We are praying for all people who live in dark places, the oppressed and exploited and for those denied freedom and dignity by those in authority, for those under threat of war or violence, for those forced to leave their homelands and for those men and women and children who live lives of quiet desperation at the hands of the powerful. We pray for these and all who suffer around the world, and we ask that our Father will guide those in authority to use their power wisely, to break down barriers and unite people and communities together, to give hope for their future of peace. Thank you again for all of those who help with keeping our wonderful and graceful Church open and prepared for prayer and service to our whole community and beyond. Our Church is open every day for private prayer or for "just curious" visitors, please know that our Church is open to us all and if you have any requirement for anything such as Coffee mornings, family and children events etc you are more than welcome to contact us. We also welcome applications for Weddings, Christenings and Funerals. Our contact details are on the last page of this newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you all at Bingo, dabbers at the ready!

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

At the January Parish Council Meeting we set the precept for the next financial year and confirmed the field maintenance contract. It was also decided to request three painted slow signs in School Lane. Highways to be consulted on most suitable

positions for best effect. HS2 have advised that they will be closing the southbound carriageway on the M42 between 8pm on Friday 28th Jan to 6am on Monday 31st. Diverted traffic will be directed down the A5 to Mile Oak, up the Sutton Road to Bassetts Pole and down the A446 to Dunton Island. There could be congestion at Mile Oak affecting access to Hints from the Tamworth direction. Investigation into the disappearance of the defibrillator at Quinney Hall is ongoing. We are awaiting a crime number from the police to make an insurance claim. Next meeting on Tuesday March 8th at Hints village Hall.

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

Thank you to those who provided flowers for the three services in January. There will be two services in February, on Sundays 6 and 20 at 6.30 pm, with Revd Canon Steven Mayes, so again, flowers please! Also, help with vacuuming and dusting in the church for each service would be very welcome. If you can help with either flowers or cleaning, please let me know by contacting me on [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com) or on 480088.

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

We reconvened on 10 January 2022, and hope to continue meeting in February on Mondays 7 and 21 from 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall, looking at art history thematically in the context of art's interrelationship with the natural world. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available - bring your own mug, if you want - £5 per session (£3 for St Bartholomew's church and £2 for the Pathway Project in Lichfield). New people always welcome (the group has almost doubled in size since we started meeting again since just before Christmas). For further information please contact me on [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com) or on 480088.

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### St Bartholomew's Church Services February 2022

Sun 6 Feb	18:30 Evening Prayer	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
	Isiah 6: 1-8 (9-end)	
	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	
	Luke 5: 1-11	
Sun 20 Feb	18:30 Parish Eucharist	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
	Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end	
	Revelations 4	
	Luke 8: 22-25	

The Church is open every day for private prayer