

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

January 2019

Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

First – Happy New Year!

Second – it's time for thanks – first to Dan Petford for his printing skills.

Second for the newsletter distributors – Kevin & Helen Caine, Roy Clarke and me!

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 – also because I wanted to report on the New Year's Eve celebrations in the Village Hall.

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)

Hints Friday walks are the 4th and 18th this month Walks start at 10.00. Good pair of stout shoes and the ability to cross stiles.

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

Our Sunday walk this month is the 6th January. Walk starts at 11.00

Allow 1.5/2 hours for the walk. The bar is open to Non walkers at 12.30, with a local draught ale. Deb Whittaker at 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.

New Year's Eve (Peter Edwards)

We celebrated New Year's Eve in fine style – Thanks to the organisers, Strawberry Cabin for the food and the "Hints Rebels" for the entertainment.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast club will be on Sunday 27 January. Contact Graham to book.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We hope to reconvene after the Christmas break commencing Monday January 14. 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

Pathway Project (Val Edwards)

Thanks to everyone who contributed toiletries and chocolate selection boxes as Christmas presents for the vulnerable children and adults looked after by the Pathway Project in Lichfield. Jeannette White was able to take a large consignment to them in time for Christmas.

Church Flowers (Val Edwards)

Many thanks to all those who provided floral decorations for the Voices Entwined Concert, the Carol Service and the Christmas Eve Communion Service: the church looked beautiful, festive and very welcoming. Church services in January are on Sundays 6 and 20. Any offers to provide flowers for the two small altar vases for these services would be gratefully received! For further details contact Val on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Hints Churchyard (Simon Clarke)

(Ed - sorry, forgot to put this in the December newsletter!)

This Commonwealth War Graves Commission memorial in St Bartholomew's churchyard remembers **Edward George Keeling** who died at Hints on 23 March 1919, aged 30, a victim of the cataclysmic international flu epidemic. Born at Market Drayton in Shropshire in 1888, he does not appear on the 1911 Census by the fact that he had become a professional soldier in the Yorkshire Regiment, serving in India. When the Great War began he was transferred to the 407th Agricultural Company, Labour Corps, which may explain why he came to be living in Hints when he died. In early 1916 he married Ada Rawlins at Tamworth, who was born at Mile Oak. War Office records show that she was resident at The Hill, Elford at the time of his death. To mark the 100th anniversary of this soldier's death, it may be fitting to hold a special service at the end of March next year. If anyone could find out more information about the soldiers' family it would be much appreciated.

Carol Service (John Toogood)

Many thanks to all who attended the Concert last Saturday evening. It was great to see so many people make the effort, on such an unpleasant evening weather wise, to listen to the wonderful "Voices Entwined Choir". It has been said on many occasions that the Church has very good acoustics that makes it a pleasure to sing in, especially for a large choir like "Voices Entwined".

The PCC owe a massive thank you to Nicky and Andrew Smith for all their efforts in organising the night and also in their efforts with the refreshments served in the VH afterwards. A total of £470 was raised on the evening which will go to the upkeep of St. Bart's. Thank you again.

Christmas Concert (Simon Clarke)

Many thanks to all the 60 people who attended the Carol Service on Sunday 23rd December. It was fantastic to see the Church so full. The decorations and flower arrangements inside the Church gave it a real festive feel - thanks to those who gave so generously to make it look so beautiful.

A big Thank You must go to those who helped with the food and drink in the Village Hall afterwards. A grand total of over £350 was raised to help with the upkeep of the Church. Please do come and support your Church. There are services on the first and third Sundays of each month. More details at the end of the Newsletter. Thank you.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Our vice chairman has been busy attempting to get the police and HS2 to be more proactive in the Parish. There was a police open forum at the Strawberry Cabin on December 8th. This came about because of several incidents of uninvited persons walking off with residents possessions. It would appear that only parish councillors attended. Now that HS2 have started some work, they have been asked to have all their vehicles marked so that we can tell that they are legitimate and not somebody casing the village. The Staffordshire County Council cabinet minister for highways has, over Christmas, been sent an email about the flooding in Watling Street and London Road Canwell. I did point out that I have a letter dated November 2011, from Chris Pincher to Staffs Highways. That's how long we have had this problem. It is now over three months since we were promised the gullies would be jetted out to alleviate the flooding problems. Still no action! Next parish council meeting 8th Jan 2019 at 7.30pm in Quinney Hall. At this meeting we will be setting our precept for 2019/20. Our March meeting will be a week late on Tuesday 19th. at 7.30pm in Hints Village hall.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Another excellent gathering of members and friends on Thursday evening 13th December when we welcomed the Cherrywood singers, two ladies with seasonal songs and light hearted stories and we also enjoyed the excellent drinks and refreshments organised by Pam, such a delightful way to finish the year, and we offer the greeting - Merry Christmas and Blessings for New Year, 2019 to all readers. The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th January, 2019 when we will welcome Peter Coxhead telling us of Summer Flowers in the Swiss Alps.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services January 2019

Sun 6 January

18:30 Parish Eucharist
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Readings:

Isiah 60: 1-17
Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-12

Sun 20 January

10:00 Parish Eucharist
Fr Jason

Readings:

Isiah 62: 1-5
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
John 2: 1-11