

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER January 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.

It's that time of year for thanks – (a) to all contributors (b) to Robin and Dan Petford for the printing and (c) to all who help with distribution – Roy Clarke, Kevin & Helen Caine and me!

St Bartholomew's Church (Lloyd Ansermoz)

December is a special time for all of us. A time for celebration but also a time to remember the true meaning of Christmas and we did this in our services across all of December. The Voices Entwined Choir performance in the Church on the 14th was very well attended and we thank you all for attending and making it such a special night. Thank you to Nicky and Andrew Smith for organising the event and the get together afterwards at the Village Hall where great food and refreshments were enjoyed by all and the Choir completed the evening with a finale ensemble. Thank you to you all for being so generous and helping us to raise a fantastic £576.00! In between our normal Eucharist services we held our annual Carol service which again was very well attended with over 60 of you present. The Church was presented in all its glory and special thanks go out to those who donated flowers and helped us to dress windows. The evening is always a special service and this year was no exception. We had sponsored Carols, readings and poems and two really special Carols sung and acoustically played by Pete and Jane Sheppard. The evening continued again in the Village Hall with a fine feast of Beef Stew and Jacket Potatoes which were very kindly prepared and donated by Manor Farm and the Strawberry Cabin. Thank you to Elaine, Simon and Co for such a generous and fine contribution which was evidently enjoyed by all. Thank you all again for your very kind donations, you helped us raise a total of £571.00 for the Church and a further donation to The Childrens Society of £63.00. Thanks to the feedback and delight at the music and singing accompanied by Pete and Jane we plan to hold "alternative" services in between our "traditional" services in the coming months – please watch this space and keep an eye out for updates from our facebook page @St Bartholomews Church-Hints. Funds have much improved in December and we wholeheartedly thank those who have made some very generous donations by both one off payments and by direct debit. We can't keep our church without that support and we urge anybody who can help, monetary or voluntarily, to let us know. You will always be welcomed with grateful open arms. We are still not quite there to cover all of our costs so please contact Jeanette, our treasurer on

01543 480066 if you would like to help. Our next Event is a [Beetle Drive at the Village Hall on Saturday 1st February at 7.00pm](#). This event is always great fun for Children and Adults and is great time to meet new people and catch up with Friends and family. We will send out a flyer to remind everybody in January. Thanks again to everybody for a lovely December and for making this Christmas at Church such a special one. There are so many people to thank and not enough space here to thank you all personally but please be assured that all of your help is very much appreciated. We would love to see more of you! So please feel free to join us at our services (dates and times below). Blessings again to you all and we hope you have a wonderful and healthy New Year for 2020, Lloyd (Tel: 07900 606070 email: lloys@fidelisgroup.co.uk)

Film Night (Steve Bourne)

The Lion King, 25th January, contact on steve.bourne@me.com.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Meet Hints Village Hall, all ages welcome. Friday the 3rd, 17th and 31st January, 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.

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 29th January, contact Graham Whittaker to book (see back page).

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We will be reconvening on Monday 13 January 2020, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee, meeting on Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30 at the Village Hall. We will be continuing to look at sculpture, starting with the work of some Gothic and Renaissance sculptors, such as Jacopo della Quercia and Donatello. £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

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Sixteen of our members gathered together in the Village hall on 12th December using the side entrance and hall due to the main hall being used for the voting, but we were warm and comfortable for our Christmas Social. Unfortunately, the St. Peter's Bell Ringers were unable to be with us but we say thank you to one of our members who organised a quiz which was good but no one got all the answers. Many thanks also for everyone who brought wine and juices for us to enjoy with our delightful refreshments which Janet and Roy provided courtesy of the Strawberry Cabin, we offer our grateful thanks. Sadly, Pam wishes to resign as our Speaker's Secretary for 2020/21 so please bear this in mind as we enjoy the remainder of the present programme. Our next meeting will be on 9th January, 7.30pm in the Village Hall and our speaker will be Mr Johnson on the Beauty of Hawaii. From all Garden Guilders – A Happy New Year

Sunday walk (and a pint)

Walk from the Village Hall on Sunday 5th January, 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)

Little action over the holiday season. Next parish council meeting will be held at Quinney hall on Tuesday 14th at 8.15. Please note the later time. The meeting will take place in the main hall in anticipation of a number of local residents being in attendance. There is a fifteen-minute session allocated for members of the public to raise any relevant matters associated with parish matters.

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 (Val Edwards)

The services this month are on Sunday 5 and 19 January. Offers to help with altar flowers for these services would be much appreciated; please contact Val on 480088, or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

I would like to revive the idea of a rota for carrying out routine cleaning of the church before each fortnightly service and for providing flowers such as we used to have in the fairly recent past. 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.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services January 2020

Sun 5 th January	18:30 Eucharist for the Kings Fr Jason
Readings:	Jeremiah 31: 7-15 Ephesians 1: 3-15 John 1: (1-9) 10-19
Sun 18 th January	10:00 Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:	Isiah 49: 1-7 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 John 1: 29-42