

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER January 2021

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 48 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 92 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

To all the people who receive this newsletter by hand – Because of lockdown, I'm the only one delivering. I have to do all of School Lane, up to Canwell and all of Watling Street right up to Mile Oak. PLEASE consider having it by email in future. My contact details are on the back page. Please send me your name, email address and house number so I can keep track.

It's the time of year for giving thanks. To all contributors and also to Dan Petford who does the printing.

Hints history (Gilly Fifield)

A plea for photos, memorabilia, memories. This is a long overdue call to anyone who might be turning out photos, or any memories & memorabilia to do with Hints. During current enforced limitations, what better opportunity is there to turn out those boxes etc? Your gain in space is our gain in historical records! We have a wonderful record of Hints' history back to the Domesday book, thanks to Valerie & Edward Shaw. However, we have very little of recent history (any part of 20th century - present). Please let me know (or via the village website) if you have anything to help compile such a record. Gilly Fifield (fifield144@gmail.com)

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Sadly we have had a year of many disruptions and I feel sure our members will have missed our monthly meetings, but within the life of gardens and plants life is still going ahead at the usual full pace, I see buds forming and the first shoots of previously planted bulbs coming through the compost in pots and tubs even on such a dark and misty day with the surprise smattering of snow early on, so as I write for the next newsletter perhaps it is time to look back to some of our meetings that have been enjoyed in the past, we could perhaps repeat them at some time in the future but we will I feel sure be looking forward to when we will be able to meet again in the Village Hall and share fresh ideas starting first with the AGM that should have happened in April. Our last meeting was on 12th March and we had a delightful tour of the Austrian Alps with the outstanding beauty and the wild flowers and the Christmas treat of the Sound of Music In Austria has, I note, had its annual outing on Tv, but our speaker at that last meeting showed so many beautiful slides of the wild flowers in the meadows of that country.

It was in August 2019 that we enjoyed a speaker that took us to the Keukenhof Gardens in the south of Holland and although they are not presently showing growth through the soil I hope to see some results from the tulip bulbs I planted in the autumn, although I hope eventually to see some bright colours they could not possibly match the lovely slides we viewed of the millions of bulbs they plant in Holland every year. We are always looking for fresh ideas for Garden Guild speakers we would appreciate if you get in touch with ideas so that we can begin to look forward to new meetings in 2021. The message from all our members to you and yours, is - Keep safe and healthy everyone and a happy and blessed New Year.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Suspended, debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

Suspended, steve.bourne@me.com

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

Suspended, ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk or 07974 145055.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Nothing much is happening over Christmas. However we have just replaced the battery in the defibrillator at Quinney Hall and have a spare for the Hints one when it expires. We originally had them in January 2016. We are attempting to arrange another zoom meeting with HS2 and their contractors. Get updates from www.hintswithcanwell.co.uk/HS2_News_6446.espx. Our next parish council meeting will be by Zoom on 12th January 2021 at 7.30pm. Anyone can log on to raise any relevant issues as ten minutes are set aside for public participation. Contact details and Zoom codes can be obtained from the Clerk at clerk@hintswithcanwellpc.co.uk.

Church flowers (Val Edwards)

Our services in January are on 3rd and 17th. Given the weather conditions, the beautiful floral decoration of the font done for Christmas will probably still be faring well for the first service, but if anyone would like to provide flowers for the altar for the service on 17th January, that would be much appreciated. Contact Val Edwards on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Lichfield Foodbank (Val Edwards)

Villagers responded so marvellously to the December appeal for foodstuffs I thought it appropriate to include an extract from NEWSLETTER NO.36 FROM LICHFIELD FOODBANK CHAIR - DAVID CLARKE - DECEMBER 2020:

"Thank you to all those who have contributed to the making and distribution of over 600 (yes - six hundred) Christmas food bags this week. It has been a hard year for everyone, no more so than for our clients - we fed a record 169 last week - and I thank everyone for their efforts in supporting the community as we do, be that on the front-line or in the back-room. Our reach goes further than just giving out food in Lichfield: "Thank you for getting us out of a hole with our Christmas food parcels" (Paul - Burton Salvation Army); "It's marvellous that the food bank keeps us in their mind's eye and very often delivers supplies when they are most needed" (Angela - ASHA Stoke); "Thank you for continuing to support the students by enabling work experience to continue - the students can celebrate and be proud of their part in foodbank operations" (Wendy - Saxon Hill 6th Form). We have had a number of clients in tears this week - tears of relief for the help they have received. Never doubt that what you do is worth doing".

As Lloyd says in his contribution below, the need continues so please keep donating! Thank you

Art Classes (Graham Whittaker)

Suspended, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

Suspended, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

Christmas 2020 has been a different one for us all but ultimately, we are still able to be thankful for what Christmas really means to Christians across the world. Christmas is a time of spiritual reflection for many of us and to recognise the important foundations of our Christian faith. It is also a celebration and Christians celebrate God's love for the world through the gift and birth of his Son, Jesus. So, even though we have all been restricted to what we can do, who we can see and where we can go there has also been an opportunity for us to reflect on how we can make a difference with our own gift to those who may be less fortunate than us. The Lichfield Foodbank gifts and donations have been really well received and we are thankful to all who have given this gift to many over the Christmas and New Year period but

of course the challenge for many continues and Val's piece within the newsletter confirms our commitment to continue to do whatever we can to donate.

Go to this link: www.lichfield.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food

Please continue to help us to help them.

Our Church will continue be Open every Sunday and we are asking that all donations are left just inside the Church on a Sunday for us to then make a two weekly trip to deliver direct to the Foodbank Warehouse in Lichfield.

Non-perishable food is desperately needed and specifically the following foods will help alongside the usual tins and jars:

- **CUSTARD**
- **INSTANT COFFEE**
- **RICE PUDDING**
- **TINNED FRUIT**
- **JAM**

We look forward to your continued support. If you have any questions or ways that you could help further then please direct them to me on 07900606070 – lloyd@fidelisgroup.co.uk or to Val - val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Our Church service on the 20th December was a wonderful outdoor lantern lit Carol service and many of our friends and neighbours attended within a very well-kept social distancing policy. We would like to say very special thank you to David and Gilly Fifield for their perfect acoustic duet of their Carol "A cradle in Bethlehem" and to Dr Trevor James for leading the service and of course a huge thank you to everybody who turned up on a dark and very cold evening to sing and celebrate the gift of Christmas. Our January services are set out at the end of the newsletter and posted on our Notice Boards. As COVID continues to challenge us all please continue to think of those who are still alone without the company of a partner or loved one who has passed. Please think about who we can help or pray for in the coming weeks and remember that a prayer or even a phone call sometimes can be a way of making a difference.

A SHORT NEW YEAR PRAYER

Father, Thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives. Thank you that your favor has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime. Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that you are intimately acquainted with all our ways, that you know what concerns us, and you cover us as with a shield. We ask that we would walk in your blessing and goodness today and always.

Amen.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Suspended - contact Val on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

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St Bartholomew's Church Services January 2021

Sun 3 Jan	18:30	Said Eucharist Isiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12	Rev Canon Brian Maguire
Sun 17 Jan	18:30	Said Eucharist 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20) Revelations 5: 1-10 John 1: 43-end	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes