

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

July 2019

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 61 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.

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.

One correction to "useful contacts" – Our County Councillor is still David Smith – I was given incorrect information for last month.

Also I have added our Police Community Support Officer Costas Karpi in view of the recent break in at Manor Farm.

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 5th and 19st July. Walks start at 10.00. Good pair of stout shoes and the ability to cross stiles. Contact Debbie on 480090 to confirm.

Sunday walk (and a pint)

Walk from the village hall Sunday 7th July starting at 11.00. The bar will be open at 12.30. Non-walkers more than welcome to come in for a drink.

Hints film night (Steve Bourne)

"Stan & Ollie", Saturday 3rd August, Bar 7pm, food 7:15, film 8pm. £5 only! Contact Steve at steve.bourne@me.com to book.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast club will be on Sunday 28th July. Contact Graham to book (see back page).

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

We have been running the line dancing club for quite 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.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

The last session of the current session of Art for St Bart was on 24 June. We are taking a break over the summer and hope to reconvene on Monday 23 September, continuing with the theme of sculpture. Many thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee for allowing us to use the hall and its facilities. I also want to thank all those who attend the sessions, sometimes turning out in really horrid weather – your presence makes all the difference both to the shared experience of the class and to the raising of money for St Bartholomew's and for the Pathway Project. Since September 2018 we have raised about £640 for the church and £250 for Pathway. Till September, and thanks to everyone again!

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Rain, Rain, rain, and our members were wondering after several days of soaking, if they still had gardens, but once again we gathered in the Village Hall on Thursday evening at 7.30pm for the second meeting since the AGM. Our speaker was billed in our 2019 – 2020 programme as – Country kitchens and our speaker was David Chant. David introduced himself and also his wife Val, a retired couple ready to share their love of growing and preserving much their own home-grown food and trying out both new and old recipes. Before us was a spread of food, all home-made, bread, pickles, jams and even wine, a delightful display which felt like it was harvest festival time, and then the delights of tasting the produce. An excellent evening. Our next meeting will be on July 11th, meet at Manor Farm at 6.45pm for a 7pm start, to see the latest ideas which bring us our soft fruit. Visitors are welcome to join us at a cost of £6.50 per person and to enjoy both the tour and the promised tea, coffee and delicious cakes but please contact Pam Kynaston to book your place.

Wildlife and flowers (Janet Clarke)

We have a wide variety of wildlife and wild flowers in our garden, as well as the cultivated ones. There are rabbits of various sizes, crows,

jackdaws, squirrels and two foxes who come for the rabbits. We think they must have cubs close by, possibly in the field opposite our house and they are being well fed.

The family of crows (not really welcome) are thriving with the parents still feeding the youngsters who are just as big as their parents and the same applies to the blackbirds. We occasionally see the green and lesser spotted woodpeckers and the jay and the faithful robins are always nearby. I was fortunate the other day to see a thrush having a splash in the bird bath. The blue tits have been nesting in one of the bird boxes, but the second nest box has squatters in residence, namely tree bumblebees. The swallows came but not very many this year.

All the flowers and shrubs are doing extremely well and plants are appearing in unusual places, all self-set and Herb Robert is taking over our gravel borders. It is a delightful plant with lovely delicate pink flowers, so it is very welcome to grow wherever it likes. Two wild flowers that were brought here from Italy and are now very common are yellow corydalis and ivy-leaved toadflax. The road verges are very colourful with pink and white campion, foxgloves, oxeye daisies, mallow, teasels, cow parsley and poppies. Poppies are growing everywhere and these are my favourite, some are very large and beautiful. I'm so sorry the silver ornamental thistles have been cut down in front of Bucks Head Farm. Whoever did this obviously did not appreciate their beauty.

Finally, there are two notices along the Sutton Road towards Mile Oak (HS2) saying **NO ENTRANCE** AND ANOTHER ONE SAYING **NO ENTERANCE**. The mind boggles!!

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the parish council are without a clerk, so the next parish meeting is being postponed until a new clerk has been appointed. An announcement will be posted on notice boards and the web site when finalised.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services July 2019

Sun 7th July	18:30 Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:	2 Kings 5: 1-14 Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
Sun 21 July	10:00 Parish Eucharist Revd Canon Geoffrey Staton
Readings:	Song of Solomon 3: 1-4 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 John 20: 1-2, 11-18