

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER July 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 60 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.

To the people living on Watling St – a special request. Kevin and Helen have decided they're not going to deliver newsletters by hand. Val and I will do it this month but 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.

Most of the entries are "suspended due to COVID-19" so this newsletter will be a bit truncated!

Hints helpers (John Toogood)

These people have volunteered to assist if needed

Lynn Turton	07964 170772
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Tracey Reeley	07472 277811
Cherilyn Jackson	07525 014364
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Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Suspended, debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

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

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

Suspended, steve.bourne@me.com

St Bartholomew's Church fundraising (Jeannette White)

All fundraising events are suspended, watch this space for further developments. Jeannette 480066.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

At present there is no prospect of reconvening our Monday evening sessions: opening both the church and the village hall after lockdown is going to be a gradual process as the practicalities are ironed out. I would like to continue (and St Bart's will need the money), so watch this space for further developments!

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

Suspended - neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Brookside Nurseries (Peter Edwards)

The Nursery is now open again, Wednesday – Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm

Church Flowers and cleaning rota (Val Edwards)

Although the church will only be open one day a week (Sundays) in July, altar flowers would be a way of celebrating its renewed place in village life. Various people came forward with offers to do flowers, which fell into abeyance when lockdown was introduced. I will provide altar flowers for July, but would welcome offers to do them in future months as matters hopefully get slowly back to normal, and I will start compiling a new rota. You can contact me on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

In Life's Garden.

Count your garden by the flowers, never let the leaves fall.

Count your days by golden hours, don't remember the clouds at all.

Count your nights by stars not shadows.

Count your life with smiles not tears.

And with joy through all your life.

Count your age by friends not years.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

Suspended (no football) Graham Whittaker (see back page) for details.

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

It's been another month of lockdown but now at the end of June the light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer where we will all soon be able to see each other again and see the true spirit and vitality of Village life that has always been prominent in our Village of Hints. Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with all of you. We pray that we and all that are closest to us are safe and well and that the end of these challenging times will come as safely and as timely as it can. The Government's announcement that church buildings can reopen for public worship and for small weddings from 4th July is welcome news and is a significant step on the journey out of lockdown for us as the Church. We await further guidance from the Government and the national Church of England, next week, on what this will look like in practice for all churches. The Church is currently open every Sunday for private prayers and everybody is welcome to enter with social distancing guidelines in mind.

A sincere and wholeheartedly thanks are given to a further two local donations this month which has enabled us to now instruct the works to the Church roof and guttering at a cost of over £2,400. We are so fortunate to have such understanding and generous people in our community and we thank you all for your much-needed support to keep our Church open and in such good

order. The Churchyard is looking wonderful and well kept and thank you for the lovely feedback from visitors directly by email and telephone. Feedback is always passed on to the Grounds Maintenance team which they really appreciate so please do send your comments directly to me. As our Church re-opens please feel free to visit and keep an eye out for the new details of services in the coming weeks on the Church notice boards. Be Safe and as well as you can, and we look forward to seeing you in the light of our Church in the very near future.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Parish Council accounts have been approved by the external auditor. Looks increasing like our next meeting will be via Zoom on 14th July. Log on details will be available on the Parish Council web site. Any questions you wish to raise with the council should be forwarded to the parish clerk in advance. Contact clerk@hintswithcanwellpc.co.uk.

Village Hall (John Toogood)

Good News regarding *YOUR* Village Hall - Now that the government has relaxed the restrictions regarding public access to licensed premises, we are preparing to re-open the Village Hall. There are certain changes and considerations that have to be taken into account and to ensure we are in a position to fully comply with these new regulations it is our intention to re-open on 7th August. We will keep you advised of the developments in this respect.

Re-opening of St Bartholomew's Church (Fr Jason)

The church at Hints can be open on Sundays only, commencing on 5th July, for private individual prayer only. Father Jason will come to the church sometime this week to organise the church layout in respect of reopening for private prayer. I will inform in due course when the church will be open again for services (said, no singing). This is likely to be in mid-July (most likely the third week for an evening service). However, until all needs across the three parishes (as Hints is just one part of a mosaic of considerations) have been considered, no firm decision has been made at present.

The Ford

The amount of vehicles parking around the Ford is increasing both during the day and evenings. It is making it difficult for farm vehicles to pass and the amount of noise and rubbish being left is not acceptable. The police have been made aware of the situation but more people need to make their feelings known. Please contact our local PCSO (see back page) to make your views known if you are also concerned.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services July 2020

No services this month due to coronavirus, but see the article earlier with regard to re-opening.

You can look on YouTube for Lichfield Cathedral services online or try

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE3ms1p4IspI-svlnfL9xYQ>

www.ourvillagechurch.org.uk