

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER July 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 43 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.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

It's been great to have the lovely sunny weather and didn't the gardens need that rain but if you are like me right now you don't seem able to catch up with the rate at which everything is growing and my brown bin is full to overflowing and always ready for the next bin collection. Our committee members are presently considering if or when we can once again start meeting as it seems that 19th July for the release from restrictions will soon be coming around and it would be good if our members were able to get together once again in the Village Hall, so we will need to start planning ahead and I feel sure many of us will have fond memories of our visit to Manor Farm on 11th July 2019 and will be looking forward to fresh new ideas and plans for speakers but with all that has been happening around the world with the deadly virus many things have changed and we have 'lost' more than a year in our lives and so right now seems to be a good time to move forward and put in place new plans. Sadly, within our membership we have had both illness and bereavement and our numbers are rather reduced but this has always been a friendly group all interested in gardens and associated things not just the hard slog of digging and tending the soil and we hope that in the future new ideas will be put in place, but first we need to recruit new members. SO – if you are interested in gardening and would like to join a friendly group then our garden guild would welcome you. Please get in touch with myself (maureen@hints-village.com) Kevin (kevincaine@edqbs.net) or our Chairman Geoff (gkynaston@talktalk.net) We look forward to hearing from YOU.

Happy Gardening, keep safe.

Wagon Wheels Line Dancing (Daphne Neill)

Tuesday mornings, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

Suspended, steve.bourne@me.com

Art Classes (Graham Whittaker)

Thursday mornings, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints Walks will be on Friday the 9th and 25th of July.

Walks start at 10.00 at the village hall For more information contact Deb Whittaker at debjmwhittaker@gmail.com.

Jo Barwell (Janet Clarke)

Jo Barwell's funeral is now available to view until the end of Thursday 8th July 2021. To watch go to <https://www.obitus.com/> and log in with:

Username: zito0476, Password:47517 There may be a few people who knew Jo well and would like to watch her funeral service which was held at Aberystwyth Crematorium.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

This newsletter will be too late to advise of the overnight closures of Tamworth road and Drayton Lane by HS2 for vegetation clearance but just in time for the end of the temporary traffic lights during the day on Tamworth Road up to 2nd July. There are currently traffic lights at the London Road/Slade road junction. The parish field has finally been mowed. The delay has been caused by unsanctioned activity giving us the impression that the contractor had mowed but was now experiencing difficulties. The misunderstanding has now been sorted. Our next meeting will be in Hints Village Hall in the Lounge at 7.30pm. The first face to face meeting since lockdown. Entrance will be via the side door off the boules pitch. This is because the main hall is now being used by a weekly booking. If any member of the public wish to attend, it may be advisable to book with the clerk because of current social distancing rules. There is a possibility of a zoom meeting with the archaeology group to update us on their work. Should this happen, we will give prior notice via the usual means. The September meeting should be on 14th in Hints at 7.30pm.

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

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

Art for St Barts (Val Edwards)

Still in abeyance! I would like to start running this again in September when hopefully the pandemic see-saw on/off for indoor gatherings is over. For further details please contact Val Edwards on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Yoga and meditation (Alison Burt)

A yoga class suitable for all levels, beginners or those with some experience. Aimed at increasing flexibility and relaxation. During these sessions we will explore patanjalis eight limbs of yoga, using different themes specific to areas of the body. The classes will commence in June, I will post the events on the meetup page, so please join the meetup page to book and for information. The class will be around one hour, please wear loose comfortable clothing, bring a mat/something to sit on and something warm or a blanket. It is best to eat lightly and avoid caffeine/sugar for at least two hours before the class if possible. Meetup group page: <https://www.meetup.com/hints-mindfulness-meditation-meetup-group/>

Church flowers (Val Edwards)

The services in July will be on Sunday 4 and 18, for which altar flowers are needed. If anyone is interested in offering to provide a couple of arrangements for the two brass vases which sit on the reredos behind the altar, that would be gratefully accepted. The church will also be open on Monday 5 July when the service of interment of Arthur Hayes' ashes is scheduled for 12.00, so the altar flowers from next Sunday night's service will have an added significance because of this service. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Val Edwards on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com - my "arrangements" are very limited and basic, so someone else's ideas and efforts would be very welcome.

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

Summer is here at long last, and I hope we are all enjoying the weather and the joys of being able to meet each other again to catch up on how we have all been coping during lock downs and being able to get out and enjoy life again. Being able to get back to a "semi normal" way of life is helping us and the whole of the country to get back on its feet again and the latest Government figures say that there are now 76 million people who have received the Vaccine and 32 million people now fully Vaccinated, that's just short of 50% of the population of the UK which shows great progress and is giving us hope that we will come out of what have been very challenging times for most of us. During times of challenge and discomfort we can find ourselves doubting and until we see proof sometimes, we find it hard to believe what we are hearing or experiencing. Are these figures true? Who made these figures up? I need to believe and see the proof? The Government website says, "*The Data comes from government health authorities such as the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other authoritative sources, as attributed*". Do we believe them now that we have seen the numbers? The point is, at times we are all "Doubting Thomases" until we see it for ourselves but sometimes, we may be able to find the faith in what we are hearing to take comfort and joy that good news is always around the corner. The Gospel of John tells us about the apostle Thomas.

[John 20:24-29](#) tells how [doubting Thomas](#) was sceptical at first when he heard that Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared to the other apostles, saying, "Except I shall see on his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. But when Jesus appeared later and invited Thomas to touch his wounds and behold him, Thomas showed his belief by saying, "My Lord and my God". Jesus then said, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed [are] they that have not seen, and [yet] have believed. This month we have a very welcome addition from Nicky Smith on some good news around the new variation on our Church services and we welcome your feedback via email to englishhints@aol.com or to me at lloyd@lloydansermoz.com.

St Bartholomew's Church Services (Nicky Smith)

Hints PCC (Parochial Church Council) are currently endeavouring to make our church services as relevant as possible for our busy, stressful lives in 2021. We hope to vary our services so that there is a service to suit as many different groups of people as possible and we would like to share our ideas with you. To this end here is a taster of some of our ideas:

A 'Songs of Praise' service where you are invited to choose your favourite hymns exploring their background and inspiration; along with why we like them so much. You may even like to play the accompaniment to your choice if musically inclined.

For those whose taste is more traditional a service of Evening Prayer either in the 1662 format or a more modern version.

A further innovative idea is of a service of meditation and prayer incorporating Taize chants, helping to provide a feeling of spiritual calm in order to cope with the stresses of everyday life.

Holy Communion (the Eucharist) would still be one of the two services St. Bartholomew's has every month.

We hope to involve as many of our village community as possible and if anyone has any suggestions for future services, we would love to hear from you.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services July 2021

Sun 5 July	18:30 Said Eucharist 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1013	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Mon 6 July	12:00 Interment, Arthur Hayes	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Sun 18 July	18:30 Said Eucharist 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a Ephesians 2: 11-end Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes

The Church is open every Sunday for private prayer.