

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER June 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

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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 (Jeannette White)

All is suspended, watch this space for further developments. Jeannette 480066.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Suspended, 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

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)

We are unable to open the church now, that means nobody can get in to do flowers. Hopefully we will get back to normal soon so I'm asking if anyone wants to do flowers and/or cleaning in the future, so let me know!

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Sadly everything is still on lockdown or social distancing so on behalf of our members I would like to say thank you for the community spirit in this village with kind offers of shopping and collecting prescriptions, this is really helpful to many of us. Do you know that this community of Hints is mentioned in the Doomsday Book? There would have been no Garden Guild in those days but we did have Oxen and ploughs so I guess we would have planted, sown and grown. As I write this contribution it is Bank Holiday and this then puts me in mind of the recent past Flower Festivals and Open Gardens at this time of year, when again the community worked together and we had thousands of visitors coming to the village each year and how blessed we were that mostly these two day events were dry and sunny days and as we are presently enjoying good weather (yes I know we need rain) but I thought you may enjoy this short poem –

Summer Skies by Kathleen Gillum.

Today the sun streamed from the sky in burning shafts of light,
In splendour and magnificence all dazzling shining bright.
And all of nature sprang to life as if by magic hand,
as incandescent radiance poured out across the land.

Suddenly my heart leaps up I want to dance and sing,
I feel my spirit lift and soar I let my thoughts take wing,
Invigorated by the sun I feel fresh hope arise,
As I bask in this sunny burst that come from summer skies.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

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

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

In these strange and challenging times our Church is closed. It is really strange to think that just a few months ago we were all wondering when it would actually close for good, but we fought on and made great progress with the support of our friends and Neighbours which got our Church back into a better place as a wonderful and shining asset to our Village. The complexities of our world and the challenges it brings will always be there and as we all know, they never last forever and there is always a light at the end of that tunnel.

We continue to work with the maintenance and upkeep of the Church and thank you to those who have supported us in doing so. Thank you also to those who have made comments and sent personal messages to say how we are keeping the Churchyard open and in good order. The lovely weather has helped us to get a lot of work done but has also given us a challenge around how dry and scorched the land is, but that's nature and we are blessed with an abundance of its beauty across and beyond our Village, something to be very grateful for.

Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you and particularly those who are suffering or grieving from the effects of this awful Virus. 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.

Be Safe and as well as you can and we look forward to seeing you in the light at the end of that tunnel soon.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The Parish Council had a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 12th May. All councillors were present with four public in attendance. Two planning applications were discussed and a report of the ongoing drainage problems in Slade Road Canwell. After the quite serious motor cyclist accident, during an icy spell, highways have now found a hidden manhole that has revealed a further blockage in the system. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Council web site along with details of the next meeting and how to attend should the lockdown still be in force. This should take place on Tuesday 14th July.

General thoughts (Janet Clarke)

I think most of us have appreciated the peace and quiet around us – no noisy traffic and no aeroplanes and no vapour trails to spoil the beautiful blue skies, although the Tuesday evening motor bikes have resumed their circuit from Canwell, along the Sutton Road to Mile Oak and then through Hints, up Brockhurst Lane and back to Canwell. We could well do without these noisy machines and I'm sure the residents of Canwell are heartily fed up with them.

The gardens everywhere are looking beautiful but the winds today are wreaking havoc with all the blossoms. Gardeners everywhere have been working hard and the gardens are at their best. The badger has now left the area, so hopefully will not be causing untold damage to our gardens. It's amazing how many flowers have self-seeded and left to their own devices have added so much colour. Some of our roses are showing signs of old age but the clematis plants are flowering and the wisteria is doing so well with lots of flowers showing. When fetching the washing in yesterday what should we find on one article of clothing but two Green Shield Bugs in an amorous position!! They are a lovely colour and thankfully they were not the Green Capsid Bug which do so much damage to fruit crops and would be MOST unwelcome. In the field down the hill several buzzards have been seen and last year parents with youngsters were seen in the same field. Perhaps they will scare away the crows which nest in the trees every year. The blue tits are extremely busy feeding many beaks in the nest box near our kitchen window and in the very near future the babies will be leaving.

Teach us to respect this world.

We think the earth is ours

We dig it, drill it, plough it, mine it pave it, bomb it.

Then from within the heart of things, the earth erupts, it shakes, it quakes, it burns, it floods.

May we learn to respect the earth, for it is shaped by forces greater than our own, and we should live in awe of them.

HS2 Archaeology (Deb Whittaker & John Toogood)

There's a massive document from HS2 re excavations just the other side of the ford, starting 10th June until 31st July, Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm. If you really want to read the whole document you can go to www.hs2.org.uk and follow the appropriate links (Ed – but they don't seem to work!)

Break-ins (John Toogood)

Message from Chris Abel (Weeford):

Keep a look out for this white Ford Transit van registration YY02 BWH seen acting suspiciously and asking for scrap metal a few days before farm break ins at 2 locations this weekend including mine.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services June 2020

No services this month due to coronavirus.

Sorry we cannot even open the Church for private solitude

You can look on YouTube for Lichfield Cathedral services online or try
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE3ms1p4lspI-svInfl9xYQ>

www.ourvillagechurch.org.uk