

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER June 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.

Jo Barwell (Alan Barwell)

Sorry to inform you that Jo passed away on 13 May. She was a staunch supporter of all Village matters and will be missed by lots of us.

Village Hall (Gilly Fifield)

A very big thank you to all organisers & helpers at the Village Hall re-opening on May 21st. It was a very successful & happy evening & a (socially distanced) face to face reunion of so many of us. It was lovely to see the Village Hall in use again for a social evening after so long. A huge amount of thought, care & organisation had gone into the evening, under hardly the most straightforward of circumstances. Everything was as Covid safe as possible with very efficient table service & payment, and the chilli was an added bonus!

Special thanks must go to Graham, John & Ian both for enabling such a re-opening to happen & for all they do for the village in so many ways.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

We have once again been invited to share with the Tender Shoots Garden Club Network which is organised by the group in Barlaston and the latest talk we are invited to on Zoom is titled Gardens of Paradise, an excellent thought but the amount of rain we have been 'enjoying' gives more thought towards flooding and the need for an Ark to be built but perhaps I am being a little pessimistic and should be looking forward more positively to June when the sun will encourage us to make a start on our next garden project. Sadly the committee have not yet raised any plans for meetings or future speakers but we are delighted to note that the Village Hall is opening up the doors once again and we are reminded that we need to get our VH fee cards paid up to date but the Covid has not yet gone away completely as the latest Indian virus is spreading around and we are warned to think carefully about visiting and travel to Leicester and other places and I keep praying that the virus will not spread and restrictions will not be imposed again. I feel sure we are all enjoying our latest freedom to visit and meet with friends both inside and outside. Our Garden Guild members in past times have enjoyed many trips out and about and visits to gardens and I was reminded of our visit to Little Hay in September 2019 when we enjoyed a long and sloping garden with many 'rooms' opening out with colourful displays of flowers fruit and vegetables and an enjoyable memory. Happy gardening everyone, keep safe.

Wagon Wheels Line Dancing (Daphne Neill)

Now restarted (Tuesday mornings), contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Restarting June 25th, contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

Suspended, steve.bourne@me.com

Art Classes (Graham Whittaker)

These are now running again, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The next Parish Council meeting will be a face to face in Hints village Hall on 6th July at 7.30pm. Note it is the first Tuesday of the month and the meeting will be in the lounge. Access will be via the side door by the Boules pitch. This is because the main hall now has a regular booking for a Yoga session. Updates on the Ford and HS2 are still waiting for a response from the relevant contacts. Highways have been informed about several bad potholes in the parish but, so far, no positive action has been taken. The mowing contract for the parish field has had a hiccup which has now been sorted, but the weather is against the contractor. Hopefully he will catch up this week if not already done. The August meeting will be at Hints on 10th, assuming that there is not another lockdown in the meantime!

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/>

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

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

Art for St Barts (Val Edwards)

Still suspended! After the Government announcement on 17 May, we may have more of an idea when it is at least permissible to restart! Watch this space in the next newsletter.

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

As I write at the end of May it is good to see that many of us are now getting out and meeting friends again and visiting Family for the first time after such a challenging year and a half. The Covid 19 vaccine is now freely available across the UK with over 64 million doses given and over 25 million people now fully vaccinated. This is good news for us all and the fight against this terrible virus goes on as we all keep faith and hope that the days of "normality" will soon be here, whatever that means to you. Faith and hope in the Christian sense are seen by many as being given as a gift from God to help others and wherever we can, we should share the same faith and hope that we have been given. The future can be a scary thing, with so many uncertainties. Who knows what tomorrow might bring? When we have faith, however, we have hope not only in this life, but in the next. The future, while uncertain, can be entrusted to God, and He will help us through with his safekeeping. At our recent PCC meeting among many things, we discussed how the last year has been a difficult one to communicate across our Village and beyond. The Electoral Roll is normally updated at the beginning of March and so please get in touch to see if you are on the list and how or why you should be if you live in Hints. Val Edwards will be happy to help as our secretary. We discussed events for the coming year now that we can see hope in holding events as a vital boost to funds for the upkeep of our beautiful Church. We have some great ideas but would like to ask if our Friends, Parishioners and families of Hints and beyond would help? Please help in giving us some of your ideas and what it is that you would like to attend and what it is most that you have enjoyed in the past that we could do again. Please feel free to respond to Peter's email which attaches the Newsletter and he will feed these ideas back to us or you can email me or call. (lloyd@lloydansermoz.com). Our Services for June are **SUNDAY 6TH AND SUNDAY 20TH**

JUNE BOTH AT 6.30 PM, led by Rev. Canon Stephen Mayes. Please feel free to join us, you will be made very welcome. As always, everybody will be very warmly welcomed. Usual social distancing and wearing of face coverings will still be in place and unfortunately still no singing of Hymns but still lovely music from our wonderful organist, Glyn during the service. Our Church is also open every Sunday for private prayer and for the Lichfield foodbank donations to be left for collection and delivery. Finally, we thank everybody for their very kind donations throughout the last year, many have been very generous, and we are so grateful. Giving via Direct Debit or standing order is easy, and donations of any sum are greatly appreciated and really do keep our Church afloat especially during these hard times. Please, if you can help, let us know. You can do this confidentially by contacting Jeanette, our Treasurer on 01543 480066 or by email to jeannette.white@hotmail.co.uk.

A prayer for hope and safekeeping: Heavenly Father, we give you thanks. We honour and glorify your majestic name and thank you for your many and continual outpouring of blessings in our lives even through the toughest of times. Lord, we pray for your protection, peace and safekeeping and ask that you cover us with your protective arms, now and forever, Amen

The reopening of our Church on Easter Sunday was a wonderful day for us all and the attendance and support of over 20 of our friends and Neighbours was so pleasing to see, thank you to everybody for making Easter so special and for recognising what Easter really is, the celebration of new life in the resurrection of Jesus. As Hospitality slowly reopens again it will be great to see our village Hall opening on Friday May 21st at 5.00pm. Table service only will be in place which I personally think should be one those changes we should carry on with, it's nice to be waited on for a change! It will be great to see everybody again after such very challenging times. Thursday May 13th is Ascension Day, which celebrates Jesus's ascension to heaven. After forty days since Jesus astounded his Apostles and Disciples by his resurrection and after ministering to them since then, it is time for him to return to his Father in heaven. This is a significant time in the Christian calendar as it shows that he has returned to Heaven after completing his time on Earth and now fervently desires to make heaven *our* true home as well and faith that there is a new life to come in Heaven. He now leaves us to carry on the faith and pass on his good news, words and prayers whilst he continues to watch over us until his return is granted by God.

A prayer for Ascension.

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May we be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for us and may we do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! In remembering this glorious event, help us to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father.

Amen

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St Bartholomew's Church Services June 2021

Sun 6 June	Said Eucharist 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20 2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5:1 Mark 3: 20-end	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Sun 20 June	Said Eucharist 1 Samuel 17: 32-49 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 Mark 4: 35-41	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes

The Church is open every Sunday for private prayer.
Also, to leave donations for the Lichfield food bank.