

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

March 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 44 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)

I think the recent news of the road map out of lockdown has made us all feel that we 'may' be seeing some light at the end of the tunnel that started for everyone on 23rd March, 2020, but with a little more sunshine and the growth we are seeing in our gardens is encouraging us that we should get outside once again. For me the appearance of daffodils and crocus is good and even some of the tulips are showing the first signs of waking up from the cold and dark of the winter, there is hope for the future. Once again, we have been invited to join the Zoom meetings with the Tender Shoots Garden Club at Barlaston but the last time I tried it was over-subscribed so I could not join but they have kindly sent follow up contact information which has been circulated. For the present time we are not meeting as a committee to plan for the future, changes have occurred, Geoff our Chairman has not been well and one of our faithful members is presently in hospital, we wish them both a speedy recovery back to full health so that we can once again meet together face to face, I look forward to my coffee and biscuits and to listen to a speaker in the comfort of the Village Hall. So just to back track a little, what was happening in March, 2020? It was on 12th March that we welcomed Gwen Johnson who spoke to us of the "Wildflowers of the Austrian Alps" - an interesting evening. We may recall our January meeting – the Beauty of Hawaii – but with travel restrictions still in force we cannot make any plans but perhaps it may be time to remember the talk we had in February – "Living Churchyards". Ruth Williams spoke to use about how nature flourishes in these sheltered environments and with more people walking during this lockdown times I'm sure churchyards will have been visited and so for now we will continue to look forward with great anticipation to when we can once again gather in the Village Hall. See YOU there. Maureen Casson

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

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Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

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Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

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Art Classes (Graham Whittaker)

Suspended, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

Suspended, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Church flowers (Val Edwards)

As church services are suspended for the moment, and it is Lent anyway there is no need for altar flowers. The church will be open on Sundays, however, from about 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, for private worship – and for Foodbank donations which I will deliver. Direct money donations (for perishable items etc) can also be made: for further information go to lichfield.foodbank.org.uk and follow the link to [donate money](#).

Fly tipping (John Toogood and others)

There's some fly tipping on the A5 near the small lay-by near Rock Hill. I've reported it via the app detailed below, LDC now informed and they have an obligation to remove.

I reported using the clearwaste.com free App.

A fellow villager saw the guy doing it and stopped and challenged him! Got his registration number and also reported it to LDC. They have now been asked to submit an official statement. Let's hope meanwhile they have arrested him and crushed his car and his.....!!

Council guys were outside our house at 9.00am this morning asking where the fly tipping was. Very efficient. Should be praised.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

There is still a lot of correspondence with HS2 and their contractors. Amazing what excuses they come up with for deviations to their commitments. Blame it on the drivers! The parish council decided to keep the precept as last year. No increase to our part of the council charge. Next meeting by zoom on Tuesday 9th March at 7.30pm. Meeting id 2668157941 Password 8BNXs2.

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

Our Church services are still postponed for the foreseeable future because of Covid 19 restrictions which are still affecting the interim and locum vicars and clergy from visiting to take services. Please look out for the dates of future services on our Church notice boards and from our communications.

Even though we are still challenged by the Corona Virus the end of February and into March has become a time of new positivity with Spring now here and the joy of new life all around us. The Corona Virus news is of average cases dropping significantly and the average cases per 7 days dropping consistently. In the first week of January there were 59,973 cses and in the last week in February the 7-day average was down to 9,263 according to Government figures. This is great news and alongside the vaccination plan where to the end of February over 17 million people have been vaccinated

there is continued faith and hope as a nation as we continue to make progress back to the "New Normal".

Coincidentally this is a very important time in our Christian Calendar where the 46 days of Lent began on Ash Wednesday the 17th February and will continue to Saturday the 3rd April. Even with many of us already giving up a lot during the times of lockdown many have still found ways to "Sacrifice" foods, drink and festivity to commit to what is traditionally a time of reflection and preparation for new beginnings towards Easter. Easter brings even further hope and faith with the gift of eternal life to everyone and new life to us all. So, is the "New Normal" happening all over again? According to our beliefs and scriptures, Jesus, his people and his disciples went through to their own "New Normal" to the celebration of new life beyond and new beginnings after the resurrection.

Our foodbank donations continue to be very well supported and again, thank you to all who have taken the time and energy even during the lockdown to come into our Church to donate. Please remember and pass on the message that our Church doors will continue be Open every Sunday and we are asking that all donations are left just inside the Church on a Sunday for us to then make the regular trip to a friend who will then deliver direct to the Foodbank Warehouse in Lichfield.

A prayer for Spring and new beginnings;

Father, thank you for a fresh start today. Thank you for the reminder of "renewal" that spring represents to us in the earth. You "spring forth" a new thing! I am excited and expectant of your goodness in this spring season. Thank you, Father! Prepare me for all the new and wonderful things you have for my life. Help me to let go of the old things that hold me back, the things that do not bring me life, the things that keep me living in the past. I will cling to my new identity in Christ! Help me to keep "springing forward" in my journey with you!

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Suspended - contact Val on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

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St Bartholomew's Church Services March 2021

There are no services for the foreseeable future due to lockdown.

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