

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER March 2022

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 41 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 93 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs (and my time in delivering them, takes about 2 -3 hours or so).

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Our members enjoyed our meeting on Thursday 10th February when we listened to David Wood, a master thatcher, who began learning about thatching as a young teenager even before he left school. The interest began when he was delivering newspapers and began watching progress being made on a roof in the village. There was much to learn from our speaker who brought along various tools and implements as well as hay, straw and reeds and a special tool he had designed himself to help with the final design of curves and scallops that are the final touches before a roof is finished. We were also shown bird tables with thatched roofs which we could order to be a delightful sight in our gardens. On March 10th March we will be welcoming Harry Delaney who will guide us through plant propagation which he calls a 'hands on' experience so we may perhaps need to have our gardening gloves handy, just in case they may be needed. April brings us round to our AGM, but in the meantime, we are planning ahead for a 'Spud in a Tub' competition which will be judged at our August meeting with a prize for the heaviest crop and for the one who has the largest 'Spud' when the tubs are emptied and the harvest is weighed, and so the gardening year moves forward and we see daffs and snowdrops flowering merrily right now so we look forward to spring followed by summer when we have already booked Apple Juicing. Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings on the second Thursday each month, 7.30pm in the village hall.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints walking in March

Dates are Friday the 4th and 18th

Walks start at 10.00. Refreshments served in VH on return.

For more information contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com.

Look forward to seeing you.

Wagon Wheels Line Dancing (Daphne Neill)

Tuesday mornings, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Pilates with Jules (Deb Whittaker)

A New Pilates Class with Jules. Taster Class will be on Monday the 7th at 6.30 in the Village Hall. Taster price will be £5.00. Booking is essential. contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Art Classes (Gill Smith)

Thursday mornings, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Hints website (Kevin Caine)

We receive enquiries from people with historical links to Hints. Martin Holdcroft is putting together the story of his family which includes Richard Holdcroft who was apprenticed to a blacksmith named Samuel Goodwin, and who lived in a cottage owned by Mr Floyer. We had another enquiry from Nick Griffen who has an interest in Elizabeth Griffin (born 1823) who served time in prison before settling back in Hints. If you would like to read more please visit www.hints-village.com/inforeq.htm

St Bartholomew's Church (Lloyd Ansermoz)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our usual evening prayer service on Sunday 6th March at 6.30pm will be paying particular attention through our prayers and thoughts for those who are suffering with the current circumstances in Ukraine. We will be praying and offering support for those who are here in our village from Ukraine and our local area and for those who are desperately in need of help and gravely concerned about family and loved ones.

Please take the time if you can, to come in support.

Lent is with us starting on the 2nd March through to 14th April this year. Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in our Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. So, what are you giving up for 40 days this year?

Our next service in Church will be an Evening Prayer service at 6.30 pm on 6th March and followed by our Eucharist service on the 20th March at 6.30 pm.

On a final note, we are looking forward to seeing you all at Bingo on Saturday 5th, dabbers at the ready! It's not too late to book your tickets with Jane on 07843 077575 or at janeboylee@hotmail.com

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

HS2 have advised the Parish Council about further works that affect Hints. Traffic management on Watling Street at Rock Hill for ground investigations for two days commencing Wednesday 23rd March. This will include some vegetation removal. Overnight lane closures on A5 bypass for the installation of speed cameras. Eastbound on Monday/Tuesday 14/15th March and Westbound Wednesday/Thursday 16/17th March. The missing defibrillator at Quinney Hall has now been replaced and the code to the storage cabinet has been altered. Emergency services have no record of it being used and the police have now closed their file on the incident. We can only assume that someone either knew the code or struck lucky as there was no sign of the cabinet being forced. After the last meeting I took photos of all the potholes and blocked gullies in London Road Canwell and reported them to highways. I am now getting back reports that they have been inspected and most are being put on the "not urgent" list! Next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm in Hints Village Hall. Any member of the public can attend and a time is set aside for them to raise any matters concerning the parish.

Church Flowers & Cleaning (Val Edwards)

During March there will be two evening services in St Bartholomew's on Sunday 6 (Evening Prayer) and Sunday 20 (Eucharist), both services at 18.30. There will be no altar flowers as we are in the season of Lent. However, help with vacuuming and dusting in the church for each service would also be very welcome. If you can help please let me know by contacting me on val.weardrive@btinternet.com or on 480088.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are continuing to meet in March on Mondays 7 and 21 from 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall. As it's a sedentary event, it's always advisable to wrap up warm while the weather is chilly! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available - bring your own mug, if you want - £5 per session (£3 for St Bartholomew's church and £2 for the Pathway Project in Lichfield). New people are always welcome. For further information please contact me on val.weardrive@btinternet.com or on 480088.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services March 2022

Sun 6 March 18:30 Evening Prayer Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Romans 10: 8b-13
Luke 4: 1-13

Sun 20 March 18:30 Parish Eucharist Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Isiah 55: 1-9
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Luke 13: 1-9

The Church is open every day for private prayer