

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

March 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 62 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.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Meet Hints Village Hall, all ages welcome. Friday 13th and 27th March, walks start 10.00. For more details contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

Every Wednesday in the village hall. Beginners 6.30 intermediate 7.40. Also Mondays at 10:30. For more information contact Emma at ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk or 07974 145055.

Hints film "club" (Steve Bourne)

"Knives Out" Saturday 4th April 7:00 bar, 7:30 food, film 8:00 £5 for chilli and jacket, contact steve.bourne@me.com. There are more in the pipeline, Le Mans 66 (Sat 30 May) and 1917 (Sat 1 Aug).

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Sculpture continues! During March we will be looking at the work of baroque sculptors such as Bernini. We meet on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 at the Village Hall courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee. £4 per session (£3 for St Bart's, £1 for the Pathway Project) which includes refreshments. We are a small and very informal group and newcomers are always welcome. For further details contact Val Edwards on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Village quiz (John Toogood)

Village Quiz Saturday 28th March, teams of 6 - £10.00 each, bar at 6:30, quiz at 7:15, fish and chip supper, contact Graham Whittaker (see back page).

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

The pontoon is only £1 per week and all proceeds go to the church. Contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com for details.

St Bartholomew's Church (Lloyd Ansermoz)

The strong winds and the wettest February on record have been battering the Church but as an old, solid built and well-maintained building it is surviving it. We continue to raise the Church profile around our events and of course our services but the good news is that we are still "open for business" and we welcome all of our friends and their families and their friends to our lovely Church. Please remember that the Church is here for all and is open every day for visitors and also available for Weddings, Christenings and Funerals. If you feel that there is an event which you would like to arrange or suggest please let us know. Our Church Services for March where everybody is welcome to attend are on the back page. See the next item from Jeannette.

St Bartholomew's Church (Jeannette White)

Save the dates! Bingo night 25th April, Choir concert 4th July, Barn Dance 17th October. Further details to follow.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Another good meeting of members on Thursday evening 13th February when we welcomed Ruth Williams to talk to us about Living Churchyards. An interesting talk with slides that took us to places in and around Lichfield Diocese, a very large area which reaches to the borders of Wales and with such a variety of churches and churchyards but also included other many other places of special interest throughout our country. Conservation of both wildlife and flowers where churchyards were used for community projects with school children having a special corner and we were even transported back in time to churchyard fairs and archery practice and a far thought from our present day heavily manicured churchyards which are at present considered untidy especially by wedding parties as this may spoil the photographs but the thoughts of churches brewing their own ale back in the past brings us into the present time with so many new ales being brewed with such interesting titles, there is nothing new under the sun. The next meeting of members will be on Thursday 12th March the usual time and place, 7.30pm in the Village hall when we will be welcoming Gwen Johnson to tell us about Wildflowers of the Austrian Alps. April will bring us to our Annual General Meeting and sadly our numbers are dwindling so your loyal support would be appreciated to help us keep this long standing and interesting group running, sadly Pam our Speaker's Secretary will be resigning from this post at the AGM and we give her thanks for her hard work over the years but new members are welcome along to any of the GG meetings and we promise not to land you with a committee job too soon, just come along and enjoy a talk and refreshments.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The Hints breakfast club will be on Sunday 29th March, contact Graham Whittaker to book (see back page).

Sunday walk (and a pint)

Walk from the Village Hall on Sunday 5th April, starting at 11.00. The bar will be open at 12.30. Non-walkers more than welcome to come in for a drink.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

A long serving parish council member, Peter Packwood, has passed on this month. His funeral was at Canwell Church on Wednesday 26th. I am informed that he was elected onto the parish council in 1967. He served for over forty years, twenty-two as chairman.

On a lighter note Highways have eventually, partially sorted the leaking gully in Slade Road. I say partially, as when it now rains heavily, it only leaks when it is raining, and then stops. Been reporting this for over two years. Highways have exceeded themselves with the pothole outside Quinney Hall as they have managed to fix it within a month of being advised! Next meeting at Quinney Hall on Tuesday 10th March at the normal time of 7.30pm.

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

We have been running the line dancing club for a long time now and it is proving to be a big success with the ladies and gentlemen who attend. We are a very friendly group who welcome all newcomers, even offering a free cup of tea or coffee afterwards. If anyone would like to join us please come to one of our classes on Tuesday mornings 10.30 to 11.30, the more the merrier. neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Church Flowers and cleaning rota (Val Edwards)

The services in March are on 1 March (18.30, Eucharist) and 15 March (10.00, Eucharist). As it is customary not to have flowers in church during Lent, altar flowers are not needed, but volunteers for cleaning are always welcome. Contact me on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com. The Bishop's Lent appeal leaflets and envelopes are available at the West end of the Church.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services March 2020

Sun 1 st March	18:30 Eucharist with healing oils Fr Jason
Readings:	Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 Romans 4: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11
Sun 16 th February	10:00 Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
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