

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
May 2019

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 63 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 79 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs. PLEASE NOTE!! Copy is due on 25th of the month. I keep having to remind contributors and have to delay the newsletter while I'm waiting for contributions.

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 Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints Friday walks are 10th and 24th May. Walks start at 10.00. Good pair of stout shoes and the ability to cross stiles. Contact Debbie on 480090 to confirm.

Sunday walk (and a pint)

Walk from the village hall this Sunday 5th May starting at 11.00. The bar will be open at 12.30. Non-walkers more than welcome to come in for a drink.

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

We have been running the line dancing club for quite 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.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast club will be on Sunday 26th May. Contact Graham to book (see back page).

Film Night (Steve Bourne)

Saturday 25th May. "Mary Poppins" Bar 7pm, food (hot pork rolls) 7:15, film 8:00. £5.00. Contact Steve – steve.bourne@me.com or 07976 724581

Social Club Membership (Graham Whittaker)

Membership fee is still only £1 a year. Please renew your membership for the year ending 31 March 2020. New members are always welcome. Contact grahamwhittaker@gmail.com or come along on a Friday evening.

Walking Football (Jonothan, Ladywalk)

I have recently discovered walking football! It's like football but... walking! It's low-impact with no contact but it's a great way to get exercise and is accessible for young and old. Now that the weather is improving I was wondering if there is any interest in starting a regular, relaxed game in Hints? For example, a small group of 6 players could play in an area a little larger than a tennis court. I'm sure there is somewhere suitable within walking distance. If you'd like to play or ref (blow a whistle if someone breaks into a jog!) you can contact me at hintswalkingfootball@openmailbox.org

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Classes are resuming again after the Easter break on Monday 6 May, continuing to look at western sculpture. We meet Monday evenings in the Village Hall, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee, from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. £4 per session (£3 for St Bart's church, £1 for the Pathway Project) including refreshments. For further details contact Val on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Church Flowers (Val Edwards)

Altar flowers are needed for the church services this month on 5th and 19th May. For "ordinary" services we normally have just two small vases of flowers for the altar. All contributions to the floral decoration of the church (which makes the impact of the intrinsically lovely building even more stunning) will be gratefully received. The church is open every day from about 8.30 am to 6.30 pm, so its interior (including the floral decorations) can easily be seen and enjoyed. If anyone would like to provide flowers for either of the services, please contact Val on 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

The AGM was held on Thursday 11th April, reports were given of financial status and it was confirmed that the annual fee for members would remain the same as 2018/19 and thanks were given to Kevin for his comprehensive report. The Chairman, it was confirmed and agreed that Geoff would remain in this post as would the remainder of the committee. Thanks were given to Pam Speakers Secretary for the interesting visits and speakers we had enjoyed in the past year and Pam also outlined the proposals for 2019/20 so we look forward to welcoming Andy Holt on May 9th who will be speaking about Kingfishers, such delightful and interesting birds, we look forward to the evening with interest. The members enjoyed socializing after the meeting and enjoyed the light refreshments, why not come along and join us at the next meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 9th May in Village Hall, everyone welcome.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Only five candidates stood for the seven seats on the parish council so they are elected unopposed. At the first meeting of the new council they will be looking to co-op suitable interested people to fill the two remaining positions. This will be at the annual meeting on Tuesday 14th May in Hints village hall at 7pm. Any interested persons can put their names forward to the parish clerk or the chairman. On another point of interest, the Staffordshire Police and crime Commissioner, Mathew Ellis, has agreed to attend this meeting to address any local issues of concern. The annual meeting will be followed by a full council meeting when time is set aside for the public to have a say on local issues. Although the flooding at Weeford Lodge appears to have been sorted, London Road Canwell is still awaiting the gullies to be cleared to alleviate the flooding outside Wellsmead Mowers. The parking problem at Mile Oak is regularly raised with Highways and the police all to no avail. The next meeting is on Tuesday July 9th at Hints Village Hall. Follow us on our web site hintswithcanwell.co.uk

Beetle Drive (Peter Edwards)

The annual beetle drive was well attended and with Lloyd's assistance plus Jeannette and Sally we raised £254 for the Church.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services May 2019

Sun 5 th May	18:30	Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:		Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20) Revelation 5: 11-end John 21:1-19
Sun 19 th May	10:00	Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:		Acts 11: 1-18 Revelation 21: 1-6 John 13: 31-35