

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER May 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 60 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.

To the people living on Watling St – a special request. Kevin and Helen have decided they're not going to deliver newsletters by hand. Val and I will do it this month but 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.

Most of the entries are "suspended due to COVID-19" so this newsletter will be a bit truncated!

Deaths (Peter Edwards)

I have to report 3 deaths as follows:

Ruth Lewis (Weeford)

Arthur Hayes

Valerie Smith (wife of our guest Organist Glyn Smith)

Hints helpers (John Toogood)

These people have volunteered to assist if needed

Lynn Turton 07964 170772

Lou Jones 07968 819406

Tracey Reeley 07472 277811

Cerilyn Jackson 07525 014364

Peter Jackson 07767 266662

Peter and Wendie Skerritt 01543 481850.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Suspended, debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

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

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

Suspended, steve.bourne@me.com

St Bartholomew's Church (Jeannette White)

All is suspended, watch this space for others. Jeannette 480066.

Village Quiz (John Toogood)

Suspended

And if you're fed up with OUR lockdown! - Val Edwards

I had an email last week from an old university friend who now lives in the Charente in France and my disgruntlement with the restrictions that we are subject to was completely knocked on the head when I read what Helen had to say:

'France being France, the lockdown is very precise and very bureaucratic. You can only go out if you have with you a signed document (an "attestation") which is marked with the time of your departure and gives the purpose of your journey. There are only seven boxes you can tick, including going to work if you can't work from home (and you have to have a further letter from your employer saying your physical presence is indispensable), going shopping at "essential" retail premises (and there's a list of what counts as essential on the French government website so you can't get round that one easily), going to the doctors etc, visiting relatives who are "vulnerable people", or taking light exercise close to your home (ie walking the dog). Each time you go out, you must have a new attestation. If you don't have your attestation with you, or if your purpose is not on the list, you can be fined 135€ for a first offence, increasing thereafter. And only one person per car!'

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Suspended, 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

Suspended - neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Although our meetings are suspended due to this time of isolation on behalf of our members, I give grateful thanks for the community spirit that is very visible at this time with all the kind offers of help with shopping and support. I would like to think that perhaps our gardens are getting more attention than usual at this time and share ...

"Flowers of the Future, by Kathleen Partridge.

These little brown husks in the palm of my hand,
Are the flowers of the future that nature has planned,
I can blow them away and they'll fly fare and wide,
But a few will take root in the far countryside.

Here the secrets of life in these few fragments remain,
To be touched by the magic of sunshine and rain,
What colourful treasures are here in my keeping,
In the palm of my hand summer flowers are sleeping."
Keep safe and healthy.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

Suspended (no football) Graham Whittaker (see back page) for details.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Not much happening with this lockdown. Just a small item this month. During this period of lockdown the Parish council are not very active except for arranging a list of volunteers willing to run errands for self-isolating parishioners. The parish council have been given some hand sanitizer and gloves via County Councillor David Smith to redistribute to local volunteers. They have been distributed to those volunteers we know of. Further details will be posted on the web site when available. Keep safe!

Back into history (Janet Clarke)

I've been delving back into history again – sorting through cupboards and came across some old village newsletters and found a copy of the SAFARI TREK 1985. This started from the village hall at 7.00pm. Tickets cost £2.25 for adults, children under 14 £1.75 and included supper. On reading through it I wonder whether at some time in the far off future we could do this trek again, with a few major alterations! The price of tickets would be increased, of course. In the same newsletter there was a list of diary dates from May to December, starting with the Safari Trek, in July a Barbecue and "It's a Knockout", in September a "Around the World" evening with food and music from foreign lands. In October "A Magic Evening and Supper" This event was so popular and tickets were limited and in great demand and in December a "Christmas Party and Disco."

In 1987 it was reported that the Garden Guild's first year had been most successful and very well supported. Membership stood at forty and was increasing all the time with several visitors attending the monthly meetings. Each month there was an excellent speaker and December's meeting was a Quiz put together by John Smith, followed by mincepies and home-made punch. (Sad to say that membership now is extremely low). There were two Pool Teams "A" team and "B" team, both doing very well.

Robert Spurrier, Village Hall Chairman reported that 1986 had been an eventful time. The guttering on the hall and many other jobs would soon be attended to by a village workforce. Plans had been drawn up and submitted for an extension to the hall. Iron gates had been erected on the front porch for extra security.

A Social Club Report was reported by Chris Clarke, Chairman, each month. Membership stood at 146.

And finally

"We must not forget that the really big things of life are the little things, the things of our village and home which affect us so much more directly than international events."

Montagu C. Allwood

Church Flowers and cleaning rota (Val Edwards)

We are unable to open the church now, that means nobody can get in to do flowers. Hopefully we will get back to normal soon so I'm asking if anyone wants to do flowers and/or cleaning in the future, so let me know!

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St Bartholomew's Church Services May 2020

No services this month due to coronavirus.

Sorry we cannot even open the Church for private solitude

You can look on YouTube for Lichfield Cathedral services online or try

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE3ms1p4lsp1-svlnfL9xYQ>