

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER May 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 43 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 we may all have begun to wonder if we would escape from the pandemic and isolation and a year and a half has elapsed since our last meeting of members but with the welcome news that the Village Hall is opening on 21st May. this is an excellent step forward towards normality, whatever this may mean as things begin to unfold in the 'new' world, post pandemic. Sadly garden guilders have no plans at present towards the next step forward and I guess we will need to hold the 2020 AGM as our first step forward but in the meantime we are still invited to Zoom meeting with the Tender Shoots Garden Club at Barlaston, but zoom or no zoom there is nothing better than meeting face to face to swap garden stories, hints and tips and to enjoy listening to a speaker (for real). Our gardens are still growing and as I look for my window I see my flowering cherry is in full bloom but sadly this glorious display is often short lived, but the tulips are still bright and cheerful, the last of the daffs are still to be dead headed, the clematis is growing and budding up, the passion flower is waking up and the election is on the horizon of 6th May and yet sadly still many people are frightened that they can catch covid and I feel grateful that the vaccines programme seems to be having an effect and I feel sure that our younger folk will be pleased when they receive a notice of a date for their jab. Things in life are constantly moving forward just the same as our gardens are pushing up the weeds as well as the flowers and veg and I feel sure that in the foreseeable future we will feel able to begin putting plans forward to recommence our Garden Guild and leave behind the dark days of lockdown. I share this poem.

The garden at dusk.

In the cool of a garden when evening draws in
Serenity waits where the shadows begin,
In the fragrance of dusk and the murmur of clover
The cares that we carry pass peacefully over.
Flowers in the fullness shed blessings about
And turmoil of living fades quietly out
Hope glimmers through with the evening star

And anxieties shrink to the size that they are.

Keep healthy and don't overdo the gardening and weeding just relax and enjoy.

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

Restarting 18 May, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Suspended, debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

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Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

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

Art Classes (Graham Whittaker)

Restarting 20th May, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Church flowers (Val Edwards)

We have two 18.30 Eucharist services with Revd Stephen Mayes in May, on Sunday 2 May and Sunday 16 May. I am probably not in a position personally to do altar flowers for 2 May, but hopefully will be able to do so on 16 May. If anyone would like to provide altar flowers for either of these dates, please let me know – 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The annual parish council meeting will be held by Zoom on Tuesday 4th May at 7 o'clock. This is an open meeting when members of the public are invited to speak and ask questions. It will be followed by a regular parish council meeting, at 7.30, when there is a limited time for public interaction. Access to the Zoom meeting ID is 2668157941 passcode 8BNXs2. The parish council web site is regularly updated with meeting minutes and councillors' details. Anyone wishing to raise items can pre advise the clerk on clerk@hintswithcanwellpc.co.uk There is also a Hints Village web site, supported by the parish council, that also gives news etc. of things happening in the village. There is also John Toogood's face page list of people who get local village updates. I understand that there is also another Hints Village face book page that repeats most of the information already available on the established local communication sites. After the meeting on 4th May the next meeting will be sometime in July, depending on what covid restrictions apply at the time.

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

Spring is in the air and the wonderful spring sunshine is a nice change from the dreary last few weeks and months of lockdown. The new roadmap to recovery for our nation seems to be working for now as we all try to return to the "New Normal" but with many changes we made in the past year making sense just to carry on with. The reopening of our Church on Easter Sunday was a wonderful day for us all and the attendance and support of over 20 of our friends and Neighbours was so pleasing to see, thank you to

everybody for making Easter so special and for recognising what Easter really is, the celebration of new life in the resurrection of Jesus. As Hospitality slowly reopens again it will be great to see our village Hall opening on Friday May 21st at 5.00pm. Table service only will be in place which I personally think should be one those changes we should carry on with, it's nice to be waited on for a change! It will be great to see everybody again after such very challenging times.

Thursday May 13th is Ascension Day which celebrates Jesus's ascension to heaven. After forty days since Jesus astounded his Apostles and Disciples by his resurrection and after ministering to them since then, it is time for him to return to his Father in heaven. This is a significant time in the Christian calendar as it shows that he has returned to Heaven after completing his time on Earth and now fervently desires to make heaven *our* true home as well and faith that there is a new life to come in Heaven. He now leaves us to carry on the faith and pass on his good news, words and prayers whilst he continues to watch over us until his return is granted by God. **Our Church Services for May are Sunday the 2nd and Sunday 16th both at 6.30 pm** and both will be led by the Rev'd Canon Stephen Mayes. As always, everybody will be very warmly welcomed. Usual social distancing and wearing of face coverings will still be in place and unfortunately still no singing of Hymns but still lovely music from our wonderful organist, Glyn during the service. Our Church is also open every Sunday for private prayer and for the Lichfield foodbank donations to be left for collection and delivery.

A prayer for Ascension.

*Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May we be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for us and may we do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! In remembering this glorious event, help us to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father.
Amen*

Safety in School Lane (Muriel Buckley and many others)

There is a livery yard at the bottom of School Lane. Please would people be aware there may be horses using School Lane, and walkers and dogs, so please would they take extra care, especially around the blind bends on the lower section of the Lane. A couple of riders have had very near misses over the last couple of weeks.

Art for St Barts (Val Edwards)

Still suspended! After the Government announcement on 17 May, we may have more of an idea when it is at least permissible to restart! Watch this space in the June newsletter.

Village update (John Toogood)

On Friday May 21st at 5pm, your Village Hall will be opening for the benefit of all members and their guests. Table service only will apply and there will be a maximum of 6 allowed per table. Tables will be available inside and outside weather permitting.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services May 2021

Sun 2 May	Said Eucharist Acts 8: 26-end 1 John 4: 7-end John 15: 1-8	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Sun 16 May	Said Eucharist Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end 1 John 5: 9-13 John 17: 6-19	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes

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Also, to leave donations for the Lichfield food bank.