

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER May 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 40 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 94 "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)

So, now we start a new and fresh beginning for Garden Guild after the AGM where everything was discussed and accounts agreed and I am pleased to announce that Geoff has agreed to stay as Chairman for another year. His time in office was sadly disrupted and interrupted by the Covid epidemic from which we all suffered but now that things are much more settled and the vaccines are taking effect, we are all able to feel more confident as we gather together in the Village Hall once again, but for the next couple of months members are booked to be out and about locally. The AGM ended with a pleasant and chatty time to socialize over tea, coffee and nibbles and as always, a raffle. On a personal note, the green leaves of my 'spud in a tub' are now showing growth and I assume will soon reach the top of the tub but listening to fellow members theirs seem to be more advanced than mine but what is happening inside the tub will only be visible when we reach the time for the weigh in which could be an interesting time to see who may have had the heaviest crop or who may have grown the largest potato. (Ed - ours is about 3 feet high!) I'm sure we will all look forward to the prizegiving in August. On 12th May we will be visiting Brookside Nursery at the slightly earlier time of 7pm and we will be looking forward to a pleasant, enjoyable and informative evening.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints walking in May

Dates are Friday the 13th and 27th

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

For more information contact debjmwhtaker@gmail.com.

Wagon Wheels Line Dancing (Daphne Neill)

Tuesday mornings, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Art Classes (Gill Smith)

Thursday mornings, contact Gill Smith (see back page - note new phone number)

Cherry tree (Ruth Petford)

Our cherry tree is in full bloom this year, see the flyer or come and see for yourself at Botley House. (Ed - the pictures don't show the full colour, you'll have to have a look yourself. Also take a walk though Snake Hill to see the bluebells, they are fantastic this year)

Celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee (Deb Whittaker)

Red, white and blue theme, extreme hats, tiaras and crowns. ECCENTRICITY rules for this light hearted event. A village picnic is being planned to celebrate this momentous occasion at the Village Hall. The date is Friday the 3rd of June at 1 pm Please let me know if you are planning to join us. Please see the attached flyer or contact Deb Whittaker at debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Pilates with Jules (Deb Whittaker)

Class will be on Tuesdays, start 6.15 in the Village Hall. Booking is essential contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

St Bartholomew's Church (Lloyd Ansermoz)

I can't believe it's the end of April already which is such a special month for us at Church as the 40 days of lent passed into Easter. Thank you to you all for your attendance and good will at our Easter morning service on the 17th and apologies for not being present, but I still found time at the local estuary beach when we were on holiday at sunrise to pray and give thanks for the life and resurrection of our saviour Jesus Christ and then the sacrifice he made for us all.

Our services in May are set out at the back page, on the evenings of the 1st and 15th of May. Please feel free to join us again and as always you will be made very welcome.

Following various discussions and requests we have now been able to create a fund to help local Ukrainian refugee families who are already and will be living within our community. With such a strong connection to our Church and throughout our village and with Manor Farm and Mariya we have requested that people within our community help us by donating high street vouchers that we can gift to the families who have been and are going through such difficult times after fleeing their homeland and arriving with very little. The vouchers such as "Love to Shop", Boots and other high street stores enable immediate access to essential items and clothing to help get through the first few weeks and months after arriving in a strange but welcoming community. Our Church will be open for donations of vouchers every Friday between 10.00 and 12.00 midday so please feel free to come in and join us for tea or coffee at the same time. Our first donation day last Friday, 22nd raised an incredible £275 for the fund so a huge thank you to all those who have already donated.

At our **Evening Prayer service on Sunday 1st May** we will continue in prayer for the people and the country of Ukraine. For those who may not be able to make our service please see a further prayer for you to consider:

God of peace and justice, send your blessing on the people of Ukraine.

Sustain them in their courage, hold them in their fear, protect them from all danger and be for them the hope they desire; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Lord God of hosts, we pray for those who choose war this day, taking the blood of others. You set before us the day when swords will be turned into ploughshares, so direct the leaders of the world to seek the peace and courage of the one who made peace, not by blood taken, but by blood given, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

We are still awaiting highways to arrange the painting of "slow" signs in School Lane. We know the current financial year has just started but we are hoping it will be one of the first projects to be sanctioned. A concerning planning application has been submitted for further development at Lamb Farm Canwell. Planning 22/00513/FUL which is available to view on the Lichfield planning site. Next council meeting on 10th May will be the annual parish assembly starting in Hints village Hall at 7 pm. to be followed immediately by a normal parish meeting.

Church Flowers & Cleaning (Val Edwards)

Services in May will be on Sunday 1 and Sunday 15, both at 18.30. If anyone would like to do two small flower arrangements for the altar vases, that would be most appreciated, as would help with vacuuming and dusting in the church for each service. If you can help, please let me know by contacting me on val.weardrive@btinternet.com or on 480088.

There will also be a work party on Saturday 21 May, at 11.00 to give the church a spring clean after the interruptions of the pandemic, so anyone who would like to come along and wield a duster, polish a lectern or shove a vacuum cleaner around, please do!

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are due to meet in May on Mondays 9th and 23rd from 14:00 to 16:00 in the Village Hall. 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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2022 (Val Edwards)

These meetings – to receive the annual accounts and reports for the church and to elect the churchwarden(s) and parochial church council representatives – will take place in St Bartholomew's Church on Wednesday 18 May at 19.30. Parishioners who are on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote at the meetings. Residents of the parish and non-residents who worship regularly at St Bartholomew's are also entitled to enrol. If you are not already enrolled, and would like to be so, please contact me on val.weardrive@btinternet.com or on 480088.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services May 2022

Sun 1 May	18:30 Evening Prayer	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
	Acts 9: 1-6)7-20)	
	Revelation 5: 11-end	
	John 21: 1-19	
Sun 15 May	18:30 Parish Eucharist	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
	Acts 11: 1-18	
	Revelation 21: 1-6	
	John 13: 31-35	

The Church is open every day for private prayer