

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER November 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 52 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 86 "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.

This production of this month's newsletter has been disrupted, delayed and made an unpleasant task because of an ongoing disagreement as to the publication of an item about the frustrations and heartbreak caused by HS2, both with regard to historical matters and to the current work on Rookery Lane. Having received an email objecting to my publishing this, I have decided to publish only this statement. Considering I have no part in the disagreement, I found the objecting email unnecessarily officious (from a fellow villager who could have easily spoken to me personally to resolve the issue). Why I should be lectured as if I were a naughty child or a lawbreaker, I do not know. In the interests of impartiality, I have not published **anything** regarding HS2 this month.

I have therefore decided that this will be the last newsletter that I edit. Given there are other means of mass communication around Hints, there may be no need for a newsletter, but if there is a demand, I am sure there are younger and more robust potential editors in the village who will take over the task and who will be less upset than I am by hectoring interventions in the compiling of the newsletter. I would only warn potential replacements, however, that not everyone adheres to Oscar Wilde's plea "don't shoot the pianist, he's doing his best!"

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

At the time of writing the trees are in their autumn foliage, whichever way you drive into or out of the village there is some fresh vista to enjoy, all around are reds, gold and yellow and yet still the greens will remain and hold their places all through the winter time. The clocks have changed, we are back on GMT and I feel sure we are all still deeply concerned about the pandemic, we are blessed that we are not in complete lockdown locally but for the present, but we are still unable to plan ahead to begin again a new programme for our Garden Guild members to enjoy, so its now time to remember a few past highlights. A few times we have visited Manor Farm and after an informative walk around have enjoyed the testy strawberries. We have visited Brookside Nurseries and gained much knowledge of plants and planting and Middleton Hall, the gardens and the Peel Museum, all so local to us and we hope to again visit these places and recapture the ambience. In times past our members have so often contributed to the Open Gardens and Flower Festivals with displays in church. I remember clearly one of our members capturing in flowers the poem – The Gardener – and another using the theme of – A broken Pot – but for the time being although we are not meeting our thoughts will remain with each other and sharing our garden plans for the spring, for me I've planted tulips so if and when we are once again free to meet I feel sure our committee will encourage all villagers to come along to a meeting. (The refreshments are always excellent)

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Suspended, debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

Suspended, steve.bourne@me.com

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

Limited numbers, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Macmillan Christmas Raffle - Val Edwards

For the last three years we have held a Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew's church, but of course were unable to do so this year because of Coronavirus. I have received tickets to sell from Macmillan for a Christmas Raffle which they are holding. If anyone would like to buy a ticket, please contact me. Also, if the usual supporters of the coffee morning think it a good idea, we could send a collective donation to them as an alternative way of supporting them. If you are interested in either or both of these suggestions, contact me on: 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Art Classes (Graham Whittaker)

Limited numbers, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

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

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The parish council are working with residents to relay their concerns about traffic using School Lane and Rookery Lane to access the HS2 construction site. The police did an open afternoon on Quiney Hall car park Saturday 17th, a few people attended. Work has started to convert farm buildings to residential at Lamb Farm Canwell. Our next meeting will be virtual on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm. Any one wishing to be invited to attend can get details from the parish clerk at clerk@hintswithcanwellpc.co.uk.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Art for St Bart is thankfully able to continue on Monday evenings. We will need to adhere to the Village Hall's Covid Conditions including following any one-way system in force, complying with hand sanitising procedures and observing social distancing, wearing face masks, etc. If you have a smartphone and are able to download the Covid tracing app that would be extremely helpful. Otherwise an email or phone contact is required for tracing purposes. So, Monday evenings, 7.30 to 9.30, each session £4 - £3 for St Bart's and £1 for the Pathway Project. I'll sort the paraphernalia for refreshments - tea, coffee, milk etcetera - but would everyone bring their own mask and mug (and sugar if they take it). New people always welcome! For further details contact me on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

We still await further news from the Diocese about our future services and possible merging with other Church groups. Father Jason's last service at St Barts will be on Sunday 1st November and we will have Dr Trevor James leading our Remembrance Service on Sunday the 8th November from 10.00 a.m. Please come and help us to remember those who gave their lives for us to be able to live ours. Our Church services in November will be on **Sunday 1st at 18:30, Sunday 8th (Remembrance Service 10:00) and Sunday 15th November at 18.30**. Please feel free to join us for our shortened but still very meaningful services, you will be made very welcome. New Covid-19 rules have unsurprisingly been added to the confusion and challenges we were already experiencing. We see that our Government are negotiating and enforcing local restrictions in high risk regions and then up to the point of very high, with some regions being in full lockdown causing anxiety for many and frustration that our elected leaders are changing things as more results and analysis come to light. We are being told of a "second wave" and obviously, we all need to adhere as much as we possibly and physically can to the advice and guidelines we are being given to keep ourselves and others safe and protected.

As a parallel, in November we will be remembering those who have given their lives for our country to remain free and democratic. These Men and Women and the whole of our nations people fought on against an enemy threat that was very scary and life threatening. In recent years, the enemy has changed but the fight goes on to protect and keep our democracy and to keep us safe as our people and as a Nation. Hero's take many guises and we should be very proud and grateful that so many people see the faith and hope through the most challenging of times and fight on through faith, love and hope for the cause of good.

As believers we know, there will always be hope and comfort in God's word to give us faith and belief through hard and challenging times in all areas of our lives. We are all currently living in strange and challenging times but there is always love, hope and belief to keep us strong. I recently came across these Interesting and thoughtful words from the late American Christian missionary, John C. Broger, who also served in the US Military. He said;

"The hope that God has provided for you is not merely a wish. Neither is it dependent on other people, possessions, or circumstances for its validity. Instead, biblical hope is an application of your faith that supplies a confident expectation in God's fulfilment of his promises. Coupled with faith and love, hope is part of the abiding characteristics in a believer's life"

Village Social Club (John Toogood)

There's some nearly expired stock available for sale at VERY reduced prices. The list is continuing to vary so if you're interested *contact* John Toogood 07920 510778 before they are binned!

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St Bartholomew's Church Services November 2020

Sun 1 Nov	18:30 Said Eucharist	Fr Jason
	Revelations 7: 9-end, Psalm 131, Luke 14: 12-14	
Sun 8 Nov	10:00 Remembrance Service	Dr Trevor James
	Solomon 6: 12-16, Thess 4: 13-end, Matthew 25: 1-13	
Sun 15 Nov	18:30 Said Eucharist	Revd Canon Stephen Mayes
	Zephaniah 1: 1:7, 12-end, 1 Thess 5: 1-11, Matthew 25: 14-30	