

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER October 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 61 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.

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz, Churchwarden)

Dear Friends and Neighbours - we need your help. We are holding an open meeting in the Hints Village Hall on the Evening of Thursday 31st October at 7.00 pm and we would very much welcome your attendance. Our Village Church and Churchyard is in danger of being closed down and left unattended and abandoned due to the lack of consistent funds. Closure is imminent and could be as soon as December this year. The Church doors and gates are at risk of being locked for good unless we are able to obtain more consistent funding. Our beautiful and graceful Church was built in 1883 and is still in relatively good order for its age but to keep the Church open and in good order we currently have to find just over £1,000 per month. Unfortunately the current income is below this and therefore current funds are running out rapidly. Our Church is an integral part of our Village structure and beauty so closing it down will result in dilapidation and inevitably a blot on the landscape with gates and doors chained and padlocked and windows boarded up which will also attract all types of unsavoury and unwanted characters into the village. (Lead theft and break ins are common to unattended Churches). The Grounds and Churchyard will be become abandoned and overgrown very quickly. Who wants to see that in our village of natural beauty? But all is not lost and you can help by supporting us to keep our church open and your ideas and suggestions would be very much appreciated. Could you please let me know if you can attend the meeting on the 31st October by email (lloyd@fidelisgroup.co.uk) or text or just by giving me a call on 07900 606070. If you can't make the meeting but have some ideas on how to help please feel free to call me directly. We look forward to hearing from you.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

The pontoon is only £1 week and all proceeds go to the church. Contact grahamwhittaker@gmail.com for details.

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.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The breakfast is on Sunday 27 October and only costs £5. Please contact grahamwhittaker@gmail.com to book.

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.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are continuing to meet on Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30 at the Village Hall, and are taking a wide-ranging look at sculpture: during the autumn we will be covering medieval and Renaissance works ranging from the anonymous figures in church architecture to works by famous sculptors such as Donatello and Michelangelo. £4 per session, including refreshments. All proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church (£3) and the Pathway Project (£1). For further details contact Val on 480088, or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

On Thursday 12th September our members were out and about, but not too far away, just in Little Hay visiting a garden in the yellow book scheme which had been opened specially for us to visit in the evening. Sadly, very few members came along to see this delightful but sloping garden with its paths leading into small areas tightly packed with bushes and flowers of many colours and after the tour to enjoy refreshments. The cakes were a delight as we relaxed in the evening sunshine in a little courtyard and as I won a raffle prize I will look forward to seeing the spring flowers in due time. and to recall this very interesting evening event. The next Garden Guild meeting will be back in the Village Hall on 10th October for a talk on The Lichfield and Hatherton Canal restoration. Our speaker will be Bob Williams the director of this exciting project which takes into account our environment, a subject very much on everyone's minds at present. Everyone welcome to come along and join us at 7.30pm on 10th October, tea and biscuits are always served and Jan and Linda will be on duty on this occasion.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints Friday walks are 11th and 25th October. 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 on Sunday 6th October starting at 11.00. The bar will be open at 12.30. Non-walkers more than welcome to come in for a drink.

Variety night (John Toogood)

For your delight and delectation on 5th October, Chris King will be providing Music and Humour to suit all tastes. Chris has entertained us in the past which is why we've asked him to come back. This great night of entertainment will include a Fish and Chip dinner during a short break in the proceedings all for the price of **£15 per head**. We strongly advise you to book your tickets early by emailing me john@johntoogood.co.uk. I will then send you a reply advising you of the arrangements for paying.

Halloween Party (Deb Whittaker)

Saturday 2nd November 7pm, 3 course supper, Monster Music, Ghoulish Games. Fancy dress or black, £10, contact Deb 480090 or email debjmwhittaker@gmail.com.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The parish council wish to welcome our new clerk, Gemma Burgess, who is settling in well. We have recently had some repointing work done above the Quinney Hall kitchen window as well as clearing some self-seeded scrub from the side of the hall. We anticipated that this could have caused some problems if left to mature into trees. Both village defibrillators are now on a national register which is updated on a regular basis. The proposed land exchange has now been abandoned and we will be looking at ways to encourage more use of the existing field. Any suggestions from the public would be very welcome. Highways have, at last, cleared most of the gullies down London Road, but there was still flooding outside Wellsmead Mowers on Tuesday. Grants have now been forwarded to both churches towards the maintenance of their grave yards. Next parish meeting in Hints Village Hall on Tuesday 12th November. All welcome to express views on parish matters during the fifteen-minute public session.

Church Flowers (Val Edwards)

The services this month are on Sunday 6th and 20th October. The service on 6th October is our Harvest Praise and donations of produce and of flowers to decorate the windows, would be very gratefully accepted. We normally send the food donations to the Pathway Project which utilises both fresh and packet or tinned food in setting up basic larders for domestic violence victims when they are rehoused after seeking help. Following on from the service, at approximately 7.30 pm, there will be wine, cheese and nibbles in the church.

In addition, If anyone would like to provide the altar flowers for the service on 20th October, please contact Val on 480088, or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning (Val Edwards)

Thanks to all those who donated, helped and attended. Currently we raised £470.

Barn Dance (Jeannette White)

Another successful Barn Dance has raised £280 for St. Bartholomew's. Although the number of people attending the event was down on our 1st Barn Dance in March 2019. Everyone there said "what an enjoyable night". A big thank you to everyone who gave raffle prizes and cakes (and who attended!)

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St Bartholomew's Church Services October 2019

Sun 6th October 18:30 Harvest Praise

Dr Trevor James

Readings:

Lamentations 1: 1-6

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Sun 15th September

10:00 Parish Eucharist

Fr Jason

Readings:

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4:5

Luke 18: 1-8