

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER October 2020

### **Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)**

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. I need to print 54 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 84 "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. Most of the entries are "suspended due to COVID-19" so this newsletter will be a bit truncated!

### **Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)**

Sadly many Covid 19 restrictions are still with us for the present time and many more new guidelines, we have had no face to face meetings of members but during September our members will each have received the latest issue of 'Garden Matters' – the third since all the restrictions were put in place and we hope that the contents will have helped us all to keep in touch. Unfortunately our Chairman has been into hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery hoping and praying that he will be 'fighting fit' for the next time we meet as a group in the Village Hall, but in the meantime many of our members are steadily working through garden ideas and projects and I personally will be looking forward to some of the colourful displays that will no doubt appear with planting of spring bulbs that is happening at the present time. A couple of our members have been out and about visiting Woollerton Old Hall and giving us excellent pictures and a report in the latest Garden Matters which reminded another of our members of the speaker we had at one of our past meetings and the time we had a coach trip and visited this delightful garden. We have also been looking back at some of the times past but no one has been in touch yet about the date we visited Clacks Farm in the early days of Gardeners World which we are still enjoying watching on TV, taking note of the hard graft of many others to bring many delights to our eyes as we relax and hopefully not fall asleep in the arm chair after grafting in the garden. I thought you may enjoy this first verse of this poem ...

TOMORROW WAITS.

We can never say at the end of the day,  
My work is accomplished, my duty is done.  
We can never say every hope has been realised,  
Each plan is perfected each aim has been won.  
Happy and healthy gardening everyone.

### **HS2 works in village (Deb Whittaker)**

There's lots of heavy traffic down Rookery Lane at present. HS2 have issued a document but it's far too big to put here – look at <https://hs2instaffs.commonplace.is/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1570552199785685>

### **Art Classes (Graham Whittaker)**

Limited numbers, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

### **Pilates (Emma Wollaston)**

Suspended, [ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk) or 07974 145055.

### **Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)**

Seems to be a bit more activity on the council front after a long time in lockdown. The dead tree at Quinney Hall has now been removed. The police are to have a Surgery on Quinney Hall car Park Saturday 17th October between 2-4 pm, another chance for those who may have missed the recent one at Hints. County Councillor David Smith has a small amount of financial support for village halls suffering from loss of income due to Covid 19. Lichfield Council also has various contacts offering support. The contact is the projects and funding officer Sophie Carroll who can be contacted through the parish clerk or direct [Sophie.Carroll@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:Sophie.Carroll@lichfielddc.gov.uk). The parish council has raised the excess amount of HS2 heavy traffic coming through Hints. We understood the all traffic was to access along the line from Bucks Head Farm. Some activity after working hours has been by people during a bat survey. Obviously bats are nocturnal creatures so any survey has to be done when they are active. There is a current pre planning application to convert a redundant barn in Canwell to two residential properties. Planning 20/01234/PND Our next council meeting is scheduled for November 10th. Probably a Zoom meeting again. Members of the public are invited to attend. Log on details can be obtained from the parish clerk nearer the date. Any questions should be notified in advance to [clerk@hintswithcanwellpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hintswithcanwellpc.co.uk)

### **PCSO update (Maggie Griffiths)**

Thanks to all who attended the street meeting. For more information go to [www.staffordshire.police.uk](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk)

### **Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)**

Art for St Bart reconvened for Monday evenings from 21 September onwards. 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. At present we are continuing with sculpture: once things seem to be settled we'll discuss and decide on a new theme. 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 mug (and sugar if they take it). New people always welcome! For further details contact me on 01543 480088 or [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com).

### **Hints helpers (John Toogood)**

These people have volunteered to assist if needed

Lynn Turton	07964 170772
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Tracey Reeley	07472 277811
Cherilyn Jackson	07525 014364
Peter Jackson	07767 266662
Peter and Wendie Skerritt	01543 481850.

### **Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)**

Still suspended Graham Whittaker (see back page) for details.

### **Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)**

Limited numbers, contact [neilldaphne@yahoo.com](mailto:neilldaphne@yahoo.com).

### **Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)**

Suspended, [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com)

### **Hints film club (Steve Bourne)**

Suspended, [steve.bourne@me.com](mailto:steve.bourne@me.com)

### **St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)**

We have had recent news that Father Jason is now imminently departing for pastures new. Father we send you off with our gratitude for your time with us, congratulations and blessings as you continue to serve the Lord as He calls you to Mid Trent, Good Luck and God Bless. We await further news from the Diocese about our future and possible merging with other groups. A communication to all will be sent out from the PCC as it happens. Our October Church services will be on **SUNDAY 4TH and 18TH OCTOBER at 6.30 PM**. Please feel free to join us for our shortened but very meaningful services, you will be made very Welcome. Just as we thought we were coming out of the woods we have been well and truly dragged right back in again! With new restrictions and the discussions around a "second wave" from our Government we still have many restrictions and practices to remember, wear a face covering at all times is now one of the new instructions and gatherings of only six within in your own "Bubble" or within your own family etc. Although the new rules alongside the previous rules can be confusing we all try to cope and get along as best we can. An elderly lady at one of the Care Villages we work at was quick to remind me to put things into perspective just last week when she said "We had it a lot worse than this you know! We were being bombed and shot at from the sky, food was being rationed and our men and children were taken away but we kept that spirit and belief and it all came right in the end". This gave me a moment of perspective and gratitude again for all of those people who went through those times and many who gave their lives for us to be in the democracy and freedom that we have in our Nation today. Faith and belief in getting through the tough times is so important and God is there for us even when we have doubt in our minds that He is not. As a reminder of the Lords faith you may have seen the following piece before which is one of my favourites from years gone by:

***One Night I had a dream, I dreamt that I was on a Beach with the Lord, Across the sky flashed scenes from my life and for each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and the other to the Lord.***

***I looked back at the footprints in the sand and I noticed that many times along the path there was only one set of footprints.***

***I also noticed that it happened at the lowest and saddest times of my life which bothered me and so I questioned the Lord about it.***

***Lord you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way but I have noticed that during the most troublesome times there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me***

***The Lord replied. My Child, my precious Child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints it was I that carried you.***

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### St Bartholomew's Church Services October 2020

4<sup>th</sup> October - Said Eucharist 18:30 Fr Jason

18<sup>th</sup> October - Said Eucharist 18:30 Fr Jason