

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER October 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 address so I can keep track.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

It's so good to report that our Garden Guild is again up and running and thriving after all the problems we have all suffered during the pandemic and it is great to actually see most of the faces now that there is a lessening of the wearing of masks. It has been so good to gather in our garden friendly groups and our first visit to the Chairman's garden was a really joy and a feast enjoyed by everyone. For our next meeting we visited Janet on a warm and pleasant evening and everyone enjoyed time relaxing and her large garden was a joy and so was our September meeting when we were once again back in the Village Hall to enjoy the talk and see the wonderful slides and to listen to the hints and tips on gardening. Our next meeting will be on the 14th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when we will be welcoming our own Linda Toogood who will be letting us into the secret of – Creating a small garden from scratch – we look forward to hearing all about this and welcome any visitors who may wish to come along on the evening to join with our regular paid up members. The membership fee of £12 per year is a real bargain because where can anyone go twelve times a year for just a fee of £1 per evening, although tea and coffee may cost you on the evening. Advance note for November 11th will be all about Quick and Easy Composting which will be useful I feel sure in our endeavours to help the environment and a friendly way to save the planet.

Wagon Wheels Line Dancing (Daphne Neill)

Tuesday mornings, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Art Classes (Graham Whittaker)

Thursday mornings, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Yoga and meditation (Alison Burt)

A yoga class suitable for all levels, beginners or those with some experience.

Aimed at increasing flexibility and relaxation. During these sessions we will explore patanjali's eight limbs of yoga, using different themes specific to areas of the body. The classes will commence in June, I will post the events on the meetup page, so please join the meetup page to book and for information. The class will be around one hour, please wear loose comfortable clothing, bring a mat/something to sit on and something warm or a blanket. It is best to eat lightly and avoid caffeine/sugar for at least two hours before the class if possible. Meetup group page:

<https://www.meetup.com/hints-mindfulness-meditation-meetup-group/>

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Walks start 10:00 at Hints Village Hall on 1st 15th and 29th October.

Average walk 3/4 miles, the village hall will be open for usual refreshments.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending, so we may stock the bar accordingly.

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Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At the last parish council meeting, we had Tahir Ahmed and John Joyce from HS2 and BBV in attendance. They indicated that now that most of the pre-construction work has been completed, the actual design of the tract can now start. John is the BBV site agent and will be keeping us updated with their progress in future. Cadent anticipate completion of their works by mid-October. Traffic calming signs that have been erected in School Lane are apparently illegal as they state 25mph in a 30mph area. Highways say they should be removed asap. It was suggested to highways that they could remove them when they installed the legal signs. County Councillor David Smith says that two legal signs would cost £1000.00. John Joyce suggested that a cheaper alternative may be painted signs on the road surface. Cllr Smith was asked to look into this alternative suggestion. The new proposed overbridge in the Rookery Lane diversion was discussed at length. It was stated that it would have to be strong enough for current farm machinery and that bends in the road should be gentle enough for long farm vehicles to get around. The County Council claim that the footpath in Slade Road is not adopted, so is not their responsibility. Perhaps "footpath" is the incorrect term. Perhaps we should refer to it as a "pavement" The Staffordshire definitive footpath map does not show any pavements! The latest update on the London Road Canwell closure on 18th Oct is that it will be between The Priory and Brockhurst Lane for two days for resurfacing. Seems to be some confusion over this as it is now the main access onto the A38 since the "no right-hand turn" at the end of Slade Road!

Our next Parish Council meeting at 7.30 on 9th Nov in Hints Village Hall.

St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)

As many of us are all now relaxed around restrictions I thought I would leave the dreaded Covid notes and notices out of this month's piece.

This October is another month of celebration and festival as we give thanks for all we have from the land through our Harvest festival. Although our food today is more likely to come from the supermarket, we Christians believe it is still important to remember God as creator and thank him for all the good things he provides us with. The celebration also allows us to give to others who may be less fortunate.

At St Bart's we are holding our celebration for Harvest Festival on Sunday 3rd October at 6.30 pm with a service which is different to any other services through our calendar. Following the service, we will all be congregating at our Village Hall to continue the festivities with Pumpkin Soup and bread rolls followed by delicious cakes and goodies, tea and coffee. The Bar will be open from 7.45 pm for soft drinks, wines and beers from the fridge. Please feel free to join us for a festive and enjoyable evening. There is also the opportunity to sponsor a hymn or song for the service so if you have a favourite, please let me know. **It would also help greatly if, for catering purposes, you could let us know that you will be attending, and all the family are welcome at email: lloyd@lloydansermoz.com** or 07900 606070 by text or call please. Food is welcome to bring as a tradition of the Harvest Festival to show our thanks to God. All will be donated following the service to the Lichfield food bank and if you would like to leave donations prior to the service our Church will be open all day on Sunday 3rd. As a PCC we have been busy looking at ways that we can bring our social events back now that we are all getting back to the "new normal" and so if you have any favourite events from the past that you would like to see again or new ideas, please let us know and if you would like to help you would be very welcome. Another date for your diaries is our remembrance Sunday service on 14th November at 10.30. Look out for reminders and posters.

A note from Nicky on the event in December which is always very popular and one which we will need to take advance bookings on, again please contact us to reserve your seat:

It's that time of year again when the nights start drawing in; the television provides us with new Autumn series and we realise that Christmas is not that far away. So it's time to start planning ahead and what better way to celebrate the Christmas season than in the beautiful setting of our candlelit Hints church. It has become something of a tradition for 'Voices Entwined' choir to provide an uplifting Christmas Celebration concert with a lantern lit procession up to the village hall for refreshments. Join us for a festive and memorable evening. The date to put in your upcoming events calendar/diary is the 11th December.

A prayer for Harvest:

Father, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving we give thanks for the blessings of food, provision, and nourishment. Please grow in us a harvest for the world.

Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience, and kindness in abundance.

Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion, and righteousness.

Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community.

May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all.

Amen

Macmillan Coffee Morning (Val Edwards)

Thanks to all who donated, helped serve coffee and tea, and just as importantly attended the coffee morning on 24 September. Apart from the generous donations made by individuals, I would like to thank Manor Farm and Brookside Nurseries for their support, in the form of raspberries and bedding plants, of the event. It was a very successful occasion, both financially (funds raised at the moment stand at £336 with one or two further promised donations to come in) and also socially. In particular it enabled those of us present to say the first of many "thank you and goodbyes" to Gill Needle who has now left Hints to move closer to her daughters. Thank you all again for supporting this most worthwhile project.

Flowers (Val Edwards)

The services in October will be on Sunday 3 and 17 at 6.30 pm, with Revd Canon Steven Mayes. The 3 October meeting will be a Harvest Festival service – I already have a volunteer to provide flowers for a decoration of the font, but would welcome offers to decorate some of the windows as well as the altar. As in 2020 we hope to donate any food offerings to the Lichfield Foodbank so as part of, or instead of, floral decorations in the windows non-perishable food items would be fantastic. If you can help, please contact me on val.weardrive@btinternet.com or on 480088.

Art for St Barts (Val Edwards)

Things are beginning to move! I am hoping to restart Art for St Bart in November, but meeting during the day, not an evening. The Village Hall would be available on a Monday or a Wednesday, morning or afternoon. I am in touch with previous members of the group to see what their preference is and also to see if they would like weekly or fortnightly sessions – if there is anyone else who would be interested please contact me on val.weardrive@btinternet.com or on 480088.

Hints film club (Steve Bourne)

Suspended, steve.bourne@me.com

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St Bartholomew's Church Services October 2021

Sun 5 October	18:30 Harvest Festival Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10: 2-16	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Sun 17 October	18:30 Said Eucharist Job 38:1-3, 34-end Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes

The Church is open every Sunday for private prayer.