

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

I would like copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25th of each month. I need to print about 85 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 49 takers (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March in Hints Village Hall it was decided to co-op Sue Petford on to the Council to fill the casual vacancy. Following on from the special public meeting to discuss a Parish Plan, it was decided to defer any further action until after the general election. A list of jobs was compiled for the Highways team to address during their scheduled visit to the area on 26th July. Please report any sightings of this team to a parish councillor. Highways have a habit of redirecting them to other tasks at the last minute and we then miss our turn. The next advised visit will be in November. Footpath to the rear of Weeford Lodge was again brought to our attention. We are contacting Lichfield again on this matter suggesting that maybe the blocked gulleys in Watling Street are causing the problem. Can they get highways to clear them. The Parish council, after much discussion, increased the precept from £7140.00 last year to £7500.00, an increase of 5%. Lichfield have sent out the community charge bills stating that it is a 9% increase. They must be using a different method of calculating percentages! Next meeting on 13th May in Quinney Hall at the earlier time of 7 pm. 15th July in Hints Village Hall at normal time of 7.30pm.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

The March meeting was a fascinating talk and practical demonstration by Peter Wood. Peter described the work of bodgers who made the legs for chairs until the First World War. They generally rented an area of woodland from a landowner and set up a pole lathe on the site to mass-produce chair legs from the 'green' wood for selling on to factories where the chairs were assembled. About a hundred years ago there were 50 to 60 factories making chairs around High Wycombe. The beech woods there were very good for making chair legs. The life of the bodger was an independent existence, but not well paid. They might be paid 5 shillings for a gross of chair legs plus the 'stretchers', which hold them together. A bodger might make 100 to 150 chair legs in a day. For the practical demonstration Peter set up his tools, including his treadle-driven pole lathe, in the hall. As he talked he cut and trimmed a piece of ash using the bodger's traditional tools and then turned it on the lathe, quickly producing a fine dibber.

The annual General Meeting of the Hints Garden Guild will take place on Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, and after the business of the evening will be followed by refreshments. All villagers are invited to come along and see how 'YOUR' Garden Guild works with its many and varied meetings, your support would be appreciated.

Will all GG committee members please make note that there will be a meeting on Thursday 3rd April at 7.30pm at Maureen's home to finalize the programme for the period 2014/5.

Spring walk (Gilly Fifield)

On June 22nd, starting at 2.15 p.m., there will be a Hints' History walking Treasure Hunt. This will be followed, hopefully, by a strawberry tea in the village hall where some of the answers to questions may be found in the displays which will be available. Please bring as many friends and family as you can to help make this a big success, and to enable everyone to learn more about the history of our beautiful village. If anyone is able to help on the day or make a cake or some scones for the tea please could they kindly let me know. (482042). Many thanks. Watch this space for further details.

Social Club AGM (Kevin Caine)

Please note that the Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 2nd April at 8pm in the village hall, and that all members are invited to attend. The membership fee is a very reasonable £1 per annum and is necessary to comply with licensing regulations, and it may be paid on the night if you have not already paid it (or would like to pay it again). The village hall would not be the same without the bar so please come to the AGM and witness management in action (this is not a typo, there **should** be a space between 'in' and 'action').

Social Club (Stuart Turton)

Thank you to all those who supported the 6 Nations Rugby openings - whilst England just failed to get the points I believe we all enjoyed it. Looking forward to the next Rugby events. We are pleased to announce the following dates for minor events organised in your Village hall for your pleasure. We hope that you can support these events wherever you can. All these minor events will have our hand pulled REAL ALE available, wines, spirits and soft drinks available.

Friday 4th April - Pool competition will take place - format to be organised to suit final entry numbers. At present we have entries as written on the sheet in the Village hall and hopefully they can all make it on this evening - Please can you confirm by return email to myself. If you have not got your name on the sheet let me know and it can be added. Opening Time to be confirmed.

Friday May 2nd - for social club members (£1 a year annual subscription payable from April 1st 2014 at the village hall bar, (although we have already received advanced subscription payments) - our first ever film night to be held on the big screen- and it's an award winner (Gravity) but even better due to volunteer culinary wizards Elaine & Jez. There will be an optional curry with sundries available, however this must be booked in advance - more details to be released.

More film nights to follow thereafter, make the first one a huge success and book your place so we can ensure the seats are set out in advance. Please notify myself or Elaine of your intentions asap, especially for booking the Curry. There is no charge for watching the Film, the curry details and prices will be advised nearer the time. Beer and wine draw raffle. Films are shown under appropriate license. Opening time and film start times to be confirmed

Sunday 11th May - Spanish grand prix - bar will be open from noon for the race start shown live on our big screen. Look out for notification of available food.

Village Events Sub-committee (Elaine Clarke)

There will be a meeting in the Village Hall following on from the Social Club AGM on 2nd April to discuss the proposed Flower Festival and other events scheduled for 20/21 September. Anyone and everyone who is interested in supporting this is welcome to attend.

Hints Golf Society Spring Tour (David Fifield)

On Sunday and Monday 16th /17th March, thirteen intrepid Hints Golf Society members descended on Weston –super- Mare for their Spring tour. The first game was played at Weston-super-Mare golf club. This is a links course and proved challenging, particularly in the strong on-shore breeze. However everyone played well, but a clear winner emerged in Charlie Wylie with 31 points. In the evening, amongst much ribaldry, an award of Easter eggs was made following a controversial 'blind partners' draw in which the winners proved to be Charlie Wylie (again!) and Simon Clarke.

After a good evening meal and a night at the Royal Hotel, the refreshed players drove on the Monday morning to Filton Golf Club near Bristol for their second game. The Filton course is a long parkland course where everyone had a most enjoyable game in warm sunshine. This time Johnny Shaw came home with the winning score of 38 points. The tour trophy was awarded to the player with the highest combined score - Charlie Wylie with a total score of 65. Many thanks were expressed to Elaine, and are reiterated here, for once again organising such a great event. (this was the ninth HGS tour organised by Elaine!!)

Thank You (Alan & Angela Warner)

We would like to thank all our neighbours and friends who turned out to say goodbye to us at the end of February. We moved into Hints in 1985 when the hall extension had just been completed, and the bar moved from the corner. There was no money to furnish the lounge so a few old sofas were donated, which made for a very comfortable pint! The village shop was closed but the garage was still open although not for petrol sales. It was of course when all the traffic passed through the village. We have enjoyed many memorable events in the village hall, including Beetle Drives, Quizzes and posh meals. We saw the first Hints show on Manor Farm fields, then many Open Gardens in various weather conditions. We will miss Hints and all our friends, but look forward to the next chapter in our lives in our bungalow. Thanks for your generous gift and kind words, and for Alan's honorary membership to the Mole Society.

Eggs (Ruth Petford)

I have a bit of a glut of eggs at present, approximately 12 per day. £2 per dozen There is an honesty box outside Botley House, first come first served!

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are working our way through northern European artists from Van Eyck to Vermeer and still have a long way to go, so if you are new to Art History please feel free to come and join in. Monday evenings at the Village Hall: 7:30 to 9:30, £3 per session including refreshments, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.

Breakfast in the Village Hall (Graham Whittaker)

The breakfast club will be on Sunday 27 April. Please book in advance. grahamawhittaker@[gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com).

**St. Bartholomew's
CHURCH SERVICES APRIL 2014**

13th April	6:30 pm	Holy Communion Rev. Fiona Haskett
Readings:	Glyn Smith Val Edwards	Psalms 118 1-2, 19-29 Matthew 21:1-11
Sides person:	Val Edwards	
27th April	5:30 pm	ACPM then Evening Worship Rev. Fiona Haskett
Readings:	Roy Clarke Janet Clarke	Acts 2-14a, 22-32 John 20:19 - end
Sides person:	Gill Needle	

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St Bartholomew's Church Cleaning and Flower Rota (Jeannette White)

Thanks to everyone who has cleaned the church and provided flowers for the Altar during 2013 and to everyone who provided flower arrangements for the church windows for the Easter, Harvest and Christmas Services. We are looking for volunteers to add to our cleaning and flower rota. At the moment there are two services per month, the second and fourth Sundays in the month. If you think you can help please contact Gill Needle (01543 481220)