

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER April 2017

### **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 67 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 71 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs. Sorry about getting the Church services wrong last month - I used an old copy of the service rota by mistake. I've not done a diary dates summary as I've run out of space!!!

### **Pilates (Deb Whittaker)**

Now is the time to start the beginners Pilates with Emma Wollaston on Wednesday evenings at 6.30. For more information contact [ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk)

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

Meet at the village hall on Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Walks start at 10.00. A good pair of walking boots, the ability to cross stiles and a couple of hours is all you need. For more details contact Deb Whittaker [debjmwhtaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhtaker@gmail.com)

### **Hints Golf Society (Elaine Clarke)**

Hints Golf Society Spring Tour - 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Our first outing of the golfing season was our Spring Tour where we headed to Northampton to play Collingtree Park and then Northants County Golf Club. The first day with windy but dry conditions was won by Carol Conwell with a stunning 39 points with Jonny Shaw coming second with 36 points. It's fair to say the course was very wet under foot and played very long, so everybody felt completely exhausted at the end of the round. After an enjoyable meal and suitable liquid refreshment at the Walnut Tree Hotel which was situated almost on the tracks of the Western Mainline, the following game at Northants County Golf Club was won by Peter Kinson with 34 points with Charlie Wylie claiming a very close second with 33 points. Most of the round was played in rain of Biblical proportions, so it tested everyone's wet weather gear to the limit although we all agreed that it is a course we would like to play again in the summer. The overall winner of the Tour Trophy was Jonny Shaw who was pipped to the post at the Autumn Tour and he did especially well to score a combined score of 65 points after a hard night on the lager tops at the hotel bar! However, it was a close shave with Carol and Peter both scoring 64 points. Thanks to Stuart Turton who has done a great job in getting a website page sorted for us and also introducing a new society handicapping system which caused a lot of debate but will hopefully mean a fairer distribution of prizes going forward. The next game for HGS will be on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (one week earlier than normal) due to Easter and as ever, new members are very welcome! We normally play on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month and there are golfers of all

ages and abilities so if you are interested, please do get in touch.  
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### **Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)**

The disability ramp for Quinney Hall is scheduled for a start on 1<sup>st</sup> April and hopefully completed on 8<sup>th</sup>. This has been a long job obtaining quotes and grants from various sources. The contract to maintain the parish field in Canwell has now been signed and is to commence early April. The field is available for the use of all residents of the parish. There is a small off road parking area accessed via a gate to the rear of Footsteps nursery school. There have been several planning applications for developments and extensions in Hints. Relevant planning numbers can be found on the new parish web site and then you can follow their progress through the Lichfield Planning site. Next Parish Council meeting will be in Hints at 7.15pm on May 11<sup>th</sup>, when officers are elected to serve for the next twelve months.

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

We have now reached the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The format will be as usual, meeting at the Village Hall, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee on Monday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. We are not meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> April. £3 per session to include refreshments, all proceeds to St Bart's.

### **Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)**

Next Breakfast Club is on 30 April. Contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com).

### **Hints Social Club Kevin Caine)**

The Social Club AGM which took place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March was tightly fought and the following officers were re-elected. Chair Graham Whittaker, Vice-Chair John Toogood, Treasurer Ian Reeley and Secretary Kevin Caine. The officers are very grateful to the ordinary committee members who volunteered to join the committee, though the word 'ordinary' does not do justice to their enthusiasm in providing villagers with alcoholic beverages in the cause of raising funds for the upkeep of our marvellous village facility.

### **Hints Forge (Kevin Caine)**

John Martin from Warwickshire emailed the village website with information about his family's connection with Hints forge. His paternal line were all iron/steel workers and he believes Edward senior worked at Hints Forge which he understands closed in the 1760's. John and his wife visited St. Bartholomew's churchyard last Autumn but whilst the records which are available on our website record several burials, they could not find any graves for "Martin". The history of these forges at that time was that they opened and closed after several decades and the forgerman would move. They did not use coal which was more sustainable, until about 1765-1780 so until that time as production increased they would tend to use up all the wood from the surrounding countryside and then they became uneconomic and closed when the price of iron, which tended to be cyclical (as now), fell. If anyone has any other info on the Hints forge or the Martin family he would love to know. Please contact myself or email [info@hints-village.com](mailto:info@hints-village.com) and I will pass it on.

### **Hints Film Club (John Toogood)**

15<sup>th</sup> April – Film Night, “Jack Reacher – Never go back”. £5 including hot pork roll. Book with Steve Bourne at [steve.bourne@me.com](mailto:steve.bourne@me.com).

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

Our meeting on 9th March opened our eyes to the beauty of Sweet Peas, with their wonderful colours, far more than we would have imagined. We welcomed David Matthewman who has been growing, cultivating and showing these delightful flowers for over 40 years and has won several gold medals at Chelsea. David produces his own seed and took us on a journey to New Zealand where we saw a great many rows of many different coloured flowers. We saw a delightful picture of a display of sweet peas at a show in Yorkshire with a theme of Liquorice Allsorts. Our next meeting will be on 13th April and will be the Annual General Meeting. Everyone welcome.

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

New players welcome - it's £1 a week and all proceeds go to the Church. Contact Graham Whittaker for details.

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**St. Bartholomew's Church Services  
April 2017**

Sun 9 April	10:00	Morning Worship (Palm Sunday) Trevor James
Readings:		Isiah 5:1-17 Phil 2:5-11 Matt 26:14 - end of 27

Wed 12 April	19:00	Stations of the Cross Fr Jason
Readings:		tbc

Sun 16 April	10:00	Songs of Praise (Easter day) Diana Hill
Readings:		S. of Solomon 3:2-5; 8:6-7 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18

Sun 30 April	18:30	Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:		Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Luke 24:13-35

Followed by APCM meeting at 7:30