

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER April 2018

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 63 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 77 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

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.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints walking group will meet on the 13th and 27th APRIL. Meet at the village hall at 10.00. All ages welcome. Average walk around 4/5 miles, with a maximum of 7 stiles. For more information contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

New cat in Village (Deb Whittaker)

We are about to let our cat Walter go out into the big world. He is a rescue cat so is a little timid, so if you see a small tabby cat in distress please let us know. Many thanks Deb Whittaker 01543 480090 or 07913 053593

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

We have been running the line dancing club for almost five months 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. Wagon Wheels Line Dancing Club. neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The breakfast club is on 29th April. Please contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com to book.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are taking a break for Easter Monday but hope to resume from 9 April onwards, continuing the theme of Byzantine and medieval art. The next few weeks will be about the spread of Byzantine art to eastern Europe and Russia. As we will be looking at icons in particular I will bring an icon which I painted on a course last September and explain the basic techniques and materials involved. Monday evenings 7.30 to 9.30 in the Village Hall, courtesy of the management committee. £4 per session (£3 for St Bart, £1 for the Pathway Project) to include refreshments. For further information contact Val Edwards on 10543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Mobile Library (Cllr Ashley Yeates)

It was reported at a recent Parish council meeting that the mobile library does not visit Hints. I am very pleased to report the library will be visiting Hints between 1.55-2.10pm at the Watling Street (service road) on :
April 5, 26, May 17, June 7, 28, July 19, Aug 9, 30, Sept 20, Oct 11, Nov 1, Nov 22, Dec 13.

The more people use it the more likely it will remain in our villages.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Val Edwards)

These will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17 April at 7pm. At these meetings the annual report of the church's work and finances is presented, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council representatives are elected. If you are interested in the present and future well-being of the church in Hints, please do come along and attend these two important meetings. To vote on any motions you need to be on the Parish electoral roll, but even if you are not, your presence would be very welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

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

Social Club Membership (Kevin Caine)

Membership fees are due for the year ending 31 March 2019. It's still only £1 a year. Please renew at the village hall and bring your membership card. New members please come along to the hall or contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Residents will have had their notification of this year's community charge by now. The parish council would like to point out that they are not responsible for all the 4.4% increase allocated to them. We had put up the precept by 1.3%. The rest of the increase is due to Lichfield District keeping the central government grant for themselves and not passing it onto the parish council. You may recall that this has been happening over the last few years. Lichfield now keep all of that grant so any future increase attributed to the parish council will be correct and not distorted. In fairness to Lichfield they are only pre-empting the complete removal of central government grant next year, so the problem is basically out of their control. We are still on to highways about potholes and blocked gullies in Hints and Canwell. Highways do not appear to want to respond, never mind address the problems! The list gets longer at every meeting. At the start of each Parish Council meeting, members of the public are given a fifteen minute period to raise any relevant parish items of concern. Next council meeting is in Hints Village Hall on Tuesday May 8th. The annual meeting starts at 7pm followed by the normal meeting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)

Due to another spell of wintry weather, the March game of the Hints Golf Society at Chevin Golf Club, Derby, was cancelled. Hopefully Spring will have well and truly sprung by the time of the April game on Monday 16th. Oxley Park Golf Club, near Wolverhampton, is provisionally booked for this game. Details to follow. New members are welcome – please email Simon (simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk) or Stuart (s.j.turton@btinternet.com)

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Another excellent evening as we were 'digging up the past' with our speaker. On this occasion our speaker was Jim Wall and he was telling us about his hunt and success with metal detecting. Jim should have been with us in January but he was worth waiting for as we heard so much about his hobby and the things he had discovered and also inspected old coins and other items in display cases. On April 12th at 7.30pm we will be holding our AGM when a new chairperson will be elected and after it will be time for refreshments and chat.

Church Flower Rota (Val Edwards)

With the coming of Easter we can have flowers again in the church. If anyone would like to provide flowers and/or greenery for the two brass vases which adorn the altar that would be much appreciated: the arrangement can be as simple or as elaborate as you like! Services are held on the first and third Sundays of the month, so after Easter Sunday the next time flowers will be needed is Sunday 15 April. For further information (or hopefully to volunteer!) contact Val Edwards on 10543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

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Easter Sunday

The service on 1 April is at 6.30 pm and will be taken by Dr Trevor James. Hopefully the church will be decorated with flowers for the occasion and there will be tea/coffee afterwards.

St Bartholomew's Church Services April 2018

Sun 1 April	18:30	Easter Day
Readings:	Trevor James Acts 10: 34-43 1 Corinthians 14: 1-11 John 20: 1-18	
Sun 15 April	10:00	Parish Eucharist
Readings:	Fr. Jason Zephaniah 3: 14 - end Acts 3: 12-20 Luke 24: 36b- 48	