

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

April 2015

Hints web site www.hints-village.com

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 78 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 58 takers (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

I'm rather short of stuff to include this month, so please consider submitting things!

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The Parish Council met with representatives from HS2 to discuss the proposed alterations to the height of the line and the diversion of Rookery Lane. They have agreed to a further open meeting when they have finalised the details. Election time is here again and all the Parish Councillors are up for re election. There is a Parish election every four years. As both Tony Lloyd and Anna Jackson are standing down we have two vacancies and anyone wishing to stand for election to Parish Council can obtain an election pack from me (0121 308 6145) or Lichfield District Council. Closing date for applications is 4pm on 9th April. No time to lose. I would like to thank Anna for her valued input to the Parish Council over the past four years and Tony's over eight years. Full minutes of the council meeting will be available on the village web site. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th May in Quinney Hall.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

There will not be a Breakfast Club in April.

To all (Tony & Margaret Lloyd)

To all our friends and Villagers, we would like to thank you all for our surprise leaving party on Friday 27th February. We have loved our 24 years living in Hints, with lots of happy memories which include many fun times, open gardens, black tie dinners etc. We have made many friends for life! Don't worry, we're not far away and will be back to visit. Please don't forget to invite us to any functions. (Ed note – they will still be getting the newsletter by e-mail and I have their e-mail address if anyone needs to contact them).

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are taking a 2-week break over Easter, but hope to resume on Monday 20th April, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee. We will be starting a new topic – "Aspects of the Arts in Spain, from the Romanesque to Picasso". We meet on Monday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30 pm in the Village Hall, £3 per session, which includes refreshments. All proceeds towards the cost of running St Bartholomew's church. For further information contact Val Edwards on 480088 or val@weardrive.demon.co.uk, or just turn up on the night.

Social Club AGM (Kevin Caine)

The annual general meeting of Hints Social Club will be on Wednesday April 15th at 8pm. Members are most welcome to attend but if there is any matter that you wish to raise it should be notified to the secretary in writing at least 7 days before the AGM, either to 7 Watling Street or by email to info@hints-village.com.

Hints Golf Society (Elaine Clarke)

Hints Golf Society kicked off this year's golfing exploits with a trip to North Wales on Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd March 2015. A total of 13 golfers enjoyed playing the links course at North Wales Golf Club on the Sunday with David Fifield playing the game of his life, scoring an incredible 42 points! This was a creditable achievement and as one of David's playing partners it was a joy to witness such golfing greatness! David was a clear leader on the day beating Jonny Shaw who was second, with 38 points. The following day, we played at nearby Conwy where there were some very challenging holes and lots of gorse bushes so several balls were lost throughout the day. However, this proved no problem for Fiona Wylie who scored 39 points, narrowly beating Jez Holloway who was second with 35 points. With an overnight stay in Llandudno, the weekend was very enjoyable and helped of course with glorious sunshine on both days and we certainly all enjoyed the sea air. Fiona Wylie won the overall weekend and got her name on the tour cup for the third time and the much maligned 'blind draw' was won by Fiona and Jez!

Our next game will be on **Monday, 20th April 2015** and the venue will be advised in due course. As ever, new members are very welcome!

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Another excellent meeting of members took place on Thursday 12th March. Our speaker was Robert Barlow of the North Staffordshire Hostas Group. The talk was very informative, and I feel sure many of us were rather surprised to find out just how many different sizes of plant there are, and surprised to find there are five. These plants are mostly known for the different patterned leaves and the flowers are not particularly inspiring with shades of pale mauve to white. None of us were surprised to hear just how inviting these plants are for the slugs in our gardens - they just love to attack the leaves and we were advised to start using very small quantities of slug pellets right now before the plants wake up as the weather improves.

Our next meeting will be the AGM in April on 9th when I retire as chairperson having completed my three years. We have a committee meeting planned for finalising the arrangements for the period 2014/5 including a coach trip so more information will be available. We have already received one nomination for the next chairperson. Everyone welcome to all Garden Guild meetings.

March and April is the season when local organisations hold their Annual Meetings to elect representatives and officers to run services and events for the benefit of villagers of Hints. St Bartholomew's church is another such organisation!

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St Bartholomew's church will be held on Sunday 26th April at 5.30pm at Millers, School Lane, followed by Holy Communion in Church at 6:30 pm.

Please come along and support your church. Could you be a member of the Parochial Church Council, helping to maintain and run St Bartholomew's? Could you offer your services as Churchwarden? The church does not run itself and needs people like you to run it!

For further details contact:

Jeannette White, churchwarden, on 480066 or Val Edwards, PCC secretary on 480088.

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**St. Bartholomew's
CHURCH SERVICES April 2015**

5 th April (Easter Day)	18:30 pm	Holy Communion Keith Haywood
Readings:	Acts 10:34-43 Mark 16:1-8	tba tba
Sides person:		tba
12 April	10:30	Morning Worship Clair Kirk
Readings	tba tba	tba tba
26 April	18:30 pm	Holy Communion Val Hicks
Readings:	Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18	tba tba
Sides person:		tba

Flowers in Church (Val Edwards)

After the austerity in Lent, we can have flowers again Church, so if anyone would like to do a floral arrangement in a window as well as the Altar, please do so!

Please remember that there is an extra service on Easter Sunday (see above!)