

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

Sorry it's a bit late – I've been on holiday. Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25th of each month. I need to print 70 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 69 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs! Also, sorry the font size is a bit small as I've had so much this month to include!

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The CPR and defibrillator training seasons in both Hints Village Hall and Quinney Hall Canwell were well supported, and many people are now competent in their operation. The Staffordshire neighbourhood road team are now back in operation. They can do small roadside jobs such as cutting back overhanging vegetation and clearing pavements. If anyone should notice a suitable job for them, please advise one of your local councillors who will pass on the request. Although the parking problem at Mile Oak is outside our Parish boundary it is of a concern to us as it obstructs our access to the village. We have repeatedly brought this problem to the attention of the police and Mercedes. Our new PCSO, Deryn Beale, appears to be more proactive on this issue than her predecessor. A new resident at Mile Oak has taken the matter up forcefully with the Police and the County Councillor for that area, Allan White. There is talk of double yellow lines in the narrow section past the dual carriageway. The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday May 10th in Quinney Hall at 7.15pm.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Another excellent meeting of 'garden guilders' but sadly the attendance was very low but with so many coughs and colds going around at present it's rather to be expected. Our speaker gave a short introductory talk telling us that his main hobby was photography and that he also had a love of houses and gardens. We saw many slides starting off with Hampton Court and a little of the history of the building and the formal gardens and then we 'visited' many parts of the country with beautiful houses and gardens. The fountains and waterfalls in the formal gardens were a delight to see with not a weed in sight. An excellent evening. Next month we will be having the annual meeting with elections and tea and coffee rota etc. and time afterwards to socialize – everyone is welcome.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next breakfast will be on Sunday 24 April. Please contact grahamwhittakere@gmail.com or 01543 480090 to book.

Quiz (Graham Whittaker)

The Quiz will be moved to later this year – watch for details!

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

We now have an established walking group fortnightly on a Friday. The walk is for ALL Ages. The only requirement is a pair of stout walking shoes. The dates for April are the 1st, 15th and the 29th. The walks start and finish at the Village Hall, usually last 1.5 hours. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available at the end. The walk start time is 10.00. If you require more information contact Deb on [01543 480090](tel:01543480090) or debwhittaker@btinternet.com

Social Club A.G.M. (Kevin Caine)

The Hints Social Club Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday April 26th at 8pm and all members are very welcome to attend. If there is anything you would like to raise please notify the secretary in writing at least 7 days before the night, either to 7 Watling Street or by email to info@hints-village.com. The membership fee is due in April and remains a reasonable £1 per annum.

Social Club (John Toogood)

March saw the first Film Night of the year and a good night was had by all those who were there. Steve and Helen Bourne provided us with pulled pork baps which were fabulous - thanks to them and for providing the film, the Martian which was very entertaining. Rugby fans were able to see all the England matches right up to the final match against France. They won all their matches thereby clinching the Calcutta Cup, the Three Nations Championship and the Grand Slam. All those who attended these matches revelled in England's success, enjoyed the refreshments from the bar and some even sampled the Pukka pies at half time although on one occasion these were a little overcooked! Jess Ross and Geoff Kynaston organised defibrillator training so that at least some of us now know how to use our new village facility and I think all those who attended learned more than they expected about the operation of our "tickers".

On Friday 1st April, Elaine organised a Tapas Night which was a wonderful evening. The catering was provided by SO Catering and was a fabulous example of traditional Spanish food. All had a great night and very special thanks must go to Elaine for organising it. On a slightly contentious note, the 3rd reading of the HS2 bill saw our own MP Chris Pincher absent so therefore unable to vote on behalf of his constituents. He chose, instead, to "toe the Tory line" as instructed by his boss rather than support his constituents.

Mobile Library and eggs (Ruth Petford)

We have been given new mobile library times for the village (via Louisa Packwood) . This is an attachment to this newsletter.

Also - 'Hens are laying again, plenty of fresh free range eggs now available at Botley House -egg box located by front gate'

Save the Date - May 1st - Hints History (Gilly Fifield)

Rogation Sunday Walk - 'Beating the Bounds'. Traditionally Rogation Sunday was the time for walking the parish boundary to check that all was in order. On May 1st we shall be walking the southern boundary or as near as is currently possible. This is approximately 5 miles with one steepish hill and about 8 stiles. We shall meet at St Barts church, Hints, at 10.30 a.m. - bring a picnic and something to sit on - and return to the Village Hall for tea and cake, followed by a short talk on an aspect of Hints/local history. Or if you don't want to walk, join us at the Village Hall at about 1.30 p.m.. Please get in touch if you have any questions. Gilly & David Fifield (482042)

Pilates (Deb Whittaker)

Pilates by Emma Wollaston in the village hall. Every Wednesday beginners [6.30 to 7.30](#) and intermediates [7.30 to 8.30](#) £7.50 per session.

"Bits and Bobs" (Janet Clarke)

Whilst in hospital and looking through my window there was a very, very small, fluffy bird hopping in the tree outside and we (Roy, Robert and myself) studied it for several minutes but could not decide which bird it was. I have looked through one of my bird books and the only one, which looks anything like it, is the willow-warbler. The description fits it well but I'm not completely convinced. Unfortunately we only saw it once. Our farm pond has been visited by ducks and more recently by two geese. The pond has an island and a seed hopper on one of the banks, but the geese obviously were not impressed with this small patch of water and flew away. We've had water hens and coots on this pond for many years, but it would be nice to have ducks and perhaps some ducklings! Even frogs and tadpoles would be a welcome sight. Last summer the banks of the pond were covered with ox-eye daisies; it was a spectacular sight so hope they appear again this summer.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the people who have phoned Elaine enquiring about my progress and thanks for all the get-well cards I've received. Thank you all very much. It is now eleven days since I left hospital and I know progress is going to be slow so I must be very patient. I look forward to seeing you all again.

"There's a miracle called friendship that dwells within the heart don't know how it happens or when it gets to start but the happening it brings me always gives a special lift ... and I realise that friendship is God's most precious gift."

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We have been in recess but are restarting on Monday 11 April. We are continuing to look at German art and we are now well into the 20th Century. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. £3 per session, refreshments included, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church. New members always welcome.

Hints Golf Society (David Fifield)

On Sunday 20th March, fourteen members of the Hints Golf Society set off to North Wales for the Society's Spring Tour. First, an excellent round of golf was enjoyed at Prestatyn Golf Club. Prestatyn is a challenging links course, and although it was in good condition, the warmer weather had encouraged players onto the course so the round was a tad slow. However undaunted by either factor, Johnny romped home with a convincing win with 35 points. That night we all stayed at the nearby Beaches Hotel where we also enjoyed a splendid evening meal and a drink or two! In the morning the Society travelled 20 miles to Holywell Golf Club. This course is part links and part parkland, and boasts some quirky and difficult holes. We all very much appreciated the attractive state of the course, none more so than Fiona who scored a magnificent 38 points to win the day. As for the Trophy, both Johnny and Fiona scored 65 points over the two days, but on countback, and because Fiona is prettier than Johnny, the President awarded the trophy to Fiona. (See photo) Once again Elaine had organised a terrific two days for the Hints Golf Society, and we are all very appreciative.



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St. Bartholomew's Church Services April 2016

Sun 10 April	10:30	Morning Worship
Readings:		Trevor James Zep 3:14-end Acts 9:1-16 John 21: 1-19
Sun 24 April	18:30	Evening Worship
Readings:		Trevor James Gen 22:1-18 Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35