

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER August 2013

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### Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

I would like copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. I need to print 90 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 38 takers.

### Boules Match (Gerald Blackburn)

"Boules Celebration for Hints." After years of being the bridesmaid the village at last triumphed over Aston Graduates Association on the (nicely prepared) petanque piste on Saturday (20<sup>th</sup> July). There are several theories on how this remarkable feat was achieved; some unkind person said it was because Tony had been ousted as Hall Chairman (it was Margaret!), others put it down to Jeff & Pam with Paul & Sheena being loaned to the Aston team. There was even the scurrilous suggestion that the Judge had been 'got at'. After a detailed enquiry I can, at last, reveal the true cause of the Aston defeat. It was the Doughnuts! The new Hall chairman had studied the earlier failures and realised that Aston always had a spate of wins after being re-energised by the half time snack. The answer? No jam in the doughnuts! Aston collapsed with a sugar deficit and the Village won! A good evening was had by all (after the Rum issue) and thanks to those that helped.

### Breakfast Club, Quiz and Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

There will be no Breakfast club during July or August. The next breakfast club will be 29 September. Please contact me or Deb on 01543 480090 or [grahamwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamwhittaker@gmail.com) to book a place.

There will be a quiz night in the village hall on 12 October. Tickets are £7.50 each to include a fish and chip supper. Please contact Deb or me for tickets.

Pontoon - the draw for teams will be held at 9.00 pm on 14 August. It is only £1 a week and all proceeds go to the church. The rules are displayed on the notice boards around the village. Please contact me if you wish to play or turn up on the 14th.

### Book Club (Janet Clarke)

The next book club meeting will be on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.30am. at June Northway's house. No meeting in August. Many, many readers have read and thoroughly enjoyed "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. He has now written another book "And the Mountains Echoed" which will be welcomed.

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

We are taking a break over the summer, reconvening on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to start a new course on the art of northern Europe "From Van Eyck to Vermeer". Many thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee for allowing us to use the Village Hall on Monday evenings. This has enabled us to raise £460 for St Bart's so far in 2013. For further details, contact me or just turn up on the night. £3 per session, to include refreshments; all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.

### **Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)**

At the Parish Council meeting held at Quinney Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> July, Cllr Ann Outen's Parish response to HS2's environmental statement was adopted. This can be viewed on the village web site. Other topics discussed were lack of response from police for information and updates, recent Hints quarry visit by Parish Council. Discussion on access to Parish field at Canwell and possibility of drawing up a neighbourhood plan. This would require a considerable amount of work. Basically the local community set out what if any future developments they would like to see in the area and what design they should take. The Parish council would like to set up a public meeting to explain more fully how this would affect the local community. Before going ahead we would like some indication of public interest. If you are interested in learning more please advise one of your councillors or contact the Parish clerk at [pauletteross@btinternet.com](mailto:pauletteross@btinternet.com).  
List of next Parish meetings all at 7.30pm: Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Hints Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Hints Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Quinney March 11<sup>th</sup> Hints May 13<sup>th</sup> Hints.

### **Bird Update (Janet Clarke)**

Our hen pheasant successfully hatched around twelve eggs in the most stupid of places - next to the children's play area and car park fence!! The nest was very well hidden. Some of the chicks found their way into the sand pit and were carried very gently by concerned youngsters up to the cabin staff who returned them to the nest. The chicks are no bigger than a golf ball. Early on the morning of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July Roy checked the nest and found all empty eggshells and no sign of the mother and babies. Later that morning a child found one chick, again in the sand pit, who had been left behind. Roy spent quite a while trying to locate the mother and he was able to return this lost baby to the rest of the brood. Unfortunately, after much searching, we have not seen any further sign of the babies. Hen pheasants are notoriously bad mothers and having sat on those eggs for three weeks and successfully hatched them it all seems such a waste of time and effort on her part! That's nature for you. The bird song from all our resident birds has diminished - they are probably moulting and until they acquire their new feathers they keep a low profile. We could do with an automatic water supply to the birdbath; when there are six or seven starlings in it at one time, the water soon vanishes.

PS from June Northway – there were 2 green woodpeckers on her lawn and in the trees for about half an hour.

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

We have been so blessed by the excellent summer weather recently which made our visit to Chris and Anne Meadows Garden up Brockhurst Lane a real joy. We had been so disappointed last year when it hardly ceased to rain during our visit so this year was a real treat and we were able to enjoy a lovely garden in tranquil surroundings. The roses were at their height with beautiful blooms in a variety of colours and much more to see and enjoy. There was plenty of chat and the exchange of ideas as we did our best to keep out of the late sunshine and enjoy the refreshments, once again the strawberries were a treat on this hot evening in the open air. The visit couldn't have been so very different from last year. There were plants for sale and a raffle all adding to our enjoyment of the evening so many thanks to Anne and Chris for their hospitality. The next meeting of members will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm when we will be looking forward to hearing all about - Garden Follies of Staffordshire. Our speaker will be Sianne Barre a consultant for Historic Gardens and Landscapes of England. Visitors are always welcome to join us and just a reminder if members haven't paid their fees for 2013 to see Kevin please. Advance Notice of Plant Fairs to be held in August:

3<sup>rd</sup> August National Arboretum 10am to 4.30pm Free entry charge for car parking.

4<sup>th</sup> August Adlington Hall Macclesfield 10.30 to 4pm charge £3.00

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August Dorothy Clive Garden 10am to 5pm charge £3.00

# Barbeque

Sun 1st Sept.

Village Hall



Bar from 12.00

Food 1.00 to 2.30

## **Advance Ticket Sales**

Adults £4.00

Under 16 £2.00

Under 5 Free

*Tickets available from*



*The Bar*



*Kevin 481233*



*Angela 480124*



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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S**  
**CHURCH SERVICES August 2013**

**11<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm**

**Holy Communion**  
**Rev. Fiona Haskett**

<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Gill Needle</b>	<b>Hebs 11:1-3, 8-16</b>
	<b>Val Edwards</b>	<b>Luke 12:32-40</b>
<b>Sideperson:</b>	<b>Gill Needle</b>	

**25<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm**

**Evening Worship**  
**Canon McGuire**

<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Roy Clarke</b>	<b>Hebs 12:18-end</b>
	<b>Janet Clarke</b>	<b>Luke 13:10-17</b>
<b>Sideperson:</b>	<b>Val Edwards</b>	

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Simon Clarke 07798 740209**

**Chairman of the Village Hall - Graham Whittaker 480090**

**Chairman of the Social Club – Stuart Turton 481162**

**Chairman of Hints with Canwell Parish Council**

**Geoff Kynaston 0121 308 6145**

**Chairperson of the Garden Guild – Maureen Casson 481151**

**'Art History' - Val Edwards 480088**

**V. Hall Bookings Sec. - Gill Needle 481220**

**Art Classes – Janet Clarke 481214**

**Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)**

The Hints Golf Society travelled to Shirley Golf Club for the game in July. Due to holidays, the turnout was a little smaller than normal. However, those that did play were graced with fantastic weather and a course in fabulous condition. The conditions suited Carol Conwell who won the day with 40 points with Bill Webber in second place with 37 points. Everyone agreed that it was a course to definitely play again. The August game will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – venue to be confirmed. New members are always welcome – contact Simon - [simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk](mailto:simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk)