

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

August 2017

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 64 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 74 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

Pilates (Deb Whittaker)

PILATES - Suffering with general aches and pains, stiff spine and joints, pain or loss of mobility or feeling unfit??... then Pilates can help enormously. Pilates is a conditioning method that targets the Postural muscles of the spine, by sequencing flowing, but structured movements. Can greatly improve mobility and ease back and joint issues, enhances wellbeing with the use of controlled breath. With consistency, the effects of the Pilates Method are amazing, both physically and Mentally. Contact Emma Wollaston on: [07974145055](tel:07974145055). Body Control Pilates classes @Hints village hall@ [6:30-8:40pm on Wednesdays](tel:07974145055). Beginners [6:30](tel:07974145055) (currently 2 spaces available) Intermediate [7:40](tel:07974145055) (needs prior experience, and currently 4 spaces available).

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints walking dates this month are the 4th and the 18th. Meet at the village hall at 10.00 walks around Hints average 4/5 miles. For more information contact Deb Whittaker, debjmwhittaker@gmail.com.

AGE-UK fundraiser -Hints walking group will be raising money for Age UK by hosting a Lunch, on Friday the 18th August in the village hall. The lunch will be at 1.00pm and tickets will be £5.00 And the bar will be open. For tickets please email debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast Club will be on Sunday 27th August. Contact grahamwhittaker@gmail.com.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

This academic year's sessions finished on Monday 10 July. We would like to thank the Village Hall Management Committee very much indeed for allowing us to use the village hall on Monday evenings to raise money for the church. In addition, I personally want to say thank you and well done to all the members of the group who turn up week after week so faithfully through the year: the kind generosity of the village hall and the continued support of those who attend has enabled us to raise £832 over the period September 2016 to July 2017. If the Village Hall Management Committee is agreeable we would like to reconvene at the end of September for the year 2017-8, continuing with 20C British artists.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

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

Hints Golf Society (Peter Edwards)

I've had no report from the Golf Society to date, I know Simon is unable to play at present but you can contact him on 07798 740209 if you need more information.

Hints Hill Climb (Kevin Caine)

I have an enquiry via our website from a Tom Fryars who is researching a Hill Climb which took place at Hints Hill on the 20th July 1912 organised by the Sutton Coldfield and Mid Warwickshire Auto Club. The winning motor car was 15hp! If anyone has any information about this please email info@hints-village.com and I'll pass it on, and update our website.

The Family of William Weightman (Kevin Caine)

I have been in contact with Sylvia Dibbs who contributed information to our website some years ago (please see www.hints-village.com/ww.html) . Sylvia has asked whether anyone has knowledge of the noteworthy building in the village that William Weightman lived in around 1661. It may be that you have researched the genealogy records for previous occupants of your home and come across this name, if so please email info@hints-village.com .

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At the last Parish Council meeting we were advised by Staffordshire County that they planning to delegate certain roadway tasks to local parish councils. things like mowing grass verges and weeding pavements etc. Unfortunately, they expect the parish councils to foot the bill which could mean upping our precept substantially. On the plus side we had a meeting with HS2 who advise us that they have a fund set aside to grant aid local community groups and public associations. Hints village hall could benefit from this. We are still getting complaints about non-residents habitually using Brockhurst Lane as a cut through. This is a private road that residents make an annual contribution towards maintenance. It has been suggested that car numbers of non-residents are noted and sent to the Canwell Estate Co. so that they can bill them to contribute to the high cost of maintenance. Next parish council meeting will be in Hints Village Hall at 7.30pm on Sept 12th.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

We normally meet on Thursday evenings but in July we had a change and we met on Wednesday evening 12th July but not in the village this time, we were out and about visiting a garden in Shuttington. This is a delightful garden that is shown under the Yellow Book Scheme, and perhaps we should call it a hidden treasure and not too far away. Members made their separate ways there and we met together at the earlier time of 7pm ready to view this secret garden of surprises with its tiny paths meandering the way to different vistas with statues and fairies hidden in the foliage. We were blessed to find seats in many different places giving us time to contemplate the areas as they

unfolded and then giving us time to chat and socialize when we got back to the house ready to enjoy our tea, coffee and the shortbread our host had baked for us. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 10th August** at the usual time and place and our speaker is Nigel Coe from the British Gladioli Society.

Bits and Bobs (after a long absence) Janet Clarke

Our wild life is flourishing with a "Watership Down" appearing in our paddock. There must be at least 15+ rabbits there ranging from very small to fully grown. I love to see them and they are welcome to stay but my flower borders are definitely out of bounds!! The bird seeds disappear rapidly and the containers and bird baths are filled up every day. We have a very cheeky squirrel who wrecks the nut containers, but his antics are so amusing. We have had two woodpeckers (the greater spotted) inspecting the trunk of our cedar tree (about four feet high) which sadly had to be chopped down. It was badly diseased. This tree had been planted in our garden in memory of our Labrador, Katie, who died in 1991, so this was a very sad occasion to see it felled. We think we saw a young thrush in amongst the low growing plants and it has been many years since we had thrushes in the garden. We have the usual visitors, namely the blue tits, long tailed tits, goldfinches, chaffinches, robins and sparrows and we sometimes see the shy wren flitting through the low-lying plants. Then there's the less welcome birds – pigeons, starlings, jackdaws and crows. Our pond has seen several waterhens with babies and quite recently a duck with at least ten ducklings. A job for later in the year will be removing the bulrushes.

And finally: "A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

Soul and Motown (Rose Woodward)

Soul and Motown Star VJK at Hints Village Hall. Saturday 5th August. 7.30pm. A great night of entertainment. Singer, Disco and Snacks all for £10! Please invite your family and friends. I need your support to ensure a well-attended and fun evening. Bookings contact Rose Woodward on 01543483589/07896840585 or Rosewoodward2012@gmail.com

Churchyard (Janet Clarke)

There have been some unpleasant comments in the church visitors' book, concerning the untidy churchyard, especially around the gravestones. It should be made very clear that the mowing of the churchyard grass and the strimming has been done by volunteers for many years and at the end of this mowing season Roy will be finishing with the mowing, after many years of tireless commitment. So if anyone would like to take on this task please contact either the editor or a member of the PCC.

Brockhurst Lane (Louie Packwood)

Brockhurst Lane is not a public road. It is not maintained by the Council in any way but is financed by the local residents. Please do not use it as a cut-through, only for local access. Please respect this situation and do not use this road unless you are visiting frontages. It is also not an access to Canwell Show on August 12th.

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Flower rota (Val Edwards)

Altar flowers as follows:

13 August Jeannette White
27 August Jeannette White
10 September Sylvia Greenhalgh
24 September Val Edwards

More volunteers would be appreciated!

St Bartholomew's Church Services August 2017

Sun 13 August	10:00	Morning Worship Trevor James
Readings:		Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14: 22-23
Sun 27 August	18:30	Patronal Service Trevor James
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