

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER August 2015

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### **Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)**

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. I need to print 75 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 63 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

**Sorry the newsletter is a bit delayed this month – my e-mail system decided to completely empty my inbox and I lost all contributions, so I had to ask for them to be re-sent. Thanks, Bill Gates/Microsoft!! If someone has sent me something that I have not included, please accept my apologies.**

### **Hints Golf Society (Ann Meadows)**

A somewhat depleted society of 11 members met on 20<sup>th</sup> July to play Stonebridge Golf Course. Stonebridge consists of 3 nine hole loops and we played 2 of them – The Somers and The Hampton.

The Somers course, which we played first, offers typical parkland golf with 4 fairly long and challenging but straight par 5's. The Hampton had no par 5's but was a totally different beast being set in the more heathland ground alongside the A45 and proving much more challenging for those of us not used to Whittington GC.

Though it was a game of two halves the scores were still quite commendable, and I'm pleased to report that Carol Conwell romped home with a lovely 38 points. Stuart Turton just pipped Simon for second place on countback, both scoring 33.

We were very pleased to welcome Stew Baker to the Society, and look forward to him joining us every month.

Kurt didn't come out to play this time – but he did put in a great performance in the kitchen. The post-golf dinner at Hints Village Hall was a tour de force, and for those of you who haven't yet experienced our American neighbours' culinary skills you are missing a treat. Kurt and Steph produced a Louisiana Pot Boil, which was eaten off newspaper with fingers and it was "hot" in all senses of the word.

The next game will be on 17<sup>th</sup> August – no venue as yet but make a note in your diary. (I'm looking forward to the food afterwards already – don't know what we'll get but I'm anticipating great things!)

### **Annual B-B-Q (Kevin Caine)**

The Annual Village BBQ will be on Sunday 6th September to which all villagers and their friends are invited. Details later but please put the date in your diary (or phone or tablet!).

### **Village hall tidy-up (Graham Whittaker)**

It was great to see so many people involved in the tidy up and repair work at the village hall. A special thank you to John Burton who worked tirelessly on the hedges and verges. Please take time to water the tubs and hanging baskets should you notice they are drying out.

### **Hats, Handbags and Jewellery (Maureen Constantine)**

Donations for the stall on 20<sup>th</sup> September required – either to Maureen or the Village Hall.

### **Tombola prizes (Graham Whittaker)**

Please take your tombola prizes for the scarecrow event to the village hall or the vicarage.

### **Annual Petanque match (Gerald Blackburn)**

You Remembered! Yes we had an excellent turn out for the Petanque Challenge and, for once, a warm evening. Aston had to 'borrow' a couple of residents to balance the number but that didn't stop them scooping the Trophy again in spite of [because of? Ed] the obvious signs of age of the Organiser/Judge! It's not that he couldn't remember Villagers' names but more to do with not knowing which team had won each game. All was forgiven (I hope) as he had remembered to bring a bottle of Navy Rum (as 'White Rum' Lawrence was off ill). Graham, as Village Hall Chairman, presented Aston's Chairman, David, with the Trophy who then thanked Hints for their hospitality and excellent buffet and, of course, Jenny for organising the event once more.

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

At the Parish Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July, our clerk, Paulette Ross handed in her resignation. We are now looking for a replacement clerk. Full details will be placed on the web site when available. Local resident, Jess Ross, attended the meeting to offer to enquire about a defibrillator for the village hall. In the meantime the Parish Council will be investigating various sources of grant funding for defibrillators for both village halls. Highways have been and investigated the potholes in Rookery Lane and we are now awaiting their action. It would appear that they consider it a category 3 problem, which could take up to 90 days to be addressed. Racing motorbikes on a Tuesday night have become an issue in Hints Village. Councillor Clarke has contacted the local police who are arranging for a mobile camera to be present on a Tuesday night. If anyone needs to contact the police for non-emergencies, you are reminded that they can be contacted on 101. A new management committee has been set up for a further twelve months to maintain the Parish Field in Canwell. Residents are reminded that it is situated behind the old school in Slade Lane and that there is off road parking at the rear of the houses in Old London Road. Access is from Slade Lane immediately behind the school-parking bay. The banning of right hand turns out of Slade Lane onto Sutton Road has been removed from Staffordshire County Councils web site. We hope that they are reconsidering their options and come up with a proposal that would be more acceptable to the majority of road users.

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

On the second Thursday in each month our members meet, usually in the Village Hall, but July was when members were out and about once again as we paid a visit to Sutton Park.

Peter Coxhead, who had previously given a talk on the history of the park, which had then generated our interest to visit Sutton Park and is only a few miles from our homes, met us. We went on an easy, guided walk through wooded areas and lakesides in the peace and quiet of the evening sunshine and were enlightened about the wild flowers that are only found in certain areas. Unfortunately the midges were also out and we could not avoid getting bitten but an enjoyable evening anyway.

Members will be on a visit again on 13th August meeting at the Woodhouse Community Farm at Fisherwick at 7.30pm to see their walled garden and enjoy a light supper. New members are always welcome but when we are on visits including food we need to book in advance so if you would like to book please ring Janet 0121 308 1706.

### **Recipe requests (Stephanie Hargens)**

Don't you just love rich, chocolatey cakes, hearty pork pies, and proper mushy peas? Do you have a recipe that makes your friends envious of your spectacular skills in the kitchen? If so, we want it!!! The recipe doesn't have to be one you created; it might be one from your favourite TV chef- maybe Julia Child, Ina Garten, or Jamie Oliver. It should be a recipe you love to cook and your friends and family love to eat! We are compiling all of these favourite recipes into a recipe book, which will be available for sale at this year's Hints Village Fete and Scarecrow Festival.

Please send your favourite recipes for starters, meats, fish, puddings, salads, vegetables, breakfast items, cocktails and other beverages, and anything else you just love to make to Stephanie Hargens at [shargens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shargens@sbcglobal.net). Pictures always make recipes more fun so please include a picture of your favourite dish with the recipe. We look forward to some great recipes and good eats!

### **Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)**

The next Breakfast Club will be on Sunday 30th August – contact Graham Whittaker (details above)

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### **St. Bartholomew's** **CHURCH SERVICES August 2015**

9 August	10:30 am	Morning Worship
		tba
Readings	Eph 4:25-5:2	tba
	John 6:35, 41-51	tba
Sides person:		tba
23 August	18:30 pm	Holy Communion
		Val Hicks
Readings:	Acts 5:12-16	tba
	Luke 22:24-30	tba
Sides person:		tba

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

We are in recess until Mon 28 September, when we will reconvene for the autumn to look at German art. 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. I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for allowing us to use the Village Hall and also all members of the group who turn up each week and make their contributions – we have facilitated raising about £600 this year for the Church!

#### **Village Flower & Scarecrow Festival (Peter Edwards)**

This will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 11:00 to 5:00. Flyers are available in the Village Hall. The next committee meeting is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 19:30.