

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
December 2014

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS!

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 about 80 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 54 takers (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

At the November meeting we once again had an excellent speaker. Patrick Clement came along to talk about ponds, meadows and encouraging wild life into out gardens, and here were many beautiful slides to illustrate the talk. He showed us how he had extended his garden by purchasing a piece of land and then renting another area where a small stream meandered through it. Some of the areas were growing wild flowers rather than just lawns and borders and in some places he had encouraged a 'meadow' area in what had previously been a well-mown lawn. This gave us food for thought that perhaps we may encourage our own wild life by not getting so enthusiastic with the mowing next year.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas party with a quiz on a variety of subjects before we enjoy the delights of food and drink as we wish each other a Happy Christmas and so from all the members of Garden Guild we wish all readers blessings for Christmas and the New Year.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th Nov. We had a full council in attendance. I am writing this report on 17th so some things may have already happened. Parking at Mile Oak was discussed at length. A new approach via the planning department at Lichfield council is being tried to reduce this problem. We are also consulting Fazley Town Council as this area comes under their jurisdiction. A quarry visit is being arranged to discuss various concerns including the diversion of footpaths, apparently without prior consultation. The Neighbourhood team should have been and sorted the gutters in School Lane as promised by Mary Lee. Other work in Canwell is also scheduled. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the village web site. Next meeting at Hints Village Hall on Jan 13th 2015 when the precept for next year will be discussed. Please note that there is 15 minutes allocated at the start of each meeting to allow the public to raise any quires they may have.

Hints Golf Society Christmas Party (John Toogood)

Hints Golf Society are holding their Christmas Party in *YOUR* Village Hall at 2pm on Sunday 7th December. Following on from the Summer BBQ's this will be open to all Villagers, Friends, and Social Club Members. There will be finger buffet food available for which there will be a nominal charge and the bar will be open from 1.30pm serving the usual selection of hand pulled ales, lagers, wines, spirits and soft drinks. If you would like to join the Golfers, Friends and fellow Villagers, please let us know in order that you can be catered for.

Christmas Bazaar (Polly Baines)

9th December, 4pm-9pm. Mulled wine, Christmas stalls, Santa's grotto, mince pies, jacket potato supper available. £2 adults, under 10's go free. If anyone would like a stall please contact Polly on 07854815508 and I can get a booking for you. Posters are on display round the Village.

New Years Eve party (Debbie Whittaker)

The village hall will be open at 7.30pm on New Year's Eve.

There is a two course sit down meal, consisting of a main, sweet and a cheeseboard at £15.00 per head. The food will be sourced from Packington Farm; for more information about the menu please contact me.

I need to know numbers for food by Wednesday 10th December along with monies, this is the **LATEST** I can take orders.

There is an optional Black and White fancy dress code or just Black and White.

Please contact Deb on 01543 480090 or email debwhittaker@btinternet.com

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

There's no December Breakfast Club – watch this space for January 2015!

For sale (Pam Aze)

Red scooter GoGo Pride Products with basket, rain cape. Steering column folds for access to boot of car. Has the manual. Used twice, tags still on wheels. Been standing so will need a new battery. £200 (cost £1250 – I think). Also Tread mill, York Racer 2750 in working order £175. Contact on 01543 480433.

Hints History (Paul Blackmore)

Eddie and Val Shaw (who produced the wonderful displays in the Village Hall) have written a book on Hints and very kindly made 3 copies available to the Village. They are currently in possession of Paul Blackmore, Janet Clarke and Val Edwards. If anyone wishes to borrow one, please contact one of the above – on a strict "library" type of loan!

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We will have our last meeting for 2014 on Monday 8th December and will restart on Monday 12th January 2015 – topic to be decided. Many thanks to the Village Hall for allowing us to use the Hall, and to all those who attend, bringing biscuits, helping with the coffee and tea, as well as contributing to the wide ranging discussions which enliven the evenings!. Monday evenings at 7.30 in the Village Hall. £3 per session, including refreshments; all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.



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TWO COURSE MEAL

Supplied by Packington Farm

Steak and Ale Pie

Served with roast potatoes
and seasonal vegetables

Various sweets

And a selection of cheese

£15.00 per head

Format

Dress code **Fancy Dress** or

Black and White

Decorate your own tables

Warm your own pie and clear table

Doors open 7.30

with a bar

More information on booking.

All reservations and payment

By the 6th December.

To make your reservation please
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Happy New Year!



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**St. Bartholomew's
CHURCH SERVICES December 2014**

14th Deember	10:30 am	Family Service & Christingle Rev. Fiona Haskett
Readings:	Isiah 61:1-4, 8-end John 1: 6-8, 19-28	tba tba
Sides person:		tba
21 st December	6:30 pm	Candlelit Carol Service Clair Kirk
Readings:	tba tba	tba tba
Sides person:		tba
Wed 24 December	10:00	Christmas Communion Rev. Fiona Haskett
Readings:	Isaiah 62:6-12 Luke 2:1-20	tba
Sides Person	tba	

St Bartholomew's Christmas Appeal (Val Edwards)

We are looking for donations as usual to the Pathway Project – we are hoping to send donated Christmas gifts to the mothers & children in the Pathway Project refuge. If you have any new, unopened toiletries or children's selection boxes, they would be appreciated so that all at the refuge have a present on Christmas Day. There's a box at the back of the Church, please leave them unwrapped so the staff at Pathways can make a fair allocation to all recipients.