

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

### December 2016

#### **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 68 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 70 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs! Sorry it's a bit late this month!

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

We will be meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December, to reconvene on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to continue British Art where we have now reached the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The format will be as usual, meeting at the village hall, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee on Monday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm, £3 per session to include refreshments.

#### **Pilates (Deb Whittaker)**

Body Control Pilates classes held at Hints Village Hall every Wednesday evening. Experienced teacher with 14 years' experience, beginners class at 6:30 pm, intermediate at 7:40 pm. All abilities welcome (all equipment supplied except a mat). For more info, or if you would like to come and try a class feel free to contact Emma Wollaston on: 07974145055 or [ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk).

#### **Film Night (Steve Bourne)**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, food 7:15 – 7:30, the film at 8:00 is "Jason Bourne". £5 per heads, book with Steve Bourne on [steve.bourne@me.com](mailto:steve.bourne@me.com).

#### **Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)**

December 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information contact [Debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:Debjmwhittaker@gmail.com)

### **Fun Bridge Afternoon (David Fifield)**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November a Fun Bridge Afternoon was held in the village hall. Players were offered a glass of fizz (non alcoholic!!) on arrival and then it was down to business. The format was duplicate bridge with prizes for the highest scores. There were also prizes for the first Yarborough (a hand with no picture cards), and for the first slam bid and made. Half way through the afternoon, tea and delicious homemade cakes were served, and much praise was given to the bakers. The event was universally judged a great success, (although our Chairman was overheard to say as he watched the proceedings:- 'not much of a spectator sport is it!') and many thanks go to the organisers & helpers David, Sheena, Gilly, Deb, Graham, Chris and Paul. In addition to an enjoyable afternoon of bridge, £300 was raised for the Church and Village Hall.



### **Christingle & Carol Service (Jeannette White)**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 18:00, supper in Village Hall afterwards. Adults £7, children under 11 £3. Book with Jeannette on 01543480066 by 5<sup>th</sup> December.

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

At the last Parish Council meeting concerns were raised about the speed of traffic in Slade Road around the London Road junction and the school. Staffordshire county council have been asked to look into the problem and make some suggestions on traffic calming in this area. A public meeting was arranged in Quinney Hall on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> Nov by residents to discuss the "no right turn on the A453/Slade Road Junction". It was well supported by over 133 in attendance. Only one Staffordshire Highways representative was in attendance and he was surprised by the number of people who turned up. There was another serious accident on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> involving all three emergency services. Highways are to revisit this problem in January and we hope that they will redesign the junction to improve safety. The Parish Council web site is now up and running and can be accessed at [www.hintswithcanwell.co.uk](http://www.hintswithcanwell.co.uk). All minutes and financial records are displayed for public information. Next meeting will be in Quinney Hall on Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

At the usual time of 7.30pm on November 10<sup>th</sup> our members gathered in the Village Hall and we spent an excellent evening with Graham and Judy White as they enlightened us about the creation of an NGS garden. Over many years they had worked with enthusiasm and the help of their three sons, sometimes reluctant teenagers with sad faces, to create from a plot of rough ground and approx. one third of an acre with a stream and overgrown willows, we saw the raising of the ground from marshy areas the laying of paths and walls and laughed with our speakers about the purchase of dwarf shrubs that so obviously hadn't read their own labels and had grown quite large. We also saw the beautiful slides of the final, or nearly, finished garden (does gardening ever stop ?) The garden is open during the summer under the NGS scheme and time to enjoy afternoon tea in pleasant surroundings.

Christmas Party - everyone is invited to our social evening on 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30pm, why not come along, it's time to relax with a drink and refreshments and enjoy The Cherrywood Singers. We are promised an enjoyable evening with these two ladies with excellent voices and amusing stories, good light entertainment.

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### **St. Bartholomew's Church Services December 2016**

Sun 11 December	18:00 Christingle & Carols Trevor James & Clair Kirk
Readings:	Isiah 7:10-16 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-end
Saturday 24 December	18:00 Christmas Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:	Isiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14