

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

December 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)

Every Wednesday in the village hall. Beginners 6.30 intermediate 7.40. For more information contact Emma at ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

The dates are usually the 2nd and 4th Friday. Don't have more details at present! Meet at the Village Hall. Walk starts 10.00. All ages welcome. For more information please contact Debwhittaker@gmail.com

Village Hall Friday night (Graham Whittaker / Steve Bourne)

The bar is open every Friday night. It's only £1 a year to become a member. It would be great to see some new faces and the return of some old ones. If you are new to the village this is a great chance to meet your neighbours.

New Years Eve (John Toogood)

There will be a New Year's Eve function at the Village Hall. The dress code this year is fancy dress or black and white with a touch

of gold. Catering this year will be by the new Strawberry Cabin: the menu comprises Beef Bourguignon served with roast potatoes, various desserts and a cheese selection. The usual format of decorating and clearing your own tables applies. The bar will be open from 7.30pm. Tickets £15 per person to be reserved and paid for strictly by December 8th from John Toogood on john@johntoogood.co.uk

Line dancing (Deb Whittaker)

The first line dancing class was a great success. Please come along and join the fun on Tuesdays at 10.30.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

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

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

We still have problems with the gullies outside Lichfield Lodge in Watling Street and London Road Canwell. It is an ongoing struggle to get highways to address these problems. At our next meeting we will be setting our precept for 2018 and the indications are that we will be getting a reduced grant from central government and have to fund more of local road maintenance. Finances are being squeezed from all directions! Our next meeting will be at Quinney Hall Canwell on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

Deb's Christmas craft day (Deb Whittaker)

A date for your diary; Deb's Christmas craft day is on 15 December. Contact Deb on 01543 480090.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We will be finishing for 2017 on Monday 11 December, hoping to reconvene in January 2018. Thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee for allowing us to use the Village Hall on Monday nights to raise money for St Bartholomew's. Thanks also to all those who attend week after week and who are now also contributing each week to the Pathway Project whose public funding has been reduced.

Hints Golf Society (Stuart Turton)

The Race to Whittington end of season outing was played at Whittington Heath Golf Club on Monday 20th November with all 3 of the years trophies still undecided. 12 members turned out on a cool enters morning including the first outing of the season of the society President after a long injury lay off. John Taylor was celebrating being 70 years young. The day however belonged to David Fifield to record his first win of the season with an impressive 40 points. The final standings for the year were calculated and it confirmed Charlie Wylie 2017 Presidents Plate Winner, Peter Kinson 2017 Eclectic winner, Stuart Turton 2017 Player of the year.

The season resulted in 9 different winners over the 10 events and played on some very nice golf courses over the year. A big thank you to those members being able to play throughout the season.

Here's looking forward to 2018. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all HGS members.

Film Night (Steve Bourne)

We will be showing "Dunkirk" on January 20 2018 - contact Steve Bourne for more details, will be in the January newsletter.

Pathway Project (Val Edwards)

We are hoping to send small presents for children and parents to the Pathway Project this Christmas and wonder if anyone has items they can donate. We will be collecting selection boxes and other sweets, toiletries, etc, at the west end of the Church. They do not need to be wrapped as the Pathway Project people like to see what there is so that they can equalise gifts. Thank you.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Our meeting 9th November was excellent and we enjoyed being with Wildlife Kate as she took us around a journey through her garden with it's nesting boxes and the 'birth' and flight of birds using the nesting boxes. Kate has featured on Countryfile and Autumn Watch so it was good to have her with us. December 14th – Everyone is welcome to come to our Christmas Social evening in the Village Hall. Our local professional flower arranger Ann Brown will be demonstrating her skills and perhaps giving us fresh ideas we can use at home at Christmastime. Please ring Pam to book your place 0121 308 6145, tickets for visitors £5 per person, everyone welcome, look forward to seeing you there.

Carol Service (Simon Clarke)

The Carol Service at St. Bart's will take place on Sunday 10th December at 6.30pm followed by a hot meal (beef stew and mince pies) at the Village Hall. Tickets are £6 and are available from Jeannette (480066), Sally (07974 955719) or Val (480088). Back by popular demand this year is "Request a Carol". For a donation of £10 you can make sure that your favourite carol is sung at the Carol Service. The last time we did this it was oversubscribed so please get your requests in early. Please let me know your request by email to simon@maorfarmfruits.co.uk. Please come and support the Carol Service at St. Bart's in the countdown to Christmas.

Strawberry Café (Elaine Clarke)

Our fabulous Christmas Menu starts on Saturday, 2nd December and will be available every day through until Saturday, 23rd December (we are closed on Mondays). Booking is advisable but not essential, so why not meet friends or family to get into the Christmas spirit or just pop in for a break from Christmas shopping? We will have a selection of other snacks on offer throughout December as well as a fabulous array of Breakfast options, Afternoon Teas or simply a Coffee/Tea and a Slice of Cake! We are also launching the 'Cabin Club' which is an exciting new concept for residents of Hints! Initially, it will entitle villagers to free tea or coffee with any breakfast or main meal purchase, with other deals planned in the future. So, be sure to join the 'Cabin Club' – please ask one of our cabin crew next time you come in! We hope to see you in the Strawberry Cabin very soon!

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Church Flower Rota (Val Edwards)

Flowers in church – greenery only until Christmas Eve, when it would be lovely to have volunteers to decorate the windows, font, etc. If anyone would like to contribute, please contact Val (480088). Thank you.

St Bartholomew's Church Services December 2017

Sun 10 Dec	18:30	Christingle & Carols
Readings:	Fr. Jason	
	Currently unknown	
Sun 24 December	18:00	Christmas Eucharist
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	Luke 2: 1-20	

PLEASE NOTE from 1st January 2018 the services at St Bartholomew's will be on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays. So, in January it will be 7th and 21st January.