

# HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## February 2013

Hints web site [www.hints-village.com](http://www.hints-village.com)  
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### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

I would like any copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. We need your input! Each month, we need to photocopy about 124 copies of the newsletter for distribution. This has been funded jointly by the Church, Parish Council, Village Hall and Social Club, but is still quite a lot of money. If you are willing to receive the Newsletter by e-mail, it could save a lot of dosh! If you would like to receive the Newsletter in this way (as a PDF), please send me an e-mail saying so – that way, I shall have your e-mail address and can build a group mailing list so I just push one button... So far I've had 21 takers – any more? Please note that this newsletter is also available on the Village website – [www.hints-village.com](http://www.hints-village.com) (courtesy of Kevin Caine). The printing has very kindly been taken over by Robin and Dan Petford – many thanks to them. They've got a very magic printer for their business (Littleacre, robin@bpetford.fsnet.co.uk), which makes my life very easy!

A few weeks ago, I found a key ring with 2 small keys and a 16GB memory stick on the verge by the church. The memory stick contains video clips of Concorde and Barbados, some people swimming and the Vale of Rheidol Railway. Anyone own up to this? Contact me.

Peter Edwards

### **St Bartholomew's is your Village Church (Fiona Haskett)**

Are you interested in what takes place? Would you like a say in what happens there and our plans for the future? In which case you need to be on the Church electoral roll. This is nothing to do with the civic electoral roll that we have to be on in order to vote at national and council elections; instead it is purely for the residents of Hints and those who regularly attend services from outside of the parish. Not only does being on the roll give you the opportunity to vote at our Annual Meeting but it also gives the diocese a good indication of the amount of support that we enjoy.

We are about to compile a new electoral roll and would love for you to be on it, if you are willing to do so please pick up one of the forms at the back of church or contact Val Edwards or Jeannette White.

### **Mothing Sunday**

Mothing Sunday this year falls on 10<sup>th</sup> March – the Sunday in the month when we would normally have a service at 6.30pm. We intend to have a shorter than usual family orientated service to celebrate this special day. However, we are aware that this might be a bit late for some families who may wish to attend, we would therefore really appreciate your feedback on which of the following options you would prefer.

- a) Leave the service at 6.30 but possibly have a tea and cakes beforehand.
- b) Have the service at 11.30am (possibly with drinks and nibbles afterwards)
- c) Have the service at 4pm(ish) (possibly with tea and cake afterwards)

Could you please email your responses to [fiona.haskett@btopenworld.com](mailto:fiona.haskett@btopenworld.com) or alternatively speak to Jeannette White or Val Edwards.

**HINTS VILLAGE HALL****Graham Whittaker – Chairman**

**QUIZ NIGHT** in the Village Hall on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013 at 7.30pm start. Deb and I will be setting the questions so you won't have problems with the answers! The price is £5 per person to include a fish and chip supper, or the bargain price of 4 for £20!! Maximum team size of 6. There will be a raffle on the night so all prizes gratefully accepted. Please contact me or Deb to get your tickets. 01543 480090 or email [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com)

**Social Club (Kevin Caine)**

You may have considered helping the community and being part of the big society (!) in which case you are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Social Club on Wednesday 27th March. Nominations are required before that date for the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, but do come to the Hall whether you want to get involved or just to see what we do. Please note that helping the community in this case involves ensuring we have a fully stocked and manned bar, which many people consider a very worthwhile cause.

**Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)**

We have 25 players at present and have raised nearly £500 for the Church. Please contact me if you wish to join in. It's only £1 a week and I do the rest!

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

This will restart on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30 in the Village Hall (delayed a week by the bad weather). The theme will be "Paintings in local collections". All are welcome, £3 per evening, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church. Contact Val Edwards 01543 480088 or just drop in.

**Hints History Evening (Gilly Fifield)**

Following the success of last year's Hints History Evening and requests for further sessions please put Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April in your diaries. We shall be having a speaker this time as well as time to relax and discuss aspects of village history that people would like to discover or share. Please also look out photos and jot down memories to share. All are being collected so that we can have a file of recent Hints history, in addition to the wonderful work on earlier history by Valerie and Eddie Shaw.

**Thursday morning Art Class (Janet Clarke)**

10.00am to 12 noon This is so well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. We have coffee/tea and biscuits throughout the morning and we all do our 'own thing.' There are several who are extremely good so there is always someone to ask for advice. Newcomers would be made very welcome. We all pay a nominal fee which helps with the heating and refreshments. On 17th January ten of us had lunch at The Horse and Jockey pub at Freeford. This was our post Christmas outing which was thoroughly enjoyed - excellent food and company. For more information please telephone Janet 01543 481214.

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

The first meeting of 2013 was on Thursday 10th January at 7.30pm. The speaker was Roger Hailwood who was billed as speaking on the Trees of the Alrewas Memorial Arboretum. When our speaker arrived he told us he would not just be talking about trees but more generally. This was an excellent evening with slides and gave us so much information about the early days and the formation of the National Memorial Arboretum, way back in the early 1990's. The details of grants and the planning permission for this project were at the time in the hands of Lichfield District Council and were later taken over by the British Legion.

Things have grown from such early beginnings and more expansion has recently started. The car park is to be moved to enable the complex to be enlarged and although the chapel will remain on its present site it too will be enlarged this year to cope with the many visitors who make this pilgrimage to remember their loved ones. Services in the chapel take place, with a two minutes silence, every day of the year and visitors are encouraged to make the journey to see where the names of those who have died in conflict since the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war are carved. With the help of the slides we visited the neo-natal area with its symbol of an eye with a baby and a tear drop. We saw a picture of the shot at dawn memorial and how this had been included here, and we heard about all the parishes in the Lichfield Area have a place and Hints is included in this. We saw a beautiful avenue of trees for the police force and were reminded of how near we are to Tamworth which, in past times, was represented by Sir Robert Peel, with his peelers or bobbies, and that horse chestnuts had originally been planted as it was from this wood that the first truncheons were made. Unfortunately disease has now attacked these trees and this avenue may need to be replanted. He closed his talk with a touching poem written by a 9 year old girl after her visit to the arboretum, it starts - I'm only a child as I sit in the rain and remember - and finishes in the deep expression of her feelings that she was grateful to the men who died in conflict that she might live, and how after a return visit as a 14 year old she wrote another poem. An excellent meeting, so if you missed this one you are invited to come to the next Garden Guild Meeting on Thursday 14th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and to come on a journey with us from Land's End to John O'Groats. Our speaker at this meeting will be Tom Marshall. Advance news - 14<sup>th</sup> February will be "Climbers and Twiners". All meetings start at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

### **Hints Open Gardens & Flower Festival (Maureen Constantine)**

A meeting to discuss this year's Open Gardens & Flower Festival will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 13th February. I am unable to co-ordinate the organisation this year due to other commitments. Amongst other general items for discussion, the matter of the appointment of a Co-ordinator will, therefore, be a key discussion point. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and, in particular, anyone interested in the Co-ordinator's role or in volunteering to help on one or both days of the festival. If anyone is interested in the Co-ordinator's role and would like more information on what it involves, please ring me on 01543 483025.

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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S**

**CHURCH SERVICES February 2013**

**10<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm**

**Holy Communion (CW)  
Rev. Fiona Haskett**

**Readings:**

**John Kingslake  
Barbara Kingslake  
Gill Needle**

**2 Cor 3:12-4.2  
Luke 9 28:36, 37-43a**

**Sideperson:**

**27<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm**

**Evening Worship  
Rev. Fiona Haskett**

**Readings:**

**Gill Needle  
Val Edwards  
Val Edwards**

**Phil 3: 17-4:1  
Luke 13: 31-35**

**Sideperson:**

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

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Simon Clarke 07798 740209**

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**Chairman of the Social Club – Ged Henson 07713 573465**

**Chairman of Hints with Canwell Parish Council –  
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**'Art History' - Val Edwards 480088**

**V. Hall Bookings Sec. - Gill Needle 481220**

**Art Classes – Janet Clarke 481214**

**"On the trail of Holy Moley – Friend or foe (Janet Clarke)**

"Holy Moley" as we have now named him/her has been active again in the churchyard. This is not good news; the grass will not need cutting for some time yet, so perhaps he will have travelled to pastures new before then. The volunteer grass mower certainly hopes so. Apparently, moles live in loose, easily diggable soil through Britain, from sea level to about 3000ft, but there are no moles in Ireland. They do not colonise poor mountain soil or acid, sandy soil because these contain few earthworms. Molehills spoil lawns and sports grounds and reduce the value of pasture. They may also damage blades of cutting machines (especially lawn mowers if the molehills are not removed)! In addition, moles rob the soil of earthworms. Farmers and gardeners are therefore their chief enemies. Other enemies include owls, foxes, dogs and cats. There are literally hundreds of molehills on road verges, so they have had a very good breeding year.